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I refer, of course, to the religious movie.

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1. It violates the scriptural law of hearing.
2. The religious movie embodies the mischievous notion that religion is, or can be made, a form of entertainment.
3. The religious movie is a menace to true religion because it embodies acting, a violation of sincerity.
...Only the absence of the Holy Spirit from the pulpit and lack of true discernment on the part of professing Christians can account for the spread of religious drama among so-called evangelical churches. A Spirit-filled church could not tolerate it.
4. They who present the gospel movie owe it to the public to give biblical authority for their act: and this they have not done.
5. God has ordained four methods only by which Truth shall prevail---and the religious movie is not one of them.
6. The religious movie is out of harmony with the whole spirit of the Scriptures and contrary to the mood of true Godliness.
...If he cannot see the difference in kind, then he is too blind to be trusted with leadership in the Church of the Living God.
7. I am against the religious movie because of the harmful effect upon everyone associated with it.
...Any one who can bring himself to act a part for any purpose, must first have grieved the Spirit and silenced His voice within the heart.

In conclusion:

lack of spiritual discernment...

If God has given wisdom to see the error of religious shows we owe it to the Church to oppose them openly. We dare not take refuge in "guilty silence." Error is not silent; it is highly vocal and amazingly aggressive. We dare not be less so.

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