

Don't Be a Fool in Church!

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Watch your step!

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“On the whole, I do not find Christians, outside of the catacombs, sufficiently sensible of conditions. Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? The churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets, mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies’ straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. . . . For the sleeping god may wake someday and take offense, or the waking God may draw us out to where we can never return.”—Annie Dillard

Pay attention!

“A man preaches
so that God may speak
by the voice of a man.”

John Calvin

Bridle your tongue!

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Why such severe warnings?

Because what we are doing when we
gather before God is so wonderful!