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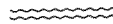
"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and power of the Holy Ghost."—I Nephi 3:187.

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## *Get Something Done*



Get something done! The golden hours  
Are passing swiftly on.  
Invest your heaven-given powers  
Before the chance is gone.  
Don't ask the world to entertain;  
Serve it while you can.  
Above all else, do not complain—  
Do something! Be a man!

The day will end, the night will fall,  
And leave you gay or sad.  
The world will cease to care at all  
How good a time you had.  
The artificial things will be  
Forgot at set of sun;  
Who then will live in memory?  
He who got something done.

Clarence Edwin Flynn

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## Editorial

The great need of the Church and the world today is not so much the searching out of new and hidden meanings and applications of prophecy and teaching of the Scriptures, as it is to understand our own personal need to accept first the plain and simple principles of the teachings of Christ. Then, having accepted these simple truths ourselves, so live and teach others a program of full affirmation of these truths, not so much by word of mouth or pen, but by the example of our lives.

Christ said in Luke 12:27-31,

"Consider the lillies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you."

While this passage is often used only in connection with temporal wealth and possessions, when we consider I John 3:1-3;

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure."

and in Prov. 4:5-7;

"Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom, and with all thy getting get understanding."

we begin to see that the greater wealth we can obtain is eternal life, and that it is not merely the discovering of some unusual or different application of one passage or another, but rather it is the overpowering desire and determination not only to live our own life in a manner worthy of obtaining eternal life for ourselves, but to help and love all others whose desires are to be "begotten of him."

It is time we discovered the truth in the following passage of Scripture, Isa. 53:6;

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Once we realize that this is the status of most of us today, both in the Church as well as the world, perhaps then we shall be able to make the changes in our lives, with God's help, which Isaiah admonishes in Chap. 1:16-27;

"Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water: Thy princes is rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them. Therefore saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease

me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies: And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin: And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city. Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness."

We must first recognize in ourselves (not the other fellow) the extend to which we have strayed and "turned everyone to his own way."

There is a great parallel between the condition and need seen and recorded by J. H. Merle D' Aubigne in the preface of Vol. 1 of his **History of the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century**.

"The sixteenth century was the epoch of a great separation; the nineteenth must be that of a great union."

We would paraphrase this statement in this wise:

"The nineteenth century was the epoch of the great longed for Restoration, it was also a time of great division; the twentieth must be that of great gleaning and union."

D'Aubigne continues;

"It is a long time since I expressed somewhere this sentiment, and I adhere to it. If Romish uniformity which destroys all proper life, all spontaneous action, and changes the church into a dead body, is an evil; the separation of Protestant churches, the manner in which they continue estranged one from another, their mutual coldness, their intolerance, their differences are certainly not a good. The church has in our days a great step to take. The various parts of which it is composed must not remain scattered members. The word of the Lord comes to us saying, "I will put breath in you." Ezek. xxxvii. 6. Already a "noise" is heard, a "shaking" is felt; the various members come "together." Verse 7.

Again we paraphrase in this manner;

"If one man rule, presidency, and all that followed, which took control of the church from Christ and the people, which destroys all proper life, all spontaneous action, and changes the church into a dead body, is an evil; the separation into independent and unaffiliated locals and groups, and the manner in which they continue estranged one from another, their mutual coldness, their intolerance, their differences are certainly not a good. The church has in our days a great step to

take. The various parts of which it is composed must not remain scattered members."

The author continues;

"It is important to consider well what Christianity is, in order to see why there should be a Christian union, and how to proceed for its attainment. It follows from the nature of Christianity, that Christians are not simply individuals placed by the side of one another, but that they are a real and living unity."

The truth of this last statement is verified by Christ Himself when He repeated upon many occasions a statement similar to this found in John 17:20-23;

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one: and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

If we as a Church today, indeed as Christians, are to survive the onslaught of Satan and the world and be participants in the great work which the Church is destined to accomplish (with or without you and me, depending upon our individual efforts) then we must realize that if the nineteenth century was the Protestant world opportunity and time of great need for union, that this latter part of the twentieth century is our time of great need also. The greatest truth we must learn and learn well, is that, coldness, indifference, aloofness, and tolerance must be laid aside. We must come and "reason together" as brethren "begotten of him," and not as negotiators at the bargaining table seeking to best one another. Such actions and dispositions are not inspired by the Spirit of God no matter which side of an issue we may be on, for "Zion shall be redeemed with judgment and her converts with righteousness." Some may believe this judgment can only be calamity and war; and this may very well be the way it will come about, but only because we ourselves insist upon it being that way. For if we obtain knowledge of God's will and use wisdom and judgment in our own lives, perfecting ourselves without these calamities, they will not come upon us, and Zion shall have been "redeemed with judgment."

Let us then determine, here and now to purge and purify ourselves (not the other fellow) before that great and dreadful day comes and we be found dross to be purged away. Malachi 3:2-3:

"But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's sope: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness."

R. A. W.

### THOUGHTS ON SUNDAY MORNING

(A Personal Testimony)

This Sunday, as I could not attend church, I began to think of the many that deprive themselves of the opportunity of being with their friends of the Church of Christ and hearing the gospel, partaking of the emblems, remembering the promise we made with our Redeemer to strive to perfect ourselves in this life. This being Sacrament Sunday made me think of my promise. As I went about the house listening to my little boy, I began to remember a passage of Scripture that seems to come into my mind often. It is Moroni 8:11.

"Behold I say unto you, that this thing shall ye teach, repentance and baptism unto those who are accountable and capable of committing sin; yea, teach parents that they must repent and be baptized, and humble themselves as their little children, and they shall all be saved with their little children: . . ."

I must become trusting, loving, having faith in abundance in my God. I know I can't do this myself. I must be prayerful at all times. I must listen to the gospel being preached, not only by the men I agree with, but also by the men I disagree with. You might ask me why. If I only listen to what I want to hear, I become lazy and don't search the Scriptures, and in that way I could be led to believe something false. This is one reason we should come and reason together with our brothers and sisters—praying and finding understanding of His words; searching out that which is good and holding fast. For only with discussion and reading of the Scripture, with prayer and testimony, and by partaking of the sacrament can we hope to draw nearer to Him and become as little children.

I finish with this one last Scripture from Lamentations 3:40-41.

"Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens."

Thelma Schwegler  
The Watchman

The moral law of the universe is progress. Every generation that passes idly over the earth without adding to that progress remains uninscribed upon the registry of humanity, and the succeeding generation tramples its ashes as dust.

Giuseppe Mazzini, Italian Patriot

### INTEGRITY

Joseph N. Welch

(From a speech delivered on the occasion of his being named Father of the Year in 1956 by the National Father's Day Committee.)

If a single word has to be resorted to describe the good man, the good citizen and the good father, it is the word integrity. If it were in my power to bestow on the youth of the land one single quality, I would not choose, I think, wit or wisdom or even that great boon, education. If I could choose but one, I would choose integrity. If one day my children and grandchildren say to one another, "He taught me to value integrity," I shall be content.

How is the quality of integrity passed on to the children in the home? It is passed on by living a life of integrity, of sober honesty, of responsible citizenship. How can one surely fail to pass this priceless quality on to children at home? By being a little lawless; by being a fixer; by being a cheat and a chiseler. Not so long ago one of my two boys spoke these sobering words to me. He said, "When the two of us were young, there were times when you and mom would obviously set out to tell us how to live the good life. We could always recognize those moments and we would close our ears and our minds. Your most influential moments were your most inadvertent ones. We were apt to imitate what you really were—not what you said you were or even what you may have believed you were."

I leave that sobering thought with you. If your children are to have integrity, they must find it in the home and in you. If they live in an atmosphere of complete integrity, they will accept it as an attitude and never waver thereafter. And having integrity, they will themselves find freedom; and having found it, gladly grant it to all others.

It is impossible to govern the world without God. He must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith, and more than wicked that has not gratitude enough to acknowledge his obligation.—George Washington

### SOMETIMES

Sometimes you only get one chance

. . . to put aside your pride and say humbly, "I was wrong."

. . . to explain a misunderstanding that, if ignored, would sour a friendship.

. . . to hear what a child very much needs to tell you.

. . . to defend a person when slighting remarks are being made against him.

. . . to accept a shy but sincere offer of friendship.

. . . to stand up and be counted when you don't agree with the crowd.

Ruth Millett, N.E.A. Columnist,  
Memphis Press

## BROTHERHOOD

By Diana Patterson

In order to understand any idea we must know several things about it. First, why even bother with it? Why is it important? Second, just what is it? Third, if we have decided that it is worthwhile, then how do we go about achieving or obtaining it?

Brotherhood is one subject that is very often talked about. But why? Why is it important? The answer, though it seems selfish, is quite simple. We need brotherhood to survive. We need unity to face the natural world around us. The wind, the rain, the earth, and the sky are far greater than any one man. We are not strong enough to survive wholly as individuals. One person could not feed, clothe, and shelter himself without the help of others. Not many of us have killed or produced our food with tools we have made, or built our own homes, or woven the clothes we have. I have not and I do not think I could or would want to.

It is because mankind would perish if men ceased to aid each other; that all that need aid have a right to ask for it; and that no one who is able can refuse aid, without guilt. We need brotherhood to survive and prosper all right, but just what is it?

I like Everett R. Clinchy's definition: "Brotherhood is giving to others the rights you want to keep for yourself . . . giving to the individual in another group the same dignity, the same full appreciation that you want to have yourself."

We would be doing no less to the other fellow, no matter his color or religion, than what we would want done to ourselves. It is easy to see that we need brotherhood to survive, because we need the force and the power of unity to overcome the outside world and to build a comfortable world to live in. This kindness of man to man is a necessity. But the next question is how we can reach it?

We must **realize, be aware, express, and act**. Realize first, that even though none of us is exactly the same as another we are nevertheless brothers. We must be aware of the person next to us, how he feels and what he needs. We have to care about others as well as ourselves: we must express ourselves, be ourselves, give of ourselves: our assistance, our hearts, and our time. We must put our emotions and beliefs into practice—into action.

These are all really one and usually insaparable, but we do have a starting point. It begins with realizing that we each are truly brothers. We are of a thousand and different opinions, ambitions, tastes and loves. We each have a different history, constitution, culture and character. Yet we are brothers. We each have the some basic needs and we each came into this world equally helpless.

By realizing that we are brothers we become more aware of others. We identify ourselves with the hopes, the dreams, the fears and the longings of others. It is then that we begin to understand them and then that

we are able to help them which is our brotherly responsibility. To meet this responsibility we must keep alert to the people around us, their moods, facial expressions, words, movements and feelings. Think of the other person first is what we have to do.

The greatest happiness any man can achieve comes from, as George Eliot said: "having wide thoughts and much feeling for the rest of the world, as well as ourselves."

The feelings we have for others must be expressed because we do not have two chances. Once a moment is passed it is gone. So, if we have a kind word for someone, we have to say it then. We have to let people know how we feel. We must let them know that we love them before they are gone. We have to give praise when we feel it. We have to join others in prayer. We have to share both the sorrow and the joy. If someone has made things easier for us or helped us in any way we have to tell them so!

In expressing our feelings we give of ourselves which is the most anyone is able to give and the most precious thing we can give. We can give from the heart: love, kindness, joy, understanding, sympathy, tolerance and forgiveness. We can give from the mind: ideas, dreams, purposes, ideals, principles and plans. We can give: prayer, beauty, aspiration, peace, and faith; which all come from the spirit. We can give words of encouragement, inspiration and guidance.

We may talk about brotherhood and how necessary it is and how wonderful it would be. We may even go so far as to express our feelings toward others, but we cannot really say that we believe we are all brothers and that we need to work together as equals, **unless** we take some **positive action**. We have to defend our brothers from hate, prejudice and unfair treatment. We have to protect their rights, their dignity and their self respect. When we have done these things we have also gained respect for ourselves. We have protected our own rights.

God gave each of us the power to create, but what we create depends on: what we gather, what we give, what we do, what we say, what we remember or forget, what we see and hear, the life we lead, the friends we have, the books we read, the pity we show, the loads we lift, the love we share, the goals we pursue, the heights we seek, the hopes and dreams we have, and what we believe. **We** can create a heaven or a hell of our world, and it is **there we must live!**

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A good thought for today: Unless you do a little thinking and planning and praying tonight, you will be no better tomorrow than you were today.—Sir Oracle.

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Wherefore worship the Lord thy God, and honor thy father and mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God shall give thee. I Nephi 5:167.

## THE LOST BOOK OF AMERICA

By James A. Hedrick

It was evening in the town of Dzan in southern Mexico and as the shadows lengthened with the setting of the sun, Miguel finished eating his evening meal. As he settled comfortably in his chair, he slowly sipped his horchata (a native drink made with ground rice, cinnamon and vanilla). He was thinking of the big feast tomorrow. He would be 70 years old and all his family would be gathered for an evening of dining and folk dancing.

As he looked out the window he saw his grandson, Carlos, coming into the yard. Carlos had been working after school at the excavation north of town. The University of Mexico was investigating some large mounds and discovered that there were actually some large buildings which had been covered with soil and rock.

"Come in, Carlos," said Miguel. "Have a seat while grandmother fixes you some horchata."

"Thanks, grandpa," said Carlos as he sat in a chair across the table from the old man.

The two of them sat for several moments, neither saying anything; each was deep in his own thoughts. This was unusual for Carlos who normally had something to say. Miguel noticed his quietness and knew that Carlos had something on his mind which was puzzling him.

Suddenly Carlos leaned forward and sat on the edge of his chair. "Grandpa, where did those ruins come from?"

"You mean the ruins north of town where you have been working?"

"Yes."

"Those ruins and many more scattered over this area were built many, many years ago by the ancestors of our people."

"Really, grandpa! What happened to them? How did they get here? Were they always here? Did they leave? How did the buildings get all covered up?"

"Whoa, Carlos. One thing at a time."

With this, Carlos, settled back into his chair. He knew that his grandfather was going to tell him the great legends of his people.

"Many, many years ago, Carlos, our people lived on a different land. The Great Spirit was unhappy with the people of this other land and was going to destroy their great city. However, there was one man in this city who always tried to do what the Great Spirit told him. This man was directed to take his family of four sons and leave this city which was going to be destroyed.

"After traveling for many days they came to the ocean. There they built some boats, loaded them with provisions and started across the great waters."

"Weren't they afraid?" asked Carlos.

"Yes, as men they were afraid, but they believed the Great Spirit would protect them. And so they came across the great ocean from the direction of the setting sun and came to this land. After landing they found that this land was rich with minerals and ores. There was an abundance of vegetation to be used for food. Many kinds of animals roamed the countryside. Some animals, such as the cow and the horse were domesticated.

"After many years their people became a great and prosperous nation. They became very learned and did much writing. They kept a written record of their history, their wars, their good times and their bad times. Finally, they turned from the Great Spirit who had been so kind to them and began worshipping idols and became a wicked people. Slowly their great civilization crumbled and today the only evidence of their greatness is the ruins which are scattered over the American continents."

"Grandpa, you mentioned that they did a lot of writing. Where are these books today? Can we read them?"

"Alas, my son, this is another calamity which befell our people. When the white man came with their strange religion, they could not understand our writings so they ransacked the great libraries and destroyed the volumes of books written by our ancient people. Many of these writings were on gold plates and the greedy white men melted these plates and took the gold to their homeland."

"Oh Grandpa, if they had not been so greedy we would have a written history of our people. Instead we only have legend passed from father to son, from father to son."

There came a twinkle into Miguel's eyes as he continued, "Even on the darkest cloud there is a silver lining. Somewhere in this great land of the Americans, there is a book. This book tells all I have told you and much, much more. It is the book of our people. I have looked and inquired of many people if this book could be found. I have been unsuccessful. Carlos, look for that book and when you find it, tell our people. Use it for good and our people will once again become prosperous and learned."

"I will look for it, Grandpa. I will find it. I must find it," answered Carlos. With a determined look in his eyes, he rose from the chair and walked slowly through the doorway. It was dark now and as he rode his bicycle home, he was thinking, "Where shall I begin to look?"

The preceding article was written by James A. Hedrick while he was attending a college English course at the Independence Residence Center—an extension of Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg, Missouri. The story was published in the *Centaurion*, a collection of writings submitted by freshman English students. The lost book referred to by the author is the Book of Mormon which our church believes to be the lost book of America. It contains God's teachings and commandments to the first inhabitants of this hemisphere, also an account of Christ's visitation to them.

## ORIGINAL ARTICLES

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manner. An affirmative article is one in which a belief, or an opinion, is expressed, and evidences presented to support that belief. CONTRIBUTIONS ARE THE OPINION OF THE AUTHOR AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH OR THE OPINIONS OF THE EDITORIAL STAFF.

### PARABLES

Elder E. J. McIndoo

Christ used parables to explain certain ideas and principles. The stories were effective in bringing out certain truths. I would like to use a story to bring out the importance of certain things to us.

**Parable of the Trees:** "A man owned a large piece of land and he called his servant and said to him: 'Let us plant trees upon these hillsides, that one day there might be a profitable grove on this barren land.' The man and his servant bought seedling oak and hired laborers to plant them. They watched over the trees and cultivated them and gave them water. When Spring came they put forth leaves and branches and after a few years they were taller than a man. The owner walked among the trees and found them good. But as he walked near the center of the grove, he saw a tree much smaller than the others. He called to his servant and they dug about the stunted tree and watered it. The seasons passed but the tree didn't add one inch to its height, but the master and the servant continued to watch over it and care for it. The servant brought his ax and said to his master: 'Let me cut down this worthless tree which refuses to grow.' But the master replied: 'Wait a little longer; we will renew our efforts and perhaps yet it will become a profitable tree.' But the tree refused to grow and the master finally said to his servant, 'We have done all that can be done, we can do no more. Bring the ax and cut it down for it is a useless thing and fit only to be cast aside.' And it was cleared away, root, stem and branch, and in its place was set another tree that the master's grove might be complete."

Just as this tiny seedling was planted on the hill, God has planted man as a seedling in a forest of humanity to create a strong man. Like the Master who planted the tree, God does not intend that man remain a child all of his life. He expects us to grow, to be fruitful and replenish the earth, to establish the cause of Zion, to spread Christianity throughout the world—to work out the salvation of our soul and to live a life of love and service to our fellowman. We not only must grow physically but we also must grow spiritually. We must not stand still.

God has put within our reach all the spiritual food necessary for that growth. We also have our own free agency so that we might decide to absorb the food and grow or to stagnate and die. We have the opportunity to develop our talents that we might help the good of man.

The gardner gave this seedling all the proper ingredients just as God has given them to us, so He has

a just right to expect us to grow, but the tree acted very much like some human beings. It was satisfied to stand in the shade of the other trees and put out nothing. And if we do not bear fruit in due season we will be cut down and cast aside. We must not be satisfied to take food, water and sun and put out nothing of ourselves to help others.

We should never be satisfied with ourselves unless we are improving. Progress is inspired by dissatisfaction. Satisfaction retards progress. If men had been satisfied, we would still be crossing the oceans in row boats instead of large liners like the Queen Mary. If man had been satisfied, we would still be plowing the fields with a crooked stick and tractors would never have been invented and put to use. If man had been satisfied, his life span would still have been around 30 years and medical men would not have discovered ways to increase our life span to approximately 65 years. If God had been satisfied, we would not have had the Gospel of Christ and His plan of salvation and the Restoration. And if we are satisfied with our life as it is, we will never inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. Like the tree that refused to grow we will be cut down and cast aside.

Paul said: "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we shall let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation; . . ." (Heb. 2:1-3).

**Parable of the Duck:** "A flock of ducks was flying north in the Springtime. During the flight a certain duck came down in a barnyard with some tame ducks. He enjoyed their corn so he stayed for an hour, then a day, then a week, and then a month. Finally, because he relished the food and safety of the barnyard, he stayed all summer. But one autumn day when the wild ducks were flying over he heard their cry. He was stirred with a strange thrill of joy and delight. So he flapped his wings and rose into the air to join his old friends in their flight. But he found that the plenteous food and easy living had made him so soft and heavy that he could rise no higher than the barn, so he decided to stay. But every Spring and Fall when he heard the wild ducks his eyes would gleam and he would flap his wings, but finally the day came when he paid not the slightest attention to them—he had had completely forgotten the high ideals and standards of his former life, and was content to live with the lower things".

I'm sure God does not want us to be like that duck, but the same things can happen to us. It can happen to us if we let down our moral bars just a little bit. To give in once makes it easier to give in the second time. If we drink at a party one time, it becomes easier to give in the second time. We can get to the point where we don't pay our bills and we lose our credit. One sin endangers us, makes it hard to return to our former level. Like the duck we finally lose the power to rise, and we can't accomplish anything by having a momentary gleam in our eye and flapping our wings.

**Parable of a Tree:** "On a hillside there grew a tree, and it stood in the path of all storms. Through the long winter months, the wild east winds beat upon it, and the cold north winds blew upon it with biting breath, and cutting sleet slashed it with silver cords. The seasons passed, yet despite the gales and tempests the tree grew. It was bent and tossed about and often its sinews were lacerated and broken, but it lived and grew. It grew strong. Its days of peace were in the Summer time. At length, men came and felled the tree and bore it away, and from the side which the wind had beaten cruelly they made an instrument which came into the hands of a far-famed musician. He stood one night before a multitude of eager people; he raised the instrument in his long slender hands and drew the bow across the strings. The wood, from the side of the storm-beaten tree, sang and its song was the song of Spring on a far hillside—the notes changed to the song of the lark at dawning—the spirit of youth and laughter crept into the hall, the people smiled and were pleased. Again the master played and the music was the song of earth's sadness and sorrows. It told of the soul that had suffered—beaten by life, buffeted by misfortune. Then louder grew the music and it sounded like the noise of many waters and a voice crying out of the deep with all the world's woe in its cry. Then came a clear sweet note, triumphant as a star through a cloud. The music sang of dawn after darkness, peace after suffering, and love eternal finding its own. There was a breathless silence, then the people paid tribute to the musician in thunderous applause, but in the midst of the uproar he raised his instrument high above his head and when there was quiet he said, 'It is the wood. Only the wood from a storm-beaten tree can make real music. And so it is with the soul of man.' There were some who not understanding, murmured that musicians were strange folk."

We must fight to grow strong—fight illness, temptations, circumstances. We must overcome trouble and trials and temptations to become instruments in God's hands. It has been said: "It doesn't take much of a man to be a Christian"—but it takes all that there is! It may take all the strength we have, but if we love God with all our heart that strength will be sufficient. For He has said: "Call on me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, . . ." (Jeremiah 33:3). And when we hear the "still small voice" say,

"follow me", we will rise above the lower things of life.

Righteous living can defeat temptation and discouragement, and like the tree that resisted the storm, those who resist temptations of life grow strong.

**Parable of the Acorn:** "I plucked an acorn from the greensward and hold it to my ear and this is what it says to me; 'By and by birds will come and nest in me. By and by I will furnish shade for the cattle. By and by I will provide warmth for the home in the pleasant fire. By and by I will provide shelter from the storm for those who have gone under the roof. By and by I will be the strong ribs of a great vessel and the tempest will beat against me in vain, while I carry men across the Atlantic.' Oh foolish little acorn, wilt thou be all this? I asked. 'Yes, God and I.'" Lyman Abbott.

"Yes, God and I". Man with God as his partner can accomplish things even beyond the scope of our imagination. So let us now begin to seek for the mighty things of God. Look for the things that will help us build ourselves into strong instruments which will play sweet music in the hands of God. For Christ said: "For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." (Matt. 7:8).

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## MANNERS

Rules of conduct, whatever they may be, are not sufficient to produce good results unless the ends sought are good.—Bertrand Russell.

Manners are minor morals.—Paley.

Nothing, except what flows from the heart, can render even external manners truly pleasing.—Blair

Manners easily and rapidly mature into morals.—H. Mann.

Good manners are a part of good morals; and it is as much our duty as our interest to practice both.—Hunter.

To be always thinking about your manners is not the way to make them good; the very perfection of manners is not to think about yourself.—Whatley.

Fine manners are a stronger bond than a beautiful face. The former binds; and the latter only attracts.—Lamartine.

Nothing is more reasonable and cheap than good manners.—Anon.

Manners is one of the greatest engines of influence ever given to man.—Anon.

A man's own manner and character is what most becomes him.—Cicero.

Good manners and good morals are sworn friends and fast allies.—Bartol.

No manners are finer than even the most awkward manifestations of good will to others.—Anon.

The Hand of Fellowship



### FROM TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH

"Thank you, all-wise Heavenly Father, for the hardships, pain and tragedy which have been a part of my life."

Does that sound like a strange prayer? Yes, but it is also pure wisdom distilled from the brew of a long and experience-rich life. Why? Because only through hardship can we grow; only through brave suffering can we conquer; tragedy invites triumph.

Outstanding examples in history show us how tragedy has led to triumph. The apostle Paul, one of the staunchest and greatest followers of Christ in Biblical times, points out many tribulations which he suffered during his ministerial career. He says that he was beaten times without number, stoned once, shipwrecked three times, and was 24 hours in the open sea. In his travels he was in constant danger from rivers and floods, from bandits, from pagans and from his own countrymen. He faced danger on city streets, on the desert, on the high seas and many false Christians. He knew hunger, thirst, cold, lack of clothing, long vigils, exhaustion, imprisonment and pain.

From these tragic experiences the apostle Paul rose to such triumph of personal living, devotion to Christ, and spreading the gospel of salvation by word and by pen, that his influence has spanned the centuries and brings inspiration to millions of people throughout the Christian world.

An outstanding example of a great soul accomplishing great things though severely handicapped, is our own American-born Helen Keller. The severe case of Scarlet Fever which, at 19 months of age, destroyed Helen Keller's sight, her hearing and seriously handicapped her in later learning speech, would have been enough to consign most of us to a life of hopelessness and misery, but not this noble soul!

I remember a poignant page in my childhood scrapbook. It showed a photograph of Helen Keller at about the age of six or seven, standing in the doorway of her Tusculum, Alabama home, facing the out-of-doors which was only darkness to her sightless eyes. The caption beneath the picture was in her own heart-breaking words: "Light—give me light—was the wordless cry of my soul."

Helen Keller was never to experience physical light nor physical sound, but through her own indomitable spirit and tireless efforts of her wondrous capable teacher, Anna Mansfield Sullivan, the deaf, blind and mute little girl miraculously learned the use of English so well that she came a successful author with such inspirational works as "Optimism," "Out of The Dark," and "Peace at Eventide." She also learned to speak well enough to be appreciated both on radio and the lecture platform. How truly did Helen Keller turn tragedy into triumph!

Jesus Himself undoubtedly provided the greatest example in all history of the conversion of tragedy to triumph. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, in his book **The Meaning of Suffering** describes how Jesus met and endured

not only physical suffering but also constant misunderstanding as well:

"To pour out one's heart to people who do not understand; to bare one's innermost and most precious thoughts to those who have eyes and yet see not; to speak words burning with conviction to those who have ears and yet hear not; to stretch out the arms of love to those in one's own household and find that they do not comprehend; to look down from the cross on the people and see only the hostile stares of those who do not understand—such was the suffering to which Jesus was exposed."

Yes, Jesus was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief," yet from the tragedy of His crucifixion came the triumph of life everlasting for all mankind.

Sorrow and tragedy in some form or another, and to a lesser or a greater degree, comes to us all. How do we meet it? Do we cry out, "Why does this happen to me?" Perhaps the story of two little trees may show us why.

One little tree grew in a canyon, sheltered from the wind. It was tender and green and beautiful to look upon, and provided welcome shade to all who passed that way. One day a landscape artist admired the tree and had it transplanted in the spacious garden of his own home in a wide, wide valley. While the weather was fair and mild, the little tree grew and grew, but one day a very strong wind swept through that valley, leaving the beautiful but delicate tree so bent and broken that it soon died. Never before had it been tested and tried. It had always lived in a sheltered spot with nothing to challenge its strength.

The other little tree grew high up on the canyon's brow, where frequent winds defied it to stand, and little by little, through resistance to the wind, it grew strong and sturdy, and when a high gale of great velocity swept over the canyon's brow, accompanied by torrents of driving rain, the tree stood tall and firm, and unyielding.

When the storms of life come to you and me, do we need ask, "Why does this happen to me?" Like the wind and the rain upon the trees, meeting adversity builds strength. Our own Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley, expresses it in these words:

"What we've had of grief and pain  
And of sorrow's driving rain,  
We can better meet again  
If it blows."

When sorrow, trouble and tragedy touch our lives, how do we react? Basil Matthews, the English theologian and author of the book **Forward Through the Ages**, has pointed out three ways in which we attempt to meet tragedy: (1) Defiant resistance, (2) Escape, and (3) Resignation.

Defiant resistance is perhaps best exemplified in war when both sides fight unto death, but we see it too, in the medical field where many diseases—cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and many others—are being fought with every means known to this enlightened

age. The English poet, William Ernest Henley, describes a personal defiant resistance in these lines from his "Invictus."

"In the fell clutch of circumstance  
I have not winced or cried aloud;  
Under the bludgeonings of chance,  
My head is bloody, but unbowed."

The second method, escape, is exemplified in the doctrines of the Hindus and Buddhists to whom reality is only an illusion, and therefore it is useless to defy tragedy or to allow one's self any passion for life at all. Escape it by ignoring it.

We need but to look around us in our own professed Christian nation to see evidence of what psychologists call "defense mechanism" through escape. We see it in the bar, the tavern, the casino, the race-track, and we see it in the insatiable thirst for exciting and bizzare entertainment. We see a tendency to avoid reality and to "just get away from it all."

The third method, resignation, is illustrated in the Mohammedan religion, Islam, which means **submission**. Islam demands absolute, unequivocal submission to the will of Allah. Are we not, ourselves, sometimes too prone to become resigned to certain social and moral evils of our day, rather than to resist them heroically?

How **do** we meet tragedy? With defiant resistance? Escape? Resignation? There is a better way. It is found in the very first name given to the disciples of Christ in the first century: They were called "Followers of the Way." If we are Followers of the Way, we must first acknowledge that tragedy exists. Though many fine and good people espouse it, so-called "Christian Science," in refusing to acknowledge that sin, illness or death exist, is like the proverbial ostrich—hiding his head in the sand. The true Christian way and the true scientific way incorporates a degree of prayerful resistance, and perhaps at times, the well-timed wisdom of temporary resignation, **but never escape through denial**. The true Christian *faces* up to tragedy and uses it as a stepping stone to triumph. This is aptly illustrated in the making of a Persian rug.

The rug is woven on a frame. The artist-designer stands in front and gives directions to a number of boys who stand behind the frame, at different levels. The boys pull the colored threads as directed by the artist. Sometimes a boy pulls the wrong thread, but many times the designer does not require him to remove it. If he is a skilled artist he is able to weave the mistake into the pattern.

With the aid of the great Divine Artisan, you and I can weave our threads of sorrow into a useful and beautiful life tapestry. The triumphs which most of us will be able to achieve may not be spectacular, such as being a great apostle or a successful writer or a great designer. Perhaps our triumphs will be in the field of noble parenthood against the odds of family sickness, financial problems or atheistic influence. Per-

haps as sons or daughters we will triumph over some crippling childhood disease, worldly temptation, lack of adequate schooling or lack of social contacts with those of like faith. Many are the privations of everyday life, and many a quiet triumph is known only to God.

Let us close with apostle Paul's ringing words:

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . .

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

—Romans 8:35-37.

Acknowledgment: I am happy to give credit for the basic ideas of the above article to a fine sermon I once heard. I have woven those ideas together, with my own thoughts, interpretations and illustrative examples, to form the warp and weft of the article's fabric. May it inspire us to be truly "Followers of the Way" which, alone, can give us power to convert our personal tragedies into veritable triumphs.

—Evalina Sills

## FLAG OR RUDDER?

Larry Shaw (priest)

Charles Spurgeon, a noted English theologian of the mid-nineteenth century once said: "Alas for the unhappy man who is called in the pulpit to speak and is not given the bread of life." I sincerely hope this may never happen to me or any other minister.

During the first launching of the astronaut into space by the United States, I was impressed by the dedication which John Glenn and his entire family gave to God, and the complete confidence they exhibited in God Almighty. In this day and age when it seems that everything is working against spirituality, it was indeed a heart-warming thing to see such a beautiful, wonderful, magnificent accomplishment as this, and have the chief man involved give credit to God first for his success!

Then at the second astronaut launching, I was adversely impressed by the complete absence of this type of thinking. The radio commentator, at the time the second astronaut came back from space and was lost for forty minutes, went into a great harangue about how we could be assured and buoyed up because of our tracking system, and the faith we should have in the delicate instruments aboard the capsule, and the faith we should have in the training and ability of the astronaut himself. He mentioned all of these things but never once did he mention having faith in God. Whether it was an oversight on the part of the reporter I do not know, but I do know that in this day and age that people very often are reluctant to evidence in their lives that they are connected with God and Christ.

Today there are many denying the existence of God. In this, Communism is our greatest enemy. Khrushchev once said, while on a visit to this country, "In all my travels around the earth (and I've been up in the heavens) I have never seen God." What a childish statement, and how little he knows about this God in whom he does not believe! An atheist once said, in the presence of a clergyman, that he didn't think the Gospel of Christ amounted to anything. The clergyman asked, "Now do you really believe that?" The atheist answered: "Yes, I do." "Then tell me this," said the clergyman, "if it doesn't amount to anything, why do you spend so much time trying to discredit it?"

In this wonderful scientific age in which we live, we take so many things for granted which once would have been called miracles—such things as radio, television, astronauts into space. Man has not invented these things. He has merely discovered them. He has merely scratched the surface of God's wonderful scientific principles. These things have always been in existence and I really feel sorry for the people who are not able to correlate them with the power of God as He has delegated this power to man's intelligence.

Many people, including Christians, are victims of the incompatibility between sin and righteousness. We are told that righteousness is complying with God's laws, and that sin is transgressing those laws. It is our business to learn what these laws are and to observe them and teach them to our children and to other people who are new in the Gospel of Christ.

There are many things that we take for granted which I am sure would not be wholly acceptable to God. In some instances our mode of dress, and in most instances, our general conversation we engage in. Would we do these things if Christ were here among us? Charles Spurgeon, quoted above, also said that we ourselves are our worst enemies. It is true that we often have to combat ourselves, but the promises are great to those who overcome.

There are some evangelists who tell us to take Christ as our personal Savior and pray in His name and our spiritual problems are over. But the acceptance of Christ is only the beginning of a spiritual Christian life. We must not only accept Christ as our personal Savior, but we must also try continually to improve our own spiritual life. There is a deeper meaning in the following verse than many good people sometimes see. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:76). This is a wonderful promise! A wonderful thing to take upon us the name of Christ! By taking upon us the name of Christ, we become Christians; and by becoming Christians we must search a little further in the Gospel books to learn what is required of Christian people beside belief.

"And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62).

Many of us have accepted Christ, learned His laws, and set our hands to the plough. I hope that discouragements, which we all have at times, will not cause us to look back, and become unfit for the kingdom of God.

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thank to God and the Father by him." (Col. 3:17).

Paul here is speaking to the Church. If we believe that we are the Church of Christ, then we must believe He is speaking to us also. And those words apply to us the same as they did in Paul's time. Christ is the mediator, the link between God and man. I have heard many prayers uttered with no mention being made in the prayer that it was being made in the name of Christ. But this is a commandment, and everything (especially everything we do in the Church) should be done in the name of Christ and for His glory.

We feel obliged to people for the least little favor they do for us! "Much obliged!" we often say. "Much obliged for giving us a helping hand." But I wonder if each of us think, as we arise each morning, to look heavenward and say, "Much obliged, God, for life and for this day. Much obliged for the kind protection and enjoyment that I had yesterday."

Everything has its value, and the value of a thing is usually determined by the price that is paid for it. If you pay \$2,000 for an automobile, that figure becomes its value. Taking this into consideration, then, our salvation is the most expensive thing that was ever purchased on the face of this earth. For our salvation was purchased by Christ's death on the cross. This is something that we should never fail to be thankful for. And we should be so thankful for it that everything in our lives should be centered around this wonderful Savior—this wonderful being who has done so much for us, though we have never seen Him.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said that the Sermon on the Mount is something which most of us are willing to take as a flag under which to sail, but few of us are willing to use it as a rudder by which to steer. A ship would be worthless for transportation, no matter how many sails it had, if it was without a rudder. It is the rudder that will determine the course of the ship, and it is our own determined efforts that keep us on the course of right, not what we profess or what flag we carry. If we could use the Gospel of Christ as we know it, in every phase of our lives—use it as a rudder by which to steer rather than as a flag to sail under—I am sure we would be much more spiritually secure.

It has been said that the important thing is not the amount of religion we possess, but the amount we use. This is true of education or anything else. If we could quote the Holy Bible from front to back cover, word by word, it would be worthless to us if we were not able to put the things we read there into practice. The amount of religion we use is the amount that is valuable to us.

Henry Ward Beecher once said that we can't pray cream and live skim milk. We cannot pray with wonderful oratory and expect to get results from such prayer unless we make an effort to live in such a manner as to be worthy of an answer.

Let us not only accept Christ, but let us also serve Him. Let us not only pray cream, but let us also live cream, as well. Let us not use the Sermon of the Mount as a flag under which to sail, but rather as a rudder to guide our course in the right direction on the sea of life.

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### DEAR LITTLE ROBIN

Dear little robin made by God  
 With its breast of flaming red,  
 Gathers the worms out of our sod  
 And suns on top of our shed.  
 They know they need never worry  
 For the Father up above  
 Is always ready—their woes to carry  
 And to give them abundant love.

Etna L. Tordoff

The above poem was printed with one line missing in the April Advocate, and is here printed complete. Editors.

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Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there.

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### STRENGTH FOR THE WAY

Elder Oren A. Caviness

Text: St. Luke 21:25-29 and 33-37.

Christ in this text gives us a warning of troubles to come on the earth and how to escape them. Certainly today we are justifiably fearful of world conditions. These things are of great interest and concern to us but there isn't much we can do about it. But there are many smaller trials and problems that we face each day which we **can** do something about. We may be called upon to face an atomic blast but once—but we are going to be called upon to face the blast of an unkind tongue perhaps every day of our life. So let us think for a moment about the necessary strength that the Christian must have for his way of life.

Life is an obstacle race at best and we will have obstacles to meet. We will be faced with sudden tragedy—what will be our attitude and behavior concerning it? Perhaps none of us will be required to mount the obstacle of going through life physically maimed, with one limb, blind or perhaps deaf; but because our obstacles are small we will be more inclined to stumble over them, for men stumble over mole hills and not mountains. Little everyday obstacles gain importance when we realize that overcoming them gives us strength for the bigger ones. The way to meet the great trials of life properly is to prepare by meeting the small ones successfully.

The story is told of a doctor who was called upon to perform a delicate operation but he was fearful and not able to bring himself to the task because of a failure he had experienced previously. He lacked the courage to save this person's life and while he was walking the streets at night trying to escape from his responsibility he knew was his, he came upon the scene of an accident where a dog was hit by a car. The little girl who owned the dog was holding it in her arms weeping and she looked up at the doctor through tears and pleaded: "Mister, please help my dog!" He took the dog to her home and with the crude instruments at hand but fortified with the great skill that he had, he began to operate. During his work he suddenly realized that this was similar to the very operation he had been so fearful of performing. So in saving the life of a dog—he found the courage to save the life of a person.

A weakling cannot become a Christian. It takes moral strength, moral fiber, and moral courage above and beyond the demands of ordinary living to be a good Christian. If you think a man is a weakling or a sissy because he is able to turn the other cheek or speak kind words when he has been spoken harshly to—then you lack the understanding of human nature. It takes more strength to behave yourself and resist certain lower human impulses than it does to become a hoodlum, a ner'er-do-well or a person who has no consideration for his fellowman.

Take for an example, the horse. When the strength of a horse is curbed and trained, that horse becomes valuable. The outlaw horse has plenty of strength but when the bucking contest is over it is worthless—fit only for dog food and the glue factory. It isn't enough to have strength—it must be trained and directed. A Christian's strength is made up of many things—I name three: Faith, Courage and Prayer.

By faith I mean a conviction in a real living God, one who is cognizant of the things we are doing at the present time. A faith that when God says He will do a thing—it will be done. How do we obtain this kind of faith? Through service. The disciples came to Christ one time with the request: "Lord increase our faith." He answered with a story. Which of them if they had a servant would serve and feed him first and then be served themselves? No, we must first serve God and then our portion will be given us. We are not handed out great portions of faith—we earn them.

We must have courage to back up our faith. It doesn't take courage to live carelessly and blame our troubles on God. It doesn't take courage to whine and fret and say, "God must have it in for me." It doesn't take courage to live selfishly and blame the world for our misfortunes. It doesn't take courage to be lazy and complain about hard knocks. It doesn't take courage to live indifferent towards God and then complain because He doesn't answer our prayers. It doesn't take courage to seek shelter in crowds, in drugs, or in the alcohol-filled bottle. That is the weakling's way out

of his difficulty. So many times the plays we see on the screen depict the man who has a question of moral courage to decide—and he is always reaching for a bottle and pouring himself a drink. That doesn't take courage but it does take courage to speak up and talk for the right when other people around you are silent. It takes no courage to take refuge in silence when your voice should be heard.

I once read a story of a crippled boy who longed to play baseball but because of a physical handicap he was very awkward at it. One day while he was on the field playing, a bully came up to him and ordered him off the field because he was slowing up the game. A small lad in the crowd stepped up to him with: "Listen mister, you leave him alone or we'll chase you off the field." "You and who else?" the bully replied. The little fellow was on the spot for a minute, but the rest of the fellows surrounding them came to his rescue with, "Johnny and all the rest of us!" The bully had met the united front of courage. And when the Christian unites his courage with his fellow Christians—then who can stand against him!

It takes courage to be true to high principles even if it costs you a friend. Friendship is a valuable and a beautiful thing and it takes a lot of courage to jeopardize it in steadfastness to virtue, morality and decency. But how much better off you are to cut the ties of friendship with that individual who influences you to do wrong.

It takes courage to stand for right when you stand alone—to hunt for the good in people when others are picking them to pieces and exposing all their faults. Try it sometime.

Nothing is easier than fault-finding—it takes no talent, no self-denial, no brains or no character, to set up in the grumbling business. But it does require courage to return good for evil. Dr. Frank Crane said that the returning of good for evil when it was genuine, from the heart, was not so much the result of piety or saintly nature as it is a gesture of greatness. It shows the size of your soul.

Then we come to the third point: Prayer. I heard a beautiful song on the radio this morning—the words said: "God is only a prayer away." And indeed He is, for prayer is a direct line of communication to our Almighty Father. Christ prescribed prayer for a sick world many years ago. And it is still being prescribed by some of the foremost physicians today. The superintendent of the Bethlehem Royal Hospital in England said at a meeting of the British Medical Association: "As an Alienist and one who's whole life has been concerned with the suffering of the mind, I would state that of all hygienic measures to counteract disturbed sleep, depressed spirits and all the miserable consequences of a distressed mind, I would give the first place to the simple habit of prayer." If it were possible to create a pill that a man could swallow and set his mind at rest, as we have tried to do with our tranquilizer pills, this man would prescribe it. But a pill cannot

restore peace to a distressed mind. When Christ asked pray often it was advice given for the good health of the soul of man. Prayer gives us strength to meet our troubles and overcome the mole holes over which we trip and stumble.

David Starr Jordan said: "Today is your day and mine; the only day we have; the day in which we play our part. What our part may signify in the great whole, we may not understand; we are here to play it, and now is our time." Each day, each hour that we live, we play our walk-on roll in this drama of life. Whether we live or die, it is not important to the eternity of the soul. When God created your soul He created it for eternity. So the soul that you possess is the real you and not the flesh.

Senneca said: "God divided man into men that they might help each other." And the Apostle Paul said: "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." It is easy to provoke a person to anger but when you try to provoke some one into doing good—you've cut out a Christian chore for yourself that is going to be hard to live up to.

Here is a set of exercises that should be helpful to us all.

"Look about me for things that merit praise;  
Be content in the path I must walk;  
Preach less duties of others  
Be more concerned with my own;  
Too understanding to mind hurts from others  
To thoughtful to hurt them.  
Make lonely folks feel less alone;  
Bring happiness to those who are sad;  
Be not so concerned with blows I can give  
As how many I can take on the chin;  
Be a lifter and not a leaner;  
Less ready to criticize  
More ready to forgive;  
Take the bitter with the sweet  
And be convinced its better so."

Anon.

The Christian fortitude we need is a calm mind which Robert Stevenson said was like a clock ticking in a thunderstorm. Yes, Faith, Courage, and Prayer are not only the secrets of power but also the secrets of joy and happiness. A Christian who makes them a part of his life cannot be frightened; the Atomic bomb will hold no terror for him and he can say with David: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and, above all, confidence in ourselves.—Marie Curie (1867-1934).

### PREDICTIONS THAT FELL ON DEAF EARS

Sometime prior to March 1941, the Korean Underground Movement is alleged to have pulled off the grand political heist of the 20th Century, to wit, Japanese plans to attack Pearl Harbor. Included in the plans was the now classic diplomatic doublecross of having an envoy in Washington while Japanese pilots made their famous mark on Pearl Harbor.

This would be unbelievable enough, but there is more. One Kilsoo Haan, head of the KUM, packed the 455 pages in his portfolio and went to the U. S. State Department in March and told all. Unbelievable? Staggering? Preposterous?

Perhaps. Perhaps it is even a case of so what? There were hundreds of persons in Washington who knew the Japanese were up to something, and back in the 20's, young Douglas MacArthur knew the Rising Sun wished to shine on Japanese flags all over the Pacific. Still, no serious precautions were taken.

Nevertheless, many people have faith in Kilsoo Haan's ability to predict upheaval.

Among the faithful have been congressmen, senators, and former Undersecretary of State. In April, 1942, U. S. Senator Guy Gillette said: "The loyalties of certain Koreans to the interest of the United States, and especially the earnest, unremitting and tireless efforts of Mr. Kilsoo Haan, made this volume available to certain of our governmental agencies prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor."

Two days before the attack on Pearl Harbor, Haan told Maxwell Hamilton, the State Department's Chief of Far Eastern Affairs, "It is our considered observation and sincere belief that December is the month of the Japanese attack, and that the surprise attack is aimed at Hawaii, perhaps the first Sunday in December. No matter how you feel toward our work, will you please convey our apprehension and this information to the President and to the military and naval commanders in Hawaii?"

Also in April, 1942, Undersecretary of State Sumner Wells, said, "The Japanese assault on Pearl Harbor had been accurately predicted by alert Korean exiles."

But there is more. The Soviet plan to create a powerful Red China by 1950 was predicted in 1946 by Haan through information passed on to him from underground sources. The report was not given consideration, and in 1949 Chiang Kai-shek fled to Formosa.

January, 1950, was the date that Haan first learned of, and passed on to government officials, news of a Red China-Soviet Mutual Aid Pact which was to be signed in February of the same year. On January 25, 1950, the State Department wrote Haan, "Your courtesy in sharing your information is appreciated."

As a preventive move, the Korean Underground urged the State Department to initiate a "liberation of Manchuria underground movement before August, 1950, before the Soviet-Red China plans jell."

In May, 1950, Haan reported to the office of Na-

tional Defense that Russian and North Korean armies had held joint maneuvers. South Korea was invaded by the joint forces in June.

Congressman Willis Bradley wrote Haan in 1951, "I know you must feel badly over this whole Korean situation. You had the information which could have gone a long way toward preventing this fiasco."

Koreans reported that Russians had developed an A-bomb in 1947. In 1949, the President officially announced that the Russians had exploded their first nuclear bomb in Siberia. The Russians announced on September 24th, one day after the President's revelation, that they had possessed the bomb since November of 1947.

The Korean Underground reported to the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission about the first Sputnik, on June 20, 1954. The report revealed that Soviet scientists were working on their first space vehicle and that it would be launched by 1958. In October of 1957, the first Sputnik went into orbit.

Senator Margaret Chase Smith has followed Haan's reports since 1962 when he told of the Cuban missile build-up. On November 11, 1962, she wrote to Haan, "Time has certainly proved the accuracy of your reports."

Kilsoo Haan has been called before Senate investigating committees many times, and has been consulted by the United Nations.

"They've interviewed me time and again only to discount my information," Haan says. "Then after 13 years they vindicate me and say how right my information has been."

Concerning Russian nuclear powered aircraft, Haan has said:

"Soviet Russia now has 150 thermonuclear powered bombers capable of speeds in excess of 3,500 miles per hour. These planes can remain aloft for from 90 to 120 days without refueling. They can lift loads many times greater than anything our planes can carry. And they are not detectable on our radar devices."

Editor Robert I. Stanfield of **Flying Magazine** concurred with Haan's reports on these planes in May, 1961.

"To my knowledge," he said, "the Russians first displayed a nuclear-powered prototype two years ago."

According to Haan, the Strategic Air Command has intimated to him that there is basis for his claim regarding the Soviet nuclear planes. Other sources have agreed that the plane's 85,000-foot ceiling is correct. And there have been reports that the planes carry an anti-radar detection device which allows undetected penetration 23 out of 25 times.

(continued next month)

A son honoureth his father, . . . Malachi 1:6.

**BEDTIME**

It's nearly your bedtime my little lad,  
Time to hit the hay;  
The hours of play that you have had  
Made for a tiring day.

Your little body needs a rest  
To rebuild and renew it's strength  
So tomorrow you'll be at your best  
Throughout the day's full length.

Your mind—so active and full of fun  
Just hates to relax—I know;  
For I have done the things you've done,  
Though 'twas many years ago.

The Sand Man is coming to put you to sleep  
And take you to Dreamland so fair;  
Drowsiness will gently creep,  
To start your journey there.

The worries and cares of the day just passed,  
That seemed, at the time so great,  
Will all become a part of the past  
When again, on the morrow you wake.

Sleep well, and enjoy your dreams my lad,  
May they all, in your lifetime come true;  
And the blessings of God that I have had,  
May they multiply—for you.

Harry S. Tordoff

Glory unto man never, but unto God forever.—Hans  
H. Hansen.

**PASTORAL NOTICE**

To The Membership and Friends of the Church of Christ  
in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Eastern  
Canada:

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ:

At the last Conference of the Church of Christ, held  
at Independence, Missouri, April 6th - 11th, 1965, I was  
appointed to have the missionary oversight of the  
States and Provinces of Canada as above set forth, for  
the coming conference year.

It is therefore with pleasure and the happy antici-  
pation, that we look forward to renewing fellowship  
with our many members and friends in this area, and  
especially with those in the new states which have  
been added to my field this year.

In order to facilitate the work of the Lord's vineyard  
in this large field I would appreciate very much the  
co-operation and assistance of every member of the  
Church of Christ, whether you are in local churches or

among those who are isolated from such groups, for I  
consider it is my privilege under God to contact each of  
you, if possible, during the time I shall be permitted to  
shepherd the flock of God where you live. I would  
appreciate word from you as to the status of our work in  
your area, and the possibility of making new openings,  
either by a series of meetings in the local churches, or  
fireside services in cottage meetings. So please write  
me as soon as possible to let me have the information  
thus needed.

You are all invited to attend the Michigan Reunion  
at Cedar Springs, Michigan.

Due to the fact that Sister Angela Wheaton, my  
wife, has been in the hospital for the past twelve days  
for bone surgery on one of her feet, it has been im-  
possible for me to leave home, for the field, as I plan-  
ned at conference time. However, we shall shortly be  
able to travel; or arrangements will be made soon for  
her to remain at home for a few weeks, while I am about  
the Lord's work. She came home from the hospital  
yesterday, May 14th, and is doing very well.

We will greatly appreciate your prayers for a suc-  
cessful recovery from this operation and for a similar  
operation on the other foot which she must undergo  
later this summer.

Clarence L. Wheaton  
Member of the  
Council of Twelve Apostles  
204 West Sea Avenue  
Independence, Missouri 64050

**REUNION NOTICES****Michigan**

The Michigan State Reunion will be held on June 19  
and 20, in the Community Building in Cedar Springs,  
Michigan, just one block west of U. S. Highway 131, on  
Elm Street.

There will be sufficient sleeping quarters for all who  
may come. Bring your families and friends and enjoy  
your vacation time with us. There will be a recreation  
period for our young people.

Worship services will begin with a prayer service  
Saturday morning, the 19th at 9:00 a. m., followed by  
preaching and other services during the day. Sunday  
services will be announced.

Write to Elder Geogre I. Brantner, Cedar Springs,  
Michigan for reservations and let us know how many  
will be in your party. All are welcome.

Yours in Gospel bonds,

The Reunion Committee

**MISSOURI**

The Missouri Reunion of the Church of Christ will be for three days beginning Friday, July 30th, and continuing through Sunday, August 1st.

There has been a slight change in the location of the Reunion site. It will now be held at Bro. and Sr. Rhonda Shaw's new ranch (the Old Johnson Place). From Preston, Mo. at the Junction of U. S. Highway 65 and 54, drive 6 miles east on U. S. 54 to County Road BB, turn south to the right on BB for 3.7 miles, take the road to the right (west) 1.2 miles, (this road will be marked) to the two red barns, one on each side of the road, and a white house on the right (north) side of the road.

If you are coming from the Eastern part of the state, county road BB is 5.5 miles west on U. S. 54 from the junction of U. S. 54 and State Route 73.

We will try to print a map of the route in the July issue to make the directions clearer. It could not be prepared in time for this issue.

The meeting tent will be located adjacent to the house, which will be used for cooking meals and housing some of the visitors.

It is desirable that family tents and other camping facilities be brought, if possible, due to lack of adequate housing.

Meals will be provided. In the past, the several Missouri local churches have contributed financially; also, individuals. We ask that such donations be made to Harvey E. Seibel, secretary-treasurer of the reunion committee. His home address is 8364 Midland Blvd., Overland 14, Mo., Zip Code 63114.

All are invited who "hunger and thirst after righteousness", and gospel fellowship.

For Reunion Committee  
William A. Sheldon

**Wisconsin**

We wish to announce that the Wisconsin Reunion will be held at the Church, one mile east of Sparta, Wisconsin, on Highway 16, on August 14 and 15.

We ask all who have tents to bring them to help with sleeping accommodations.

Wisconsin Reunion Committee

**Tennessee**

The Tennessee Reunion will be held on September 4 and 5 at the Puryear local church. You are invited to attend this reunion and help encourage the Lord's work in this area. You will have Labor Day to travel home on if you wish, but services will be arranged for Labor Day also if desired.

For further information write to Bro. Rony Overcast, Puryear, Tennessee.

**REUNION DATES**

- Michigan—Cedar Springs .....June 19 and 20
- Missouri—Preston .....July 30, 31 and Aug. 1
- Wisconsin—Sparta .....August 14 and 15
- Tennessee—Puryear .....Sept. 4 and 5
- Arizona—Phoenix .....Nov. 26, 27 and 28

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