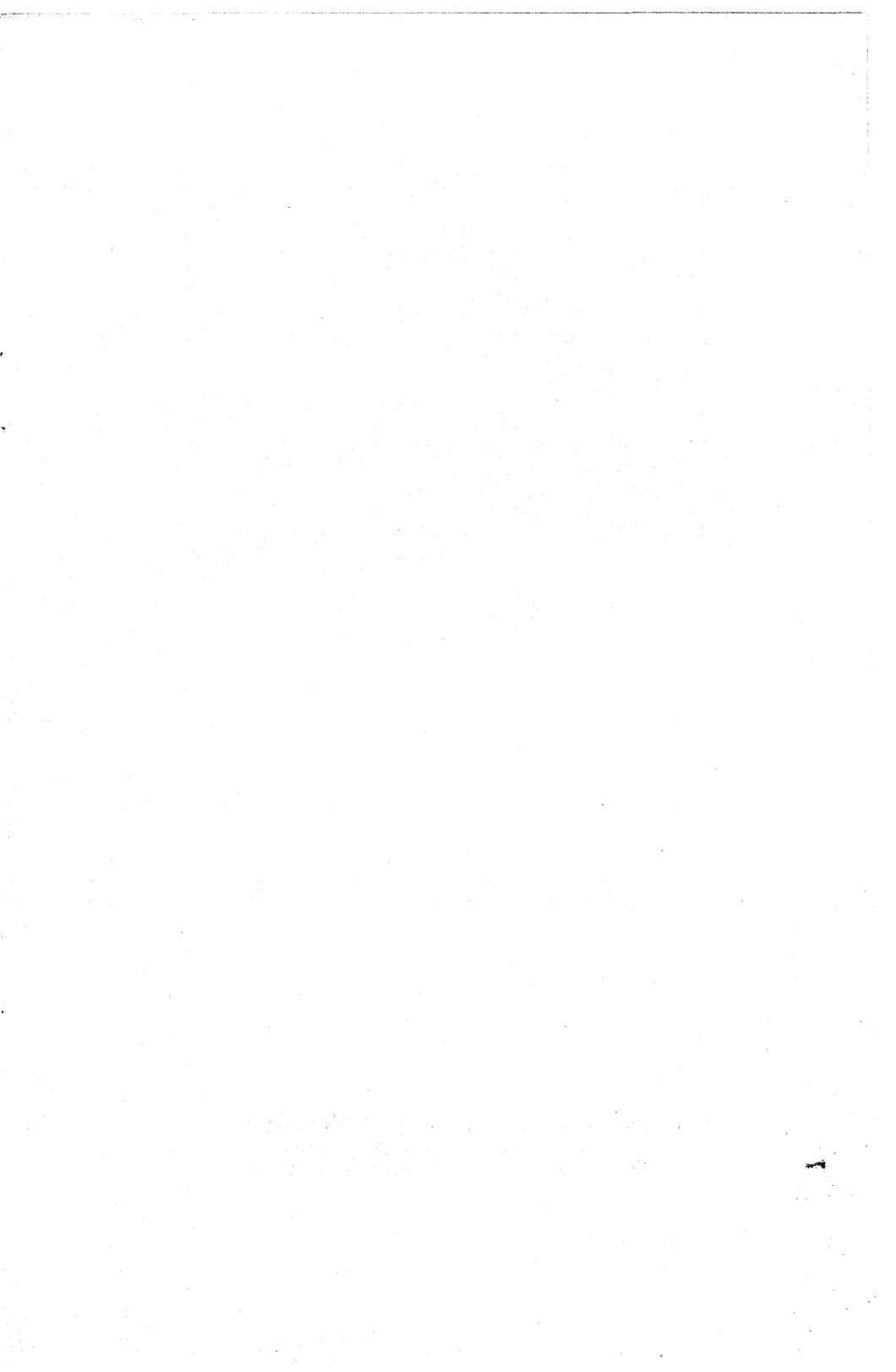


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Foreword

In an article in the St. Petersburg TIMES a Junior College professor writes as follows:

"It seems unbelievable, but there remain many people who persistently maintain that every sentence in the Bible is true. They fear that the admission of even one untruth would destroy the foundation of religion and morals."

This professor goes on to say: "Adherents to this doctrine are called FUNDAMENTALISTS and they defend their position in the face of the indisputable evidence of literal contradictions."

Then this professor relates: "Students frequently come to me asking for instances of contradictions with which they may confront their teachers." And he gives this example, stating: "The conflicting accounts in Ezra 2 and Nehemiah 7 are irreconcilable. There are about 20 obvious discrepancies between the two accounts."

Well, I'm supposing that 99 out of a hundred people who read that article in our local newspaper supposed this professor knew what he was talking about.

However, I took my Bible and turned to these two passages and found they constituted the genealogies of the children of Israel.

For instance, we read... "The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two. The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four..."

Now, here is supposed to be a discrepancy. In Ezra we read... "the children of Adonikam, 666". Whereas, in Nehemiah we read... "the children of Adonikam, 667." This is what the professor calls a 'discrepancy'.

This professor does not relate that the tabulation in both chapters is exactly the same...proving there is no contradiction. The total given for the whole congregation of Israel is 42,360 in both chapters.

When it comes to numbering the people Ezra may have had a different system than did Nehemiah. Or, both men may have made their records at different times. Whatever the explanation...these Junior College boys and girls should not be misled by a professor trying to downgrade the Word of God by saying it is full of contradictions. How tragic for these students who will, no doubt, take a professor's word rather than look into the WORD, and find the professor wrong.

May God help the poor students who are being brain-washed by those who would try to pull the wool over their eyes in discounting the Bible. The Bible is not a book of fables as some men would have us believe. The account of Creation to the book of Revelation stands as a faultless account of God's love for sinful man in providing redemption through the death of Christ on the cross.

Whatever problems may exist in the study of the Bible you can be sure it is man who is at fault, and not God. And you can be certain that all religions are spurious counterfeit. God's Word as revealed in the Bible is alone the truth.

Youth

IN THE '70's



The NATIONAL OBSERVER invited various analysts - sociologists, political scientists, and others to make their analysis of the decade just ahead.

Among these is Dr. Martin E. Marty, professor of Church History at the University of Chicago who foresees a 'back-swing of the pendulum' as it relates to the excesses we have seen in the late '60s. Dr. Marty's observation was that for the past five years "it seems that people haven't the faintest idea where we are or where we are going."

In a society that professes to believe in an evolutionary philosophy that shows man ascending upward, all the outward evidence shows man descending downward. Most authorities seem to predict an acceptance of drugs being legitimized before the arrival of the 1980's. As Marty puts it: "I have a hunch that in the labs of the tobacco companies, they are already thinking about how to integrate marijuana into their processes..."



Dr. M. Brewster Smith of the psychology department of the University of Chicago sees for the decade of the seventies young people becoming fascinated with such things as "mysticism, meditation, the occult, sensitivity training - even the mesmeric response to rock and psychedelic music." These Smith sees as filling the void left by orthodox religions apparent inability to satisfy their need for deep religious experience. "There are some pretty fundamental human impulses previously taken care of in religion that are now being taken care of in other ways," he comments. "Out of all of this may come some sort of religious revival."

While it may be true that there are young people finding in drugs such as LSD some kind of emotional upheaval they consider identical to a religious experience, it must be stated specifically that nothing can take the place of the new birth that everyone experiences with conversion, and nothing can substitute for the soul-satisfying peace that comes with the transformation from within a person who is seen turning from sin to trust the Saviour. It must be admitted that SIN is the cause of all of the trouble in the world and LSD cannot forgive sin. But Jesus Christ can and does forgive sin when we come to him in sincere and genuine repentance with a desire to trust Him. What a thrilling catharsis, to be able to discover One Who has come directly from heaven, and specifically for the purpose of atoning for man's sin. That One is Jesus Christ of whom it is written: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Since all have sinned, and since Christ died for our sins, we need to ask the Lord to forgive us. And He promises, if we will confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Dr. Amitai Etzioni, chairman of Columbia University's Department of Sociology, has expressed his concern for the disrespect of authority that he sees in many college students today. He asks: "What will happen to the social order when today's student radicals become voters, employers, community leaders, office holders?"

But when you realize what he himself is teaching, perhaps may explain the action of kids today. This professor writes: "Nudity in movies and plays is a matter of taste, but is not threatening society as far as I can determine." He goes on to suggest: "See-through blouses are from a sociological viewpoint, harmless. There is no evidence whatsoever that a four-letter word ever hurt anybody. Parents are terribly shocked that many kids are living together without being married; but," he notes, "these are usually deep relationships between young people who are very devoted to each other and sometimes get married later on."

My friends, no wonder there is disrespect for authority. For if we are taught disrespect for God, who is the highest authority, there surely will be disrespect for man and his laws.

Donald Michael of the University of Michigan is more hopeful for the Seventies. He reminds us that most of the young people who will be in their 20s and early 30s during this decade had little to do with the 'youth rebellion' of the '60s. He notes: "The majority have not gone to college, have never smoked pot, have not demonstrated against the war, and probably still stick to the main principles of the old morality."

But, unless we reach these youth with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, you can be sure Satan will ensnare them, and that speedily.

Dr. J. D. Baumann of Bethel Theological Seminary states: "The biggest heresy ever foisted upon the church is that young people are the church of tomorrow. It just isn't true," he notes, "They are the church today!"

In the United States and Canada there are 100 million young people under the age of 25. They must be reached for Christ.

I'm reminded of Adolf Hitler, standing in the Berlin Stadium and before him were 100,000 young people. Shouting to them, he cried: "YOUNG PEOPLE, I NEED YOU!" These goose-stepping, swastika-wearing youth responded to his call only to go down to ignominious defeat during a second world war.

Today why not heed the call of Jesus Christ who says, "I need you. I want you. I died for you." Why not respond to his call, saying: "Lord, if you died for me, I will live for you." And seal that decision with a prayer, saying, "Lord, I receive you now as my Saviour henceforth to serve you."

We're sadly reminded that young people under the age of 18 are responsible for 1/2 of all serious crime in the United States. And we are told that 15 year-olds commit more serious crimes than persons of any other age. We are also told that by actual survey it has been discovered that 7 out of 8 Christians are converted before the age of 15.

How important if you are a young person to decide now for Jesus Christ. The choice is clear. You must either choose Christ or reject Him; either come to love and serve Him, or turn your back upon His love.

A policeman, observing today's increasing number of runaway youth, noted their greatest hangup is loneliness, and their greatest longing is love.

Be assured if you will trust the Saviour you need never be lonely again. He is a friend who sticketh closer than a brother. And he died for you because He loved you, and is coming again for all those who have come to receive Him as Saviour and Lord.

How absolutely important to decide now for Jesus Christ. Decision determines destiny. And then live daily for His coming. For he would remind us - "Be ye therefore ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."



Several weeks ago an article appeared in our local newspaper written by a college professor who wrote: "Your child's education is incomplete if he is not receiving instruction about religion. This is a plea to put religion into our schools."

And then in the very next paragraph he writes: "This is not a plea to put prayer and Bible reading back into the schools..." Paragraph after paragraph follows devoted to reasons why the Bible and prayer do not belong in the classroom.

Why all this double-talk? How can we have religion without the recognition of the only true source of faith which is the Bible?

For those who contend that a law is broken when anyone prays in our public schools (although we know of no such laws) we think of Daniel. This young man, too, was forbidden to pray by official decree. But he insisted on praying anyway. And he prayed openly so that those who sought to hinder him from praying could see him on his knees before God.

I suppose there were those in Daniel's day who quietly came to Him to say - "Don't you know the law says you

can't pray! And we must teach respect for the law, you know!"

But Daniel continued to pray because he knew of a higher law than man-made laws. For the Bible says: "In all thy ways acknowledge the Lord, and He shall direct thy paths". Again we read: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

We know of no law being violated when boys and girls pray in school, but we know that God's laws are violated when we refuse to honor Him, and acknowledge Him. This open acknowledgement of God at the beginning of each classroom day is what has helped make America great, and only since we have taken God from the classroom have we seen the great moral deterioration that has come to characterize our times. And I wonder if you are as disturbed about it as I am.

Remember, the Apostle Peter, too, was given official notice that the disciples could not mention the name of Jesus. But listen what the Scriptures say. We read: "Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye."

Indeed, my friends, a higher law demands allegiance to Almighty God above any man-made decree.

We would yet like to make reference to those who say our Constitution demands 'separation of church and state'. I have yet to have heard from anyone who can show me anywhere in the Constitution where it speaks of the separation of church and state. As we have stated many times - in the Russian constitution we read: (Article 124) "In the Soviet Union the church is separate from the state..." But where is there anything stated similar in our constitution?

When I was in High School I was told that during the days of Adolph Hitler the people of Germany were convinced of almost anything as a result of continued repetition of a thing. So it is happening in our country. Surely we are fast coming to the time predicted in 2 Thess. 2:11-12 which reminds us that in the day when Christ will return men will be under such strong delusion that they will believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Did you hear it?

Something else that disturbs me, and I wonder if it bothers you...is this reporting by the press, and particularly via the news media, that which is derogatory of the Bible.

For instance, when I was in Washington testifying before the House Judiciary Committee on behalf of an amendment that would restore prayer and Bible reading to the public schools, I saw much evidence of what we call biased reporting or managed news. This is what Vice President Agnew has also been concerned about.

I remember sitting and listening to the testimony of those who favored the right of our boys and girls to have the Bible read and prayers offered in the classroom. In fact, there were 39 congressmen in a row who testified in favor of allowing devotional exercises in the public schools. As I sat and listened to these men unburden their hearts, and call this nation back to repentance I thought of the impact their testimony could bring if only what was being said was reported in the press. I really believe a revival could have broken out.

But in the newspapers at night I did not read one word of their testimony. The only mention was that "hearings had continued" - a brief paragraph.

Then congressman number 40 came along. And he was against prayers and Bible reading in the schools. In the papers there was paragraph after paragraph, with banner headline, of this obscure congressman who wanted to see prayers and Bible reading banned from the classroom.

Friends, I believe we have been taken for a ride. We are being brainwashed into believing that this country must bow down to the atheists, the skeptics, the liberals and the hoodlums...while every survey ever taken shows the majority of Americans are God-fearing people and would like to see our honored, cherished and established traditions maintained and preserved in this country.

Recently Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the noted atheist, lost her case in the Courts in trying to ban the praying by our astronauts in Outer Space. Here was tremendous news for I believe eight million signatures were gathered in support of the astronaut's action.

And yet, I do not recall seeing one word in our local morning newspaper about this. Here was a tremendous victory for the cause we believe in. Why the silence! Here was news that should have received banner headlines.

Beloved, this is what frightens me. And this is what disturbs many Americans, including the Vice President. I hope it disturbs you for your freedom is at stake when only news favorable to the cause of godlessness is given priority reporting.

That's why we need this program, and why we need your help in reporting the news from week to week with a spiritual reflection on the times in which we live.

These are the last days, and Jesus is coming soon. Nevertheless, we must steadfastly stand for the faith even though it may mean our very lives. Like Daniel we must stand up for the cause of righteousness even though it means defiance of man-made laws to adhere to greater God-given laws. And like Peter, we must reply - "We ought to obey God rather than men."

Indeed, be ye therefore ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh!

TEENAGE REBELLION?



—UPI Photo

TIME Magazine has reported: "A new wave of violence is sweeping U.S. classrooms."

Statistics suggest that more and more teachers are quitting their jobs out of sheer fear of their students.

In our nation's capital, a sixth-grade teacher was stabbed with a knife thrown by a 12-year-old boy who had been spanked for attacking the teacher with a broken bottle.

In Brandywine, Maryland, an assistant principal had his throat slashed at a dance when a former student showed up who came to make trouble.

In East St. Louis, Illinois, the teachers have become so terrified, according to School Board President, Charles Merritts, that three out of four are carrying guns to class.

Incidents of burglary, larceny, assault and even murder are rising in all public schools, according to a Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency. Teaching everywhere has been reduced to the level of keeping discipline.

An Associated Press report listed over a thousand assaults on teachers in Chicago in one year (1968), with physical attacks upon teachers increasing with alarming frequency.

The Nation's colleges, too, recovering from one of the tumultuous decades in the history of higher education, are also on the rampage. On scores of campuses in recent years, student uprisings have disrupted classes, even closing down some schools for a time.

For the decade of the Seventies, U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT predicts "the Campus Revolution will continue."



STUDENT RIOTS are problem worldwide

CHRISTIANITY TODAY Magazine has recently reported a new kind of student rebellion. At Pikesville College, a Presbyterian-supported school, students aren't rebelling against the tight rules. Nor are they griping about moss-backed administrators. Rather, this publication notes: "These students are objecting to women teachers in mini-skirts, long-haired professors, and a liberal president who says he wants to give students more freedom and make their education more relevant."

We are finding YOUTH who want to cooperate, who want to help preserve society and help maintain cherished God-honoring freedoms.

Today we might ask - as a young person, what do you owe your parents?

In the first place, we believe you owe your parents respect. "Honor your father and your mother, which is the first commandment with promise - that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Eph.6:2.

As one mother has observed, RESPECT is the key element missing in the young today.

LIFE Magazine similarly has observed: "Only a pitiful one per cent of parents and teachers feel that teenagers listen to their parents anymore." Indeed, how tragic for the parents to be cursed, or disrespectfully abused, by their own children. So serious an offense was this in Israel that for a young person to strike or curse his father or mother, he was to be put to death. (Ex. 21:15,17)

In the second place...a child owes its parents obedience. We read: "Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." This word "obey" means to "submit to authority," and this is what our rebellious generation does not want to do.

Recently the Chief of Police of Los Angeles resigned after a quarter year of service on the police force. He stated regretfully that he had to write off a whole generation of young Americans because of their attitude toward authority.

In Seattle, Washington, the students at the Queen Anne High School sent a letter to the school's 70 teachers, saying: "Please help us. You must discipline us."

The letter stated: "Do not turn your backs when you see offensive behaviour...Speak to us, and justly punish us for what we deserve." Without moral instruction, and no Bible reading in our schools, how can children who are not brought up in Christian homes know right from wrong? It is a tragedy of our times that we raise children like animals, without moral or spiritual training.

In the third place, children owe their parents their service. They should be taught to serve in some capacity. In plain language...children need to be taught to work. As we read in Lamentations 3:27, "It is good for a man to bear the yoke in his youth."

Basically, young people like to do things constructively, but too often parents insist on doing the chores, rather than teach Sally to cook, or Junior to assist by taking out the garbage or mowing the lawn. Children would sooner play, 'tis true. But they will never benefit society, or be a blessing in the home without sharing in the family work routine.

Someone has well said: "The debt owed parents for bringing children into the world can never be repaid." Children should attempt to show appreciation for their homes by helping.



In the fourth place, young people should be careful in choosing their companions.

How often you have heard it said - one bad apple placed in a bushel of apples, will turn them all rotten eventually. The good apples just won't make the rotten one good.

So, impressionable youth is influenced by the behaviour and companionship of others. How important then to make friends of those who are clean and pure and honest in all of their relationships.

The Scriptures would encourage Christian young people: "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." Make friends with those who are truly Christians, dedicated to Christ.

Finally, live an exemplary life yourself. There are those who are watching your life. You are their Bible. If you fail, you will not only be failing the Lord, but those who are depending on you.

Paul, in writing to Timothy, cautioned him saying: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believer in word (in what you say); in conversation (how you act); in charity (in being kind to others); in spirit (in being gracious, considerate, happy); in faith and purity (in being trustworthy, dependable)

Is your life clean? Are your thoughts pure? Are your motives honorable? Are your actions morally right?

Last of all, it is normal to have a tendency to rebel against authority, even to do wrong. As Isaiah tells us: "All we, like sheep, have gone astray. We have turned everyone to his own way." Because Adam sinned, we have the nature to sin. We sin because we are sinners.

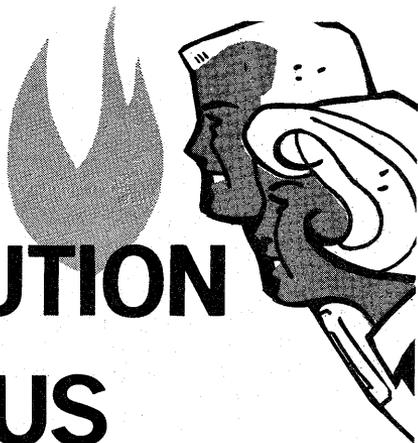
But that is why Jesus came. As we read: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." So, you need to come to Christ and ask Him to save you, to come into your life and give you power over your rebellious nature.

And I promise, if you mean it and surrender to His love and authority in your life, He will come in and make you anew. "For if any man be in Christ He is a new creature, old things are passed away and behold all things are become new!"

Is this what you want? Do you want to be rid of your sins? Then right now pray this prayer and mean it. Lord, I believe you died on the cross for my sins. Forgive me for where I've done wrong. And help me henceforth to live for you daily until you come. Amen.

Indeed, this is the most important decision you can ever make. So come to Christ, believe on Him today.

REVIVAL OR REVOLUTION ON CAMPUS



Asbury College students have been traveling across the nation relating the revival that broke out on campus during a morning chapel several weeks ago.

Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, College president, described the revival which closed down classes for a week as a "student phenomenon."

Noted Kinlaw: "God obviously isn't dead or indifferent. He has begun to move."

One of the effects of the revival was to turn dope centers into devotional centers where hippie-type youths are meeting for prayer and Bible study instead of drugs.

A 20-year-old student testified: "I was a stagnant Christian before. Now I like to read the Bible, and my prayer life is revitalized, and I can really love people. And I'm not ashamed to talk about it."

Revival fires have touched other schools as well.... Wheaton College and Taylor University, just to mention a few.

Billy Graham, on his broadcast, called on Christians throughout the world to pray that a spiritual awakening will sweep from campus to campus and from city to city.

At Houghton College, the Rev. Paris Reidhead was challenging students to "lives of service in a world of crises." Asbury students arrived midweek to report their experiences. Houghton was ready. Testimonies, confessions and prayer lasted well into the night.

At Fort Wayne Bible College, students waited in line for two hours to confess such practices as cheating, hatefulness, indulging in worldly practices. As one administration official put it - kids were just getting honest with themselves and the Holy Spirit.

Well, one of the predictions for the Endtime is promised outpouring of the Spirit of God. And as a result we are told - "your sons and your daughters shall prophesy..." they will tell forth God's message.

DRUGS

America's number one problem...



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YOUTHFUL DRUG ADDICTS

The increase in the use of drugs, in particular, are largely responsible for the hippie-type behaviour, the sexual wantonness and crime among today's youth.

Dr. Leon Wurmser, director of John Hopkins Drug Abuse Center says robberies, muggings, burglaries, shop-lifting and other crimes committed in Baltimore alone by drug addicts costs the city from \$100 million to \$500 million every year. Think of it. Nationally, the estimate of the dollar cost from drug abuse is \$2 billions.

Recently in the papers was the story of a 19-year-old boy who made a tape recording of his voice a few moments before he drove his car out into the country and shot himself. The mother released the message of the tape, saying: "We hope it will help somebody else."

Turning on the recorder, you could hear the lad say: "I can't think...can't think...can't think." Then he adds: "I'm sorry, Mom, Dad, and Bill - I'm sorry that your little boy has turned into an LSD addict. It's BAD NEWS - it really is. I didn't think it was when I was first taking it, but I've been getting pretty stoned lately, and you just don't know what's real and what isn't."

Finally, he says: "I have thought it over many times and there really isn't anything to live for. I don't think there is. And I really don't think anyone could convince me that there is - not me, anyway...It says in the Bible that he who kills himself will not be resurrected. Well, this is the great punishment that I'm bestowing upon myself, not only physically, but, for what I've read, I'm going to suffer eternally for this..."

And then this lad, after making this recording, took his life.

Is it worth it? A fling with LSD, grass, dope, what have you? Why get hung up on the devil's lies? Why not trust Christ and find He truly satisfies!

An article in the New York Times reports youngsters that once tried dope and drugs, even delving into mysticism and meditation, are now finding satisfaction in Christ.

As Gerald Exel, a 22 year-old college dropout, puts it in the language some may understand: "Lots of youth are freaked out on drugs or meditation or Zen. We've been through that and found it wasn't satisfying. Now," he observes, "we are finding satisfaction with Jesus."

The New York Times notes: "The basis of the movement is traditional fundamentalist theology and a conviction that organized religion, including most fundamentalist churches, has become sterile and unspiritual."

It is reported in San Francisco you'll find young people carrying banners and passing out leaflets, calling for an old-fashioned conversion experience. Young people are seen stopping those strolling past night clubs and urging them to "turn on with Jesus." Across the street is another youth with the words "JESUS SAVES" inscribed neatly across the back of his jacket.

The TIMES referred to these activities as a "post-drug fundamentalist revival that in the last two years or so has claimed the loyalty of hundreds of youth on the West Coast and continues to gain momentum."

We might comment - Why not? Surely young people can see through the camouflage of modern morality that it is just plain "immorality" that leaves only heartache and headache, ruined bodies and damned souls. It's inspiring to know there are those boldly testifying for Jesus Christ who have come to know Him as Saviour and Lord.



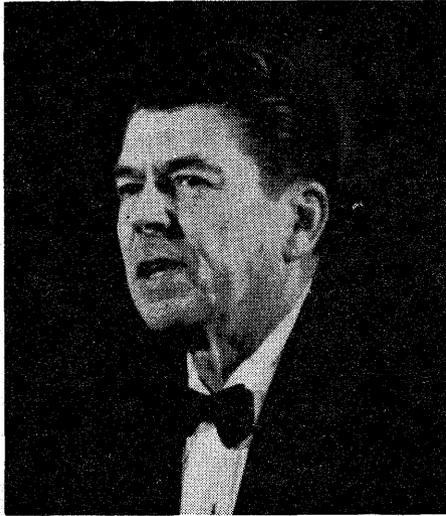
Hippies in Herman Park in Houston listen in rapt attention to a message on Jesus Christ.

While we might not agree with some of the accepted practices and patterns adopted by today's youth, we must not question their loyalty to Jesus Christ but rather seek to encourage that grain of faith that has found lodgment in their hearts. While we admit it is true that genuine faith must bear the fruits of repentance and good works, it is also true that God has promised to pour out of His Spirit in the last days and the sole condition of acceptance is stated - "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved!" So, rather than question the faith of those willing to publicly testify for Jesus Christ, let us recognize that here are youngsters more bold than we are. What are we but silent witnesses leaving no impact on today's world?



To young people who may be struggling for their very spiritual existence, but who have love for Jesus in their hearts, we would say in the words of the writer to the Hebrews - "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward." Keep on, keeping on, looking on to Jesus, author and finisher of your faith. Remember, He which hath begun a good work in you will continue to perform it until the day of His coming.

Should Youths—or Parents—Be Blamed For Unrest? Governor Reagan's Answer



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Mr. Reagan feels older generation must help youths find "truth and purpose."

Ronald Reagan, Governor of California, says: "The virus that has infected 'youth' is frightening." And then he went on to ask whether adults are very much to blame.

Inquired Reagan: "Have they lost faith in our standards or have they lost faith in us? Do they doubt our willingness to practice what we preach? Where were we when God was expelled from the classroom?"

Indeed, too many have remained silent when we should have spoken out for the cause of righteousness. Seeing youth misdirected by propaganda, exploited by television advertising, being shown a way of life that is a brazen lie, we should rise up with the truth that only Christ satisfies!

The brand of cigarettes that advertises "They satisfy" doesn't really tell you the truth, for you must keep buying 'em' to be satisfied and then finally wind up a corpse from cancer. So enslaved does one become that (as another brand advertises) - we would walk a mile for them.

God help us to see these flagrant violations of the truth, falsely-represented advertising, and misconduct of our superiors who seem to get away with it. Isn't it time we discover the Bible's assertion that "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Dr. W. Morris Ford has observed: "One of the most arresting statements ever made by Jesus during His sojourn on earth was made concerning the offending of children. He said that it would be better for one to have a millstone tied around his neck and that he be cast into the sea."

He continues: "One wonders just how many times a week a child hears and sees the offers made by dealers in tobacco and alcoholic beverages, or how many little ears are forced to listen to vulgar language at home, on the street, or elsewhere. Again one wonders how many youthful eyes feast upon the pictures and words in the hundreds of filthy magazines made available on and under the counters of newstands and stores."

As someone has noted: "We should be stepping stones and not stumbling blocks to our children. We ought to help rather than hinder them. We ought to bless the lives of others and not influence them toward evil."

Reagan points out that children are often dishonest because their parents cheat. Children lie because their parents don't tell the truth. Boys and girls will steal because mother and dad take things that don't belong to them.

For instance, in one year in this country, the banks and financial institutions lost 117 million dollars - not to masked bandits, but to pilfering by employees. Retail establishments lose 4 billions a year to employees.

Inquires Reagan: "What about us when that youngster comes home from the practice field telling how he learned to get away with holding illegally on a block? How many times have they seen us look over our shoulder and fudge on the stop sign if no policeman was in sight?"

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

OR ADULT?



An editorial in the GOSPEL HERALD states: "We had better face up to the fact that parental inconsistency is a major cause of juvenile delinquency. Children learn by imitating their parents." Did you hear it?

There is so much that could be said concerning who is to blame for the delinquency of our times, but I think it might best be expressed in this poem. Listen, and tell me what you think.....

ARE THE KIDS REALLY TO BLAME?

We read in the paper, we hear on the air
Of killing and stealing and crime everywhere;
We sigh and we say, as we notice the trend,
This young generation...where will it end?
But can we be sure it's their fault alone?

Too much money to spend; too much idle time;
Too many movies of passion and crime;
Too many books not fit to be read;
Too much evil in what they hear said;
Too many kids encouraged to roam;
Too many parents who don't stay at home.

Youth doesn't make the movies; they don't write the books;
That paint the gay pictures of gangsters and crooks.
They don't make the liquor, they don't run the bars;
They don't make the laws and they don't make the cars.
They don't make the drugs that idle the brain,
It's all done by older folks, greedy for gain.
And how many cases, we find that it's true....
The label, "Delinquency"....fits older folks, too!

We would be reminded - "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," (Rom. 3:23). Therefore, all are delinquent and in need of saving.

For that reason Jesus came to this earth to die for the sins of all mankind. God raised Him from the dead, proving to the world that Christ alone is man's redeemer, and that He will one day come for all who have received Him and who love Him.

It is in view of that day that we live, and watch, and wait. And we are admonished - "Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh!" (Luke 12:40).

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