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*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace, good will toward men."*

—Luke 2:14



General Superintendent Coulter

“Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room”

CHRISTMAS invades our lives with a multiplicity of things, activities, and events.

No one objects to the decorations, the gifts, the shiny lights, the food, the carols, the family gatherings, the excitement of little children. Hearts are mellowed, families united, and homes filled with joy at Christmas.

But the real heart of Christmas is not found in the things, the activities, the events, or even the sentiments which accompany this season.

Isaac Watts caught the true significance of this blessed day when he wrote:

“Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing.”

“The Lord is come!” God’s Son is here offering hope and salvation to all mankind! Through the mystery of the Incarnation, God invades the human scene of sin, sorrow, and death and offers peace and eternal life to all.

The real preparation for Christmas is the same this year as it has always been, “Let every heart prepare Him room.”

The innkeeper had his chance. But he dismissed Joseph and Mary with a brusque word at the door. In contrast, the shepherds heard the angels’ announcement and came with haste to the place where the Child lay.

This Christmas, the whole world has another chance to “prepare Him room.” God knows, He is our only hope of eternal life. The Babe in a manger is a beautiful picture. But the real issue is whether we will open our hearts to receive Him as Lord and Savior.

A great Scottish preacher said, “It was a marvelous divine strategy that laid the Child, Immanuel, upon the doorstep of the world’s heart.” With new urgency and fresh challenge, Christmas reminds us that Christ is still “upon the doorstep of the world’s heart.”

“Let every heart prepare Him room”!

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■ By Aarlie J. Hull
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Wise Men Seek and Find Him Still

photo: H. Armstrong Roberts

It's amazing, but true. We received a Christmas card one year that meant more to us than a gesture of friendship, the renewing of an old acquaintance, or an obligatory business remembrance.

Certainly it was a gesture of friendship, but more, it was a meaningful message we needed to receive.

The card merely said, "Wise men seek and find Him still."

Of course all Christians believe that if you seek Christ you will find Him. But how many of us think about it at Christmastime?

Christmas is a busy time for me. I start in November baking goodies and packing them away in the freezer. Endless hours are expended shopping for gifts "from me to you," from cousin to cousin, from godparent to godchildren, from children to parents, from grandchildren to grandparents, "from our house to your house"—and on ad infinitum.

My Christmas programs at church and school require that children know their parts, their songs, and where to be when (all compliments of Mother, of course). There are cantatas, concerts, luncheons, banquets, pageants, parades, a Christmas tree to decorate, candles to make, lights to be put on the house, and on and on and on.

Frankly, until I received a card that reminded me that "wise men seek and find Him still," I didn't even think about the redemptive power of Christ during the holiday season—let alone tell anyone about it.

Don't misunderstand me.

Like many other Christians, I had been caught in the religious backlash reacting to the "over-commercialization" of Christmas. My children knew that the "true meaning" of Christmas was Jesus' birthday. Santa was only make-believe at our house, and I was always very careful to send Christmas cards with religious overtones. A Nativity scene sat piously proud on our mantel. But there was a certain emptiness about it all.

I was celebrating a birth when I should have been celebrating a fact. I was honoring the birth of a Baby when in reality the honor should have been in the fact that the Baby was Jesus Christ and because He was born people can seek and find Him still—now—today.

Obviously what I'm saying is not new or different—it's just been lost in the hubbub of Christmas. Somewhere between the shepherds in the fields with their sheep and the Babe lying in a manger, we lose sight of the significant fact of Christmas—that because Christ came to earth He made God accessible to all of us in a very personal sort of way.

If Christians don't witness of the redemptive, life-changing power of God any other time of the year, they surely should at Christmas. What better time to tell the good news than at a season when the whole world is aware of, if not truly celebrating, the birth of the Christ who provided for their salvation?

The opportunities—unexcelled. The admonition—clear. The message—new life and hope in Christ. The time—Christmas, 1970 □

■ By Ron Hill
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WILL YOU WAIT TOO LONG?



Photo by Luoma

I believed myself to be a very lucky man. I had everything to make a person happy and much to be thankful for. Many men will never have the opportunity to have in a lifetime what I had at age 26. But it all came to an end very suddenly.

My life was going very smoothly; problems were few. I was an athletic director, basketball coach, and physi-

cal education instructor. I had a new high-performance car, expensive guns, and good health. I had a beautiful wife, whom I loved very much. She had a way of making me happy when I momentarily felt down and out. Our pride and joy was our two-year-old daughter. She was the greatest thing to happen to us in our five years of marriage.

With all this, I had lost sight of the really important things of life. I went to church regularly, gave my offerings, and enjoyed the services. I listened to the speakers just as Herod enjoyed listening to John the Baptist:

"He used to listen to him and be profoundly disturbed, and yet he enjoyed hearing him" (Mark 6:20, Phillips' translation).

I would not make my choice. While everything I did on the outside said I was a Christian, I did not have that personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I was fooling most of the people but I could not fool God or self. At home I would lose my temper over very small things. I spent too much money on guns and shooting. I did and said things that I should not have done.

Then it all started to happen, just like it was planned.

One night as I lay in bed reading the Bible, which was a rare thing for me at this time, a strange thought came to me. If you were alone, you would read like this every night.

As time passed, I began to realize that I needed to be a real Christian, not an imitation. I prayed that in some way God would help me to become a Christian. As I closed this prayer, I asked that nothing would happen to my wife and daughter. I don't know why I did this. I do remember feeling uneasy about them. My wife was a wonderful Christian and I knew that our lives would have much more meaning if I also were a full-time Christian.

Time went on and our church had a revival; I remember two things very well that the evangelist said:

1. Things may be going smoothly, but will it last?

2. If I could accept Christ for you, I would.

I did not make a decision. I wanted to, but thought I would wait awhile or make my decision at home. Most of the people there thought I was a Christian and it could have been em-



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barrassing in front of my students. Some more convenient time seemed to be the answer.

Strange things continued to happen; one night I was stopped by a policeman for a traffic violation. He did not give me a ticket but looked at my wife and daughter and said, "Be careful! I would hate to work an accident involving your family."

It was not too long after this that I made a strange and terrible statement. As I looked at my little girl sleeping so sweetly in her bed one night, I had a very strange feeling come over me as if I would not have her much longer. As I thought this, I said to God, "If You were to take her from me, I don't know if I could ever serve You, for I love her so much."

Christmas was getting close; it was such a happy time and going to be so much fun this year, for our little girl would be old enough to enjoy it. The first part of Christmas was spent with my wife's mother and father. We had a wonderful Christmas celebration. As they were getting ready to leave, for some reason I told them where I kept our insurance policies and records. When I talked to my mother-in-law at a later date, she told me that she had thought this strange.

The very same night I dreamed that my wife and little girl were killed. It was a mixed-up dream, but it was so real that I awakened feeling uneasy. The next day I thought about it but dismissed it as a bad dream.

The next night I had the same dream and my wife told me she had dreamed that our daughter had been killed. She said, "If anything happened to her, I would die."

I thought it very strange that both of us should dream about death; it made me chill. Again I dismissed it, for we were leaving on our Christmas vacation after school and much needed to be done. These dreams stayed in my mind and, to be extra safe, I decided to take the best highway. There were three choices and I took the smoothest way.

The day was cold but a good day for

travel. I can remember sitting behind my desk and thinking how lucky I was. I had a good wife, the sweetest little girl in the world, wonderful friends, a good job—and Christmas was almost here. It was almost too good to be true. I had everything but that personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

We left as planned, but at 5:05 p.m. that day our plans were ended, for we were involved in a car accident. When I regained consciousness the next morning, I heard the saddest words I will ever hear: "Your wife and daughter are dead." They had to be wrong, for just a few hours ago we were singing "Jingle Bells" as we traveled toward a happy Christmas. It just had to be another dream.

But as my dad told me what had happened, my Heavenly Father told me that He had spared me from death and hell. On Christmas night as I lay in a hospital bed, my dreams, hopes, desires, all shattered with seemingly nothing to live for, I wondered what life was going to hold for me. I was ready to end it all, but did not have the strength or courage to take my own life.

I began to pray. God spoke to my soul, and I turned everything over to Him. When I did, I finally experienced that personal relationship that had been missing in my life.

Were my wife and daughter taken from me so that I would become a Christian? I do not know, but I will wonder as long as I live on this earth. I do know this: I will see them again and spend eternity with them and know the complete story then.

My physical body is going to die just as your is. It may be tomorrow; it may be 50 years from now. But our souls, the inner persons, will live for ever and ever.

I pray that you will not wait too long to make your decision for God. I almost waited too long and it nearly cost me my soul, and I will always wonder if it cost me my wife and daughter. Don't wait! If I could do it for you, I would. □

TO SHARE IS CHRISTMAS

SHARING did not begin with the Marshall Plan nor with the United States sending wheat around the world. It is the very heart of God to share.

Christmas is a reminder of the greatest sharing of all when "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son."

Since the world began, His sharing plan has been in operation. In the days of the prophets a rumor was whispered and finally became a shout, "Someone is coming; someone is coming!" Then, in the fullness of time, God became flesh in the form of a baby and the angels sang on a faraway hill, "He is here; glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace . . ."

Indeed, God had broken into history and became forever "locked in" with His creation. What incredible sharing!

Jesus also said to us, "If ye then . . . know how to give good gifts . . . how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" I believe Jesus would have us make a divine Christmas list; why not ask for and receive the greatest gift of all, the gift of the Holy Spirit?

A young schoolteacher came up to me last year and said, "Pastor, I just realized I have not included the church in my Christmas list. I wish we had special envelopes for 'over and above' giving at Christmas." This plan was a blessing to all who participated. Giving "just because—"

There is a glory in sharing. As the angels shared the song of the birth of the Christ Child, a glory shone around the shepherds, and their fears were quieted as they were told of the wonder of a Savior's birth—that Someone had come.

Christmas is not only a day in December; it is every time we kneel to pray, every time our tears are wiped away, every time new hope arises like a star in our dark night of the spirit, every time a sinner is saved by grace, every time a heart is filled with the Holy Spirit, every time a Blood-washed pilgrim enters into life eternal!

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SNOWFLAKE:

The inner chambers of a snowflake star
Have wondrous loveliness surpassing far

All outer beauty that the eye can see—

O Lord of Life, may it be so with me.

My heart a chapel filled with joy and grace,
Thy love the light within that holy place!

—Grace V. Watkins

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

by Rev. Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette

The late Dr. Latourette was one of the greatest church historians of this century. He was a former missionary to China, and Sterling Professor of Missions and the Oriental History at Yale University. He writes in a warmhearted way of the light from the living Word that shines through the written Word—a unique but important Christmas message.



the LIGHT that will not go out

THE BIBLE, with its story of Christmas, has an amazing ability to persist and bring light. Here is a Book, really a Collection of books, a Library composed centuries ago. The Bible has had the peculiar ability to survive the collapse of civilizations with which it has been associated and to bring light to the dark ages that have followed. Our generation is one in which the familiar world about us is being rapidly altered almost past recognition. Many are terrified by the vague shadows of the unknown future. Ours is not the first generation in which this has happened. In similar ages of revolution and transition the Bible has been handed on—a Torch to lighten the unknown pathway, a Light in the darkness and chaos.

The Bible perpetuates the gospel light in lands where it has been all but crowded out by persecution. For example, in the nineteenth century, for about 25 years the then recently planted Christian communities in Madagascar were subjected to severe persecution by a non-Christian ruler. The Christians were young in the faith, for missionaries had been present less than a generation. All missionaries were compelled to leave. Yet on the eve of their expulsion, knowing that persecution might be impending, the missionaries rushed to completion their translation of the Bible. During the years of persecution that followed, although the government attempted by violent measures to deprive them of their books, the Christians cherished their Bibles and reproduced copies by transcribing them by hand. Not only did the Christian communities continue, but many additional converts were made. The way had been so prepared that, when rulers more favorable to the faith came to the throne, Christianity spread. The light had not been put out.

From early in the seventeenth century until past the middle of the nineteenth, Christianity, once flourishing, was proscribed in Japan. Torture and death were meted out to any who were discovered to have retained the faith and who refused to recant. Late in this period an official on duty in one of the ports, Nagasaki, chanced to see a book floating in the harbor. When it was retrieved, it proved to be in a strange language. It was a Dutch New Testament. Like other educated Japanese, he could read Chinese. He thereupon procured a Chinese translation of the New Testament, and he and his brother studied it. A few years later they heard of

a foreigner who could explain the Book to them and visited him, one of the earliest Protestant missionaries in Japan. In due time they braved the anti-Christian laws and asked for baptism, and thus were among the first Japanese to receive that rite from Protestants. Both remained true to the faith found through the pages of the Book. In his later years one of them worked at translating it from Chinese to Japanese. The other became a local Methodist preacher. Several other members of the family became faithful Christians. The Bible had brought its light into a corner where the darkness had seemingly crowded it out.

Sometimes the Bible brings its light into the despair of one who has never before known it. Years ago, in India a young Brahmin had a New Testament handed him on a train. He never learned the name of the donor, but the gift came at a most opportune time. He had lost his faith in his inherited religion. He was in the dark and was groping for light. To him in his need the Scriptures brought the glad news of the Light of the World. He believed and accepted. The step cost him much, yet he persevered and became one of the outstanding leaders of the Church in India.

Why has this Book persisted from age to age and from civilization to civilization? Whence this amazing power to bring light to nations and individuals? Why does the Bible meet the deepest needs of men? It is because it is the Word of God. It is because it tells of Christ. The Old Testament leads up to Him; the New Testament contains our enduring record of His birth, His life, His words, His death, His resurrection, and His effect, through the Holy Spirit, upon His early followers and on the formation of His Church. The perpetuation of that light has involved human hands passing it from one to another. It is because it has been treasured in the hearts of the faithful, and transmitted by them to others, that the light has never gone out.

It must continue to be so. We of the present generation must see to it that the next generation is nurtured in the Bible. We ourselves must so let it illumine our own lives that we become witnesses to its power. This light will never go out. In this Christmas season we must see afresh that, so far as in us lies, all men shall be led by it into the ways of lasting peace. □

Christmas Is:

Joy bubbling over in hearts of good cheer;
Bright bells resounding from lofty church spires;
Choice carols wafting from glad, happy throats;
Silent snow sequining winter attires;

Loved ones returning from distant places;
Gay voices greeting—gifts given—exchanged;
Candles illumining—hearth fires blazing;
Relatives feasting and programs arranged.

Peace—goodwill stretching from heaven to earth;
Pastors proclaiming Jesus Christ and His birth;
Full hearts bestowing new love—adoration—
Glad voices praising—Yuletide veneration!



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“Oh, Come Let Us Adore Him!”

CHRISTMAS! My favorite time of year! At no other time are more families drawn closer together, more people made happier, more hearts made more glad, more deeds done in kindness, and more songs sung with feeling—and the list could go on and on.

In thinking about this joyful season it occurs to me that Christ, for whom Christmas is celebrated, would be pleased if, particularly at this time, there would be no barriers of rank, wealth, society, race, intelligentsia, creed, or doctrine as we worship and adore Him. Oh, that our hearts might be melted together in love and awe for this wonderful Gift to mankind!

Today in the humblest cottage in the most obscure village some family is partaking of a meager meal and exchanging some small tokens of love, because He came into the world. And He has known similar circumstances. His birthplace was a stable, you

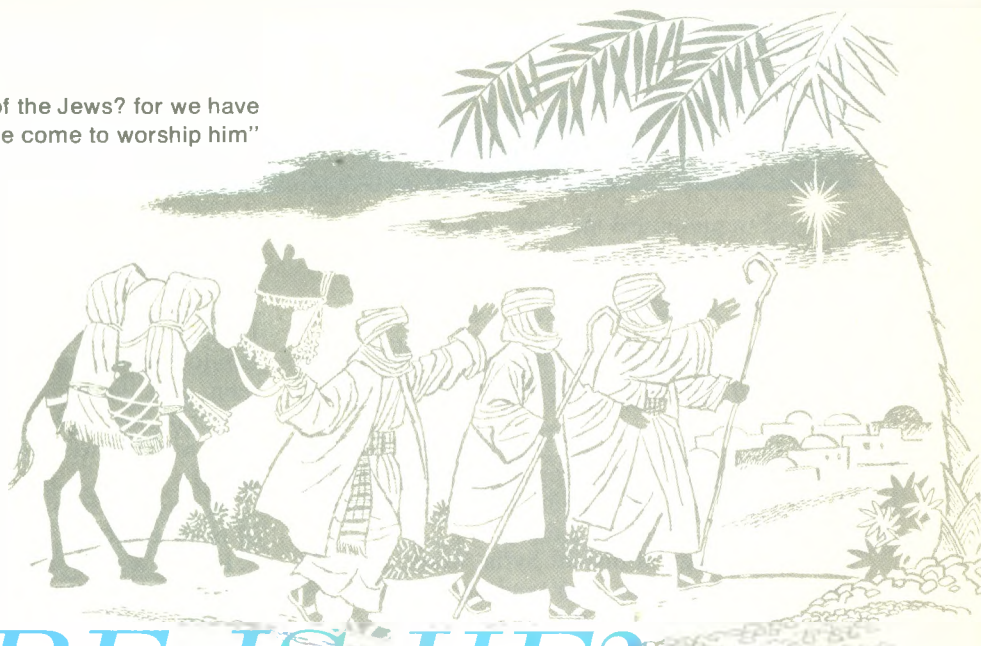
know. And His was a simple life here on earth.

And at this hour in some palatial castle amidst royalty and elegance some family is sitting down to a sumptuous repast and lavishing luxurious gifts upon one another because it is His birthday. He knows something of splendor, too. All heaven is His and of His kingdom “there shall be no end.” And, to think, He is preparing a place for the faithful among us! Yes, He is the King of Kings!

Whatever the color of your skin or the size of your bank account or the amount of schooling you have had, this day is for you! If you have found Him as Lord and Saviour of your life, you have heaven and earth’s greatest Gift, Christ himself!

Doesn’t your heart thrill with love for Him? Don’t you want to join in a “Hallelujah Chorus” with men and women, boys and girls from all walks and stations of life? Yes, it is because of Him this day was made. “Oh, come, let us adore Him” altogether! □

"Where is he that is born king of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him"
(Matthew 2:2).



WHERE IS HE?

THE wise men were getting warm while they kept following the star, but they were cold when they went to the palace of King Herod seeking the newborn Jesus. He was not there. No one there knew where He was. They did not even know He had been born.

Those men searching for Jesus symbolize our present generation in a most striking way. We are looking for Him, too. We hope His presence will be felt in the Sunday school class, in the prayer meeting, in the worship service, in the evangelistic meeting, in our stumbling attempts to give a word of witness to His redeeming grace. "Where are You, dear Jesus? Are You here with me?" we are asking.

Even "the man of the street" is beginning to look for the Christ. He sees very little hope of avoiding sociological and technological catastrophes without Him, as people continue to ruin the environment, waste their resources, manufacture their missiles, build their bombs, and mass-produce their gadgets, while they hurry frantically along from pleasure to pleasure.

The new generation is looking for Him, too, although many of them have not discovered who He is and why He is what they need. They are not fully aware why they feel so alone, so disenchanted with those "things" their elders have given so much importance to. They feel so empty they try drugs,

sex, obscenity, violence, and anything else that conforms with the nonconforming "under 30" set. They don't know it, but they are really crying, "Where are You, Jesus?"

There is good news at this Christmastime for all who need to know where Jesus is. He is here! If you have not sensed His presence, you are missing something exciting and wonderful, and maybe you are missing it because of some very simple circumstance which could be changed, just as the wise men changed their approach and quickly found Him—not in a palace, but in an ordinary house.

For one thing, if you really want to find Him, *make sure you are looking for Him for the right reasons.* The wise men may have let their personal wishes for a "Messiah" who would establish an earthly utopia hamper their ability to follow where the star was leading them.

We can allow our own wants to blur the vision needed to see His way and His will.

Catherine Marshall tells of her intense prayers for healing, strangely unanswered. It was only when she prayed what she called a "prayer of relinquishment" that a miracle happened, and she was healed. She prayed, "Oh Lord Jesus, I have been asking you to heal me, and I have wanted you to do this more than I wanted anything in the world. But I don't care any more. Just do what you

will, for what I really want most of all is your way for me." It was then she felt His healing touch.

Then you must also *make sure you are inquiring about Him of the right people.* The wise men didn't find Christ in the palace because they were asking the wrong people for help.

A well-known Hollywood actress was asked if she believed in astrology (belief that the stars determine our destinies). Her reply was, "Oh, yes. In fact, I believe a little bit in everything!" Her words sound strangely familiar, almost like those of Herod's aides. Don't underestimate the value of that sanctified mother's words, or the wisdom in the counsel of that faithful father, or the truth in the message of that anointed preacher. They may not be as attractive and glamorous as some of the other "guides," but they know something. They can help you find Him whom you seek.

One other word: *Make sure you look for Him in the right places.* While you are preoccupied with status, you may find Him in a stable. Listening for His voice in the whirlwind, you may find Him rather in a whisper. Elijah did.

Make sure you seek Him for the right reasons, inquire about Him among the right people, and look for Him in the right places. And the right place, right now, is there wherever you are. May He whisper to your spirit, "I am right here with you." □

Editorially Speaking

By W. T. PURKISER

Christmas in a Strange World

The secular historian Hendrik van Loon in his classic *Story of Mankind* wrote about history's greatest paradox:

"It was the 753rd year since the founding of Rome. Gaius Julius Caesar Octavinius Augustinus was living in the palace on the Palatine Hill busily engaged upon the task of ruling his Empire. . . .

"In a little village of distant Syria, Mary, the wife of Joseph the Carpenter, was tending her little boy born in a stable of Bethlehem. . . .

"This is a strange world. . . . before long, the palace and the stable were to meet in open combat. . . . And the stable was to emerge victorious."

This is indeed a strange world. It is strange, at least, to eyes trained only to see the things of sense and time.

American Poet Ogden Nash is known chiefly for the humor of his verse. But he also records some serious and penetrating observations on life. He wrote:

*Two ancient laws alone we know,
The ledger and the sword;
So far away, so long ago,
We lost the infant Lord.*

Who can doubt that the ledger and the sword rule the lives of millions today? The song of the angels at the birth of Bethlehem's Babe has been lost in our century as it was never lost before: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

What the palace represents seems to dominate the world and dictate its destiny. The cradle is such a fragile thing!

But the story has not ended. The tale has not been told. The palace and the throne shall yet be brought low before the stable and the manger.

This is because the virgin-born Son of Mary is also the Son of the living God. He is not only Jesus who saves His people from their sins. He is also Christ the Lord, destined to rule as King of Kings and Lord of Lords for ever and ever.

And His lordship is not only a future hope. It is a present fact. In the strong words of David Hubbard, "This Lord Jesus, to whom we bear witness, is no sentimental dropout, no Palestinian flower child, no mere carpenter doing nice things for abused people. He is utterly, totally, absolutely, finally, Lord. Our response to his lordship as declared in his new teaching is not just speculation or even ad-

miration. It is obedience, pure and simple. But in that obedience is freedom, true and magnificent."

IT IS A STRANGE WORLD. It is a world in which the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of men, and the weakness of God is stronger than the power of men. It is a world in which the foolish things confound the wise and the weak things confound the mighty.

In ancient Rome, the palace and the stable met in open combat. And the stable emerged victorious.

In the world of today, the pride, the power, the philosophies of the natural man confront the stable in open combat. But as the New Testament Book of Revelation so vividly pictures it, the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world becomes the Lion of the tribe of Judah who subdues His enemies and makes them His footstool.

History confirms what prophecy foretells. What befell the palace on the Palatine Hill will be the fate of every godless power that lifts its fist into the face of God.

Charles W. Koller tells of a chaplain who described as his most profound wartime experience a conversation with General Douglas MacArthur when both were stationed at Corregidor in the Philippine Islands during the early days of World War II.

The general attended every service the chaplain held. One day the pastor in uniform stopped by his commanding officer's quarters to thank him for the fine example he was giving the men of the command.

General MacArthur said, "Chaplain, I'm the commanding general here. I press the buttons, and give the orders. But one of these days I shall not be here; I shall have gone the way of all flesh—here today, gone tomorrow!

"Chaplain, thank God, you are not serving that kind of General; you are not serving an ordinary four-star general, of short-lived power and authority. You are serving that *seven-star General* of whom we read in the Book of Revelation—'He that hath the seven stars, who is alive forevermore, and whose Kingdom endureth forever.' Never forget that, Chaplain!"

Nor should we forget it, even at Christmastime. The crib and the Cross were both made of the same material, ordinary wood. But the crown is of pure gold and sparkling jewels.

The "glitter before" Christmas turns to the "litter after" Christmas. But let the melody and message linger on. In this strange world, the stable shall govern the palace, and the Babe of Bethlehem shall rule the nations with a rod of iron. □

Our Creator God

One of the great nonnegotiable truths of the Christian faith is stated in the first sentence in the Bible: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." *How* we may not know. *That* everything finite owes its origin to the creative will of God is a belief we cannot surrender.

Multitudes of people—including some of the keenest scientific minds in the business—find this an eminently satisfactory account of origins. Compared to its alternatives, they would agree with Dr. Edwin Conklin, professor of biology at Princeton University, to the effect that the probability of life beginning by accident is on a par with the probability of the unabridged dictionary resulting from an explosion in a printshop.

This does not mean that minds equally keen do not try to find a naturalistic account of beginnings. Since 1859 when Charles Darwin published his *Origin of Species*, the magic of evolution has intrigued many.

While Darwin himself left open the question of the ultimate source of reality, many of his followers have been less cautious. They have—with varying combinations of Herbert Spencer's "Space, Time, Matter, Force, and Motion"—attempted to account for all that exists in terms of nonpersonal and unintelligent principles or powers.

The result has been the situation against which Malcolm Jeeves protests in his book *The Scientific Enterprise and the Christian Faith*: "If there were no heretics in science, real thinking would soon stop. For these reasons we must view with deep concern the way in which neo-Darwinian thought is, at times, today taught at the school level onwards, in such a dogmatic and non-scientific way that it suggests that the last word has been spoken and that it has now become in the scientific field the gospel truth."

The kind of evolutionary theory that ascribes all reality to so-called "natural" causes is not a scientific hypothesis at all. It is a philosophical generalization and as such can never be "proved."

It should be remembered that a first-rate scientist may be a very poor philosopher—and vice versa, of course.

EVEN WITHIN THE LIMITS of the sciences, a curious contradiction arises. If the universe were the result of combinations of mindless matter, operating chemically or mechanically, it would be only reasonable to expect it to be subject to what is known as "the second law of thermodynamics"—that is, that energy diffuses itself and seeks an equal distribution, with the effect that complex forms are continually breaking down into simpler forms.

Yet the evolutionary claim is that precisely the opposite is what has been taking place. Matter is supposed to have evolved upward, so that ever more complex forms come from simpler forms.

The only conceivable way this could happen

would be as the expression of a Purpose and Will operating creatively within the whole process. No one has yet come up with a sensible explanation of the way in which mindless matter could somehow endow itself with consciousness and thought.

The late J. Wallace Hamilton quoted one of the almost numberless parodies on naturalistic evolution:

*First he was a tadpole beginning to begin;
Then he was a frog with his tail tucked in;
Then he was a monkey in a coconut tree;
Now he's a professor with his Ph.D.*

But quite seriously, the only way any sort of evolution can be fitted into the framework of a materialistic theory is to endow matter with the attributes that the Bible says belong to God. A passing proof that this is indeed what is unconsciously done is seen in the almost instinctive use of capital letters when naturalistic philosophers or scientists write about "Matter," or "Nature," or "Law," or "Natural Selection."

ALL THIS MIGHT SEEM like the wasted motion of "beating the ghost of Darwin" if it were not for the very practical implications of it all.

It makes all the difference in the world whether man is "on his way up from the beast" or "on his way down from the best." If humanity is on its way up from the beast, it needs only culture and more time for the evolutionary process to function. If humanity is on its way down from the best, it needs Calvary—regeneration more than education.

So it is that the Bible presents our Creator God as our redeeming Lord. The transition is marked in the very first chapters of Genesis. God, the Creator, is also "the Lord," the Redeemer. The chapter that records human rebellion against God's best (Genesis 3) also records the first promise of salvation—the Seed of the woman will crush the serpent's head, although it cost the bruising of His own heel (verse 15).

The last part of the nineteenth century and the first decade of the twentieth might have seemed to support the idea of unending human progress. Two world wars, the incineration of 6 million Jews in Nazi gas chambers, the hideous barbarities of international Communism, the current threat of the nuclear destruction of the whole race have changed all that.

Whatever his scientific and technological progress, the course of man's moral and cultural existence looks much more like "devolution" than evolution. His need is not more time, but surrender to Eternity's will and power.

This does not mean there is no hope. It means that we must look for the hope in the right place. That place is not downward and backward to matter and elemental force. That place is the redemptive Cross of the only begotten Son of God—the Lord Jesus Christ, who, said the Apostle Paul, "is our hope" (1 Timothy 1:1). □

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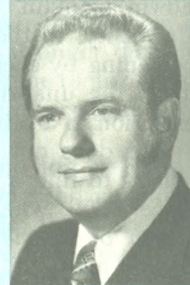
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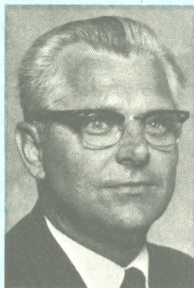


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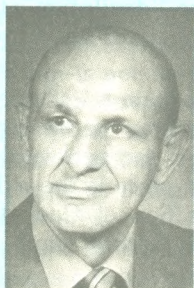
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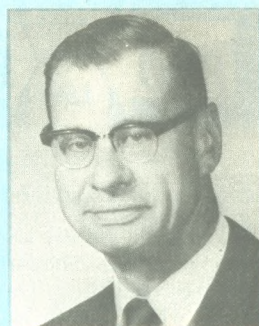
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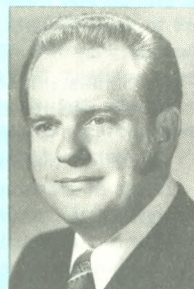
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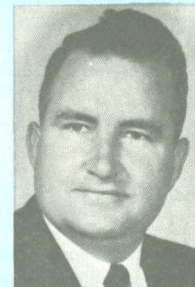
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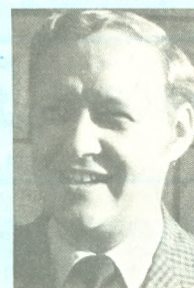
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Pro: Cartoon "Sermon"

I know the *Herald* is criticized for printing cartoons. The cartoon on page 14 of the November 4 issue is the best sermon which I have read in a long time. I hope you do not receive adverse mail on this series of cartoons.

Incidentally, the cartoon characters on page 18 of the October 28 issue should have read down to Galatians 6:5.

EVERETT S. BEALS
Utah

Con: Scholarship Dangerous

Perhaps the brevity of Brother Nash's article (October 28 *Herald*) prevented a full development of what he really wanted to say and as a result he has implied certain things which far too many evangelical people are eager to embrace and proclaim. They are:

1. That one cannot be an intellectual and be a real "spiritual" Christian.
2. That a heart of evangelistic

zeal and love cannot reside with a mind of passion for knowledge.

3. That for one to be a Christian he needs only to be saved. (No mention is made of discipleship, which if I understand the word correctly means that.) There are many things Christians do not know about God and the Bible and the only way we can learn them is by dedicated minds under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

JERRY CARR
Washington

"Scholarship can be dangerous," proclaimed the title of a recent *Herald* filler. And it can! As pointed out, detailed involvement in the various facets of learning can lead one to lose sight of the souls of men, and rob him of the true Spirit-filled life.

Scholarship can be dangerous—yes, and so can cars, money, family, friends, vocation, and personality! Anything, in fact, that pushes God aside in one's life is dangerous and can be damning.

But—a wise man once said to me, "Where life's greatest dangers lie, life's greatest opportunities often can be found." Cars, money, family, friends, vocation, personality—yes, and scholarship too—rightly used as gifts of God, will glorify His name and

become a means of grace for the winning of souls.

The best scholars I know—Christian scholars—use their hard-earned knowledge to the glory of God, the winning of souls, and the establishment of believers in Christ.

The Christian Bible scholar erases erroneous scriptural interpretation, illuminates God's Word, and helps me better to proclaim the holiness message.

The Christian psychologist, through the study of man, is better able to help fellow Christians in times of spiritual and emotional stress.

The Christian philosopher meets the problems of young people who are groping intellectually in a skeptical world and points them to Jesus Christ, who is the Truth.

The Christian scientist views his discipline as a means of contributing to the welfare of his fellowman, and in his understanding helps erase so-called "scientific doubt."

Yes, "scholarship can be dangerous." But the true Christian scholar will be a soul winner and will use the understanding gleaned from his discipline to the glory of God.

NEEDED: MORE CHRISTIAN SCHOLARS!

STEPHEN W. NEASE
Ohio

INDIANA CHURCH CELEBRATES 30th ANNIVERSARY

The Anderson (Ind.) John W. Goodwin Memorial Church celebrated its thirtieth anniversary on October 4. The featured speaker for the celebration was Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, who was a student in the classes of Dr. John Goodwin exactly 30 years ago in Pasadena College.

One of the highlights of the service came when a beautiful oil portrait of Dr. Goodwin was unveiled by Robert Dickson, painter, and Dr. Stowe.

Dr. Stowe gave to the congregation some personal highlights from the classes under Dr. Goodwin, and told of his great spirit as a holiness leader



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John W. Goodwin Memorial Church



Each of these persons brought at least 30 people to the thirtieth anniversary service. Left to right—Mike Tapscott, Jerry Henderson, Jean Anne Buckles, Keith McKain, and Rev. D. E. Simpson.



Robert Dickson (left), who painted the color portrait of Dr. John W. Goodwin from an original by Dave Lawlor, with Pastor Simpson.

in the first 30 years of our denomination.

The anniversary service was preceded with a holiness convention in which Dr. Stowe was the speaker. Many persons sought and found victory around the altar.

The attendance reached a high of 441 on the anniversary Sunday.

Rev. D. Eugene Simpson is pastor. □

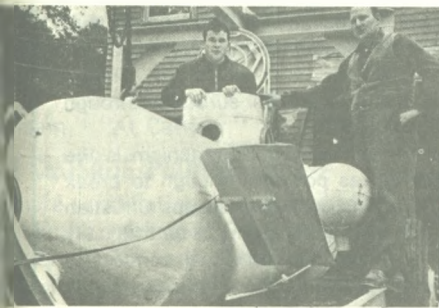


Photo by Don Hinckley

Carroll O. Darling and his son, Orville, (Nazarenes) from Cundy's Harbor, Me., are pictured beside their homemade submarine, the "Sea Puppy." The project was completed over a seven-year period. It was created at Darling's machine shop and designed for multipurpose usage. Darling, a former commercial diver, hopes to make a living with the three-man, 18-foot submarine, which weighs three and one-half tons.



Pictured is the new sanctuary of the Fortuna, Calif., church, which was dedicated September 27. This church and Sunday school unit, situated on two and one-half acres in the Campton Heights area of Fortuna, was built at a cost of \$70,000. It is appraised at \$128,000. The sanctuary will seat 290. Among those dedicating were District Superintendent E. E. Zachary, Northern California District; Rev. R. J. Nichols and Rev. G. Herbert Cummings, former pastors. This marks a milestone in the 22-year history of the Fortuna church. Kenneth I. Andersen was building superintendent. John A. Metcalfe is pastor.

FLINT (MICH.) FIRST CHURCH TO BUILD

In October, a ground-breaking ceremony for the new sanctuary of Flint (Mich.) First Church was held on its relocation site at 3560 Beecher Road, Flint Township.

The plot is a five-acre site between Beecher and I-75 and is located near the overpass.

The present building has been sold to the Christian Methodist Episcopal district and will be used by St. James CME Church.

District Superintendent E. W. Martin, Eastern Michigan District, was speaker at the ground-breaking service. Mrs. Willard C. Hiller and her daughter, Mrs. Rheabelle Taylor, the only two charter members still living in Flint, turned the first spades of dirt. Rev. Donald Freese is pastor.

The new facility will provide a sanctuary seating capacity of 400 with additional room for a choir of 50 voices and an overflow area of 75. It will also include 30 classrooms, a nursery, kitchen, reception room for 200 persons, and a large meeting room. □

OREGON CHURCH HAS TV MINISTRY

October marked the beginning of a new television series for Portland (Ore.) First Church. The weekly Sunday morning program is entitled "A New Way to Live."

Pastor Paul E. Simpson is featured with music groups from the church. The program follows a contemporary format.

Polls estimate that this gospel pres-

entation reaches 30,000 to 50,000 people in the Pacific Northwest. Telephone and mail response has been immediate and positive.

Many people writing in have indicated spiritual needs. The church feels that using the television medium is putting the gospel where the people are and they are listening. □

MOVING MINISTERS

Orman W. Calden from Houlton, Me., to Auburn (Me.) Lisbon Falls.

Thurman W. Chenoweth from Vassar, Mich., to Detroit Grace.

Charlie M. Cloud from Wauchula, Fla., to Jacksonville (Fla.) Westside.

Cecil F. Cook from Hot Springs (Ark.) First to Covington (Ky.) Central, associate pastor.

Thomas Cox from Jackson (Miss.) First to Wichita (Kans.) Linwood.

Andrew J. Edwards from Burbank, Calif., to La Puente, Calif.

C. F. Gieselman from Storm Lake, Ia., to Creston, Ia.

A Simple Lesson

There's a sun that's warmly shining
High above the clouded sky,
And the storm will soon be over
As the clouds drift swiftly by.

Order hath revealed God's wonder.
Daybreak cometh after night;
He has taught this simple lesson,
After darkness comes the light.

Jack M. Scharn
Kansas City

You Should Know About . . .

Raymond F. Griffith from chaplaincy of Northern Regional Correctional Institution, Fairbanks, Alaska, to Spokane (Wash.) South Hill

Clifton R. Hale from Clarksville (Tenn.) Park Lane to Glasgow (Ky.) Trinity.

Kenneth Hawkins from Berne, Ind., to Garrett, Ind.

Paul LaChance from Salem, Mo., to Beebe, Ark.

C. L. Logston from Hawthorne, Nev., to Sun Valley, Nev.

Wilste L. McMillan from Newark (Del.) First to Brunswick (Ga.) First.

Merle R. Manselle From Sawyer, N.D., to Rifle, Colo.

Larry Parsons from Pelion, S.C., to Beeville, Tex.

Darwin L. Pressler from Bristol, Ind., to Berne, Ind.

Leo C. Rath from Seattle, to Laramie, Wyo. Norman G. Rickey from Tucumcari, N.M., to St. Joseph (Mo.) Burnside.

O. C. Rushing from Paden City (W. Va.) First to Clarksville (Tenn.) Park Lane.

Milford Schmidt from Council Bluffs (Ia.) Emanuel to Burlington (Ia.) First.

Charles R. Seal from Grand Junction, Colo., to Craig, Colo.

Joseph B. Shelton from Sunflower, Miss., to Ruston, La.

Richard E. Shrader from San Jose (Calif.) Valley to Simi Valley, Calif.

S. C. Stevenson, Jr., from Jackson (Miss.) Grace to Borger (Tex.) Trinity.

George M. Wilson from Corvallis, Ore., to Rawlins, Wyo.

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

MRS. NONA RUTHERFORD, 87, died Nov. 9 in Kansas City. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. William Eilwanger and Rev. Roy Swim. She is survived by one daughter, Viola Henry; two sons, Leon and Frances; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one sister.

MRS. LELA HATTON, 74, died Oct. 24 in Columbus, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Garland Johnson. Surviving are two sons, Rev. H. C. and Jim; and one daughter, Mrs. Gwen Stutz.

ALFRED LESTER HORTON, 75, died Nov. 7 in Newport, R.I. He had served the Acoxanet (Mass.) Chapel for 15 years as pastor. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Earle T. Hollett. He is survived by his wife, Annie; a daughter, Mrs. Andrew Trout; a son, Paul L.; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister.

HENRY RAYBORN, 76, died Nov. 2 in Twin Falls, Idaho. Funeral services were conducted by his three preacher sons, Virgil, Melvin, and Eldon, and Rev. Joe Chastain. He is survived by his wife, Agnes; three sons; three daughters, Fairy Worcester, Opal Bess, and Nina Collins; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three half sisters.

MARIE E. KENNEDY, 92, died Nov. 11 in Pinellas Park, Fla. Surviving are three daughters, Alice E. Erazim, Beulah E. Yost, and Melva K. Hand; and two sons, Melvin G. and Oliver P.

BIRTHS

—to Wally and Carol (Nees) Kornegay, Austin, Tex., a boy, Stephen Dean, Oct. 22.

—to Larry and Cindy (Mansker) Cox, Graham, Tex., a girl, Tiffany Renee, Nov. 5.

—to Herbert and Barbara (Preston) Wells, Wolfboro, N.H., a boy, Stephen Daniel, Nov. 11.

—to Claren and Sherryl (Wickens) Dursteler, Carmichael, Calif., a boy, Neil Ivan, Oct. 2.

—to Roger and Edie (Snell) Thurmond, Little Rock, Ark., a girl, Ashley Elizabeth, July 6.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tygart, San Jose, Calif., a boy, Richard Kent, Oct. 16.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Burdsall, Campbell, Calif., a boy, Jeffrey Lee, Oct. 26.

13,875,000 JEWS IN THE WORLD. There are an estimated 13,875,000 Jews in the world, 5,870,000 of them in the United States, according to the 1970 *American Jewish Year Book*, released November 10.

After the U.S., countries with the largest Jewish population are the Soviet Union, 2,620,000; Israel, 2,497,000; France, 535,000; Argentina, 500,000; Great Britain, 410,000; Canada, 280,000. The United States, Soviet Union, and Israel together have 79 percent of the world's Jewish population, according to the collator of the statistics, Leon Shapiro. □

RELIEF COMMISSION SENDS 30 MILLION VITAMIN CAPSULES TO UNDERNOURISHED. The World Relief Commission has shipped 10 million multi-vitamin capsules each to Vietnam, Korea, and Chile for needy children.

The "food" will assist undernourished children in refugee camps, orphanages, schools, day-care centers, and will be used by missionaries to assist TB and leprosy patients in their recovery.

The Commission is relief arm overseas of the National Association of Evangelicals. It is dedicated to the meeting of physical and spiritual needs among victims of war, disease, poverty, and illiteracy. □

ARSON TOTALS \$300,000 IN A YEAR OF HAMILTON CHURCH FIRES. An arsonist bent on destroying churches of this Canadian city (Hamilton, Ontario) has struck again—this time nearly trapped in a \$30,000 blaze he allegedly started at Erskine Presbyterian Church in Hamilton.

A passerby grappled with him briefly, but the young man in a checkered sport coat slipped away. It is the fifth act of arson in a year in a city where similar church fires have resulted in damages set at \$300,000. □

A REVIVAL STIRS EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE CAMPUS. The fall revival at Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, Mass., was held at the Wollaston Church on the college campus.

Dr. Timothy Smith and his wife, Ann, were special workers. Dr. Smith preached 14 times in eight days, met with student groups in resident halls, and was available for personal and group consultations.

Public responses were complemented by testimonies of commitments made privately and in small groups.

A special emphasis in preparation for the revival was for members of the Christian community to reach into the lives of others.—ENC NEWS SERVICE. □

VIETNAMESE TELLS OF CHRISTIAN'S STRUGGLE

What does it mean to be a Christian in Vietnam?

A Vietnamese student in the United States attempts to answer that question in the first issue of *Urbana &*, periodical of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

"If there is a Communist takeover, the Christian will surely go through fire," says the student whom the editors call "Lam."

He has known nothing but war since childhood. "Communism is the dead end," he said. "There are no alternatives powerful enough to break through our impasse." Lam admitted that a kind of paralysis grips Christian students in Vietnam. To them the Christian faith often seems to be tragically withdrawn, "a clinging to the promise of heaven as individual comfort or escape," he said. Worse, it seems to have nothing to offer students as they are locked in their struggle.

Communism, Lam explained, rises out of the "real pain of people" who have been condemned—often with the blessing of Christians—to ignorance and poverty. "When their cry of pain was not heeded, we were soon engulfed in blood and death. Even if Communists do not win in Vietnam, Christians there will be persecuted. But," Lam said, "we're told in Philipians that we are allowed not only to believe in Christ but also to suffer for His sake. No place in the world is an easy one. . . . It takes more courage to live and carry on God's work humbly than to die." □

—to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moritz, San Jose, Calif., a girl, Gia Elizabeth, Oct. 13.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. T. Crichton Mitchell of British Isles Nazarene College will be on his fifth United States preaching and lecturing tour throughout the summer of 1971. To be included in his schedule, write Dr. Kenneth Grider, 1539 E. Howard, Pasadena, Calif. 91104.

EVANGELISTS' OPEN DATES

M. V. Bass, P.O. Box 119, Payne, Ohio 45880, has some open time in January of 1971.

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The Answer Corner

Conducted by W. T. Purkiser, *Editor*

I need some good comments on the Scripture, "And death and hell shall be cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:14). This is for a young convert who has been influenced by the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Your young friend will probably need more reinforcement against the subtleties of this influence than I can give in a necessarily brief answer.

I recommend that you start with the booklet, *Spirit of Truth and Spirit of Error* BLS-8215 (10c). Then give him William Schnell's *Thirty Years a Watch Tower Slave* (paper, \$2.50). Both of these can be ordered from the Nazarene Publishing House.

As to the specific verse you mention, the defining truth concerning the "lake of fire" is found in Revelation 20:10, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

The lake of fire and the second death are not annihilation or the extinction of the human soul any more than they are the annihilation or extinction of the trinity of evil named in this verse.

Jesus himself said that those on His left at the final judgment would be consigned to "everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41).

The second death is the endless

dying that results from eternal separation from God, the Source of light and life. It is nowhere said to be the destruction of the soul as a personal identity.

The "hell" that is cast into the lake of fire is *Hades*, the state and place of rebellious dead up until the final judgment of Revelation 20.

The lake of fire is the *Gehenna* hell of which Jesus spoke in Matthew 5:22, 29-30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; and Luke 12:5. It is the final and eternal abode of those who reject salvation through Christ.

Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels, and humans will be there as intruders—because they have cast their lot with the archenemy of God and righteousness.

There is a lot of logic-chopping over the precise meaning of the terms "for ever and ever" in the Bible. But the point is that these are the very terms used to describe the eternity of bliss for the saved. So if it is limited in one case, it would be limited in the other.

But the tenor of the Scripture is clear. "For ever and ever" means "without end, to all eternity," and no hairsplitting can make it mean less.

Hebrews 4:12-13 says that God knows the thoughts and intents of our hearts. Is there any scripture that reveals that Satan knows our thoughts?

No, there isn't.

In fact, the Book of Job seems to show that in Job's case, at least, Satan did not even know the strength of the character he was dealing with.

Without minimizing the power of the kingdom of darkness and evil, we should not think of Satan as possessing the attributes of Deity. He is far more

powerful than any human spirit, but the Bible seems clear at the point that his power is held within limits.

The Apostle Paul seems to intimate that only when "he who now letteth [hinders]" is "taken out of the way" (11 Thessalonians 2:7-8) will the full force of Satanic power be unleashed among men.

I have heard that the *Manual* has been changed with regard to public swimming. Is this true?

Paragraph 704.8 in the Appendix of the 1968 *Manual* carries the resolution adopted by the 1968 General Assembly: "Resolved, That our people exercise Christian judgment in the

matter of swimming in public places in the same manner that we urge them to exercise modesty in the matter of dress."

It is different.

EUROPEAN NAZARENE BIBLE COLLEGE REPORTS REVIVAL

The European Nazarene Bible College, Schaffhausen, Switzerland, experienced an outstanding revival in the German-speaking church. One hundred twenty persons packed the small chapel for the concluding service.

A German pastor from Kassel, Rev. Gerhard Brohl, was evangelist for the campaign. Rev. and Mrs. Ritchie, from America, furnished musical talent for the meeting.

European Nazarene Bible College has 10 nationalities enrolled. At the present time there is an organized Italian church with an Italian pastor, an English church meeting on Sunday morning in the college chapel, and a German-speaking church with a German pastor that meets on Sunday evenings.

There has been a wide acceptance of the Bible College among some of the Swiss evangelical churches. The school is optimistic about its future and is attempting to buy land for additional buildings. Rev. Bill Prince is the principal at ENBC. □

NEWS OF REVIVAL

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL HOLINESS CRUSADE of the Metropolitan Holiness Association was held in the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Miller Memorial Nazarene Church. Workers for the November meeting were Dr. Warner P. Davis, evangelist; and Mr. Clyde W. Mascoll, song evangelist.

The altar was lined with seekers and finders at the last Sunday afternoon rally. A number of holiness churches met for the united effort. Clifton T. Matthew is chairman for the holiness crusade. □

THE PHILIPSBURG, PA., CHURCH held a recent revival with Rev. Dorothy Chamberlain of Carmichaels, Pa., as evangelist. The services brought rewarding results.

Three young people accepted the Lord as Saviour. Three young married couples sought the blessing of entire sanctification.

One of the couples had been converted at home as the result of visitation evangelism. The other two couples had been saved in the spring revival under the ministry of Rev. Harold Hampton.

Rev. Ralph S. Phillips is pastor. □

FIFTY SEEKERS AT INDIANAPOLIS CENTRAL CHURCH found

spiritual victory during a fall revival with Evangelist H. E. Darnell and the singing Crider Family. All age-groups in the church were represented among the seekers. Verlin E. Chipp is pastor. □

EVANGELIST JOSEPH P. WOLPE reports that since he has returned to the field of full-time evangelism he has had some successful meetings in California churches.

Recent meetings in California churches include Orange, Hawthorne, Blythe, a camp meeting near Escondido, and other meetings at Riverside, Colton, Fontana, Rialto, Yucca Valley, Los Angeles, Bell Gardens, and Costa Mesa. He has also held revivals in Indiana and Michigan.

In reporting results, Mr. Wolpe stated—"We have seen many souls brought to Christ and believe we can still have rewarding revivals anywhere." □

REVS. DICK AND LUCILLE LAW report that they have just closed their eighteenth year in the field of evangelism. Over 1,700 seekers have come to Christ in their meetings during the year.

During a recent revival in Hutchinson (Kans.) First Church there were 90 seekers. □

THE CARL JUNCTION, MO., CHURCH held a fall revival with Rev. William Rohmier of Ardmore, Okla., as evangelist. In each service there was a spirit of victory and unity and more than a dozen people found pardon or purity.

A follow-up baptismal service was being planned. Rev. John Adams is pastor. □

OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

REV. ROY McCOY, Lamesa, Tex., was honored when he visited the Kansas City Hillcrest Church, where his son-in-law, Rev. Merlyn H. Klink, is pastor. While in Kansas City, Mr. McCoy celebrated his twenty-fifth year of Sunday school attendance, during which he missed only once, to attend the funeral of a brother.



Rev. Roy McCoy, Rev. Merlyn H. Klink

The honoring church presented a 25-year Sunday school pin in recognition of his faithful attendance. The occasion also marked Mr. McCoy's seventy-third birthday.

Mr. McCoy is a member of the Lamesa, Tex., church. He retired last summer from the active ministry, but is continuing to serve as a supply preacher. □

THE CANADA CENTRAL DISTRICT under the leadership of District Superintendent B. T. Taylor conducted its ninth laymen's retreat during the summer. One hundred sixty-five were present for the gathering at the campgrounds at Pepperlaw, Ontario, Canada.

Dr. George Reed of Washington was the retreat speaker. Judge Butler of Toronto brought a doctrinal message at a Saturday breakfast. □



Immanuel Church

EL PASO (TEX.) IMMANUEL CHURCH celebrated its twenty-fifth year with the dedication of its new building relocated in a fast growing housing area. General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe dedicated the new building. He was assisted by District Superintendent Harold W. Morris, New Mexico District, and Pastor David Chandler.

The building was constructed at a cost of \$34,000. It is valued at \$100,000 and is debt-free. The pastor acted as general contractor and did much of the labor on the new facility. □

PASTOR AND MRS. HERMAN E. WARD were honored at Marietta (Ohio) First Church on the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr. Ward's ordination. After the morning worship service the Wards were presented a corsage and boutonniere.

Approximately 140 guests attended an afternoon reception in the church annex. In the evening service a book of greetings and cards and a love offering were presented to the Wards.

District Superintendent Floyd Flemming (Akron District) was guest speaker. □

Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Ward





Pictured are: (left to right) Pastor Thompson, District Superintendent Scutt, and Mr. Evans, chairman of the fiftieth anniversary committee.

CRAWFORDSVILLE (IND.) FIRST CHURCH celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in September. A near-capacity crowd of members and friends were present for a full day of activity.

Special speakers were Dr. Robert Griffin, assistant dean of Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla.; and Rev. Darrell Luther, pastor, Lansing (Mich.) First Church. Both speakers were former pastors.

Also participating in the services were District Superintendent George Scutt, Northwest Indiana District; Mr. Tharen Evans and Mr. Bud Gobel, lay members of the district advisory board; Rev. Larimore Wickett, president of the County Ministerial Association; Rev. Owen Burke; Rev. James McGuffey; and the first pastor, Rev. Mrs. Mertie Hooker Melton. □



Mrs. Woodcock

MRS. ROBERTIE WOODCOCK, member of the Canaan Hill, Mo., church, is still able to attend many of the Sunday morning services at her church. She is an active participant in missionary giving.

Mrs. Woodcock is pictured with her Alabaster box which she brought for one of the openings during 1970. It was filled with pennies—500 of them. She said it would hold no more.

She lives alone and is on a social security allotment. □

EIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE SUBLETTE, KANS., CHURCH Caravan program received the

Phineas F. Bresee and Esther Carson Winans (highest) awards.

Pictured with Pastor E. W. Kehr are: (front row, left to right) Donald Livengood, Edwin Schmidt, guides—Mrs. Don Bird and Mrs. Gerald Powell, Darlene Griffin, Bonnie Livengood; back row—Pastor Kehr, Gary Kehr, Donald Lynn Bird, and Jim Kehr. Connie Rigley was not present when the picture was taken. □

Honored youth with leaders



H. DALE MITCHELL ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURIES

H. Dale Mitchell, director of the Nazarene Communications Commission, escaped serious injury when his car was demolished in an Indiana turnpike pileup. The accident occurred near South Bend, Ind., a few days before Thanksgiving.

Mitchell was wearing a seat belt and sustained minor cuts and bruises. He was driving through a snowstorm. The car was a total loss. —N.I.S. □

MINISTER DIES AT 91

Rev. W. M. Tidwell, 91, founder of Chattanooga (Tenn.) First Church and its pastor 42 years until his resignation in 1948, died at his home there November 30.

The information came in a telegram from Bill Knowles, public-relations director for Chattanooga (Tenn.) First Church.—N.I.S. □

PASTOR STANDS BY DISTRAUGHT PARENTS

Rev. Freeman J. Hamrick, Staunton, Va., has ministered to the distraught parents of four-year-old Debbie Back since her disappearance on November 9. Debbie's family attends the Staunton Sunday school.

The little girl had gone to an aunt's home just four houses from her own. It was reported that she stopped on the way home to play with neighborhood children. At 3:30 p.m. she had disappeared.

When a five-day search brought only negative results, a more extensive investigation was launched. Police dogs used in the search trailed the

girl's path to a hard-surfaced road which intersected the dead-end road on which she lived. It is believed that kidnapping is involved.

In a telephone interview December 3, Pastor Hamrick told the office editor of the *Herald* that Debbie had not been found. He said he had made a number of radio pleas for the girl's return.

The Augusta County investigators, FBI agents, and the local police have united in the search and investigation.

Debbie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Randolph Back. □

NEW OUTPOST—YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

A new outpost for the Church of the Nazarene has been established and a new building constructed on the northern shore of the Great Slave Lake in Yellowknife, N.W.T. This furthest point north for the church on the Canada West District is the result of the vision of the district superintendent, Dr. Herman L. G. Smith, the people of the district, and the pioneer pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Moore.

Dr. Smith led a contingent of plumbers, carpenters, and brickmasons on the 1,200-mile journey north from Calgary to Yellowknife, the capital of the Northwest Territories. In his appeal for workmen, the superintendent challenged, "We will bunk in a tool shed, roughing it to be sure, but such fellowship of labor for Christ is tops."

Pastor Moore writes, "We do thank the Lord for such a nice building to worship in. We are also very thankful for the men who sacrificed time, money, and effort to make this a possibility."

Five students from Canadian Nazarene College in Winnipeg plan to travel to Fort Smith, Pine Point, and Yellowknife, all in Northwest Territories, to hold services during Christmas break.

Yellowknife is an example of the Church of the Nazarene reaching out in restless evangelistic activity by both students and adults.—DEPARTMENT OF HOME MISSIONS. □



Entrance to the Yellowknife church is shown with the parsonage family.

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