

# Aim

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*The bars of death  
He tore apart; the  
stone, the guard  
What were they?*

—Coburn

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He is not here:  
For He is risen.  
Matt 28:6

### EDITORIAL ETCHES

There it stood, straight and tall, regally towering above the deep, sparkling snow... i just couldn't believe my eyes—This beautiful, delicate-appearing flower—the first flower to bloom in my garden, the “sign” of the coming of Spring—had actually defied Winter's chilling grip... it lived on, and its ethereal beauty engraved a permanent impression on my mind. Why, just the evening before i had looked at the lovely, lonely flower and thought, *“Such a pity—this first flower, the first sign of life after a long, cold Winter—will be ruined by the snowfall forecast for tonight—.”*

As i knelt in the snow the next morning examining the unharmed flower, a surge of great joy, a feeling of awe filled my heart and soul. *“Why, my Saviour was like this flower,”* i realized! Jesus Christ, God's only Son, Himself a sign of “Spring”—new life and new hope—triumphed over death's chilling grip. Just as i doubted that my flower would survive the snowfall, so the disciples and others who knew Christ doubted that He would rise from the grave. How difficult it was for them to really believe that Christ cheated death and rose victorious.

Oh, the wonder of it all! And because our Saviour arose, we, too, have the promise and hope of a resurrection to life eternal. *“But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.”*

(I Corinthians 15:20-23).

PRAISE GOD! CHRIST AROSE!!

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Teen Guidelines

## The Parable of the Light-Maker

by  
Calvin Burrell

Therefore shall an F.Y.C. group be likened unto a light-maker who had in his shop all varieties of lights. Among his supplies were large amounts of filament, wax and wick, fuel, bulbs, cords, sockets, holders, tungsten, matches, and in his walls there was a very great supply of electricity.

Upon a certain day the light-maker determined to fashion a new light likened unto a certain young Christian he knew. He took the various materials he had, and with his tools he devised a *neon light*. And lo, it bore a strong resemblance to the young Christian, for it was continually flashing off and on. The light-maker was unhappy so he consulted his Bible of light-making,

and found the place where it was written, "Let your light so shine." He noted that it did not say, "Let your light so flicker," so he began to be all the more dissatisfied with his neon light that resembled the young Christian. The wise and thrifty light-maker also knew that bulbs which shine continually burn much longer and more economically than those which are always blinking off and on. So he laid the faulty light on a back bench, and resolved to make a more perfect one.

The light-maker decided to create another light—this one after the likeness of a youthful church-goer he had known. Carefully he assembled all the required parts for this 40-watt bulb, and upon examining his finished product, he found it quite similar to the church-goer he had copied. Indeed there was some light present, but hardly enough that a man might discern the way from his right to his left. Again the light-maker consulted his great Direction Book, and found the words, "Ye are the light of the world." He then perceived that the faint twinkle and glow of his 40-watt light would never illuminate the whole world. Therefore he carefully placed it on another bench, and set out to improve his work.

At this point it seemed good to the light-maker to devise a light in the likeness of a dear brother in the church. After assembling a number of parts and preparing them with care, the skilled man recognized the finished product as a real working spotlight. Being of strong wattage and concentrated beam, it was well able to temporarily and effectively blind anyone upon whom its beam might fall. "I have somewhat against thee," said the light-maker to the spotlight as he re-read the Instruction Book, "for the best lights are not proud and overpowering and rude; but instead they should be warm and kind and gentle." And even though it pained the light-maker greatly to lose a light of such brilliance, nevertheless he straightway placed it in a large box in his store-room. He was thinking about correcting this error.

Suddenly the light-maker got a better idea. He remembered  
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## Try on Peter's Shoes

by Hope E. Dais

To us the incidents prior to Peter's denial seem so definite—Jesus' warning so plain—that we find it hard to acknowledge that we ourselves might have done the same thing that Peter did.

Jesus had told Peter so plainly that he would deny Him three times before the rooster would crow. Peter assured his Master, undoubtedly with earnest sincerity, "Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny Thee." Yet, in his extreme fright and confusion, he emphatically denied that he knew Christ.

We associate this denial specifically with one disciple—Peter—and yet there is an aspect here that we overlook—"Likewise also said all the disciples" (Matthew 26:35).

Peter was not alone in his resolve that he would never deny his Master. This sentiment was shared, and spoken, by all the other disciples as well.

In pursuing this aspect of the occasion, what do we notice in the account of the other disciples? Not much. But in Matthew 26:56 we read, "Then all the disciples forsook him and fled."

While the other disciples fled, Peter followed afar off. Thus he was put in a position where he had to verbally defend himself, and he denied His Master in words. Was it a greater crime to deny Him in words, under this tremendous pressure, than for the other disciples to deny Him by their actions? I think not. God looks upon our hearts—He was as aware of the actions of those disciples who turned and fled as He was of Peter's words, "I know not the man."

Because there is so much lukewarm recognition of Christ in this nation of ours, you and I must LIVE Christ in our daily actions. Of course, we would not deny Him in word. In our society it is

acceptable to express belief in Christ. But like the other disciples, we may "forsake Him and flee" by conforming to the same attitudes and reactions of the world around us.

When that degrading gossiping remark was made, did you "deny Him" by drinking it in, and adding to it with the same smirking relish as those around you?

When those quick offensive words were spoken to you, did you lose your opportunity for real Christian witness and "deny Him" by really "telling that person off"? (Righteous indignation, you called it?)

Perhaps we should try on Peter's shoes a little more carefully.



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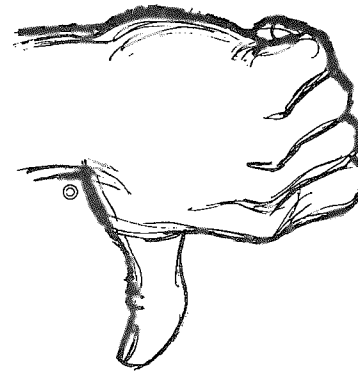
## DON'T Blame God

God created a beautiful earth. He made man and gave him pure air, pure water, and pure food. And God gave man the power to choose. He could choose to live in happiness, love, and peace, or he could choose to live in restlessness, hate and war. And man, ignorant as he is, chose to be unhappy, to hate, and to kill. *God didn't do it... we did!*

Then God sent the greatest of all men to live with us, to love us, to teach us, to heal us, and to help us. And do you know what we did? We despised and rejected Him, and in the end *we killed Him!*

We crucified Jesus... and we are still crucifying Him today. You see, every time we disobey God, we crucify His Son anew. Over and over again we crucify Jesus by our sin and disobedience. *When will we ever learn? How long will we keep doing this? What is the matter with us?*

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by Barbara Burrell

**SELF-DENIAL, WHAT IS IT? SELF-DENIAL IS THE ACT OF DENYING ONE'S SELF; THE ACT OF FORBEARING TO FULFILL ONE'S DESIRES.**

Self-denial is the most important of the Christian graces. The scriptures teach us to cultivate it as one of the virtues that lead us into the path that God would have us tread. We are given as our Great Example the self-denial of the Master.

In Philippians we are told that Christ took on the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of man. He even humbled Himself and became obedient unto the death on the cross. He could have set up a kingdom and had many servants under Him. Instead, He wanted to set an example for us to follow.

Nevertheless, even with these admonitions and with Jesus as our model, we will find self-denial one of the most difficult of the graces to attain. Man, by nature, is selfish and inclined to seek his own pleasure and

comfort before giving a thought to that of his neighbor.

Since we are born selfish does this give us an excuse to stay that way? No! We should put away all selfishness. For Christ says in Philippians 2:4, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." *Selfishness is the exclusive regard for one's own interest or happiness; a supreme sort of self-love, self-interest which leads its possessor to ignore the interest and happiness, rights and privileges of others.* The Bible says that selfishness is a sin and warns us to beware of it as a snare of the devil.

How can one overcome selfishness? Let's try putting on humility. When we are humble we don't attribute to ourselves any goodness that we don't have,

we don't overrate ourselves. We realize our downfallings and give all the glory to God. The Bible says that humility is pleasing to God, and Christ also set our pattern of humility.

When the disciples came to Christ and asked who was the greatest in the Kingdom, He told them that whosoever humbles himself, the same is the greatest in the kingdom. He also tells us in James that if we humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord, then He will lift us up.

Christ humbled Himself when He bore the cross for our sins. He gave up His life

so we could have eternal life. People spit in His face, called Him names, and yet He went through it all with humility. Even at the cross He had compassion on the people and said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Christ teaches us humility throughout the Bible. We read in Psalms that although the Lord is high, yet He hath respect to the lowly; but the proud He knoweth afar off. Therefore, one must deny self and follow after Christ. Let's be as the publican and not as the pharisee.



# The Value of TRUE SCIENCE

by Stanley J. Kauer

The overall store of man's knowledge is now being doubled every ten years. Inventions which rival the imagination are introduced on the market each year. The science fiction of a few years ago is now reality. In the fields of science and medicine, no discoveries or advances surprise us any more. Neither are we surprised by the great violence, terrible crime, and rampant immorality that exist today. All of these things are signs of the last days, and the Bible tells us that as time continues knowledge will continue to increase and crime and evil will become worse and worse (Daniel 12:4, II Timothy 3:1-5, Matthew 24:37, 38). All of these things assure us that the second advent of Christ is near.

In the realm of science God has permitted men to discover many great truths. These discoveries have been used for both good and evil purposes. Consider the discoveries in the field of atomic science. Great destruction and loss of life have been caused by atomic bombs, but at the same time atomic energy has been used for constructive things such as powering ships and generating electric power for our homes. We can expect this use to continue as the world's supplies of coal, oil and natural gas continue to diminish.



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## What is a Christian?

The word Christian is more than a mere title. Notice the CHRIST in it. Just like the name Johnson originally meant John's son and Anderson meant Andrew's son, Christian means Christ's son (or a child of Christ).

It is often observed and remarked how very much like the father a child becomes as he grows up. Likewise, a Christian's main goal should be to become like Christ, Who is the Example. But Christians should be beyond just developing similar habits and expressions of Christ's. Through the Holy Spirit they must fashion thoughts, words, and deeds after Christ. Finally, a true Christian has a body which is dedicated to Christ both mentally and physically, and a pure heart in which Christ dwells.

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### The Bible and Astronomy

Because of the moon flights and because men have actually walked on the moon, our interest in astronomy has increased. From the moon men have viewed and photographed the earth which appears as a shining globe far off in the sky. A better understanding of the meaning of many Bible verses has resulted from the increase in our knowledge of science. In Genesis chapter one we read about the creation of the sun and moon. "And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night . . . And he set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth." From the context of these verses one could naturally assume that both the sun and the moon are sources of light. However, when the astronauts walked on the moon they found it to be soil and rock much like our earth, and they found that it gave off no light. But when they looked at the earth from the moon-sky, they saw it shining very brightly much as the moon appears to us. In both cases the light is a reflection of the light of the sun. However, this does not diminish the truth that the moon is a light because in reflecting the light of the sun it does act as a light. This fact is stated in the

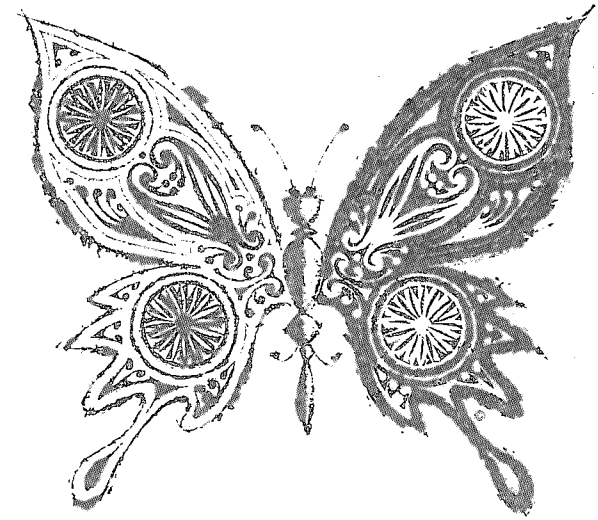
Bible, "Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not . . ." (Job 25:5).

When we look at the moon we can see that it has no visible support. It seems to be hanging there in space—hanging on nothing. That is exactly the way it is, and the men who walked on the moon observed it to be just so. This true scientific fact is in agreement with Bible fact, for we are told in Job 26:7, "...and hangeth the earth upon nothing." The invisible force of gravity controls the heavenly bodies in their orbits and causes them to maintain their relative positions.

In the fulfillment of prophecy about man's knowledge increasing during the "time of the end," God has permitted man to learn much about these things. It is unfortunate, though, that at the same time man has made many false interpretations. For example, in connection with the exploration of the moon it has been an object to determine the age of the moon as well as its origin. As a result of the moon exploration scientists have declared it to be so many million or billion years old and their theories about its origin do not take into account the creative power of God or the Bible record of that creation. *It is essential that we who are Christians and who be-*  
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## Flowers of the Air

by Jessie Truman

With the coming of spring also comes the joy of watching for and picking the first flowers. But have you ever picked a bouquet of flowers of the air? Probably not, for they are butterflies and true harbingers of summer. And what beauties they are, so colorful and delicate.

The life-cycle of a butterfly is very interesting and mysterious. It starts with the tiny egg which the mother deposits on a branch. Soon it hatches into a tiny worm which grows into a caterpillar. The caterpillar has an enormous appetite and gorges itself on plant leaves. It grows so fast that its body gets too

big for its skin. The skin splits down the back and the caterpillar crawls out in a new skin and begins to gorge itself all over again. It is a very destructive little creature, often killing the plant whereon it feeds.

When the right time comes and this stage of its growth is completed it sheds its skin. Then it weaves a wisp of silk around itself and fastens it securely to a branch. Now the caterpillar appears to die. This is called the chrysalis or pupa stage, or a period of "living death." The caterpillar lies motionless inside its case, but a miracle is taking place.

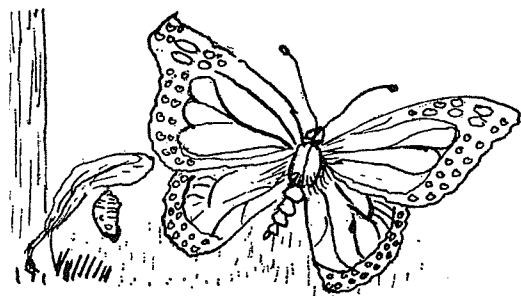
The hour arrives for the tiny life to come forth. The chrysalis case is slowly forced apart from the inside and a trembling, feeble creature emerges. Now it has wings and they are doubled and bent, with minute scales all standing upright. Suddenly a rush of blood from the body sweeps through the wings. They straighten out and become strong. The scales settle down smoothly in place. The color we see on these fragile wings is not pigment as we might suppose. Instead, it is the effect of light, reflected by the scales as if they were miniature diamonds.

Now the butterfly is mature. It no longer has a ravenous appetite but feeds on nectar from flowers with a tongue especially adapted for just this purpose. In its search for food it also performs a service by pollinating the flowers.

The Christian life-cycle is similar to the butterfly. Before he becomes a Christian his time and energy is often used in trying to satisfy self. But he is not satisfied. Then the time comes for a change. A miracle takes place in the heart and he dies to self.

When the Christian comes forth, he is indeed a new creature. The old appetite is gone and he feeds on the nectar of God's Word. With new wings he can fly above the obstructions that blocked his path in the old life. His work becomes a service to others and the beauty now seen is a reflection of light and love from above. As the butterfly adds beauty to the garden, so the Christian adds beauty to the Father's world. Both are flowers of the air. "He hath made everything beautiful in His time..." (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

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*Beauty is not caused. It is.*—EMILY DICKINSON

# News Flash . . .

The Messiah, Jesus Christ, appeared yesterday in the eastern sky. Great numbers were mysteriously destroyed by a flash of bright light. Scientists have said the force of destruction cannot be compared to that of any of the ultra-modern weapons used in the war! Just as suddenly as the fighting began it ended. At this time a great restoration attempt is underway. It is rumored that a new world government has been set up in Israel. According to reliable sources the headquarters has been traced to Jerusalem. This story was possible only through the efforts of our reporter who managed to hide himself in the caves surrounding the battle area.....

by Steve Kurtright

No story as the one above will ever be printed. The appearing of our Lord and Saviour will come suddenly and with great destruction, but to witness this we must be resurrected from our graves and view the event for ourselves. *Just think of it—a time in history when the world will be at real peace . . . a time when we will reign and work with Christ!* We will be able to literally leave our bonds of death behind and take on a new body to live forever!

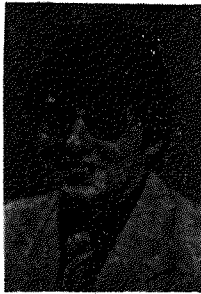
What a pity there are so many lost! I'm so glad that *all* of us are not lost. We *all* serve God day and night *sacrificing our own comforts* for the eternal salvation of others. It is a great blessing to see *everyone* jumping at a chance to serve the Church. Now that *all* positions of leadership are filled we can rest as-

sured that we have *all* done our part. Last, but not least, is that it is a relief to know that *all* of us have done our best to serve the Creator **HOLDING NOTHING BACK.**

Who is kidding whom?! "Lost" is a term that has lost its punch through the years! The word "lost" denotes an unsaved condition, and we of the "circumcision" need to be mindful of that! **GIVING AND SERVICE MUST BE EXPERIENCED—NOT JUST TALKED ABOUT!!!** In order to be saved we must profess our Saviour to others. There will be no room in the Kingdom for those who are ashamed of Christ and His Gospel.

Now is the time for all of us to really get busy proclaiming the Gospel message . . . NOW is the time for us to go out and win the lost . . . NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION . . . NOW IS THE TIME FOR SERVICE!

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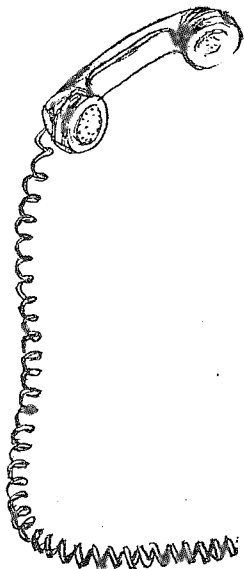


## Will You Answer the Call to Service?

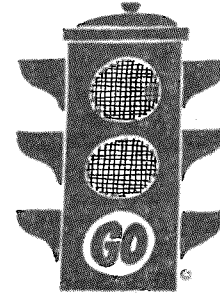
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# Rally Review



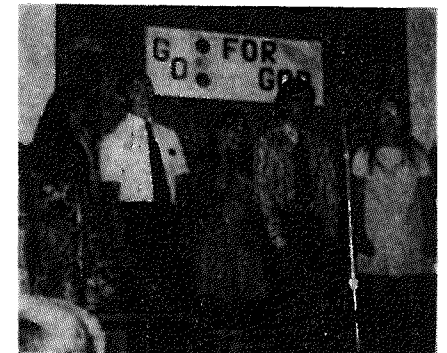
Go  
for  
God

"Go for God" was the theme of a recent, very successful tri-church rally held at the Bloomington, California church. Young people from the Los Angeles Spanish, North Hollywood, and Ontario churches joined with the Bloomington young people in presenting this inspiring rally.

The rally portrayed the need for Christians to have more enthusiasm, more "get-up-and-GO" for God. Using skits we showed how easy it is to have great enthusiasm for other interests and activities in our lives, and thus how easy it becomes to let these things of the world take first place in our lives. Other skits and songs pointed out that God Almighty deserves to be first in our lives and how our enthusiasm

for Him and His will should surpass all else. We are thankful for the new enthusiasm this rally generated.

Reported by Frank Camero



*A group of FYCers who presented one of the "enthusiasm skits" during our "GO FOR GOD" rally.*





An extra-special feature of our rally was the beautiful music provided by the TRIO ST. PAUL. Trio members are l. to r.: Elder Noah Camero from Bloomington, California; Elder Daniel Camero from Calgary, Alberta, Canada; and Brother Gilbert Sanchez from St. Paul, Minnesota.

Youth rallies are a very important part of the F.Y.C. program for they serve as a source of inspiration to young people as well as entire church congregations. At one time or another all F.Y.C. groups have faced the task of coming up with an idea for a rally. Now you can share your ideas and inspirations with other F.Y.C. groups and benefit from theirs. Send to AIM a short report and pictures of a rally your group has planned and presented. In your report be sure to include the theme of the rally and tell something about the way you expressed this theme. Pictures should show visual aids such as posters, banners, and scenery used in connection with your rally. With your help RALLY REVIEW can become a regular feature in AIM. Send photos and reports to AIM, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, CO 80201. Thanks for your help!

—Editor

#### THE VALUE OF TRUE SCIENCE

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lieve the Bible to be the word of God be careful to separate the facts of science from the theories. God has permitted man to learn facts, but man has gone beyond this and has based many so-called "facts" on his own ideas and imaginations. This the Bible calls "science falsely so called" (I Tim. 6:20).

GOD is Supreme

We must always keep in mind that there is an Almighty God and

that He is the Supreme Ruler of the universe. We appreciate the revelations which God has given us in these last days, and we should use these things as a basis for a stronger faith in Him and His Word. Satan tries to use these things to cause people to doubt God and to deny the authority of the Bible. But if we study so as to "rightly divide the word of truth," we will not be led astray. LET US HOLD FAST TO GOD AND TO OUR FAITH IN HIM. AND REMEMBER, TRUE SCIENCE ALWAYS AGREES WITH THE WORD OF GOD!

#### THE PARABLE OF THE LIGHT-MAKER

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a certain Christian who would make a fine pattern for his light. With great speed and enthusiasm and at a very small cost did the light-maker prepare this giver of light. He would name it a candle in honor of the one after whom it was designed. All was well until the light-maker raised the window to get some fresh air after completing his work. In no more than two moments a small gust of wind came through the open window and snuffed the light of the candle into utter darkness. It was only then that the light-maker was struck with the full similarity between his latest invention and the certain Christian. At the same time, he recalled those words in his Book of Lights about not being blown about with every wind. That fault in his candle must be corrected, he thought, as he placed the candle in a bottom drawer and began to work on his next light.

And then the light-maker remembered one of the newest members of his church, and he began to combine various pieces of equipment to imitate that modern Christian. To perfect the up-to-date style of this light was not easy, and verily, the light-maker feared it would be too costly. After the task was finally completed, he flipped the switch and noticed a bit of glowing light coming from somewhere—but where? He was puzzled. The light-maker made a complete search of this strange light which he had made, but the actual source of the light could not be located—there was just a faint glow mysteriously coming from the bulb. Perhaps this was what he had read about—real *indirect lighting*. Upon searching the Scriptures of Light, the maker found the problem with this indirect light. The real source was hidden under a bushel of things. "I must choose some other Christian after which to pattern my next light," said the light-maker to himself as he sadly boxed and shelved his latest failure.

Something brought the face of a certain teenager into his mind. "It doesn't seem logical, no—but then again, maybe it will work to copy that young person," thought the light-maker. So, he began his work. Considerable time, effort, and material were used before this latest light was ready for testing. With great hopes and anticipation, the maker placed it into the trial chamber; and lo . . . nothing! Darkness! A *burned-out bulb!* Greatly disappointed, he had to grope for a flashlight in order to scan through the Textbook for these words: "Men love darkness rather than light." The face of the teenager flashed through his mind again as he discarded the burned-out light into the trash heap.

The light-maker was very much out of ideas and nearly out  
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# Flight from the Mundane

by Rita Moldenhauer

The poems I've read concerning Christ  
And His so-wondrous grace,  
Are bound as this one now is bound,  
By rhythm, rhyme, and pace.

But Christ's love cannot  
be expressed so dully!  
It soars!—  
It climbs!—  
It lightens!  
God's grace has set us free from sin!  
So smile,  
Have joy—climb and soar—  
Sing aloud (if you wish)...

Praises to our God should well from  
inner  
depths  
That recognize and idolize  
this One  
Who rules the earth.  
To Him we owe not just our lives,  
But our experience  
of living.

Our depth of devotion should therefore  
Express our inner selves...  
With such great STRENGTH and OVERFLOW,  
With PASSION of EMOTION  
in poetry... and... song  
and... verses  
THAT ARE FREE!

Free verse alone will give us liberty  
to show the world  
the lofty heights to which  
Christ lifts us.  
Blank Verse?—never—for it  
has nothing to say  
Whereas we have MUCH  
to declare—  
to shout—  
to preach—

The choice is therefore ours:  
Which mode of expression do you think  
we should use?  
The one which will make us our  
audience lose?  
The form which is stilted and  
tried and true  
Which has driven away many more  
than a few?  
Is archaic, old English the style  
that we need  
To have all the masses our message  
heed?  
Should we stick with our regular measured  
feet  
So each line daren't part from the  
'stablished beat?

Or can we make the metamorphosis  
from worm...  
to butterfly...  
Don glossy, exquisite wings of words that soar  
in golden gossamer glory  
So others  
may wish to be  
like we are?

Consider the Witness you wish to convey—  
it all depends  
on  
the APPROACH.

# Not a Chance, Satan

by Melva Carlson



*"Humph! This has been the lousiest new year ever... How do those kids expect me to gain control if they act like Christians? They really had their nerve to start the year out with an all-day meeting. I thought for sure I could get the kids so tired during the trip that they would argue and bicker, but not a chance!"*

That's right, Satan. Not a chance! That all-day meeting at West Olive was a good one. The services were very thought-provoking, and the ball game was far out. Don't expect to get us at an all-day meeting.

*"I thought for sure I could get them when school life settled into a hum-drum routine, but of all the unlucky things that could happen—they chose "Secret Pals"! Then they were really nice to each other, and to top it all off they had that Spanish Banquet.*

It's not really as hard for us to be nice to one another as

you may think, Satan. Having Secret Pals was a good way to be extra special nice to others, though. It really is too bad we couldn't keep our Secret Pals longer, but the Revealing Party sure was fun! And you're right, Satan, about topping it off with the Spanish Banquet. It was a super-good Mid-Winter Banquet, and oh boy, those tacos, tostados, rice, and the speaker! Israel Bravo, our guest speaker, really "laid it on us" and we all rejoiced in the blessings from God.

*"I did score with one thing, though. They can't say that losing all those ball games made anyone happy or nice."*

Oh Satan, you still didn't score! There's simply **NO CHANCE** for you. Sure we were a little upset, but did you ever hear the players say they give up or that the next game was going to be a hopeless case? No, you didn't! A little thing like that isn't going to throw

us off the right track.

Why, Satan, you didn't even gain a point when our Boys' Dean and basketball coach had to leave SVA to return to his work in New York City. Just take a good look at what God sent back to us! Brother and Sister Danny Davila are a great asset to Spring Vale!

*Remember when the Juniors had their Slave Sale? I sure thought I could get a fight or at least an argument going then... I tried as hard as I could to get those "masters" to really work their slaves... EH, eh, eh! The thoughts I tried to put into their heads were fantastic! Some of the jobs those slaves could have done... I can't seem to figure out what went wrong..."*

Will you never understand us, Satan? Being a "master" myself, I can say that maybe we did try to get as much work out of our slaves as we could, but as you observed, the Juniors obeyed and worked with

happy faces. That's just the way we Spring Valers try to be. We try our hardest to do things with happy faces. You can try all you want, Satan, but sooner or later you're going to learn that we are choosing to be on the right side, and **YOU DON'T HAVE A CHANCE**. It was the same way with our Senior Laugh-In. You tried your best to make us angry with one another... oh how you worked during our rehearsal times. Why didn't you stick around for the final production?? It was a great success!

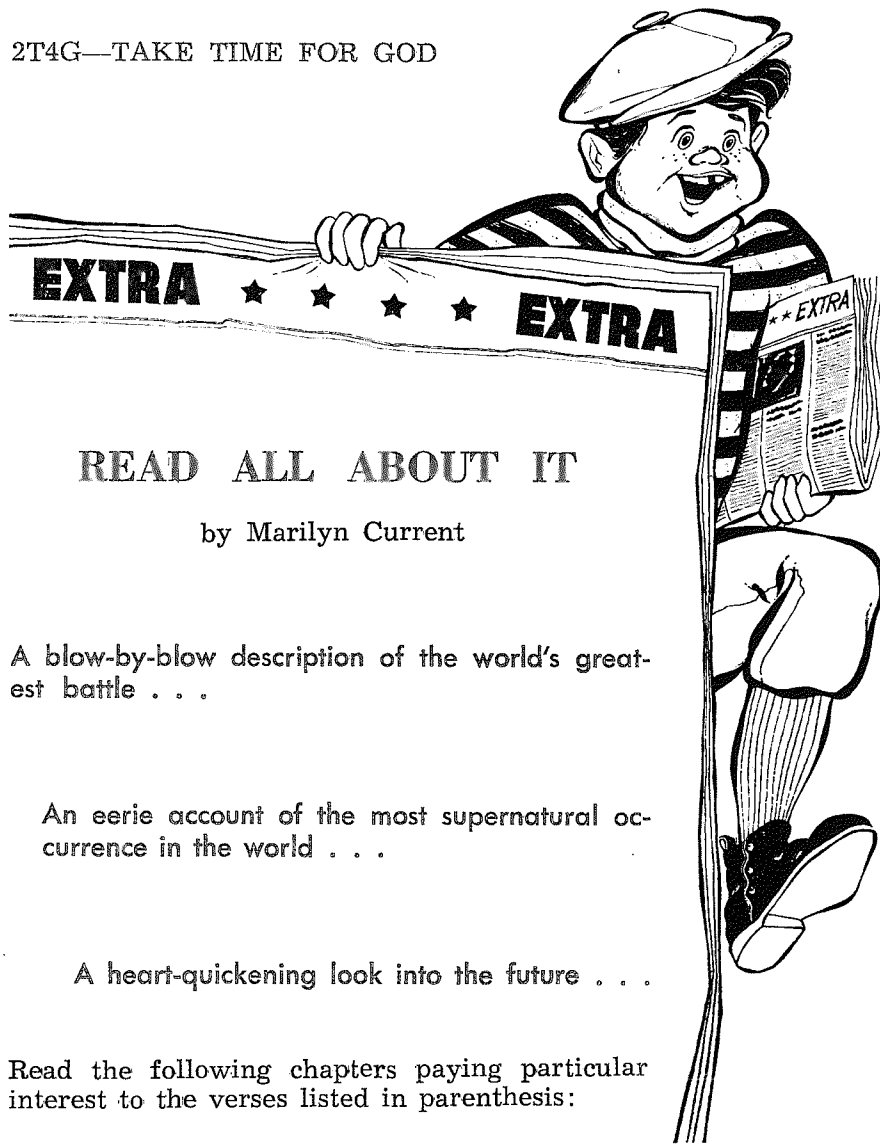
*"Okay! Okay! So you managed to withstand me so far this year, and so you've done it during the past years... my work shall NEVER cease here at Spring Vale Academy, and that's a promise!"*

We all know your work will never cease here—or anywhere—Satan, but as for your ruling over Spring Vale someday—**NOT A CHANCE!**

*An unrealistic way to view Spring Vale? To some it may seem so, but to the students and staff, it is very realistic. Of course, Spring Vale is no Utopia, and Satan lurks here, but as far as we are concerned, we try our hardest to overpower Satan. To keep on the right track is our main goal. Remember to consider Spring Vale as your choice of a Christian High school.*

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ALL THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE TRIUMPH OF EVIL IS THAT GOOD MEN DO NOTHING.—Edmund Burke



## READ ALL ABOUT IT

by Marilyn Current

A blow-by-blow description of the world's greatest battle . . .

An eerie account of the most supernatural occurrence in the world . . .

A heart-quickenning look into the future . . .

Read the following chapters paying particular interest to the verses listed in parenthesis:

### THE BATTLE

May 1—Rev. 16 (vs. 16-21)  
May 2—Ezek. 38

### GREAT WONDERS

May 3—Isa. 13  
May 4—Ezek. 32 (vs. 7-9)  
May 5—Joel 2 (vs. 1-11, 30, 31)

May 6—Rev. 6 (vs. 12-17)  
May 7—Rev. 8 (vs. 5-12)

### CHRIST APPEARS

May 8—Ps. 50 (vs. 3-6)  
May 9—Luke 21 (vs. 25-33)  
May 10—I John 2 (v. 28)

### CHRISTIANS ARE CHANGED

May 11—I Cor. 15 (vs. 51, 52)  
May 12—Phil. 3 (v. 21)

### RESURRECTION OF RIGHTEOUS DEAD

May 13—Dan. 12 (vs. 1-3)  
May 14—John 5 (vs. 28 & 29)  
May 15—Heb. 11 (vs. 13 & 40)

### RIGHTEOUS RISE TO MEET CHRIST

May 16—Matt. 24 (v. 31)  
May 17—I Thess. 4 (vs. 15-17)

### CHRIST BATTLES BEAST'S ARMY

May 18—Isa. 34 (v. 5)  
May 19—Rev. 19 (v. 14)

### CHRIST RESTS ON MT. OLIVE

May 20—Job 19 (vs. 25-27)  
May 21—Micah 1 (vs. 3 & 4)

May 22—Zech. 14 (v. 4)

### CHRISTIANS ARE WITH CHRIST

May 23—John 14 (vs. 2, 3)  
May 24—Col. 3 (v. 4)

### DAY AND NIGHT ALTERED

May 25—Isa. 30 (v. 26)

### FALSE PROPHET & BEAST DESTROYED

May 26—Dan. 7 (vs. 7-12)  
May 27—II Thess. 2 (vs. 8, 9)

### REMAINDER OF ARMIES DESTROYED

May 28—Ezek. 39  
May 29—Rev. 20

### THE MILLENNIAL REIGN

May 30—I Cor. 15 (vs. 22-25)  
May 31—Isa. 2 (vs. 2-6). Read also  
Isa. 65:18-25.

*For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord (I Thessalonians 4:16, 17).*

Bestow thy youth so that thou mayest have comfort to remember it when it hath forsaken thee, and not sigh and grieve at the account thereof. While thou art young thou wilt think it will never have an end; but the longest day hath its evening, and thou shalt enjoy it but once; it never turns again; use it therefore as the spring-time, which soon departeth, and wherein thou oughtest to plant and sow all provisions for a long and happy life.

—Sir W. Raleigh

**Youth Comes  
but once in  
a lifetime.  
—Longfellow**

# The Choice is *YOURS*

*Covered by the blood of Christ . . .*

*Washed in the blood of Christ . . .*

*Made pure by the blood of Christ . . .*

These are phrases very familiar to those who have been raised in the Church. Even those who are recent additions to God's family are quickly discovering their frequent use. *But have you ever really thought about what the blood of Christ means to you personally?*

When God instituted the sacrificial system centuries ago for Moses and the Hebrew children, the key item for atonement of sin was the sacrifice of the lamb and its shed blood. Without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness of sin. When Christ died on the cross for our sins, *His spilled blood atoned for our sins.* Hebrews 10:4 tells us that the blood of bulls and goats can not bring about forgiveness of sins. Only through Christ's blood can this be accomplished.

This shows us just how significant and how truly wonderful Christ's death on the cross was. Without His death, we would have no hope. Our lives would be condemned. **NOW, BECAUSE OF HIS SACRIFICE, WE HOLD THE POWER TO CHOOSE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH. WE CHOOSE LIFE IF WE ACCEPT AND SERVE HIM; WE CHOOSE DEATH IF WE REJECT HIM.**

To gain an even fuller knowledge of what Christ's blood means to YOU, read and study Exodus 12 concerning the Passover lamb and Leviticus 16 for the lamb which was slain on the Day of Atonement. Then compare these texts with what you find in Hebrews 9 and 10 (these scriptures contain a comparison of the old covenant with the new covenant established by Christ).

*Christ paved the way for you to have eternal life by shedding His own blood on the cross. It is, however, up to you to accept this gift which He so freely offers.*

Hebrews 9:22	Hebrews 10:4	Romans 5:9	Ephesians 1:7
Ephesians 2:13	I John 1:7	Exodus 24:8	Hebrews 10:29

## THE PARABLE OF THE LIGHT-MAKER

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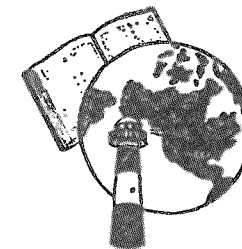
of patience. Then he remembered how his Instruction Book had said that men ought always to pray, and not to faint. Thus, he knelt beside his work bench and cried: "*Oh thou Father of lights, guide my hands to make a reflector of Thy glorious light, which will pierce through the darkness of this world and guide all pilgrims into a haven of peace. Amen.*"

Having thus prayed, and being comforted, he arose to his work. Straightway his work was completed, and the light-maker gave thanks. For this light he had made was one that shined upon all people in all directions. It was a bright and shining light, yet not harsh or blinding. It did not flicker off and on, neither could it be blown out by the wind, but it continued to shine in all conditions. So that it could not be hidden it was set upon a hill near the crossing of several roads. There it remained steadfastly, giving light unto all that passed by its way.

It was a real lighthouse!

**Likewise in each F.Y.C. group there are those who give light: some give it only part-time; some give it dimly; some give it rudely; some give it indirectly or secretly and some not at all; but others just shine and shine and shine that men might see their good works and glorify their father which is in heaven.**

## TEACH THE WORLD TO SEE IN '73



*(The above parable was given as part of an address to the Joplin, Mo. F.Y.C. group at their National Youth Week banquet March 25, 1973.)*

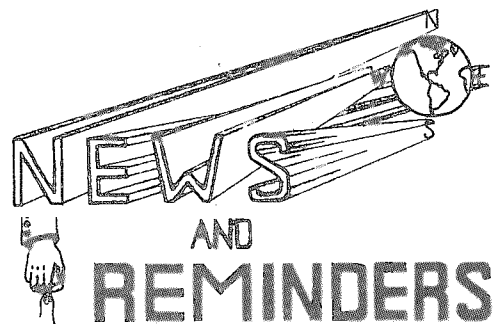
## ONE DOWN— THREE TO GO

The first quarter of 1973 is now history so it's time for you to report your F.Y.C.'s activities during that time. Mark of Merit report forms were sent with a packet of materials to the leader of each FYC group, and the National F.Y.C. is hoping that each local leader will see that his group returns their form promptly. Send your reports to Mark of Merit, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, CO 80201.

It's not too late to get in the running for Mark of Merit awards... there are three quarters left in 1973, and there's still time for your group to enroll and become involved in making a mark of merit. So get with it!

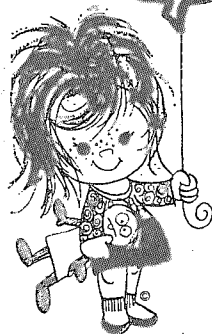
### TELL US ABOUT IT!

We've heard reports of how great National Youth Week was in certain churches, and we've heard interesting plans for National Youth Weeks in other churches who haven't yet had their youth week activities. We'd like to hear from ALL F.Y.C. groups, so please send a report of your Youth Week activities (include pictures if you have them) to the National F.Y.C., P.



O. Box 2370, Denver, CO 80201. These reports will be compiled and used in a future AIM feature.

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## Youth Camp Time - 1973

### DISTRICT 1

Date: June 25-July 1

For ages 13-25

Place: 3½ miles east of Nevada City, California

Fee: Pre-registration fee \$5.00 per camper

For more information write: Jerry Griffin, P. O. Box 15041, Sacramento, CA 95813

### DISTRICTS 2 & 3

Date: July 2-8

For ages 9-21

Place: MARANATHA BIBLE CAMP (near North Platte, Nebraska)

Fee: \$4.00 per day for campers under 13, \$5.00 per day for campers over 13.

For more information write: Wesley Walker, P. O. Box 176, Eureka, S. D. 57437

### DISTRICT 4

Date: June 24-30

For ages 9-25

Place: LAKE TEXOMA STATE PARK (near Durant, Oklahoma)

Fee: \$15.00

For more information write: Calvin A. Burrell, 1004 Fayetteville Rd., Van Buren, AR 72956

### DISTRICT 6

Date: June 24-July 1

For ages 9-25

Place: CAMP BETHANY (Lakeville, Ohio)

Fee: \$20.00 (includes \$5.00 pre-registration fee)

For more information write: Vernon Patchen, Rt. 5, 3205 Bennington Rd., Owosso MI 48867