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*The harvest truly
is great...*

but the labourers
are few.

Luke 10:2

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"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light" (Romans 13:12).

EDITORIAL ETCHES

All around the office where i work are beautiful fields of glowing, golden wheat. Often, while beholding the splendor of these wheat fields, i've thought of the words Jesus spoke to His disciples: "THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW..." How true this remains! The world, like a giant wheat field filled with grain ripe to harvest, is a mammoth field overflowing with lost souls ready to be brought to salvation.

When my eyes scan the expanse of these huge wheat fields i notice how many hundreds and thousands of single stalks of grain there are, and i am reminded of the hundreds and thousands and MILLIONS of people—real individual people—who live in this world and who know not Christ and His salvation. Then Jesus' words ring clear: "PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST."

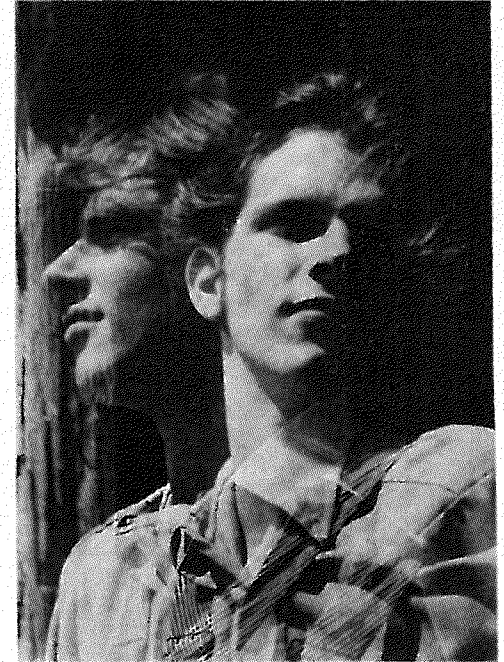
Sure i pray—you pray—we all pray that the lost will be saved, we pray that the Gospel will go out "before it is everlastingly too late." We pray as Christ instructed, but is that ALL we do? Am i—are you—willing to be a labourer out in the field that is ready to harvest? Are we willing to spread the good news of salvation to those all around us? Are we, personally, ready and willing to go out and "win the lost at any cost?" If not, the harvest will remain plenteous, the labourers will remain few, and multitudes will experience eternal loss when Christ returns and does not claim them among His own.

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Are YOU seeking for eternal life? Are you one of the young people claiming to be like Christ, calling yourself a Christian? This article will expose you if you are a

By
David
Robinson

T W O F A C E D C H R I S T I A N



It is not hard for the average person to tell when someone is faking. Today's society does not allow for a person to blindly feel his way through life—either you know it or you don't—it's that simple. A devout Christian friend of mine explains it in these terms, "either you get the point or you don't. To be successful you must set your goals high in life, and then work as hard as possible to achieve those established ambitions."

Today Christianity seems to be covered with a dense cloud making it impossible to tell who the *real Christians* are. The majority of the world is being gently rocked to sleep by the popular thought that *if you love Jesus you've got it made, brother*. That kind of lullaby is the tune of doom and death coated with a sweet melody. *Don't let the world pull the shades over your eyes... there is a lot more to serving the Lord, and the true Christian stands out from the world and is EASILY recognized by all!*

The Bible explains who the real Christians are:

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill CANNOT be hid" (Matthew 5:14).

"Wherein they think it strange that ye RUN NOT with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you" (I Peter 4:4).

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people: that ye should SHEW FORTH the praise of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9).

"Wherefore come out from among them, and BE YE SEPARATE, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you" (II Corinthians 6:17).

The Scriptures are truthful—they don't lie! Every true Christian should be *easily* recognized by those around him. There is no room for "perhaps," "maybe" or "sometimes" in serving the Lord. The Lord has no place for two-faced Christians. The blunt fact is this—"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit" (Romans 8:5). "No man can serve two masters..." (Matthew 6:24).

Now is the time for all wolves to drop their sheep's clothing. Now is the time for you to stop trying to fake out God by covering up your sins with the outward front of an average, every day, run-of-the-mill Christian. If you are sincerely wanting to serve the Lord then stand up and let your *life* shine!

The easiest way to determine if you are really serving the Lord is to apply this formula to your life—

LIFE ÷ WORLD is ◀ or ▶ LIFE ÷ CHRISTIANITY

Determine right now how much of your life is devoted to the cares and pleasures of the world. Then see if that amount is greater than (▶) or less than (◀) the amount of your life devoted to Christianity. Be truthful with yourself in your evaluation! If your answer figures out to be LIFE ÷ WORLD ▶ LIFE ÷ CHRISTIANITY, then you are try-

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This Teenager's Prayer

by Ruth Ferry

Help me, Jesus.

I want to get real now: I want to stop praying the words that I've always heard, and to start saying what You lead me to say. Lord, I need You.

Help me to stop pretending.

I need You clear through me—

Let me know how real You are.

Give me faith, Lord, to look to You for the answer for all problems and to follow Your voice in the dark when I get scared. Be near me, Lord, when I'm lonely, and when it seems that people don't like me.

Sometimes I don't even like myself.

Help me to see with Your eyes, Lord, the truth that You show me in the faces of my brothers and sisters.

They aren't like me at all—

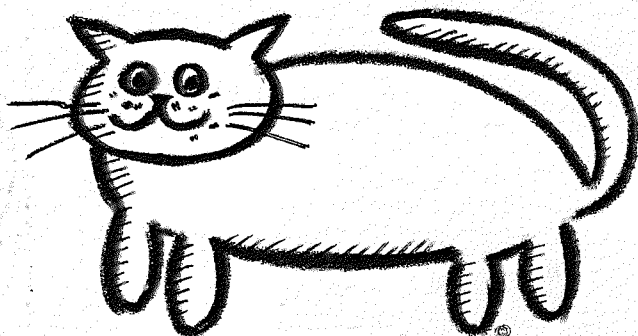
But You love them, too.

Thank You, Jesus. Help me to love You.

—Lighted Pathway

CURIOSITY

Killed the Cat!



by William D. Wuth

Some months ago a small group of Christian young people sat around a table in a darkened room asking their Ouija board questions. Days later they gathered again, their faith shaken, their hearts trembling because each had seen the answers come true.

"But they couldn't have come true," they cried. "It must have been coincidence. But...but yet, all of them came true."

Fortunately, their pastor was able to deal with them, soothing their torn minds, their shaking bodies. He showed that, in general, seances, Ouija-board sessions, etc., are the production of some fraudulent scheme. Most pointedly, however, he explained that Satan will use such things, demonstrating his power in and over this world, to

destroy the faith of God's people.

Today across the United States and throughout the world, people are succumbing to the intrigue and curiosity of the spirit world, little realizing the history and danger which lies therein.

Spiritism (in all of its forms) came from Satan. A thorough study of demon worship and spiritism in the history of the world bears this out.

Early in the history of mankind during the Old Testament days, Satan began making inroads. In fact, so great was his push that God had to set down commandments against spiritism. His commands in Deuteronomy 18:9-12 read: "There shall not be found among you anyone who maketh his son

... Today in the United States over 400,000 people claim to be witches and warlocks, and many others are worshipping Satan...

or his daughter to pass through the fire, or who useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter of mediums, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord."

Let us translate these various methods of spiritism into present-day language and take a brief look at each.

PASSING THROUGH THE FIRE refers to the offering of a human sacrifice to Molech, one of the heathen gods. Even today in the most secret of Satanic worship services, the Black Masses, this method of sacrifice is still practiced. A record album put out by Mercury Records, which is the first recording ever of a Black Mass, declares on the back jacket, "The most effective sacrifice is that of an unbaptized baby."

DIVINATIONS are discussed by Ezekiel who explains that a diviner is one who looks into "things" for answers (Ezekiel 21:21). Ezekiel speaks of consulting the images, looking into the liver, making arrows bright. Today diviners use tea leaves, Ouija boards, cards, crystal balls, among other "things." How many Christians have paid out fifty cents to have their palm read or their fortune told?

"But we're just playing games, just having fun," you say. That's right. And you don't mean anything by it. You wouldn't think of

being serious. But SATAN might! *It is his purpose and design to deceive everyone he can.* If he feels he can build up your curiosity and thus take hold of even one small part of your being, he won't hesitate to give you some spectacular answer. The teens mentioned earlier in this article began in fun, but Satan began in seriousness. There is no doubt but that he made the answers all come true, just to shake the faith of a few of God's children. Who knows what the effect might have been if their pastor had not been able to counsel with them.

One of our "friends" whom we had been trying to lead to the Lord in Brazil was met by Satan's power. He had always wanted to sing professional opera, but he had no singing voice at all. One day one of his neighbors mentioned to him that through spiritism he could receive what he wanted. Out of curiosity, and perhaps a subconscious desire to get that voice he so desired—at any cost, he offered his life to Satan in exchange for a "voice." He left the service with a new voice, and today he sings professionally in Brazil—and openly worships Satan.

OBSERVERS OF TIMES are commonplace in our generation. Have you ever looked up your daily horoscope, just to see what it was like? Or even after the day was over, just to find out if it did work out—just coincidence? Today

there are thirteen national magazines and numerous underground publications which emphasize horoscopes, astrology, and the occult, as well as hundreds of newspapers carrying daily horoscopes. Many of the people who read them rely on them. They began in curiosity, but wound up depending on them for guidance. Most astrology is sheer generalization, but Satan might slip in that one "coincidence" to keep you going.

ENCHANTERS, CHARMERS are those who use spirits to gain power over people and things. The snake charmer, the fire walker, the E.S.P. believer: these are but a few. Less mentioned is the charmer of men and women. Many modern seducers are demon-led, and high priest, Anton LaVey, of the First Church of Satan in San Francisco has published a book entitled *The Complete Witch*, which is a collection of formulas for seducing men.

WITCHES, MEDIUMS, WIZARDS, NECROMANCERS—all are involved in consulting with the dead through mediums (demons) in such practices as seances, curing diseases, obtaining riches, and getting rid of an enemy; and they are not confined to the jungles of Brazil or Africa.

All are a part of the Satanic order in the world. *Anything that deals with the supernatural is used by Satan for whatever purposes he might desire.* And the methods by which he operates are terrible. Drugs, sexual perversion, sadomasochism, and sadistic tortures are but a few. The March, 1970, issue of *Esquire* presented in detail the

huge part that drugs have in demonic ceremonies.

Remember the Charles Manson killings? Manson gave his followers this order, "*Call me Satan. If you ever decide to leave, I'll take you and hang you upside down and slit your throat.*"

Satanic Black Mass worshipers participate in vile and perverted sexual orgies, complete with sadistic violence and the pledge to murder to protect the coven.

Present-day spiritism isn't just a fad or the most recent "in thing," however; it represents man in search of new roads in his quest for meaning. Mark Damon, actor in many U. S. and Italian demon films, recently stated, "*As in most old civilizations in the time of crises, people in our time have turned to magic and the occult.*"

Anthropologist Bernardina del Boca, author of *Human Dimension*, states, "*Mankind is passing, confusingly, from the plane of reason to the plane of mysticism. In his search for reality, man chains himself to the mysterious, the esoteric, the evil. But it is very dangerous.*"

Yet, today in the United States over 400,000 people claim to be witches and warlocks, and many others are worshiping Satan in various covens and groups, involving themselves in this acknowledged danger.

Only a thorough knowledge of God's Word and the resultant mature Christian life will strengthen us as Christians for the day when Satan tempts us with the occult.

Curiosity killed the proverbial cat. Don't let curiosity in the occult kill your Christian life.

—*Lighted Pathway*

Out of the Ordinary

by June Crisp

I don't know what caused me to decide to take my Grandmother to visit some of her distant relatives that day. I hardly even knew them, and had not seen them in a number of years.

When we arrived at our destination we were warmly greeted by a middle-aged lady and her eighty-year-old mother. We had talked for about an hour when I noticed an elderly man in the adjoining room awakening from a nap.

The ladies helped this elderly gentleman, who had been paralyzed for 3 years, up and into a chair so he could visit with us. He told us of an experience that had occurred three years ago—he was off on a fishing trip 50 miles from home when he had a stroke. No one was with him, and he could find no help in the area where he was—he drove all the way home suffering pain and double vision. His face clouded, tears filled his eyes, and his voice broke as he said, "*You can believe it or not, but when I drove that car home, a Higher Power had hold of the wheel guiding the car for me—It wasn't me driving at all.*" At this point his wife added, "*That experience confirmed all the faith I've had all these years.*"

An uplifting Spirit swept over us and thrilled us as we realized how very real our God is. He works miracles today just as He did in Bible times. We left that home encouraged because a paralyzed man gave honor and glory to God.

If for some unknown reason you feel an impulse to do something out of the ordinary routine like I did the day I took my Grandmother visiting, DO IT. A blessing could be awaiting you!

When I Get Big!

by L. L. Christenson



It is natural for people of all ages to want their own way—go where they want to go, do what they want to do, and have things they wish for. We have all seen how small children react when they can't have their wishes fulfilled forthwith. It is quite natural for them to stage an act called a tantrum.

You know it isn't easy for most people to remain calm and stay sweet when things go wrong and don't go their way. It is natural at such a time to pout, display irritation, manifest a bad temper, or "blow their stack." Surely this doesn't make them happy or proud of themselves.

Nature is a strange thing, looking at it from at least one angle. In part, nature means: "*the instinct or inherent tendencies directing conduct.*" It has much to do with how we act. It's one thing that makes us tick the way we do. As we human beings grow and develop, we discover that by natural endowment strong forces and desires within begin to manifest them-

selves. These forces remain strong during the prime of life. They create ambition in more than one direction, and have much to do with directing one's performance in life.

Everyone wants to have these three things: *good health, friends and happiness.* Can we have friends if we aren't friendly, if we fail to treat people like we want to be treated—give and take a little? Can we have good health if we let our appetites go uncontrolled, and if we abuse our bodies? Can we have happiness by getting our own way all of the time?

Have you ever met anyone who has lived many years and who said he had had his own way all

his life so far? I dare say, most individuals will admit that the younger they were the less they should have had their own way much of the time. Very few will claim that Solomon, who had about all one could wish for, was the happiest man who ever lived. Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-10 thoughtfully. You young people can catch the point readily by using your alert and active minds.

We have all heard children say, "*WHEN I GET BIG...*" (*I'll do thus and so*). They have dreams. They have ideas. As nature adds on a few years it is natural for young people to want to have a good job, to want to own things, and sooner or later to want a home of their own. All this doesn't come easily, and there are very few short cuts. One of the first things so many want is freedom from parental restraints. Very few of us relish being "told" where we can or cannot go, or what we must or must not do. Some of you may have said this very thing: "*Mother, don't you realize I am now sixteen?*" Too often parents are appreciated too late. They have made mistakes, and no doubt are sorry for them. Let us not capitalize on their mistakes, but rather see their good points the same as we want people to see the best in us.

Life on planet earth isn't all patterned after our wishes. Teenagers are intelligent and understand many things. You know that life isn't all one big vacation without mosquitoes. You know you had no choice in the matter of when, where and to what couple you would make your appearance

among men. You are here and now it's your move.

Some "wise men" (?) claim there are no absolutes and that everything keeps changing. Let us give that claim a second thought. It is admitted, however, that countless changes have come, and are taking place, and many of them, as we see today, are degenerative changes—retrogression. There are numerous laws properly classified as absolutes. In plant life there are fixed laws of nature. There are laws of physics and astronomy. Man would never have gone to the moon had these laws not been absolute. We know there are absolute laws and rules of health. Likewise there are absolute spiritual laws. We cannot change any of these.

Man is here on earth to stay until he stops breathing. Is there anything we can do about our existence here—anything worth undertaking? Some people think so and find much satisfaction therein. Many, apparently, don't like planet earth, or at least the existing conditions in numerous areas of human activity. This is understandable. But how should we react? Should we follow those who rebel against almost everything in one or two or three ways? Isn't that type of action an over-grown "I want my own way" tendency from childhood?

There is indeed something we can do. As time forces us to leave childhood, more and more responsibility comes to us just as certainly as height is added to our stature. When one is old enough to drive a car he is also old enough to accept serious responsibility.

Maturity of mind doesn't make us shrink from this responsibility. And when young people are of the marrying age, to be happy therein they simply must shoulder the much that is expected of them. There is no other way, but that we grow up and accept responsibility.

Most teenagers are "big enough" to understand and comprehend that there is more to life than thrills and fun. You know that sin, hidden or otherwise, doesn't pay. Even by observing much that goes on in the world about us we can see that this is true, although some "seem" to get away with it for a season. Deep in your heart you know there is a God in heaven. Some have discovered that He really loves them, and they have been "big enough" to respond to His loving call, and begin walking the Christian way of life. They knew they needed a better outlook on life so they let the Lord come in and change their hearts and lives.

Maybe we can't do a lot about all the ugly sin in the world, but *we can do something about it personally.* We can accept His sacrifice for our sins and let Him be Master and King of our lives. He doesn't ask us to give up anything that is good for us. *His way* is the way of love and obedience. "*My yoke is easy, and my burden is light,*" He assures us. If you have problems in yielding all to the wonderful Saviour, just seek him in prayer with all your heart. He is able and willing to help you. Other Christians can help you, too. If you want and feel that you need help, ask them to pray for you.

Jesus can save to the uttermost. He wants *you* in His fold. *You need Him. We all need Him. And we need His help every day.* Eternity lies ahead. Mortal life is very uncertain, but GOD'S PROMISES ARE ABSOLUTE. God bless you for trusting in Him.

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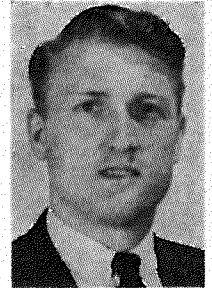
by Toyohiko Kakawa

I cannot invent new things,
Like the airships which sail
On silver wings;
But today a wonderful thought
In the dawn was given, and the
Stripes on my robe, shining from wear,
Were suddenly fair, bright with a light
Falling from Heaven—gold and silver
And bronze from the windows of Heaven.
And the thought was this:
That a secret plan is hid in my hand;
That my hand is big—big because of this plan.
That God who dwells in my hand,
Knows this secret plan, of the things
He will do for the world, using my hand.

Tell Me, Please

Youth Questions Answered by

Dale G. Lawson



QUESTION

I don't really think that man has gone to the moon. In Psalm 115: 16 the Bible supports my idea. What do you think?

ANSWER

Well, I certainly think those men went someplace and it is my very strong opinion that they went to the moon!

The Scripture that says "*the heavens, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men*" does not restrict man from air and space travel. It does have considerable to do with man's abode (his permanent dwelling), and his eternal abode. Prov. 10:30 says, "*The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.*" Then Prov. 11:31 tells us that both the righteous and the

wicked will be recompensed in the earth.

You are able to observe (via TV) actual space program activities: blast off, space walks, moon walks, splash downs, etc., and it is difficult to imagine how these activities would be hoaxed, considering our free country and the intensity of the space race between the two most powerful nations of the world.

Surely man has gone to the moon and that does not oppose any Biblical position.

If you have a problem or a question, you are encouraged to write to: Elder Dale G. Lawson, P. O. Box 108, Cloudland, GA 30709. Questions requesting a personal answer through the mail are honored, as well as those for print.

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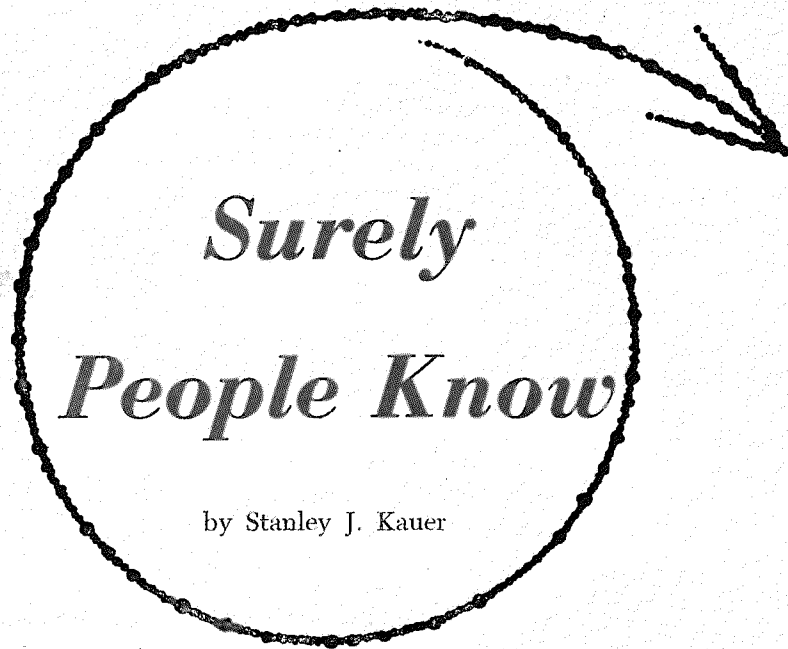
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Christianity is a battle,

not a dream.

—Wendell Phillips



Surely

People Know

by Stanley J. Kauer

"And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:39).

The message of the return of Christ to this earth and the signs of His soon-coming are very little known facts among the peoples of the world today. To Church of God people and to others who know of His coming this probably sounds like a false statement. "Surely people the world over know Christ is coming back to earth and realize that His coming is near," you may think. Just a little mingling with the masses of people in cities of the United States and other countries will prove that most people have no idea of the significance of world events in relation to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. In fact, the majority of people have never even heard of these prophecies!

While traveling in Europe this summer we have been impressed with the fact that the Roman Catholic church still dominates most of these countries. Passing through city after city in central Europe we saw many Catholic churches and very few, if any, Protestant meeting places. Everywhere on the narrow streets are throngs of people. Many sit at small tables out on the sidewalks sipping beer or wine. These tables take up half of the sidewalk leaving only about three feet of sidewalk for the many thousands of people shopping, rushing to work, and hurrying to places of amusement. *And so life will continue in these countries until the second advent of Christ. This great event will terrify the masses who have never heard that it is to happen.*

The return of Christ and the establishment of His kingdom on this earth is certainly not taught in the Catholic churches. And yet in much of the western world, these are the only churches people know. Not only is this true in the cities, but also in the rural areas. *As we took a bus tour through France we noticed the many farm villages. In that country there are very few farmhouses located alone on a farm as we find in our country. The farm homes are grouped in villages and the people go out from these villages to work in the fields. The buildings in the villages are all brick. The homes are a combination house and barn. A family lives in the home at one end of the building and the cows and the hay are kept in the other end of the same building. And in the midst of the farm village there is just one church steeple rising tall above the roofs. If the people go to church, that one church is where they go. The only cemetery in the village is located in the yard of that one Catholic Church.* HOW VERY DIFFICULT it is to preach the true gospel and convert people under such circumstances! This situation is true not only in France but also in south Germany and in Austria and Italy. While there is, officially freedom of religion in principle, in practice these lands are almost closed to the true gospel of Christ. The people in these countries know nothing of the signs of the times, the soon-coming of Christ, or of His kingdom to be on the earth.

Yes, people the world over now have the Bible in their native languages. Although the Bible clearly tells of the signs of the times and the second advent of Christ, many

never notice these things in the Bible. No wonder Jesus once asked, "how readest thou?" In the rituals of the liturgical churches only selected parts of the Bible are combined into readings. And these are the only parts of the Bible many people ever read. These portions of Scripture do not include the prophecies and other vital teachings of the Word of God. So for these people, having the Bible is like having only part of a jigsaw puzzle. They cannot tell what the true picture really is without all of the pieces and having them in their proper places.

In the time of the Roman Empire Paul saw the wickedness of the people and spoke against those "Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things" (Philippians 3:19). *We find the same conditions in many places in the world today. You have probably heard of the famous, risqué night clubs of Paris and the other glamour shows there featuring much nudity. One does not have to visit one of these night clubs or places of entertainment to view the immorality. In going down many streets in a sight-seeing bus one cannot avoid noticing the huge picture signs over and around the many "sex shops." Some of the shops are called "Super Sex." Some of these places feature lurid movies while others are book and magazine stores where the worst kind of pornographic material is sold openly without restriction. This is a land which is over 90% Roman Catholic and just about three city blocks away from one group of these sex shops is the famed "Sacre Couer" cathedral, a great white domed build-*

ing for public Catholic worship. The pagan Romans mingled immorality with religion and so do modern people who call themselves "Christians" but who mingle immorality with pagan forms of worship.

We generally think of the "heathen" people as those living in far-off primitive lands, but this is no longer the case. On our tour coach (bus) there were some Buddhists from Singapore, some Hindus from India, and some Mohammedans from Bangladesh. These were middle-class people holding good jobs at home and able to afford to take a sight-seeing tour of Europe. The Mohammedans in the group did not eat any unclean meats and did not drink alcoholic drinks since these things are forbidden in the Koran. They consider their religion as equal to or better than Christianity. They said they understand the Bible foretells of another great prophet after Jesus. They believe Jesus was a prophet, but that the greater prophet who came after Jesus was Mohammed. They consider that the two religions, Mohammedanism and Christianity, are much alike and both good. We tried to explain that the Bible teaches Jesus as the Son of God and the Redeemer and that all people are lost without Him. But there was no understanding or acceptance of this teaching. They were very friendly people, and very satisfied!

Jesus said the gospel of the Kingdom is to be preached in all the world for a "witness." There is no prophecy that says the world will be converted or even that any large proportion of it will turn to Christ before His return. But the witness

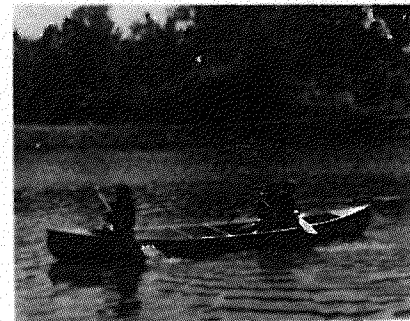
of truth **MUST** be given and the opportunity extended to people so that they might have a chance to accept Christ and come to salvation. We can give this witness by word of mouth, by tracts and by other literature. Also, we can give it by radio and television. World conditions show more and more that we are in the "time of the end." One great sign is the great lack of knowledge of the signs of the times and the soon-coming of Christ. As it was in the days of Noah, the people are unconcerned, ignorant, and complacent. But we are called to be awake and busy as the people of God. This applies to you, too, young people.

On the steps of the Sacre Coeur in Paris was a group of young people from different lands who had met there for one purpose. This group, called "Youth With a Mission," was singing choruses in English and seeking to witness for Christ to the crowds gathered there. We, too, have a mission to teach the whole truth of God, to be bold, and to let this light shine. **WILL YOU ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE AND TAKE ACTION?**

Elder and Mrs. Stanley Kauer have just returned from a summer tour of England, Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and France. They visited places of historical and religious interest in these countries.



45 of the 115 campers and staffers who attended camp traveled to North Platte on this bus from Denver, Colo.



The camp schedule offered much time for summer recreation fun and relaxation.



The Spirit of the Lord fell fresh on many of the campers, and one young lady was baptized while at camp.

You ARE Your Neighbor's Witness

by Iveta Kauer

"Exciting" and "spiritual" are just two of the many words that can be used to describe the Central States Youth Camp which was held in North Platte, Nebraska, July 2-8.

The daily youth program at camp consisted of morning praise, general assembly and inspiring Bible classes. After lunch it was time for swimming, boating, basketball, ping-pong, tennis, baseball, jumping on trampolines or just taking a walk with a friend. Evening devotionals were held separately for the junior and senior campers. Brothers Calvin Burrell, Jerry Camero, Wesley Coulson, Ken Durham, Steve Kurtright, and Wesley Walker were the special speakers at these services.

The theme of our camp, **YOU ARE YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WITNESS**, was stressed in our daily classes and in the Sabbath morning worship hour when Brother Jerry Camero talked to us about the importance of witnessing. The Sabbath Day services highlighted a week of fun, fellowship, learning, and drawing closer to God for the 115 young people and staff workers at this memorable Youth Camp.

"THE MOMENT OF TRUTH IS
HERE FOR YOU. THIS MOMENT
MAY NEVER COME AGAIN."*

HE'LL HELP YOU

Get It All Together

by Lucy Marrs

For one exceptional year God helped me "get it all together." After having been deeply impressed as a child with the fun-loving yet spiritual life of the students of Midwest Bible College, I found it quite easy to be attracted to the opportunity to attend.

What was so exceptional about my year at M.B.C.? Well, for the first time in my life I attended classes with actual Christian orientation such as Bible Doctrines, Epistles, and Christian Leadership. It was a new experience to spend 15 minutes every morning tuning in and turning on to God in morning worship with the entire student body. God imprinted on my mind the validity of the truths I'd been taught since childhood. I'd known what I believed. Now I knew the reasons from the Bible to support those Church doctrines, some of which had begun to fade in importance in my mind.

Spending a year saturating my mind with the truths offered in the Bible Foundations Course powerfully influenced my spiritual life.

Speaking about this experience would not be complete, though, without mentioning the beauty of friendships enriched by times of prayer, laughter, singing, traveling, and even studying together.

What do you choose to do with your moment of decision about attending M.B.C.? Could you use help getting it all together for God and in finding your place in His Church?

*from the folk musical "Natural High"



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NOW — I've Got Confidence!

by Judy Henderson

The life of a college student is not an easy one—especially for a Christian attending a state university where there are thousands of students and so few of them who profess Christianity. I discovered this my first year at Wichita State University. I was surrounded by worldliness and faced with doctrines contrary to my religious beliefs.

I ached to tell these people of Christ and His love, but my tongue seemed always at a loss for words. I guess I feared what would be thought of me if I were not able to substantiate my beliefs. How could I conquer this unwillingness to speak out for Christ? Being aware of my limited knowledge of the scriptures and having heard of the one-year Biblical Foundations Course, I determined to enroll at Midwest Bible College the following fall semester. Now, two years later, I still find myself offering prayers of thanksgiving for the fellowship and training that I received there. Even though I did not continue in college, the course gave me the confidence and knowledge I needed to witness to others in my everyday life—to my co-workers, my neighbors and even to my own family.

I pray that anyone planning to attend college will not underestimate the merits of one year of Christian fellowship and dedication to the studying of God's Word at Midwest Bible College. Remember the words in Timothy as you make your plans for the coming school year.

"Study to shew thyself approved . . ."

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"Knowledge does not comprise all which is contained in the large term of education. The feelings are to be disciplined; the passions are to be restrained; true and worthy motives are to be inspired; a profound religious feeling is to be instilled, and pure morality inculcated under all circumstances. All this is comprised in education.

—Daniel Webster



The Never-Fail Diet

by Verna McCoy



Dieting is a fad that apparently will never become old-fashioned. There are diets to gain weight, diets to lose weight, diets to maintain weight, diets for diabetics, etc., etc. If followed judiciously and under the direction of a wise physician, they can be very beneficial.

There are about as many different pills, gadgets, and methods for dieting as there are people experimenting with them. One can walk down through the aisle of most any supermarket and find a grand array of foods in the diet-rite form.

Teen-agers (girls in particular) are susceptible to the dieting craze because of the emphasis put on being a "slim Jane" or "slim Jim" by clothing manufacturers and advertising agencies.

TEEN-AGERS, let us advertise it far and near that we need to be getting in tip-top shape for the Kingdom of God. We all can have the counsel of the same Great Physician in recommending our dietary needs. Take courage, for this diet is one where we can feast—feast on His Word. "Thy words were found, and I did eat them..." (Jer. 15:16). If we hunger and thirst after righteousness we will be filled (Matt. 5:6).

The food recommended by the Great Physician, if taken faithfully and in the proper amounts will so uplift our spirits and vitalize our lives that there won't be cause for the feeling of irritability that so often accompanies dieting.

Let's take a look at a sample menu recommended by the Great Physician.

The main course of most main meals is MEAT. "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me" (John 4:34). It should be our main desire to strive to do the will of our heavenly Father.

If any of you have had to be on a salt-free diet, you know that food isn't nearly as palatable as it is when seasoned with SALT. Likewise, "Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man" (Col. 4:6).

Another very important food eaten at nearly every meal is BREAD. "Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live" (Deut. 8:3).

We have been taught since we were infants that MILK is one of the best and most basic foods as well as a very good beverage for our meals. "I have fed you with milk..." (1 Cor. 3:2).

Even when dieting, most of us still have a sweet tooth and want some type of dessert with our meal. In preference to rich pastries, the FRUITS of the Spirit are strongly recommended and necessary for our spiritual growth. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5:22, 23).

In addition to the above mentioned foods, our diet will need to be supplemented with vitamins, as they are indispensable to normal body metabolism and disease prevention.

Our spiritual vitamin classification is as follows:

Vitamin A — Acceptance Vitamin. Christ died for our sins and it is only by accepting Him that we can have eternal life.

Vitamin B — Belief Vitamin is essential to the normal functioning of the new life. The Great Physician ex-

plains that "all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

Vitamin C — Confession Vitamin, must be used every day to keep one in perfect health. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Vitamin D — Determination Vitamin. This vitamin is especially vital to the proper maintenance of the skeletal system. A weak backbone ruins posture and our Christian testimony, but by using Vitamin D, one has no fear. Simply *determine* "not to know anything... save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2).

Vitamin E — Endurance Vitamin. "Therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Tim. 2:3) knowing that "he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matt. 24:13).

So young people, let's be faithful and DIET-RITE, knowing that our efforts will make us fit for the Kingdom of God.

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Seek Ye First . . .

by Janna Patchen

Many of us are still talking about the great week at Bethany, Ohio where the District No. 6 Youth Camp was held June 24-July 1. The camp is located in a beautifully scenic valley of central Ohio. A large staff and 67 campers from Ohio, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Missouri, and West Virginia invaded this quiet setting for a week of fun and blessings.

Each day at camp was devoted to Bible classes and Teen Discussions in the morning, recreation in the afternoon, and devotionals and campfire services in the evening.

Our Bible classes were highlighted by the inspiring and meaningful studies of Scriptures led by Brothers Ivan Burrell and Denis Burrell. Our discussion times, led by Elder Max Morrow and Brother David Robinson, provided us the opportunity to study our Church and the role young people play now and will play in the future Church.

The recreation program, under the direction of Elder Mark Ling, provided a good variety of sporting events in addition to daily swimming and a 16-mile canoe trip down the Mohican River. On Friday we watched the stiff competition in the sports "play-offs." Earlier in the week the campers beat the staff in a softball game, but not without a struggle!

Our camp cook, Doris Graham, and her able assistants served different delectable dishes every day, and the "good 'ole" homemade bread and rolls kept everyone happy!

Sabbath's meetings and the fine rally entitled "Seek Ye First . . ." topped off the great week at camp! We were privileged to witness the baptism of Joel and Paul Ling in the camp lake. Other young people were also converted while at camp and will be baptized in their home churches. Praise God for this!

At the end of the Sabbath, awards were passed out. Those receiving first and second place in the various sports contests received their ribbons. The campers awarded the camp cook a special gift of appreciation. All around best camper awards went to Margaret Ling and Greg Kelso.

Saturday evening Elder Max Morrow spoke to us for the last time. He gave us such challenging messages—straight from his heart to ours! May we long recall the words he spoke—may they be stepping stones to us from day to day as we live for God in all we do and say. Following this inspiring service we all gathered around a campfire to sing and share our testimonies . . . Our camp theme, "Seek Ye First" rang out loud and clear as we sang the chorus "Seek Ye First" for the last time together.

Thank you, God, for such a fine week with YOU! And may we always SEEK YOU FIRST.

TWO FACED CHRISTIAN

(Continued from page 4)

ing to fake Christianity! "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Corinthians 6:20).

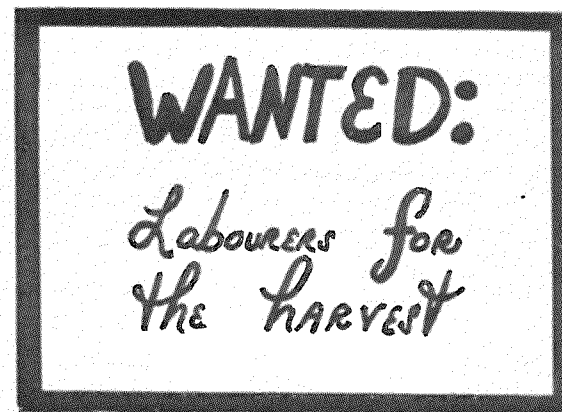
The true Christian has escaped the pollutions of this world (II Peter 2:20) and endeavors every day to keep himself unspotted by the world (James 1:27). The child of God takes no pleasure in and wastes not his time viewing and listening to the evil of this world. A witness to all the world he is, but he is not found spending free time standing in the way of sinners or sitting in the seat of the scornful (Psalm 1:1).

I have not outlined the character of an individual who has never walked the earth, but merely listed the Bible characteristics of the true Christian. Don't let the world and others around you shape your Christian life, but apply God's Word to your life and then YOU shape the world and those around YOU according to God's standards.

If your highest goal in life is to be found ready when Christ comes again, then give your present Christian life a good looking-over. Have you been faking Christianity like the majority of the so-called "Christian world" or does your testimony of being a Christian have a fine, shining life visibly backing it up?

"He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; HE SHALL DWELL ON HIGH." (Isaiah 33:15, 16).

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Wash Away That Gray!

by Marcia Woods

"Sure I believe in keeping the Sabbath—but I can practice my memory verses while I fish Saturday afternoon..."

"Of course I keep the Sabbath, but it's okay to watch television Friday night—it doesn't really seem like a part of the Sabbath anyway..."

"Sure, I should be at church Friday night, but the choir director says if I'm not at the school concert I'll get an 'F' for the semester. It'll be okay just this once, won't it?"

"Why, I'd NEVER go to a football game on Sabbath—but it'll be almost sundown by the time we drive the hundred miles to get there..."

Well, what do you think? Do the above excuses hold water when it comes to violating God's Sabbath law? As members of the Church, I feel sure most of you are convinced that the seventh day is God's Sabbath, sanctified and holy. But just what is meant by "keeping it holy"? Can we draw lines between right and wrong? Permissible and non-permissible? Proper and improper? Is it Pharisaical to establish rights and wrongs in the keeping of the Lord's day?

Those often discussed, controversial "gray areas" pertaining to the Sabbath are still being discussed and are still controversial. So what should a Christian do if he wants to follow God's law? After all, the Bible doesn't cover problems such as we face today. It doesn't say what's right or wrong to do on Sabbath, so how do we decide? Just how far can we go and still not break God's law? To

still be considered a pretty good Christian?

Ah-ha! There's the key. We as struggling Christians often worry over *how close* we can come to sin without actually condemning ourselves. How about going the other way and considering how we might grow closer to God and serve Him better? After all *we are either serving God or we're not. There is no halfway* (Matt. 6:24). This Sabbath, instead of seeing how far you can go without breaking God's law, why not see how many things you can find to do that you are SURE are acceptable. Have that long, private talk with God that you've been meaning to have for so long. Study next week's Sabbath School lesson—in depth! Visit someone who's lonely or shut-in—the rewards are endless. Arrange an FYC Bible Study or rap session. This week, why not try giving of yourself to others as Christ gave of Himself for YOU!

God gave you this day to rest and to worship Him (although we should also worship him during the other six). Why not use it for that just this once? I think you'll find the rewards endless. Use it to draw closer to the One who loves you so much and to learn how to serve Him better. IS IT ASKING TOO MUCH TO ASK YOU TO DEVOTE ONE DAY TO THE ONE WHO GAVE TO YOU ALL SEVEN?

Genesis 2:3

Hebrews 4:4

Hebrews 4:8

Matthew 28:1

Mark 2:27, 28

Acts 13:42

Isaiah 58:13

Isaiah 58:14

Sept. 1—Ps. 107

Sept. 2—Ps. 146

Sept. 3—Ps. 34

Sept. 4—Rom. 8

Sept. 5—Heb. 13

Sept. 6—Lev. 7

Sept. 7—Eph. 5

Sept. 8—I Pet. 2

Sept. 9—Col. 3

Sept. 10—I Peter 4

Sept. 11—Prov. 17

Sept. 12—Phil. 3

Sept. 13—Phil. 4

Sept. 14—I Thes. 5

Sept. 15—Col. 2

Sept. 16—Col. 4

Sept. 17—Heb. 3

Sept. 18—Deut. 10

Sept. 19—Deut. 12

Sept. 20—I Sam. 2

Sept. 21—I Chron. 16

Sept. 22—Luke 1

Sept. 23—Luke 24

Sept. 24—Acts 3

Sept. 25—Luke 6

Sept. 26—I Pet. 1

Sept. 27—Ps. 5

Sept. 28—Ps. 7

Sept. 29—Ps. 9

Sept. 30—Ps. 18

2T4G—TAKE TIME FOR GOD

Praise

the

Lord!

by Marilyn Current

The expression PRAISE THE LORD should be a frequently-used interjection in the speech of any Christian. Certainly we Christians have MUCH to praise our wonderful Lord for every day. This month's daily readings will serve to remind you of the many things for which we can praise our great, big, wonderful God.

WHAT IS FRIENDSHIP? Friendship is the bond of unity between individuals; it can break the chains of doubt, and weld a web of wondrous faith.

WITH FRIENDS, a man is quick to listen, slow to repeat, and is never alone. The richest man in the world is poor without friends, and a friend bought with money is of less value than a fool's words, which can no more be heard.

TO HAVE FRIENDS, a man must show himself friendly; to be friendly we should be as the wise old owl who lived in the oak: the more he saw the less he spoke; the less he spoke, the more he heard; why can't we be like that old bird?

TO HAVE FRIENDS, a man must show himself friendly, and the fires of strife will be doused. To emphasize the faults of another only brings us to his level, and as fire cannot exist without fuel, so where no talebearer is, the strife ceaseth.

TO HAVE FRIENDS, a man must show himself friendly, and the size of a man's friendship can be measured by his circle of friends. Friendship knows no barriers of size, color, or creed; to reject from our circle of friends someone whom God has included in His family, is to place our own judgment above that of God's. To keep a man down, means only to stay down with him; we can be no closer to God than we are to His children. A man should keep his friendship in constant repair.

FRIENDS — Who Needs Them?

by Calvin Burrell



TO HAVE FRIENDS, a man must show himself friendly, and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Though we are betrayed by brothers, and wounded in the house of friends, yet will the Lord Jesus Christ never fail us. And when the fearful day comes when man's weapons are rendered futile, when the earth quakes, and fire engulfs the wicked, HE will carry us through!

FRIENDSHIP IMPROVES HAPPINESS, AND ABATES MISERY, BY DOUBLING OUR JOY, AND DIVIDING OUR GRIEF.

—Addison

SVA Prepares for OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD Trophies



Karen Blackwell and David Stucker received Spring Vale's track trophy for the May 9 meet with Lansing Christian High. David scored the most points for the boys' events and Karen for the girls' events. The final score: SVA, 72, Lansing Christian, 48. First and second place winners received blue and red imprinted ribbons.

Spring Vale wins a few trophies which are of this world, but the more important ones are out of this world.

We have no monopoly on these, but these are our daily objectives which are in addition to the regular objectives of other high schools.

Out-of-this-World-Trophies

1. The crown of eternal life.
2. Preparation for Christian leadership through course work and experience.
3. Witnessing instruction and experience with the public.
4. Mutual help and sharing of problems in the dorm.
5. Preparation for Christian service in the missions of the church.
6. Bible classes to give Bible knowledge for more effective service.
7. Worship of God through the miracles of His creation (instead of the theories of evolution).

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