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In every man's heart there is a secret nerve that answers to the vibrations of beauty.

Christopher Morley

EDITORIAL ETCHES

It is my habit upon arising each morning to open the living room drapes and take a good, long look at the new day. I assess the weather conditions, marvel at the serenity of a still-sleeping neighborhood, and bask in the beauty of another sunrise. This morning during my "look and see time," my attention focused on a large tree in our front yard. It is an ordinary tree that has always been there, so I have never spent much time looking at it or thinking about it until now. Oh, I have been aware of its existence for I've rested in its cool, refreshing shade on hot summer days, I've raked its shiny golden leaves in the fall, I've shaken snow and ice from its drooping limbs in the winter, and I've seen it burst forth with new life in the spring, but somehow I never really looked at the tree itself . . .

There it stands, tall and grand, its strong limbs stretching high into the sky. It has stood there for almost 20 years, and though its appearance changes as the seasons dictate, it remains a thing of beauty regardless of its array. It has weathered countless storms and has survived the most severe extremes of heat and cold. It stands firm, ever growing upward, its trunk gradually broadening, and its roots sinking ever deeper into the rich earth.

Oh to be like this tree! A glory to my Maker in all seasons, strong regardless of the weather, serviceable, and ever yielding, year after year, to His perfect plan for me.

The
REAL
Jesus

BRADEN ACRES
GRADE SCHOOL

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by Tom Orr

There was a man, born a Jew out of the nation called Israel, who lived nearly 2,000 years ago. Being a carpenter's son, he knew the meaning of hard work. His hands no doubt were calloused and rough, and his skin weathered by the wind and dust. This same man, the son of a carpenter, was also the long-hoped-for Messiah. Yes! He was the Son of God, and they called Him Jesus.

In the scripture of Isaiah we are told that Jesus had "no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him." There was nothing outstanding about His physical appearance—no glamour. He was a plain man to look upon. Judas, the very man who betrayed Him, found it necessary to distinguish Him from the others by a kiss. This is somewhat paradoxical in light of today's pictures and images of Jesus which portray Him in an opposite manner. Jesus has been given the appearance of a handsome man along with the popular title *Jesus Christ Super-Star*. Today Jesus is viewed by many to be the same as other commercialized heroes, the in thing, and even as a sex symbol! There are thousands and thousands of young people who only know Jesus on the same level as their favorite rock star. Jesus Christ Super-Star, the exciting, handsome, man of Galilee. Many people will never see the *real* Jesus or understand just what this man from Nazareth stood for, nor will they know the meaning of real Christianity.

. . . the real Super-Star goes unseen . . .

Christianity was established on the basis of following Christ as the perfect example (I Peter 2: 21). Jesus was an outstanding man, this is never to be denied. He was a worker of miracles. At the age of 30 He began a ministry that would give man the key to salvation and eternal life. He healed the sick, raised the dead, caused blind men to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak, lame to walk, along with countless other miracles, many of which are not even recorded in the Bible (John 21:25).

Christ stood up against the Pharisees and hypocrites defying their vain worship and tradition. Because He exposed their evil, they sought to destroy Him. He stood as the only remaining threat to their tight-fisted control on an endless path of ignorance and darkness. Jesus stood as the one great Light that fell upon their lies exposing them to the people. Therefore, they destroyed the Son of God.

It was this same Jesus who left His place with the Father, gave up a position of Deity for that of flesh, and took upon Himself the pain of this world. He gave ALL that He could possibly give, for there is no greater love than this (John 15:13). It was through this death and shedding of blood that man was set free from the certain doom of eternal extinction. This same man was betrayed by one of His own disciples for a price of only 30 pieces of silver.

Yes, Jesus gave His all, and certainly He expects us to give no less. Perhaps this side of Jesus

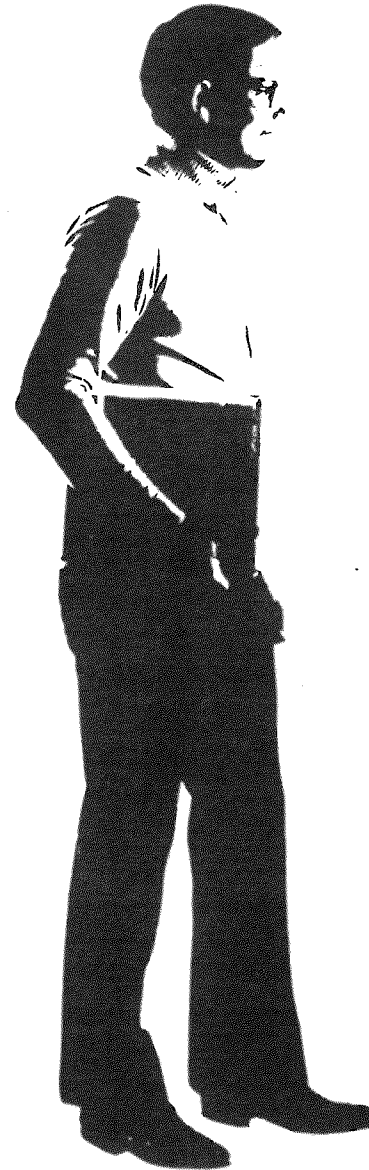
is not glamorous or exciting enough to keep in step with our commercialized, superficial society. How sad that the *real* Jesus does not sell well on today's market! But following the steps of Jesus is none too easy, nor does it have the spectacular appeal most people are looking for. There are many who are not following the *real* steps Jesus left us to follow. They demand too much, and the pats on the back or the spotlight just aren't there. Instead, people choose to follow the steps of someone else—they are big, easy to follow and easy to see. They do not demand too much—just a form of godliness and no real commitment. For this reason most people choose to walk down the wide, broad path rather than the straight and narrow path Jesus laid for man to follow.

Those of us who are following in the *real* steps of the *real* Jesus face a tremendous responsibility and challenge. The majority of the world's people are stumbling in complete darkness and has been led onto the trails of false religion. For many Christ's coming will be too late, for they will have spent their lives thinking they were on the right road when in reality it was only a dead end street, and the real Super Star will have gone unseen. *It is our responsibility to reach out and shine forth the light of the real, living Christ. Let us dedicate our lives to this purpose, revealing the light we have seen exposing deception, even as Christ did.*

Serving Jesus

IS for Real!

by Sandra Sparks



There was once a Dutch collegian named Hans who was *very* bright. He could learn quicker than any of his classmates, work faster than any of his colleagues, and come up with ideas to beat any teacher's; but he was *very* bored: Nothing seemed to bring Hans joy.

And then one day he met Jesus. The result was that he became so happy and so satisfied that he decided to devote his whole life to this newfound Friend. So he created a little world of his own in his garret apartment and became *very* withdrawn. He limited his activities to sleeping, eating, worshipping—and attending class if he had time.

But soon Hans' development as a person became *very* lopsided. On the one hand, he was deeply committed to Christ, he thought; but on the other hand, he was socially inept and almost completely isolated from the very things that could make his walk with Christ meaningful—people.

Christianity is not for idle dreamers—serving Jesus is for real!!

Hans was right, of course, to want to give his life to Jesus; but he forgot something *very* important: The most useful Christians are those who serve their Master in little things. Our Lord never despised small things, or else He would not hide His oaks in tiny acorns or the wealth of a wheat-field in bags of little seeds.

Serving Jesus is not limiting our life to cultivating some kind of idealistic religious expression, but expanding our life to sharing Him with others. "For this," said an ancient philosopher, "is what Christianity is for—to teach men the art of Life. And its whole curriculum lies in one word, 'Learn of Me.'"

Life currents (psychic, spiritual, or whatever) are *very* real—as real as those of electricity. And the results of these currents are even

more striking! When a life is placed under the Life-giving currents of Jesus Christ, for instance, something wonderful happens: The human spirit, which is the perfect conductor for these life currents, responds and begins to unfold the beauty of its character. It learns how to be receptive to the heart-throbs from the sending station of the Universe and how to pass on these inspirations to others.

And passing it on is what makes serving Jesus for real. For if, as the psychologists say, experience is the test of reality, then sharing Jesus makes serving Him real to the child of God and knowing Him makes the person of Jesus real in the lives of others.

Remember: Christianity is not for idle dreamers—serving Jesus is for real! Pass it on!

—*Lighted Pathway*

Christian stewardship is the matching of gift for matchless gift; our life and its whole substance for the gift of perfect love. And though God's Son and His precious death are matchless in the strange economy of God our gift returned is made sufficient. My all for His all. Stewardship is your commitment; the asking of God to take you back unto Himself—all that you have and all that you are.

—L. L. Durgin

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Not long ago I read about a woman who, when buying a typewriter, was surprised and very upset because there was no exclamation point among the keys of the particular machine she wanted. When the salesman told her that they rarely had a request for that key, she was abashed and said, "Why, I can't understand that. Everything I write is full of exclamation points!"

Life should be full of this punctuation mark, for there is the beauty of the world all around us. There is the excitement of new experiences; the thrill of a beautiful piece of music we hear; the loveliness of a sunrise or a sunset, or some other special artistry of Nature; the sight of a rosy, healthy new baby . . . and all of these should cause us to exclaim with joy.

Sometimes it is a good thing for us to pause and look back at yesterday to see whether we had any exclamation points in our lives. If we did not, we should see what we can do about making sure that we have some during the next 24 hours.

Once we get the habit of looking for delightful or pleasant things, or of doing things that cause us (or someone else) to exclaim with pleasure, we'll soon form the habit and our lives will be richer because of it.

How many exclamation points were in your life today?

—*Sunshine*



The Great Imposter

by Steve Kurtright

What in the world is a Baha'u'llah? Strange as it may sound, Baha'u'llah is a who and not a what! Baha'u'llah is the prophet of the Bahai Faith, and that religious body began with him. He is a man who claims to have been sent from God to unite the religions and all the prophets of the world. Through him the Moslems, Hindus, Jews, Christians, etc., are to be unified into one body. Baha'u'llah came to bring peace and unity to man and religion; therefore, the picture painted by this man is one of beauty that appeals to many people, but is this picture based on the Word of God?

Let's consider Matthew 16:15, 16—"He saith unto them, but whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the SON OF THE LIVING GOD." Here we have the answer as to who is the Christ! What a fantastic claim for anyone to make! The records of the testaments point to the fact that Jesus would be the Messiah, yet, every claim ever made concerning Jesus was supported by miracles—proof of the claims! The greatest proof of all was the death and resurrection of Christ.

The Scripture is very clear as to who Christ is. If it is such an overwhelming fact that Jesus is the son of God, why do we have such warnings as:

Mark 13:22 "For false Christs and false prophets will rise, to seduce, if it were possible the very elect."

I John 4:1 "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits to see if they are of God: because, many false prophets are gone out into the world."

Can't everyone see and understand that Jesus is the final authority and guide for mankind and the Church? It is quite evident that all do not understand, and this is reflected by the out-croppings of "modern day prophets" such as Ellen G. White, Joseph Smith, Mohammed, Buddha, Krishna, and Baha'u'llah.

The Bahai movement began in 1844 with a young man who said he was the "Bab," or gate, sent from God to declare the "way" of the "promised one" (Note the similarities to John the Baptist and Christ). This movement began in Persia with a sect of Moslems who were looking for a Messiah. The movement occurred during a time of social and religious unrest in that part of the world, so the conditions were right for the preaching of a coming Savior. Later this "Bab" was killed for his preaching. In 1863 a rich gentleman decided he must be the "promised one," so he then revealed his "identity" to the followers of the slain "Bab." He adopted the name "Baha'u'llah" which means glory of God. In time he was exiled to Palestine (Mt. Carmel) where in 1892 he died, in spite of his claim that he was immortal. If these facts don't impress you as to the danger of this sect, perhaps then these will:*

1. Bahai is predicted to become the religion of the world.
2. It is the fastest growing religion in the world.
3. Bahai is now represented in every country of the world.
4. It has grown from 10,000 to 100,000 in ten years.

The teachings of the movement are very simple:

*These facts are derived from non-Bahai sources

1. Baha'u'llah is a descendent of Keturah, Abraham's third wife.
2. Moses, Christ, Buddha, Mohammed, etc. were all prophets of God and all served a purpose during their lifetimes.
3. Now, for this age the prophet of God is Baha'u'llah.
4. Man doesn't need salvation, only enlightenment.
5. Man is created to know and love God, and the only way this can be achieved is to know and love the manifestation of God Himself, BAHU'ULLAH.

In summary, the Bahai Faith is very believable and **DECEITFUL!!!** When the Bahai's speak to Christians they use the Bible, twisting and perverting its true content. For example, note Isaiah 40:3, "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." When we compare this with Mark 1:2-4 we can easily see that this is a prophecy of John the Baptist, but the Bahai's use it to say that this is a prophecy of the "Bab" (gate). Consider Isaiah 35:1, 2. "...and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly. The excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord..." Remember, Baha'u'llah (glory of God) was exiled on Mt. Carmel and the Bab's remains are buried there. In 1950 Bahai's built a shrine on Mt. Carmel and established their headquarters there. They claim this is when the desert blossomed and saw the glory of the Lord. In truth, it is a direct perversion of God's Holy Word, and they will be held accountable for it.

We need to stop being afraid to expose these false religions for what they really are. We need to let everyone know how false these ways are before Christ returns to establish his rule!

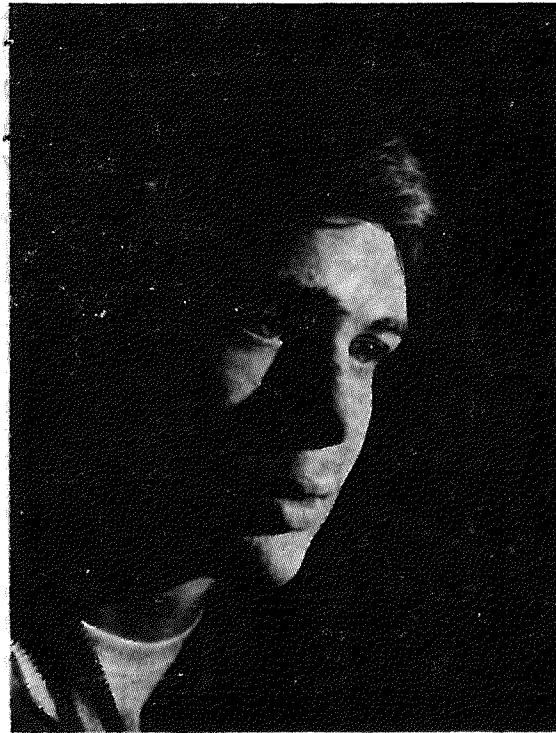
One last point for your consideration—How can Ellen G. White, Joseph Smith, Krishna, and Baha'u'llah be prophets?? **THE BIBLE SAYS THERE ARE TO BE NO MORE PROPHETS AFTER CHRIST!!**

Luke 16:16 "The law and the PROPHETS were UNTIL John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached..."

Hebrews 1:1, 2 "God, who at sundry times and divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, HATH IN THESE LAST DAYS SPOKEN UNTO US BY HIS SON..."

Mark 13:23 The words of Jesus Himself—"But take ye heed: behold, I HAVE FORETOLD YOU ALL THINGS!"

The prophets need to be exposed and understood in light of the scripture. Do your part to "cast down imaginations" by living a scripturally based life and following the son of God—Jesus, and Him only!



A TEEN-AGER'S PRAYER

By Barbara F. Richardson

Dear God, I find it rather difficult to talk to someone I can't see. As a matter of fact if anyone saw me, I'm sure I'd feel rather foolish. I don't mean to offend You when I say that. I hear Mom and Dad say that it is typical of my age to doubt. But between You and me I think they must have times when they doubt too, but they are just too proud to admit it.

I don't know what's happening to me, but I seem to be doing stupid things lately. Today I snapped back at Mom, and she was only trying to be kind. I knew I hurt her feelings, but I just couldn't help it. There seems to be something going on inside me. One part of me wants to do right, and the other part wants to do the opposite of what my parents tell me. I don't mean to be that miserable or hateful with my folks. Deep down I love them, but I find it awfully hard to show them just how much I care.

This may seem like an awful small problem to You, Lord, but somehow could You help me not to be so short with the people I love, especially my folks? Another thing, Lord, I know I should be proud of You and show my faith. To be very truthful, Lord, sometimes I'm a real coward. In my heart I love You, but it sure is hard to tell the

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Rita Moldenhauer

Are You Kidding Me?

... the grey-blue sky is mistily soothing today... and, oh how relaxing to beat the stifling scrunch of people, and traffic and noise... and talking...

... I am sitting here wondering about talking... the hundreds of words and phrases people use to make life seem different than it is... how many defences they invent to pretend... and I'm thinking it's all because of dishonesty...

... well, I don't need to spoil this lovely day thinking... the country is so peaceful, gentle, soothing... not like people...

... who laugh when parents recount the "little white lie" junior so innocently uttered last night. That particular phrase has made universal history through the pop tune entitled—what else?—"Those Little White Lies"... seems to reflect a basic attitude in our society...

... reflections of light and water shift through my focus as I stare into the swirls of this cowpond... the only way to keep a pond clean in the country is to guard it from cows... using sticks... dealing blows...

... like the various verbal insults we hurl against our physical selves with words... as people have "pulled your leg"... "taken you for a ride"... "given you a snow-job"... and those terrible cosmetic problems... "two-faced" and "masked" people... no wonder everything they say is so distorted... and then, too there's the "double-minded" people... oh, sure, I know these bodily assaults and defects aren't really what they seem.

... seams of grain stitching stripes along the foothills, lacing and tating contours, seam after seam, after seam.

... even an ancient dude like Shakespeare knew all about "seeming" and "duplicity" when he wrote: "I am not merry, but I do beguile the thing I am by seeming otherwise."... Othello II, I, 122.

... I guess that even the Carthaginians had a hard lesson to learn when they proved themselves uncomplicated enough to accept at "face value" their Trojan present... "Don't look a gift horse in the mouth"... well, it's been around a long time, this dishonesty...

... I had a horse once, but I used to get bucked off a lot... the ground

would come crashing up at me, passing me in velocity until the vital crunch...I was seldom careful enough when riding...

...in today's world, one has to be even more careful...all the crime...people "selling you up the creek"...

...there's a little creek leading to this cow-pond, dribbling a tiny stream of fresh clearness into murky swirls of green...I think I see some tadpoles...uncomplicated creatures tumbling over each other performing intricate maneuvers of pulsating life.

... life, riddled with intricate maneuvers of speech...making others feel fine when they've obviously told "falsehoods"...so many people "telling stories" which is not to be confused with story-telling; and also we must realize that if something is "not quite above-board" then it is most definitely "under-ground"...I do believe this was explained on GRAMMAR ROCK one morning, so I do hope the kiddies caught it...it's difficult enough for the adults...it gets to be a game, "The games people play"....

... nature is a tough game, some say...or is it that life is just naturally tough? There are uncounted attempts by people trying to drown their thoughts...the rat race...drugs...dishonesty...I guess in nature, too, like me, God?...

...I guess escape is easy, but honesty is the more important thing...Pontius Pilate saw the struggle, too, when he questioned "What is truth?" I guess he felt confused sometimes, too...well, Christ tells us that HE is the Way, the TRUTH, and the Life...

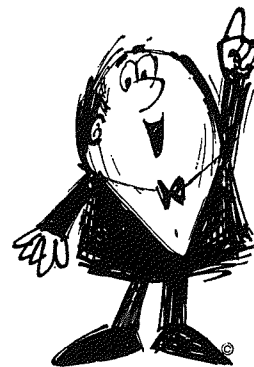
...The sun is setting on another day of life...I'd better go inside now...but I just can't help thinking...

...as I've sat here wondering about dishonesty...that I wish people would be honest with me...

...and I wonder what conclusion you may have reached by now...

...and I'm just thinking what a basic, fine thing it would be if we would uplift our thoughts...and by doing so, our language itself...if we could cause dishonest phrases to disappear...to "lay it on the line" with our friends...to approach our church and our faith with HONESTY...

...do you think you can?



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The Important Decision

by Sharon Meier

"Wow!"

"This can't be real! I can't possibly be enrolled in college! Me—in college!"

"There are so many things happening, and so many new people to meet . . . I can hardly wait to get involved . . ."

Undoubtedly, all college freshmen, with a bit of uncertainty, self-consciousness, and even awe, find themselves thinking thoughts such as these. College is a wonderfully exciting new world. In most cases, entrance into college necessitates a teenager's move away from home, gives him a new feeling of freedom and independence, and forces him to learn to make decisions without advice from his parents. There are many decisions he'll be faced with, but one of the first and most important ones all Christian collegians must make involves Christian standards and Christian witness. *"Shall I keep my standards as high as they are or can I lower them just a little bit so I won't appear so peculiar? Can I go to that movie Friday night? Should I attend that fraternity party? Should I be different and keep all of God's commandments as I've done in the past, or is there a new me now?"*

In considering this matter further, let me tell you about the decisions of two of my friends, Sheila and Francie, during their first year of college . . .

CASE HISTORY I

"Wow," Sheila thought, "There are so many activities planned! If I attend all of them I'll meet lots of people. Let's see, there's a movie that we're all invited to tonight and a fraternity party tomorrow night, and Sunday there's a picnic, and a dance . . ."

"But wait a minute! What am I going to do about God and all those things I've been taught ever since I was a kid? I know that I'll meet many of the students and start making new friends if I participate in all those activities, but then I also know what will happen if I turn my back on God. Ever since I committed my life to God, He's never let me down. One way or another, He's always worked things out. I'm sure that if I'll just be patient, God will provide many opportunities for me to meet the other students. Besides, knowing that I was deliberately breaking God's commandments just to gain friends and become popular would make me feel guilty and unhappy. Knowing God as I do, and after all He's done for me, the least I can do is live for Him here at college just as He's taught me how to live."

Unlike Sheila, Francie allowed herself to base this decision upon her concern for what her friends might think.

CASE HISTORY II

"Well, what's everybody going to think if I don't go to that movie tonight?" Francie questioned herself, "How can a Walt Disney production do me any harm, even if it is on Friday night? Everybody else goes. How could I ever explain why I don't care to go? Those kids wouldn't understand—they'd just laugh at me. And about that fraternity party tomorrow night . . . I know they'll serve liquor, but I can go anyway—I don't have to drink. And that dance might be fun. I know how the Church feels about dancing, but everybody else will be there and it will give me a fantastic opportunity to meet the other kids. I don't have to participate in those activities more than once or twice because by then I'll know most of the kids. My parents and minister would never find out. And God would understand that it's impossible for a teenager to be square all the time and He will overlook these few little mistakes."

FOLLOW-UP:

Sheila and Francie led quite different lives throughout college due to the influence of their first important decisions. All during her college life, Sheila had many friends. Everyone she knew held a great respect for her because she wasn't afraid of being different. She had set her standards high and steadfastly upheld them. Today, she's a very
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Dear FYCer,

Have you noticed the trend in advertising? Products are being promoted on the basis of benefits to be received by using them. We are advised to be sure our body has no offensive odor by using SURE anti-perspirant. Such advertisement is effective in catching the public eye and in selling the product. The F.Y.C. needs such a promotion that will catch the eye of the church and inspire greater participation in its programs.

Promotion is an essential facet of further growth and development of any organization. The effectiveness of a promotional program is easily measured in terms of response to that program and projected needs. Success or failure is attributable to the presentation of promotion.

At times, special promotionals are organized to build or to rekindle interest in specific areas. With this in mind, we appeal to you to promote the F.Y.C. in your local church. There is a certain "deadness" in most current F.Y.C. programs, excepting VISTOC. This is due, in part, to the fact that change is coming and young people are waiting for these changes before rejuvenating their charges in the programs. Change is due, but promotion must be constant and positive to insure constant growth in the F.Y.C.

December 21 has been designated as Youth Emphasis Sabbath by the United Missions Board. With the proposed changes at hand, Youth Emphasis Sabbath might effectively be employed to promote the F.Y.C. and the new, rejuvenated F.Y.C. programs. Promotional materials will be sent to each F.Y.C. with the intent of presenting and introducing the entire program to the church, new programs included. A special program is being encouraged utilizing local F.Y.C.'s, sponsors, and pastors to present a positive F.Y.C. I urge each F.Y.C. to be prepared to involve themselves with this promotion!

Speaking of promotion—the United Missions Board plays an important role in aiding and funding the F.Y.C. program. In turn, they expect the F.Y.C. to contribute its fair share to fund the budget. The means established to provide such sharing is through the Quarter

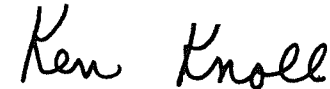
per Quarter system of the Mark of Merit program. Even though Mark of Merit will be phased out, Quarter per Quarter will remain and needs the support of each F.Y.C. group.

Quarter per Quarter is a program of financial assistance to the National F.Y.C. which asks each local F.Y.C. to establish its financial goal on the basis of average church attendance. The average church attendance should determine the goal by assessing the local F.Y.C. \$1.00 per person. EXAMPLE: If a church has an average of 113, its yearly goal would be \$113.00. Local F.Y.C.'s should try to meet this goal on a quarterly basis, hence, "Quarter per Quarter."

Whatever you do, don't ignore the responsibility of meeting your Quarter per Quarter goal, as future promotion and programs may depend upon our response to that responsibility. The F.Y.C. fair share of the United Missions budget through Quarter per Quarter is \$1600.00, or \$400.00 per quarter. Needless to say, we urge your participation in Quarter per Quarter!

The F.Y.C. Committee feels that continual promotion of the F.Y.C. is essential to its very existence. Your response and promotion will determine future success or failure.

For Christian Youth,



Kenneth Knoll

A TEENAGER'S PRAYER

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kids at school just what You mean to me. Please, Lord, help me to do what I know You want me to do.

Just one more thing, Lord. You know that guy at school who offered me the drugs, today. Well, he's really a nice guy, but he has a rough time at home. Maybe You could speak to him and show him that You love him. I just thought of something, Lord—that's my job, isn't it?

People probably think by the way I act that I don't appreciate all You've done for me, but You know my heart. Thanks so much for everything. Good night, Lord. See You in the morning. . . .

Lighted Pathway

Answered Prayer

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to His will, he heareth us" (1 John 5:14).

Prayer is a greatly untapped resource. The early Christians realized the significance of prayer and used prayer to its fullest extent. It seems we may have "lost the key" to unlock this great power. We need to study God's Word and rid ourselves of a lack of faith so that we qualify for God's great gift to us. God is still just as capable today of answering prayers, from the greatest to the smallest, as He was in Bible times. Don't think any prayer is too great or too small for God—He is interested in them all!

Read the following chapters paying particular attention to the verses listed.

READ YOUR BIBLE AND PRAY EVERY DAY.						
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAB.
		NOVEMBER 1974			1 Psa. 34:4, 7	2 Psa. 78: 34-39
3 Psa. 107: 6-28	4 Psa. 145:19	5 Prov. 2:1-9	6 Jer. 33:3	7 Matt. 7:7-11	8 Matt. 21:21, 22	9 Isa. 65:24
10 Luke 11:9-13	11 John 14: 13, 14	12 John 16: 23, 24	13 Acts 10: 30, 31	14 Eph. 2:20	15 Deut. 4:29	16 Psa. 32:6
17 Isa. 49:8	18 Isa. 55: 6, 7	19 Jer. 29: 12-14	20 Matt: 6:5-15	21 Matt. 17:20, 21	22 Mark 11:22-24	23 John 15:7, 16
24 II Cor. 6:1, 2	25 James 1:5, 8	26 James 4:2, 3	27 James 5:15	28 I John 3:22	29 I John 5:14, 15	30 I Pet. 3:7

AN IMPORTANT DECISION

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active member in the church, very happy and awaiting the second coming of Christ with great anticipation.

Francie, on the other hand, also had many friends, but she wasn't ever completely happy. She didn't have peace of mind. After she had become involved in activities, she knew weren't good, she couldn't explain to anyone why these activities weren't pleasing to God. After all, she couldn't have everybody believe she was a hypocrite. Francie never has turned back to serving God. She fears the second coming of Christ because she knows she's unsaved, but she doesn't want her so-called "friends" to make fun of her. Because of this, she lives in fear, despair, and unhappiness.

Such activities as I've mentioned and many others may be fun and provide a fantastic way of getting to know others, but is losing our salvation worth what pleasure we gain temporarily? Can we be patient like Sheila, putting all our trust in God and letting Him provide our material needs as well as spiritual ones?

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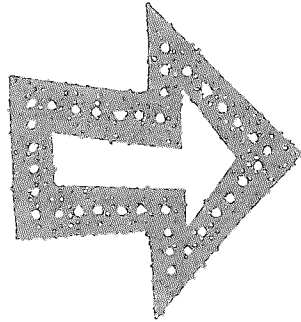
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October 1, 1974 marks the resignation of Gail Rincker as our National FYC Secretary; however this does NOT mean that Gail has resigned editorship of AIM magazine; she will continue in that position.

Gail has consistently and imaginatively served as secretary since 1972 when she was appointed to parttime work under the existing FYC Committee, then chaired by Elder Calvin Burrell. Recently, she has served under the chairmanship of Elder Kenneth Knoll. The FYC wishes to thank Gail for her fine secretarial service and for her dedication.

A new appointment has now been made for the National FYC secretarial position—Rita Moldenhauer. Rita earned her B. S. in French and English at Northwest Missouri State University, taught one year in the Missouri public school system and acted as Midwest Bible College secretary for one year prior to her appointment as National FYC Secretary. Rita is also assuming the Foreign FYC Correspondent duties as that position has been open for several



months. We trust that Rita will continue our policies of fine personal contact that you FYC'ers have enjoyed in the past. She asks for your participation and RESPONSE to the National FYC programs and approaches. The FYC Secretary needs to know your opinions! Continue to correspond with the National FYC at:

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