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#180 Devil may enter into Pope Paul. Union of 10 in Europe.

S 2 390 Chandelier in auditorium cost 1/4 million dollars.

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627 Select students who have no personality quirks. (RFM)

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320 4400 Gift Subscriptions in 1972.

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The Third Tithe Exemption for all Full-Time Employees. A special benefit for employees who have sacrificed in many ways. This gives employees an increase in wages without an actual increase in dollar outlay from the work. Employees are paid from the first tithe of others just like the ministers are and it is not necessary to take first tithe and turn it into third tithe.

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An interracial marriage across clear racial lines violates the principle of God's law...
If there are questionable interracial marriages proposed send the details to headquarters for a decision as far as you can. Maybe we need to have more than just a statement of details, we may need to talk to the parties or see them or something...
This same equally applies in cases where a church member knowingly and willingly disobeys church policy and marries a non-member...
They should not get into a business partnership being yoked up with an unbeliever and various things of that kind. Cultural similarities or differences must be taken into consideration in judging borderline racial cases. Cultural factors can be as important as biological factors. Mr. Leroy Neff will act as coordinator for headquarters board to decide borderline cases of proposed marriages involving racial issues.

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We have a booklet on healing that we have called in and stopped circulating and I think we should stop circulating that particular booklet but we certainly ought to get out the right one. Now it isn't that that booklet is wrong or that it contain wrong information but I'll tell you what it is. That booklet is simply the typed transcript taken off of a record that was recorded in Portland when I had a line from my office in Pasadena to the recording studio in Portland and we tried doing the broadcast that way for a while. And I would just do it in my own office at my desk there in Eugene and it was being recorded in Portland. Now I did one on healing and they took that and a typist just typed it out word for word. And you know when you ad lib a broadcast it isn't the same kind of writing that you do when you sit down to write. And it's just not properly done. The information that's contained is all right. I haven't read it for years and years but I don't think I'm wrong about that. I think the information it has is alright. But it isn't properly written.
Now I've got it. I take it with me in my briefcase so that I'll try to re-write it wherever I am but other things just keep crowding up all the time and I just haven't gotten to it.

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All they hear is so and so had an operation in this church area. Now, you know, we don't tell them you can't or you can. I just say it's up to you. But it does weaken their faith because they say, "Well that person's in the faith. They had an operation so I guess it's OK for me to."

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And then they look to maybe knives or operations as opposed to looking to God.

032 Well, If we believed. Now I know when I was new and before I was in the ministry and I was just a lay member but I was converted-- If I had heard of someone else haveing had an operation I wouldn't have said it's OK for me too. I would have said, "I'm sorry they did it but it's not OK for me to." And anyone that says that is just not in the faith. That's all. They're out of faith. Just like when you're out of Shlitz you're out of beer. They're out of faith.

290 I have always said, and we can get into trouble with the authorities if we say otherwise, that there are functions for a doctor. But they're not the same as 90-95% of the functions that doctors are practicing. I think we do need those who are specialists in obstetrical cases, child birth, things like that are perfectly natural and normal. They're not a case of healing or anything of the kind.

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043 I know two of them doctors we have had here have said they could make \$50-75,000 a year. They feel that they gave that up and they came here and every time I come out with a strong sermon on healing, why, that's the end of them because they take offense at it and it shows that the medical profession is their God. And I have hit their God and they're all through with this church. Because they'll have that God before the true God and they give up God and they give up His church and they give up and leave. So I have no doubt in my mind that what is called medical science today is merely come on down to our time. It's the same old ancient thing that came out of paganism. It is not something that our God has supplied and heals through. It is something ^{that} the God of this world Satan has supplied and he's got his little emblem doubly on their insignia-- the two snakes.

072 I myself have taken, I think, a pretty hostile attitude as against medicine. I have seen it as really it's a profession of the God of this world. We are in such a world. You've just got to realize that we are in Satan's world. We are ambassadors for Christ in a foreign country.

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104 ...either shortly before her Loma Armstrong death or shortly after her death we re-called the healing booklet with no explanation to the ministry. (DLA). Oh, well let's get it out again. But I want to rewrite it though. (HWA). When we did that the brethren, and maybe some of the ministers took it that we actually changed our mind on the healing doctrine. (DLA). Oh, no we didn't. Well I'll work as fast on that as I can. That's probably more important than some other things that I was working on. (HWA).

200 Now I would not recommend one of our people go to a technical institute or college or university to become a medical technician. because some of the things they do are wrong.

209 And dentists the same way. I know there are evils in dentistry today. On the other hand there can be a lot of good in dentistry. And sometimes we need a dentist we can do for ourselves. I don't condemn dentists. I would condemn any malpractice or things that would not be right in God's sight that maybe they think are right that they do.

263 Some of these church members

263 Some of these church members, you see, are working as medical technicians or registered nurses and they are working in a hospital that deals with unconverted people. Can we condemn a church member who is working in that category because what else would they do for an unconverted person? (DLA).

If he is having part of the the practice that is really wrong and not a right practice where it is the use made of the thing rather than the thing then I think he should give up that job and go get another one. (HWA).

What is the wrong practice is what my question was. (DLA).

Well, the use of drugs and medicine. It is wrong in God's sight but it's all that the world has. (HWA).

291 I don't think we ought to put in writing, for example, that any member in such a job registered nurse ought to give it up because some reporter would get a hold of that--he could make something of it. But we can privately tell our people things like that.

313 Now the question is, was that appendicitus operation wrong because my folks didn't know anything better at the time? (DLA).

Well no, I don't condemn them. Yes, it was wrong because there's a better way but they didn't know of it. (HWA).

320 HWA discourse on skirt lengths.

684 And while we have been practicing healing and we've had some miraculous examples of healing, for every one of those, I don't know whether there have been 10 or a 100 others where we have not had it. Now there is one thing that we do not do and we can't do is to just come out in any way that would be open or public and you have to be careful about even saying this in one of our own church services because it may be more public than you realize, that we forbid people to go to a doctor or to take medicine. Well you can't do that. Now I mentioned during my wife's illness there was the question of whether we should take her to a hospital and have an operation. And even Dr. Parrish who was a licensed M.D. didn't think we should. Of course he also was looking at it more from God's point of view than a medical point of view but he was weighing both at the same time. And we all thought we shouldn't do it. Now, on the other hand, Christ said according to your faith be it unto you. And many of our people and I don't know whether it's most of them or whether it's half of them, or whether it's only a few but I know there are many of our people that just do not have the faith.

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To what extent do we teach people that even if they don't have the faith they must rely on God? They must never go to a doctor? As a matter of fact we aren't very far along in our Christian life if we have not received the faith that we can rely on God. And for my part I think if it came to going to a hospital and letting doctors go their full limit with me that I would rather die. Because I don't know, the way I believe, whether I would still have saving faith that I would get into the Kingdom of God if I had yielded to go over their way and had rejected God for healing.

73-19 052 Hoeh's summary lecture of his sermon: Life style vs. God's way of life. Not going to a third party. God direct to the person.

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We had a man who said ultimately that he had no confidence in the ministry. He didn't want any minister any longer solving his personal family problems. We let it go too far. Partly I think he hid it from us. But certainly I've talked to one of you and you have said that it could have been discerned before. Now it is too late in my estimation. Completely too late. This individual had what he called his personal tastes. And he was tired of having those personal tastes being berated. This is the way he viewed it. When I have talked to these various individuals I discover that there is a general opinion and it is wider perhaps than we like to realize.

It was stated by a woman who said that the relationship between individuals in the church--between the workers and the laymen, middle management and the top executives and evangelists is like the relationship between the peasants, the middle class and the privileged nobility.

Now when laymen in the church can comment this way, freely, with no spiritual or mental compunctions to a minister the spiritual state of that individual is certainly in jeopardy. And this represents the wife of someone in middle management.

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So what we've come to the conclusion is that every woman must regulate the length of her skirt but they must not show the thighs. Now I say must not here. If we put it in print like that and a newspaper man gets hold of it--what? Well, anyway, that we recommend that they do not show the thighs even in sitting.

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Now I am planning to send out a letter to all of the ministers. And I want this letter kept confidential. I want to be able to say things in it that we don't want any reporter to get. Even there I'm going to try to be guarded if I can get the meaning over.

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Women want to show their legs! Is that because they know that men like to look at them? It shouldn't be in the minds of God's women.

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Now what we have come to is this: that God's women should not show their thighs. Except now there are exceptions like at the bathing beach in a bathing suit. And even then I don't think that women or girls ought to lie down on a bathing beach lying over on their back or some way with the scantiest bathing suits on. If they're going to lie down on the beach maybe they should have a little something to partly cover it.

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And I'm going to have to write this up a little further so that we can all use it. I'll try to give it to you here as well as I can orally and it's going to take a little thought in getting it written in a way that is proper and in a way that if it's put in writing that some newspaper writer can't twist around and use it against us.

On the agenda here I have this about personal grooming style and dress: Many questions still exist on matters relating to personal grooming fashions, styles, types of dress, music, dancing.

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Skirt lengths--we're not saying above below the knee how many inches or any thing of the kind. It's up to women to see that whether standing or sitting they're not baring their thighs above the knee. That is definitely sex arousing and if you get the meaning in Isaiah 47 it is definitely condemning it.

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Now on men's hair length. This was written here that long hair is

dondemned. And the minute Ted saw that when I went over it with him last night--boy, he went after that word condemned. I scratched it out because if some newspaper reporter would get a hold of it and we used that word you see what they would do with it? So we just have to be very careful. Now we may condemn long hair but he says the Bible doesn't condemn it. He insisted: the Bible does not condemn a man wearing long hair! It says it's a shame to him. Well, we'll use that language. But if that isn't condemning it why, I don't know, to me it is so far as any man who wants to be a son of God. I couldn't feel that I'm a son of God if I had long hair. So I wrote in here instead that long hair is a shame to a man according to the Bible. Now is we just state it that way I don't think a reporter is going to be able to do so much about it.

652 But over bushy hair and coming it so it appears extra bushy, I cannot approve. Or over bushy great big side burns and hair that is too long when it does come down over the coat collar or the shirt collar.
690 ...Or more than one third of the forehead...Now in print I don't think we can say a third of the forehead.

718 Mustaches.

73-22 033 But these long over bushy or freak mustaches or freak mod-style beards, over bushy or long sideburns are certainly not approved by God's church...

039 I don't remember at all that we approved of wigs. Does anybody remember that we approved of wigs? Cause I'll just say that I don't. Why does anybody need to wear a wig?

055 Well I'm going to go ahead and mention specifically that that does not include women who already have sufficient hair. It is worded here "wigs and tupees may be used but only to restore the natural appearance of the hair. Well, we'll have to be a little more specific than that or people are just going to go overboard. Why look, you've got wigs on every block all over Los Angeles now. Every corner's got a wig shop. And you look at the channel 2 or channel 4 CBS and NBC news--the local new--and you've got nothing but freaks on there. Absolute freaks! They're not normal human beings and they're wearing great big wigs. They're not showing a bit of their own hair.

124 To be done only to restore the natural uniform appearance of the hair or touching up grey hairs is permitted. I don't like that language. We "permit" you to go part of the way toward the devil. I just frankly don't like it. But totally changing the hair is not. Well now, we permit and we condemn. We can't put it in print that way. We just can't. Because we're in a world that loves its own way and it's going to ridicule us if we use words that show we're going contrary to it.very far. Well I put the word discouraged here, but allowed if not in the spirit of rebellion. But you can't always tell what that spirit is.

147 It's the rock style of dancing where the partners are not touching one another but they're twisting around. In other words they're going through the motions, in frank plain language, of sexual intercourse alone by themselves. It's more the effect that the music is having on them that is wrong than anything else. Well, we just did away with that by saying that it's not permitted at dances in the church or the college and all parents should discourage their children from that kind of thing.

683 Now I'll just say candidly that it was a profound spiritual shock to me personally. It really was. It was something which created a tremendous amount of disequilibrium in me to go through that experience

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of believing one thing, of looking forward to one thing and if your totally sense of urgency that you had which would wane--sure it wanes from time to time--but when you really feel urgent about something, if you're inspired for what you feel is a big important sermon on something, and all of us have had that experience, and then when it is sort of undercut by circumstances later you can't just say that you just ease right on through an experience like that. It does take its toll.

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310 Meredith, Antion & Portune on skirt lengths & sideburns.

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I wouldn't say I did a real good job child rearing with my sons but by comparison it was certainly a lot better than I had with the daughters. I know I started out trying to think that I would be a pal to my sons. Now that's when my two sons were respectively about 3 and $4\frac{1}{2}$ or something like that.

Well now I learned that a father cannot be a pal to his sons. It didn't work. But you can be a father to them.