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Lenten Meditation

From The Times, London

HARMONY NOT ESSENTIAL

One of the commonest obstacles men feel to joining in the corporate life and worship of the Christian Church is the existence of differences of opinion among those who are accustomed to the interpretation of its message. "Are not these differences," they say, "a sign that religion is beyond the comprehension, and a matter for specialists rather than for the ordinary man and woman?" Where our appointed so-called disbelievers about the path, how should the plain man know it?

Such complaints are justified wherever contention is raised over issues that are petty or when religious discussions are clouded by political or other interests. On the other hand, they may spring from a kind of spiritual timidity or even from a kind of inertia which is often a symptom of religion having settled down upon its knees, or from an innate dislike of having to consider things in a new light. Yet controversy has a high value in itself, for it is a means of testing the truth of a doctrine, and it is a means of testing the faith of those who profess to believe in it. It is a means of testing the faith of those who profess to believe in it. It is a means of testing the faith of those who profess to believe in it.

A Morning Smile

TRY AGAIN

"What are you studying now?" asked the new-rich mother of her youngest son.

"We have just begun the study of 'moles,'" he answered.

For a moment she looked blank, then a gleam of interest showed in her eyes.

"I hope you will be attentive and practice constantly," she exclaimed eagerly. "I tried to get your father to wear one, but he couldn't keep it in his eye."

Cheerful is a pot herb you encounter in cook books but seldom see. It is allied to parsley in flavor, but liked better by many cooks. Plant a packet and get a new flavor in soups and stews.

Home Service

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The great figures of controversy—Paul, an Augustine, a Calvin, a Pascal—have always aimed at simplifying the thought which guided their worship and conduct. For systems assuredly there must be. If the living waters of the Spirit are to irrigate the souls of men and not be dissipated or lost in a marshland of stagnant sentiment, no doubt a certain construction is inevitable wherever there is a system; but there is surely analogy for this in Christ's teaching about the channels of the gate and the narrowness of the way that leads to life eternal. What matters is that the channel should be water-tight and unobstructed; and the function of theological discussion is to sweep away the irrelevances and half-truths which so often choke the free course of religion, and to make its real ends and issues stand out firm and clear.

Further, what is true for the Church is true also for its individual members. "The Lord's controversy" is something that takes place in every Christian soul; and, as the prophet Micah taught, it is a battle for the great simplicity of faith, such as justice, humility, and mercy. Every Christian is called to keep open, so far as he may, the channels of his own mind and heart, so that the truth and grace of God may flow not only into him, but also through him to his fellow-men. No word of Christ is more often echoed in the New Testament than His Command to His disciples to let their light so shine that men may see their good works and come to glorify God. If men find differences of teaching disturbing, the disturbance may be the one thing needed to arouse them from spiritual complacency. No doubt there are some risks involved, but it is surely better to take risks for truth and holiness than to let either go by default.

A Job Only You Can Do

Price Control Questions and Answers

Questions and Answers on Price Control will appear in The Guardian as a regular feature each day. The questions are those which have reached the Wartime Prices and Trade Board from housewives in the region. The answers are prepared by the Board. Readers who have intelligent questions to ask on price control are invited to send them in writing to the Women's Regional Advisory Committee of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Chappell Building, Charlottetown.

Can a person rent spare rooms if he is only renting the house himself? Could the landlord raise the rent in such a case?

A. You are entitled to sublet accommodation in your house, even though it is a rented place. The landlord may not raise your rent until he has been granted permission on application to the rentals committee.

Q. My husband, who is in the Veterans' Guard is home for two weeks' leave. Can he get a ration card?

A. He should apply to his Local Ration Board for a temporary ration card covering his leave. He will have to present his leave pass, and must return the temporary card to the office from which he receives it when his leave is over.

Q. Is it forbidden to make a trip by car to a city 50 miles away?

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CHEESE PINWHEELS

Use no butter at all. Mash spread or grated old cheese with enough cream or mayonnaise to make it spreadable. Slice enriched white bread lengthwise of the loaf cutting off the crusts after bread is sliced. Spread with the softened cheese and roll up and fasten with toothpicks and wrap up and let chill through. When ready to use, slice into 3-4 inch slices and toast lightly under broiler.

CONVENIENT

The witness was certainly no chicken, and the young barrister thought it would be to his advantage to get her rattled.

"And now, madam," he said, "I must ask a personal question. How old are you?"

"Young man," she replied, "it isn't more than an hour since the judge there, objected to hearsay evidence. And I don't remember being born."

Dorothy Dix Says—

DAUGHTER'S MARRIAGE CURE FOR INEBRIATE DAD'S WEEKLY BINGE

When Genuine Love Comes After Marriage Only Individual Can Decide Future Course

DEAR MISS DIX—I am the youngest one of six children and only one left at home. My problem is about my mother and father. My mother is the sweetest, gentlest creature in the world and beloved by everyone who knows her, but she is very timid. My father is a good man but a heavy drinker. Every week-end he goes on a spree and when he comes home he is very mean and abusive, throwing dishes and finding fault with everything. This terrifies my mother so she shakes like a leaf and turns completely white with fright.

Ever since I was a child I have known my mother could not possibly be left alone with my father and my brothers and sisters have always told me that I should stay with Mom. Now I am engaged to be married to a very fine boy and he insists upon our being married at once, but I feel that I can't leave my mother. It seems to me that my duty is to her. What should I do? DEVOTED DAUGHTER.

ANSWER—Use a little common sense in solving your problem. Get married and live close enough to your mother to be able to protect her from your drunken father. The practical thing for her to do would be to go over and spend her week-ends in peace and quiet with you, and leave her husband to break the dishes without scaring her to death when he goes on his weekly binges.

It might even reform him, for probably he loves his gentle, timid little wife, and if he realized that she was so afraid of him when he made a beast of himself that she wouldn't even stay alone in the house with him, he might dread her leaving him altogether so much that he would control himself. It is very thoughtful of your brothers and sisters to provide for mother by wishing on you the job of family martyr. They have married and set up their own homes and families, but you are to be an old maid and stand guard over mother and protect her from father when he comes home with a fighting drunk on. I never cease to marvel at the nobility of the brothers and sisters who elect one particular member to be the family goat, and then wash their hands of all further responsibility in the matter.

They poor nanny toll to support the old people, nurse them when they are sick and feeble, put up with their whims, while they spend their money on themselves and their pleasures and enjoy their freedom. Nice doing!

Somehow, I gather from your letter that the idea of sacrificing yourself for your mother rather appeals to you. If so, go to it. But, at the same time, have the honesty to tell the young man you are engaged to that you love your mother and value her comfort more than you do his happiness, and break off the engagement. Give him a chance to find some girl who hasn't such a bad case of the mother complex.

DEAR MISS DIX—Speaking of men who lose interest in their wives who are everything a wife should be, has it ever occurred to you that Fate sometimes deals a man a dirty blow that he is powerless to resist? It is very thoughtful of your brothers and sisters to provide for mother by wishing on you the job of family martyr. They have married and set up their own homes and families, but you are to be an old maid and stand guard over mother and protect her from father when he comes home with a fighting drunk on. I never cease to marvel at the nobility of the brothers and sisters who elect one particular member to be the family goat, and then wash their hands of all further responsibility in the matter.

I know now that my feeling for my wife has always been just a warm affection, not the love that turns you inside out and makes life a hell. The woman who is wrecking my life does not know I love her, neither does my wife suspect it, but something will have to break some where, some time, and then I will be just another one of those husbands who are supposed to have gotten tired of their wives.

Have you anything to say to a man who has found love at last, but too late?

LOVE TOO LATE PROBLEM FOR INDIVIDUAL

ANSWER—Nothing, but to offer you my sympathy. But I fear that this is a tragedy that happens to both men and women often than we know. There is some man or woman who is good and kind and congenial and of whom they are very fond, and with whom they drift into marriage. All goes well. There is peace and comfort in the home. Children come. A thousand mutual interests draw them together, and they think this is married love.

Then, some day they meet THE ONE. Perhaps not so fine a person as the one to whom they are married, but one to whom they are drawn by some irresistible attraction, who satisfies some hunger of their souls they did not even know they possessed, who gives them something they have never loved before, and that between love and friendship there is a great gulf fixed. As the poet says: "They are to each other as moonlight unto sunlight, or as water unto wine."

Whether men and women to whom this tragedy has come should go to their husbands and wives and talk the matter out, or whether they should bury the secret in their hearts and so on trying to keep up the farce of being a happy husband of wife, and endure their misery in sto-

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DEAR DOROTHY DIX—Do you believe that Fate decides everything in life for us, as proven by the fact that if we hadn't gone to certain places we would not have met the people who became a great influence in our lives, such as our husbands and wives, or friends?

ANSWER—I certainly believe that there is some force, call it Providence, or Fate, or Kismet, what you will, that plays a leading role in our lives, but I also think we have to supplement it with our own willpower. Perhaps that view isn't very logical, but there is nothing in life that is logical.

As you say, we are wandering idly down a street with no definite objective. We turn to the right and we meet a stranger we marry, or someone who offers us a job that leads on to our fortune. Or by accident we miss a train that crashes through a bridge and on which everybody is killed. That is luck, good, or bad.

But we can't sit down and fold our hands and say we won't work if we are destined to starve to death we will do it in spite of all of our industry, or if we are destined to be fed somebody will come along and provide us with fluff mignon.

Certainly, in looking back over my own life, I realize that all of the important decisions in it were made by Fate, and that I have very little to do with it. But I don't pretend to understand it.

Living & Leisure

The Woman's Realm

A HEBREW SAYING

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