

Lenten Meditation

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MORAL AUTHORITY

It has become a commonplace to deplore the moral relativism of our age. But to anyone who studies the actual situation as reflected in the moral judgments and opinions of ordinary people, it becomes immediately apparent that, within the general state of confusion and perplexity, there are different layers or levels which need to be distinguished.

At the first level people are genuinely puzzled as to which courses of action are right and which are wrong. What an earlier generation approved is now regarded as unenlightened or anti-social; what the same generation condemned is now accepted as normal conduct. Among contemporary opinions the same divergence is to be found.

But deeper and more serious than this is the widespread uncertainty as to the nature of the authority which guarantees such distinctions. Who says that this is right and that wrong? And to what authority do they appeal?

When many of the traditional codes of Christian conduct are repudiated, and the authority of the Bible as an ultimate sanction is rejected, what other line can it take to re-establish its right to speak? Quite clearly any such at-

tempt must take account of the actual situation. And the crux of the problem is to discover and substantiate a firm standing ground on which moral judgments can be based; a standard which, because it is above the shifting tides of private taste and social convention, can claim objectivity.

The true Christian insight insists that there is no answer to this moral indeterminism, except in the recovery of the sense of obligation to a law which is recognized, not as the arbitrary fiat of a despotic authority, human or divine, but as the expression of the law of man's being—the laying bare of that which he himself knows to be the truth about his own nature. Christians have always recognized this as the true character of the will of God.

It is not the imposition of an alien and arbitrary domination. It is the expression of that which at his deepest level of insight man knows to be his true good—the very end for which he was made.

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ZION Y. P. S.—On Tuesday evening, March 25, Zion Young People gathered at the Rollaway for a very enjoyable evening of bowling. After bowling the young people returned to the Church Hall for refreshments.

LEFT FOR OTTAWA—Premier J. Walter Jones and Mayor J. D. Stewart left for Ottawa yesterday morning. While there they will discuss matters pertaining to the Provincial Government and the City of Charlottetown with Federal authorities.

CHANCERY CASE—Evidence and argument of counsel were heard before Vice-Chancellor George J. Tweedy yesterday in the Court of Chancery. The matter before the court is J.R. Paton and another vs. Beatrice White and others, concerning the estate of the late Samuel Albert MacDonald. The hearing will be continued Monday.

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CIVIC TAX APPEALS—To date 230 persons have entered formal appeals before the Appeal Court in this city against the rates and assessments. Of this total 142 complaints have already been heard, 58 withdrawn and 30 are yet to be heard. The last hearing of the Court will be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, tonight. Decisions concerning the appeals will be announced at a later date.

KNOX COLLEGE PRINCIPAL DIES—Many Presbyterians and others were sorry yesterday to learn of the sudden death of the Principal of Knox College, Toronto. Dr. Walter W. Bryden, 69, an internationally-known figure in the theological field, died yesterday at his Toronto home. He suffered a stroke. Born at Galt, Ont., Dr. Bryden was a graduate of the University of Toronto and Knox College. He took post-graduate work at the United Free Church College, Glasgow, and the University of Strasbourg in France.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Mahar, widow of Frank Mahar, was held yesterday morning from her late residence 51 Pownall Street to St. Dunstan's Basilica where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. James Smith who also conducted services at the grave. Pallbearers were Herbert Mahar, Plus Mahar, Daniel Mahar, Patrick Clarkin, Oliver Arsenault and Fred Blodt. Interment was in the Catholic Cemetery.

COUNTY MAGISTRATE'S COURT—A resident of Charlottetown convicted of having in his possession intoxicating liquors in a place other than his own residence was sentenced yesterday by the Queen's County Magistrate, Mr. Gilbert A. Gaudet, to \$20 and costs or 30 days. A Charlottetown man convicted of driving without a license was sentenced to \$5 and costs or 5 days. The case of a resident of Charlottetown, charged with breaking and entering with intent to steal, was further remanded one week. The case of two local truck drivers, charged with operating overweight trucks on public highways, was adjourned one week on request of the accused.

FUNERAL SERVICES—The funeral of Joseph H. Fisher was held Wednesday morning from his late residence, 20 Bishop Street, to St. Dunstan's Basilica, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. David McTague, who also officiated at the grave. Rev. P. F. MacDonald and Rev. Francis Bolger were present in the Sanctuary. Rev. Bernard Gillis, D.D., assisted in the choir. Pallbearers were: CPO. S. G. Bowles, CPO. E. V. Pineau, CPO. L. A. Llewellyn, CPO. M. L. MacDonald, PO. E. W. Anderson and PO. K. A. Wilson. The naval firing party was in charge of CPO. A. Costello. Officers of the H. M. C. S. Queen Charlotte attended in a body. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the Legion burial service was read by Whiston Smith. The Last Post was sounded by Frank Smith. The funeral was very largely attended.

PERSONALS
Mr. Albert E. Fletcher of Stanley Bridge is a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital.
Mr. James MacPhail of Meadowbank, who has been having a very enjoyable time in New Brunswick and the United States among relatives and friends, has returned home.

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FUNERAL TUESDAY—The funeral of Mr. William T. Ling was held from his late residence on Tuesday afternoon, March 25, and was largely attended. The services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. Howard Christie and Rev. Donald Nicholson. There was also a short service in Cornwall United Church. The pallbearers were: Harry Ling, Leonard Ling, Walter Ling, James Wares, William Wares and Eric Ferguson. Burial in Cornwall cemetery.

STANHOPE W. I.
Mrs. Malcolm MacLaughlin was hostess to the members of the Stanhope W. I. on the 4th of March.

The president opened the meeting by the singing of the "Ode" followed by the "collect" repeated in unison. Sixteen members answered the roll call with an Irish joke and there was one visitor.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. Duck
5. Town in Crimea
10. Storms
12. English author
13. Cease! (naut.)
14. Apportion
15. Varying weight (Ind.)
16. Audience
18. Luzon native
19. Steamship (abbr.)
20. Blouse
22. Chinese measure
23. Shout
24. Egyptian deity (var.)
26. Speaks imperfectly
28. Accumulates
29. Worked with a hoe
30. Three-spot domino
31. Jewish month
32. Daub
34. Great (abbr.)
36. Vitality
38. Ever (poet.)
39. Coin (Swed.)
40. Island off New York
42. Gaseous element
44. Any climbing vine
45. Concise
- DOWN**
1. Volcanic tuff
2. Projecting edges of roof
3. Culture medium
4. Man's nickname
6. Periods of time
6. Entire amount
7. Girl's name
8. Tools gently
9. Gains
11. Robs
17. Trouble
20. Divisions of a city (pol.)
21. Domesticator
23. Hint
25. Spring month
26. Well-formed
27. Flower-
28. Biblical mount
30. Golf mound
33. Flat-topped hills
34. Coarse

ABOUT YOUR ABUSE ARE YOU BURN SKY ON STAIRWAY ART RAY WISE CLEAR DOLLER HELD NOOD GOOD HADDER OS MAN OVA SEPAR ALIVE GROSE BALD SEIS ODEIN

Yesterday's Answer
35. Doctrine
37. Scheme
39. Monster
41. Writing fluid
43. Soak fax

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation
KWUA WR OWGT NGTEK OWG NVXA
SGTAL VJL ENA KNVTMAKE OWG
KEHDD NVXA KGTXXHAL—AUATKWJ.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: GAMING IS A PRINCIPLE INHERENT IN HUMAN NATURE. IT BELONGS TO US ALL—RURK.

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Grade VII.—1. Elwyn Willis; 2. Eleanor MacGregor.
Grade VI.—1. Margaret Campbell.
Grade V.—1. Milton Docherty; 2. Rena Yeo; 3. Arnold Green.
Grade IV.—1. Donna Yeo; 2. Reta Green; 3. Bernice MacGregor.
Grade III.—1. George Dixon; 2. Ruth Hansen; 3. Arnold Stone.
Grade II. Sr.—1. Carl Docherty; 2. Glyden Green; 3. Robert MacGregor.
Grade II. Jr.—1. Ann Hansen; 2. Joan Hansen; 3. Marion Ann Newson.
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