

Lenten Meditation

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THE UNITY OF GOD

The unity of God is one of the essentials of the Christian faith, as central for it as for those two great religions that spring with it from one root, Judaism and Islam. Indeed, the Christian might say that to follow the example of the Jew and to repeat each day and in the crises of his life, the ancient confession: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

It would be easier so for him to remember that the unity of God is a practical and not a theoretical truth. It is the call to unite the self and its powers under a single

all-commanding and all-satisfying allegiance. It is the affirmation that, divided as men are by race and nation, class and colour, they are one in origin and vocation; that there is a common human purpose in the fulfilment of which all are meant to be partners and none may count himself superior to his fellows. If this is so, it follows that the unity of God is no philosophical truism, but a conviction that has to be maintained even in face of open denial. Men do not truly believe that God is one until they acknowledge the unity of mankind as his creation.

For the Christian there is a special sense in which the unity of God is affirmed. There must be no suggestion of rivalry between the three forms under which he worships God. Whether as the Creator and Lord of History, or as the love that shone in a human death on Calvary, or as the inspiration and grace that still come, alike to the community in its worship and to the individual in his solitary devotion, it is one and the same God who reveals himself to men. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ has power because it brings the Father's love; the Holy Spirit is at the same time the Spirit of Christ.

The life of man in this world is torn between two claims—that of the individual personality and that of the community within which the individual is set. A reconciliation between self-interest and allegiance to the larger whole is sought after but never finally secured.

The ideal would be realized in a community rich in the freedom of its members, and in a personality that would find itself in the act of losing itself for the sake of the community; and these two, not as separate, but as two aspects of one and the same condition. In the Christian view of God this ideal is fulfilled eternally in his life, and therefore its eventual possibility is guaranteed for his creatures.



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IRISH MUSIC AND HUMOR will be featured by Charlottetown's leading entertainers, at the Baptist Men's Variety Concert, next Tuesday. Get tickets now from members!

RECEIVES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT—Mr. J. O'Brien, City, has received the following communication from Buckingham Palace: "The Private Secretary is commanded to thank Mr. Joseph O'Brien and those associated with him for their kind message of sympathy, which Her Majesty much appreciates."

Fredericton and Vicinity

Mr. John Bertram, Fredericton, was a visitor to Charlottetown on Thursday, March 6th.

Mr. Daniel MacPhee, Springton, was a visitor to Charlottetown on Thursday, March 6th.

The many friends of Mr. Ray Pound are sorry to hear of his illness.

Mrs. John Bertram, Fredericton, is spending a few days visiting relatives in Charlottetown.

Mrs. Hugh P. MacKay, Pleasant Valley, is spending some time at Vernon. She is the guest of her son, Rev. John P. MacKay and Mrs. MacKay.

Mrs. Harry Weeks entertained the members of the Pleasant Valley Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society at her home on Thursday afternoon, March 6th. The President, Mrs. John B. MacDowell, presided. The leader of the worship service was Mrs. Harry Weeks, theme being "Our Fellow-Canadians From The Orient". After the business period, "Forth In Thy Name O Lord We Go" was sung. Meeting closed by prayer, and repeating the Benediction.

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SEE "LADIES IN RETIREMENT" by Little Theatre Guild, Empire Theatre, March 12. Tickets at Henderson and Cudmore.

FLASH—Until further notice the Windmill Restaurant will close at 8 p.m. except Saturdays.

Personals

Friends of Miss Darlene Gurney will be sorry to hear she has entered the City Hospital for treatment.

The many friends of Mrs. Elsie Trainor will learn with regret of her illness in the P.E.I. Hospital.

Miss Shirley MacDonald, R. N., Beverly Hospital, Beverly, Mass., is spending her vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacDonald, Richmond Street.

Stanley Bridge and Vicinity

Friends of Rickie Fleming will be sorry to learn he was taken to hospital by plane on Monday, March 3.

The cold and flu have been on the go in this vicinity and many children and adults have been quite sick.

Master Harvey Malone had the misfortune to fall at the rink recently breaking two teeth which were very painful for a while.

Mrs. Max Ferguson is improving in health after an operation in the Prince County Hospital.

Friends were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Mr. Theo Taylor, Granville, in the Prince County Hospital.

Due to the recent severe storm, Mr. W. O. Myers was storm-stayed in the City, returning home by train to Breadalbane on March 1st, thence to Stanley Bridge with the mail driver, Mr. John MacKay.

What can be classed as one of the better games of hockey this season was played at Stanley rink on March 1st between the married men and the Stanley Ramblers. The married men carried the honors away by winning the game 4 to 2. Although some of the men have not played hockey for a number of years they still have their skating and playing ability. Fans hope to see another game between the same two teams in the near future.

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NORTH BEDEQUE SCHOOL

Report for February:

Grade X-1. Marguerite MacCaull.

Grade IX-1. Phyllis England; 2. David Smith.

Grade VIII-1. Eileen Stavert; 2. Maxine Campbell; 3. Neill Clark.

Grade VI-1. Lorna and Norma MacCaull; 2. Judy Campbell; 3. Alberta Smith.

Grade V Sr.-1. Herbert MacDonald.

Grade V Jr.-1. Joyce Birch; 2. Betty Mallett; 3. Arlene Baker.

Grade IV-1. Joan Carruthers; 2. Ernest Stavert; 3. Doreen Baker.

Grade III-1. Vivian Waugh; 2. Donna Carruthers; 3. Elaine Waugh.

Grade II-1. Adele MacCaull; 2. Mary MacDonald; 3. Ellsworth Veno.

Grade II B-1. Marilyn Carruthers; 2. Sheldon Neill.

Grade I-1. Diann MacMurdo; 2. Hazel Avery; 3. Isabelle MacDonald.

Principal, Mrs. Dorothy Moase, Assistant, Florence Cahill.

BRIDGETOWN SCHOOL

"Honor roll for February.

Grade VIII 1. Ada MacDonald.

Grade VI 1. Jean Campbell, 2. Wayne Morris, 3. Stanley Campbell.

Grade IV 1. Jackie MacMaster.

Grade III 1. Jeanette Dockendorff, 2. Joseph Acorn.

Grade II 1. Dianne MacNeill.

Grade I 1. Cyril Dockendorff, 2. Douglas MacMaster.

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DESERT PEST

The gila monster is a poisonous lizard found in the sandy waste areas of Arizona, Texas and New Mexico.

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The Neighbors By George Clark

"My plans for this summer are far more important than anything that happened in ancient Greece."

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

At the Rothmasted Experimental Station in England, a parcel of land has received about 1400 lbs. of commercial fertilizer every year for over a century, and is still producing heavy crops.

Over 800 persons in New Brunswick last year made their own candles from ornamental moulds. Of course these were used during the Christmas holiday and were not made for general home use.

Mrs. Catherine Meenan was sitting peacefully in her Boston apartment. Directly below her window a passing auto struck a pedestrian knocked off his shoe and hurled it twenty-five feet through Catherine's second story window. It landed on her home, causing quite a gasp.

One of the rarest accidents of this New Year comes from Cincinnati. Clayton Busch was crossing a railway track, when his car stalled. Travelling in opposite directions were two speeding trains. When they'd passed Busch was standing on the tracks, with nothing but the steering wheel in his hand, cut and slightly bruised!

Canton, China, is called the "City of Nightmares." No wonder, for it is a narrow, dark, winding streets, crowded lanes and hovels that smell to high heaven; it nauseates a white man.

In this fantastic city of human animals, scarcely a machine or beast of burden is to be seen. Life is so cheap that humans do all the work. One would need to have nerves of steel to endure the incessant noise of this, the noisiest city on earth.

Lincoln Stewart, Columbus, Ohio was raking trash in his back yard when his rake struck and set off a bullet, shooting him in the leg.

The white race still leads the world numerically. I haven't counted them myself, but according to figures which I have taken from Dr. Stoddard's "The Rising Tide of Color," there are 550,000,000 whites and 500,000,000 yellow. Breaking down the yellow race we have the following figures: Chinese 400,000,000 the Japs follow with some 60,000,000.

The most probable phrase of the yellow peril would seem to stem from the ratio of population increase. The Chinese breed at the rate of 6,000,000 a year, and the Japanese at about 800,000 which means — at a rough calculation — that two yellow babies are born to every white child.

And as the yellow children will be practically all married before they reach 20 and will be raising children of their own before the white boy or girl will think of marriage. It does not require a great stretch of the imagination to do into the future and visualize the time when the ratio will be three to one, and then four to one.

If and when that day comes, the world will have to expand, or something is going to explode.

Steeplejack, James Marshall of Wooten Columbus, O. never took a tumble until recently when he fell off a counter stool in a restaurant, and had to enter hospital for treatment.

Ernest Benson's automobile tangled with a freight train at West Palm Beach, Fla. and the accident derailed 18 loaded cars, tore up 1000 feet of track and caused damage to the tune of \$50,000.

By some strange turn in the Fates Benson was not injured.

Even today some people will not tell you the name they have picked for their baby until after the christening. It is born on Friday, the infant will often be given a name starting with "F" in honor of the day, while babies born on the Sabbath are sometimes called, Sophia, or Susanna for a similar reason. It will have become obvious already to readers of this column that a large percentage of christian names are of biblical origin: Paul John, Andrew, James, are good examples.

In pioneer days in this Province people often had to go quite a distance to church for the christening. The baby was carried by some husky male, being kept warm by a woman's skirt which was put on over the man's head and tied round his waist.

The strange and startling story of Thomas Story takes us to Kirkcubrighton on the Scottish coast, a tiny village with a little wayside church whose chancel wall is an inscribed Roman stone.

Inside the walls of this quaint place of worship may be seen a Norman lancet, a portrait of Peter and a 700-year-old trinity of windows with our Lord and minstrel angels.

Yet it is not these I set out to tell you about. It is the tragic tale of Thomas Story. He preached to the people here for 60 years from 1879 to 1739 and no gravestone marks his last resting place, but everybody in this pint-sized village knows that before he died himself he had buried every man, woman and child who was living in his parish when he came — that's a case of longevity for you.

Another long-lived minister was John Barrouskail who lies buried in Loweswater cemetery, England. He would be a boy when the proud Spanish Armada met defeat; he preached here during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and when Charles lost his head at the hands of Cromwell; and he was still preaching years after the return of Charles II. Unfortunately, the date of his birth and death are not recorded.

Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan

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IDEALS AND ACTION

Last week was designated in Canada as Education Week. Numerous organizations and authorities have urged Canadians to make education "everybody's business."

That education is everybody's business should really be so obvious as not to require special emphasis. But the truth of the matter is quite otherwise. Education, like many other things in life, is considered to be someone else's business. The vast majority of people are not overly concerned with the subject or the problems pertinent to it. Clearly this is a very dangerous situation. If education is the mainstream of society, it should be the concern of everybody, and not just for one week. It must be one of the fundamental interests and activities of our people.

Education week received added interest this year in Ontario because of the remarks of President Smith of the University of Toronto regarding the deficiencies of the students in the basic subject of English. The immediate reaction of the general public was to ask for explanations and to search for someone upon whom the blame might be placed. In situations of this kind it is inevitable that teachers will be criticized and particularly so in the field of education. But it is here where we should emphasize that education is everybody's business and this includes parents of the children. I think this fact requires particular mention.

Parents have a very essential role to play in education. They have rights but they have also obligations. In truth, the rights of parents in the matter of education flow from the obligations which they have of looking after the children; and a parent can no more abdicate that duty to educate them, than he can abdicate his duty, right and responsibility, to feed, clothe and house his child. The family holds directly from the Creator the right and duty to educate the child—a right anterior to any right whatever of civil society. It is for the parents to provide for the physical and economic welfare of the boy or girl and to see to their intellectual, moral and spiritual development as well.

The necessity of making provision for this complete development of the children throws a heavy burden of responsibility on the parents. And because of this they must invoke the aid of others. But even when they do this, they cannot shelve their responsibility. Teachers are summoned to aid parents in their tasks but they do not, and should not be expected to take the place of parents. They give such mental and technical training as the parents are not in a position to give; they take the place of the parents in all things that affect the child, while it is under their care and control.

But the fundamental obligations of the parents still exist, and lest elements of confusion and conflict enter into education, there must necessarily be a unity of aim and outlook between parents and teachers. Where there exists between parent and teacher diversity of view as to the meaning and purpose of existence, there are bound to be difficulties in the upbringing of a child.

It is to prevent these things from happening that we have the Parent-Teacher associations, Home and School clubs, Education Week and so on. On the surface it might appear that the primary reason for these groups and meetings is to acquaint the parents with the work of the children, to show them the latest developments in school equipment and to acquaint parents with their children's teachers. But whether we realize it or not the purpose goes far deeper—or at least it should. The fundamental reason should be to secure a unity of ideas between parents and teachers on the purposes of education so that there may be a continuity between home and school.

If society is going to have men and women of character—true citizens—then it is of the utmost importance that there be a unity of ideal and unity of action between the home and school urging toward the goal of true manhood and true womanhood. There is no doubt today that parents feel that they are inept with regard to education and that it is the chief duty of the state to make possible a good education for their children. As a consequence, they leave the whole responsibility to the government and to the school.

But this is not a sound procedure; in truth it can be very dangerous for the welfare of society. The school can never replace the home which is the primary educational unit of society. It is in the home where character is formed and the foundations laid for real citizenship. The school strives to develop the child intellectually and morally but its success in

this work is contingent upon the continuing guidance of the parents. A right education is a systematic cultural process by which the young child is prepared during his childhood and adolescence to live his life as a true man and as a true Christian.

Side by side with the perfecting of the intelligence must go the training of the will. Moral training is a delicate process and it can only begin in the family circle. Every serious observer recognizes that children have not only to be trained in proper conduct, observance of the law and politeness, but that this training remains deficient and precarious if there is no genuine internal formation. For this the family is indispensable.

The core of any reorganization of the world is education; but men do not seem to have learned from history that only a Christian education of youth can save the world from disorder. Our task is made greater too by the fact that parents no longer realize their role in the Christian formation of their children. If Education Week has served to bring this to their attention, it has been a great success.

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