

Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan
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There are some circles in which it is argued that the church falls away from its original mission of a well-ordered society. It is very important to note that the church is not in these circles that the church is anti-feminist. Her laws on marriage, on birth-control and her traditional attitude that a woman is by nature ordained to motherhood are supposed to be attempts to keep in submission half the human race.

The truth of the matter, however, is something else. It is very exact to say that Christianity has endowed woman with a sense of dignity and personal liberty. Christ did not preach two Gospels or give two different sets of Commandments, one for men, the other for women. Christ paid women the extraordinary and rare compliment of treating them as equal human beings. He treated them as He treated men. This may sound very little today but at the time of Christ it was very revolutionary.

The Church has always maintained the attitude of Her Founder. It is true that this equality is emphasized by the Church principally in the spiritual order. There are some temporal aspects of equality that, perhaps, need greater clarification but it is questionable whether the initiative in things of this nature should be taken by the Church.

Recently, due principally to certain psychologists, there has risen great discussions of women as a class of persons, as a section of the human race that is not subject to or bound by the laws which govern men. The movement has been well described as "the chivalrous illusion."

This illusion seems to emphasize the spiritual difference of women and to allow them a different ethical code. This, Christ never did. The Church here is definitely pre-feminist. This myth of difference is well exemplified in the code of the southern gentleman. It regards women almost as if they were defenceless children. Its shortcomings have been well described as follows: "the trouble with the code of the southern gentleman is that no lady is ever a gentleman."

Now the Church has the apparent effrontery to think and even insist that every lady should behave as gentlemen behave. On the level of morals she has no code different from that of men. There they are equal. Women would have just cause for complaint if the Church did not grant them this natural equality.

We very frequently hear men say that they will never be able to understand women. It may well be that this myth of mystery is a woman-made wile used by women

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Meet Robert — Illinois' farm boy who tipped the scale at 710 pounds when he was 20 years old. Robert had to quit school when only ten because his 375 pounds made it awkward for the boy to get around.

Anyone wishing to make clothes for the big boy will please note these measurements: Chest, 102 inches; knees, 33 inches. For his overalls you'll need 9 yards of goods and for his shirts five. Getting through doors is a \$64 question for Robert and when he settles for the night his two normal sized brothers have to lift each leg into bed. It's heavy going.

When Europeans first reached Florida and Virginia, they found the Indians elaborately tattooed. Though sometimes prevalent among the tribes of New England, the North American Indians preferred painting as a means of personal adornment and for ceremonial purposes.

The false notion has always existed among white people that Indians donned war paint in order to terrify their foes. War paint was used as a camouflage. For example, a warrior who was painted with various colors could conceal himself in the shadows of trees and plants more easily. A painted torso was less conspicuous than a naked body. Indians are keen observers of Mother Nature. When they used camouflage to protect them from their enemies and to enable them to approach their foes unseen, they were following the example set by Nature when she gave different animals different stripes.

"Keeping up with the Jones" is by no means a recently developed weakness. Ancient man endured self torture and tattooing, etc., to avoid appearing unusual by their absence.

The taboos of primitive races were, and still are, the results of superstitions. We read about them and remark "How silly." But civilized persons are by no means free from them. The savage who ceases to wear a certain color because it is taboo may be compared to the civilized man who would just as soon jump into an ice-cold stream as to appear at some swanky event in overalls.

In the Republic of Haiti even today, farmers going to market will make a wide detour rather than step across two sticks that happen to be crosswise in their path. How many men and women of decent education carry lucky coins or a rabbit's paw on their persons? I once worked for a prominent man of Belmont, Mass., who would never walk under a ladder, never put on his right shoe first, never go out of a house by a different door than the one he'd entered through. And all the mirrors in his home were securely fastened to something just in case he might break one while holding it.

One may pooh-pooh our superstitions, may at times even laugh at them, yet, strange but true, there is not one person in a hundred who does not have his or her pet ones. And when it comes to taboos, we have just as many as the wildest savage who ever lived. Society folk have a habit of calling their taboos fancy names such as "etiquette, customs, conventions," and such like for the simple truth that they can find no reason for their existence.

It will perhaps take centuries of years of education to free mankind of his peculiar taboos. In the meantime, we shall continue to eat our oysters only during the months that have "R" in them.

The principality of Monaco and Vatican City are the two smallest countries on earth. Monaco has a population of 21,000, Vatican City 1,028. Besides being the smallest country in the world, Vatican City has the shortest railroad: only six-tenths of a mile long. The complete run takes but .67 seconds. Think of it!

The tropical American sloth will hang for weeks from the branches of a tree without moving so much as half an inch. It feeds on leaves while in an upside down position and is a silent, lone wolf, and the laziest living animal. The female never gives birth to more than one offspring in her lifetime.

The staled loaf of bread — 5000 years old — may be seen in the museum in Cairo, Egypt. It was found buried with one of the ancient Egyptian Queens.

A quaint custom in the island of Cyprus in the Mediterranean Sea is the public washing of the bedding and the filling of the new mattress of newly married couples. Friends of the young couple throw money into the mattress as it is being filled. This money may be taken out of its hiding place and spent after the bride and groom have lived together one year.

The Bataros, a Negro tribe living in East Africa, shave and oil their brides before the wedding. The girl's head is clipped by the village barber and the shaving is done by some female member of the family. Then a generous smear of butter mixed with castor oil is rubbed into the skin.

The word "honeymoon" dates back to the days of marriage by capture, and while it now indicates the days of early wedded bliss, it originally applied to a period of biding, while the tempers of the outraged parents cooled off.

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RECEIVES SAD NEWS — Mrs. B. W. LePage, West St., received the sad news on Sunday of the sudden passing of her brother, James W. Christie in his 81st year at his home in Forest Hills, Long Island, N. Y.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson MacDonald, Victoria, were in the city on Tuesday.

Mr. Willard Rogerson, Victoria, paid a flying visit to the city on Tuesday last.

Miss Mary Davena Bernard who has been seriously ill with "flu," is now convalescing nicely at her home in Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bell of Cape Traverse, who have been spending the winter in Montreal with their son, Lorne and family, plan on arriving home this week.

York and Vicinity

Mrs. Max Taylor was a visitor to the city on Tuesday.

Miss Bernice Lewis, City, spent Sunday in York the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis.

Messrs. Harold Watts and Harry Lewis were visitors to Cavendish last week.

Mrs. Arthur Johnson and infant son returned home from P. E. I. Hospital on Sunday.

Many friends of Mr. George Wats, York, are sorry to hear that he is a patient of the P. E. Island Hospital with the "flu."

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Murray, York, were visitors to Pleasant Grove on Sunday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Caswell.

Miss Christine Proud, teacher at Pleasant Grove spent the weekend at her home in York, the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Peter Proud.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL

Report for the month of January:

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Grade II—1. Dolores Peters; 2. Cyrus Jenkins; 3. Priscilla Doucette.

Grade I (A)—1. Helen Gallant.

Grade I (B)—1. Cleo Peters; 2. Dale Cahill; 3. Terry Peters.

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our darling little daughter Shirley Ann MacKinnon, who passed away March 24, 1948. Age one year and nine months.

God alone knows how we miss her, Never will her memory fade. Loving thoughts will always wander, To the spot where she is laid.

Sadly Missed by Her Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacKinnon, Canece Cove.

IN MEMORIAM

In fond and loving memory of Harry J. Murray, of Pleasant Valley, who passed peacefully away March 4th, 1934.

He heard the voice of Jesus say, Come unto me and rest, Lay down thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast, And he entered into the joy of this promise.

Always Remembered by His Step-daughters, Mrs. Niala, Mrs. Waite and Hattie.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear Mother, Mrs. Annie Warren, who passed away March 4th, 1950.

How gladly shall we greet us When all our journeys past We'll reach the better country Our Father's home at last.

Fondly Remembered by Her Family

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Lenten Meditations

FATHERHOOD OF GOD

(The London Times)

One fundamental of Christianity exemplifies the fact, also evident in art, invention, and scientific theory, that great advance is often conditioned by successful simplification.

In primitive religions numerous gods, everything concerning them and man's approach to them, are intricate subjects of obscure and expert knowledge. That the ultimate power is one, a conception reached along different lines by Greek and Hebrew, was a great simplification.

The prophet Micah's famous declaration (vi, 6-8) was another turning-point, settling before man once for all the right road. Christ's revelation was an even more epoch-making simplification.

It is not enough that man should live up to his ideal of righteousness if the ideal be defective. Nor can a wholly right personal attitude of the soul towards God be attained until man has reached the highest conception of God, and one in which reason, imagination, and emotion combine.

In both respects Christ's teaching is a profound simplification. To love one's neighbour as oneself is at once simplified and deepened when a right spirit within man towards all other men brings them all within the definition of neighbour. To "love the Lord thy God" was no new commandment; but Christ saw that this was possible only if God is realized as one whom man cannot only love but who inspires love.

It has been emphasized that in naming God as Father, Jesus was not original. Quite half a dozen instances of the use of the word can be found in earlier Jewish thought. As well point out that Zeus in Homer is called Father, and that in the Latin Jupiter it is part of the derivation of the name.

It cannot be of less than set purpose that Christ uses it, not as one of a string of titles but exclusively; and that so much of his teaching illustrates its implications. In so far as God is better than the best of men, so far will his attitude transcend that of the best human parent.

The life and character of God have been of greater import. It may be theoretically possible for man to conceive, but it is not possible imaginatively to realize the nature of God as soaring far above the best embodied righteousness he has known.

When Christ had lived and died, man possessed a pattern, within

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Find Sub-Zero Weather Cuts Down On Penalties

TORONTO, March 3—(CP)—Forty-below-zero temperatures are the usual thing in the Armstrong, Ont., Eagles play hockey on their outdoor rink. Coach Jim Dempsey, who brought the team to Toronto from their village 100 miles north of Fort Arthur, said such temperatures affect the game, even if the spectators standing in the snow around the rink don't seem to notice it.

For one thing, he said, penalties are rarities—the Eagles aren't too eager to sit long in the freezing weather.

Hockey league officials would be puzzled if they tried to classify the team. Several of the boys are in the 16-year-old bracket while one or two others are twice that age. Some of the players are Indian boys and they never worry about birth certificates, anyway.

"In a town of 300 you can't bar good talent simply because the players don't fall into a uniform age group. The main thing is to round out a team. In Armstrong there are some people who don't play hockey."

Four other clubs compete in the league: Nalkins, Hornepayne, Long Lac and Sloux Lookout. The Sloux Lookout club are considered the aristocrats because they have a rink with a roof over it. With no highways, the nearest haul in the loop for the Eagles is 140 miles by rail.

Money for the trip to Toronto—to see a National Hockey League game—between the Maple Leafs and Boston Bruins—was collected by the Eagles through bingo and raffles.

Sabotage Efforts Are Reported

OSHEWA, Ont., March 3—(CP)—The Oshewa Times-Gazette, in a newspaper story today, reported recent attempts to sabotage industrial production in Oshewa.

Heads of industries were reluctant to discuss the matter but it was admitted there had been deliberate actions tending to slow up production, the story said.

It added that at General Motors there had been stoppages in the assembly line because bolts or other pieces of metal had been placed on conveyor belts. And there had been an epidemic of broken doors caused by trucks crashing into them.

In one plant a warning notice was posted to the effect that deliberate actions to hinder production would mean dismissal for those responsible.

Details could not be obtained of incidents in many plants, the paper said.

The story quoted a well-informed source as saying that there is a growing wave of minor sabotage incidents in industry generally throughout the Province. The source linked this with a deliberate Communist campaign to slow down production and upset the morale of industrial workers engaged in defence production.

AT HOME

The President and members of the Charlottetown Women's Liberal Club will be at home to all the friends of the Liberal Party in the Confederation Chamber of the Legislature Building on Tuesday afternoon March 5th, immediately after the opening of the House.

BUDAPEST, March 4 — (AP) —

Matyas Rakosi has been re-elected secretary-general of Hungary's Workers (Communist) Party, published reports said Saturday. The posts of deputy secretaries-general were abolished and the party has no president. (Rakosi is Hungary's Deputy Premier but he was long a Russian citizen and is regarded as the real power in Hungary. This dispatch indicates that he has tightened his grip on the party machinery which runs the government.)

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