Lenten Meditation

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WISDOM AND FOLLY

Two figures stand out from the pages of the Bible as mediators of God's truth to men: the priest, as the guardian of an ancient tradition, and the prophet, as immediately inspired to rebuke or encourage the men of his day.

But a third and less noticeable figure stands by their side, with something about him of the scholar, and a little perhaps of the diplomat and the philosopher. He is the wise man. His common-sense attitude to life is embodied in Proverbs, his scepticism comes to expression in Ecclesiastes, while Job reveals his agonized wrestling with the problem of undeserved suffering.

Nor is the influence of this type of thinking confined to the Old Testament: there are proverbial sayings in the Sermon on the Mount, such as "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof;" and the writer of the Epistle that bears the name of St. James was a disciple of the ancient wise men.

The wisdom of the Old Testament stands at a lower level than its prophetic message, yet has affinities therewith. It knows, for example, that the prayer of the wicked is an abomination to God, that sacrifice is no substitute for righteousness. It is humanitarian in spirit, recognizing that master and slave are ultimately of one stock, and counting kindness to animals among the virtues. The supreme contribution of the wisdom literature is its basic conviction that righteousness and wisdom are one and that sin is not only culpable, it is also egregiously foolish.

For wisdom is more than knowledge; it includes moral insight. For the wise man life is no accident, but a trust; there is no self-fulfilment without self-discipline, and society perishes when it ceases to have something sacred at the heart of it.

Morality is no mere convention; it works with the grain of the universe, and only the fool can fail to see this. All true human life rests in the end upon a more than human basis: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding."

The fool, on the other hand, is a short-sighted man. He imagines that he can sin and leave no stain upon his soul, that the laws of life can be defied with impunity and that a world created for moral ends will submit to being exploited for selfish pleasure. As the writer of the Wisdom of Solomon describes him, he has a philosophy that supports his conduct. He is a materialist in both senses of the term. Human life for him is but the chance product of natural forces, and its sole good is the pleasure he can pluck from the moment.

Life is committed to man's freedom, but God's pattern for life is set before him for him to choose or reject, and as he does so he achieves or misses his destiny. His dignity lies in his creation in God's image; and of what greater blindness and folly can a man be capable than to squander this eternal treasure for what is valid only for the passing hour ?

Cameron-Higgins Wedding

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the manse at Hampton by Rev. L. S. Woolfrey on Wednesday, Feb. 27th, when Lilla Jean, youngest daughter of Mrs. Higgins and the late Thomas Higgins, South Melville, was united in marriage to James Waldron Cameron, son of Mrs. Cameron and the late Ewen Cameron, Albany, P. E. I.

The bride wore a gold wool gabardine suit with matching coat and brown accessories. Her only ornament was a set of pearl earrings, a gift of the groom.

The happy couple left immediately after the ceremony by car for the mainland where they spent their honeymoon in Nova Scotia.

They will reside in Albany, P. E. I., where the groom is a prosperous farmer. Their many friends both here and on the mainland wish Mr. and Mrs. Cameron many years of wedded bliss.

Card Of Thanks

On behalf of myself and Family I wish to acknowledge with "Thanks" the many messages of sympathy received following our recent bereavement.

Derril White,
Hunter River.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of William Matheson, Valleyfield, who departed this life at Pleasant Grove, March 19th, 1951.

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For they who gain that shore
Have wontheir immortality,
And they can die no more.**

Ever Remembered by His Family.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of a dear Husband and Father

MICHAEL JOSEPH DOYLE

who passed away

March 19th, 1949.

Fondly Remembered and Sadly Missed by Wife and Family.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my father, James Burns who passed away March 16th, 1930.

**His memory is as dear to-day,
As in the hour he passed away.**

In loving memory of my dear Mother, Mrs. James Burns, who passed away March 19th, 1950.

**Oft and oft our thoughts do wander,
To the grave not far away,
Where we laid our dear Mother,
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LISTEN TO Red Cross Message by Lt./Commander J. J. Trainor, Wednesday, March 19th at 6.30 P. M.

HEAR MAJOR ANDREW MacRAE speak on Life in the Korean War Zone in Zion Hall, Wednesday, 8 P. M. Silver collection.

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MEETING OF RESIDENTS of Spring Park in Hall, March 19th, at 8 P. M. under auspices of Community Club. Professor Frank MacMillan, Guest Speaker. Lunch and social hour.

DIED YESTERDAY. — Mrs Harry Chan, formerly Teresa Quinn of Charlottetown, passed away at the Provincial Sanatorium yesterday in her 27th year. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Harry Chan, a four-year-old daughter, Susan and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Quinn. Also surviving are two brothers and seven sisters.

IN MEMORIAM

MR. JOHN M. MacKENZIE

The death of Mr. John M. MacKenzie, M.A., LL.B., at the P. E. Island Hospital, on Monday evening, March 17th will for those who knew him make the world seem poorer than it was before. Mack's life was the demonstration of the beauty of a life that has learned to forget self interest in the joy of serving others.

Born in Hartsville seventy-one years ago the son of Duncan MacKenzie and his wife Catherine Matheson, he was prepared in the public school there, Prince of Wales College and McGill University for the vocation of teaching in which he engaged for over thirty years in the city of Montreal.

After graduation from McGill University, he pursued his studies and received the degree of M.A. in Education, and while teaching continued studies in law that gave him the degree of Bachelor of Laws. But teaching claimed his interest and as principal of Belmont School, Montreal, and later of the Commercial High School, he won the esteem of pupils and teachers, who found in him one who claimed their admiration and trust and whose memory they cherish.

Ten years ago he retired and returned to his native province and as he had never married he returned to make his home with his brother on the old farm, where the books he loved and the land he loved kept life full of interest.

In early youth he found in the Christian life an enriching interest and a way to satisfying service. For years he was a valued elder of the Erskine-American United Church, Montreal, and left behind him by the ministry of friendship the inspiration of a life that has found the secret of happiness in living the eternal in the midst of time. It was a good thing to know him and catch the secret of what produces life at its best.

The funeral service will take place in the Cutcliffe Funeral Parlours on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. and interment will be in the Hartsville Cemetery the same afternoon. He leaves besides a large circle of relatives and friends who will miss him, two brothers: Roderick in the old home, and Angus D., minister of the United Church at Montague.

Card Of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Chester White and Family, wish to sincerely thank all their neighbours and friends who helped in any way during their recent bereavement. Also those who sent messages and cards of sympathy.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Believe it or not, but Huastecas Indians are afraid to venture out at night, and when they do, they carry torches to protect them from evil spirits. They have animal totems and look upon certain birds as sacred.

A girl can't choose her own life mate because her husband buys her parents. And when one dies the other can't remarry for at least three years. But get this: a fellow who loses an argument goes into the mountains and hangs himself.

Mexico is the fastest growing city on earth, having doubled its population in just 16 years. It also is one of the highest capitals on the globe (7,334 feet), and the largest capital in North America. When Columbus was sailing in search of new countries Mexico city had an estimated population of 300,000 souls with towering buildings, a city water system and a stone calendar.

The oldest record of humanity to date found on this continent is the underground cemetery near the Carmen convent, Mexico, whose grinning skulls experts say are some 70,000 year old.

Some idea of what a tremendous traffic there used to be in slaves is realized when we learn that between 1759 and 1803 no less than 642,000 natives of Angola were shipped to Brazil alone.

Although the infamous traffic in human beings was legally abolished in 1830, it continued to some extent in Angola until 1910. This statement may be verified by reading that fascinating article entitled "Angola, the Last Foothold of Slavery".

One of the most amazing towns on this earth, like the city of Rome, stands upon seven hills, the tops of which are occupied oy fantastic structures. The king's residence stands on one hill, also the native parliament. Both are surrounded by a fence made of strong reeds, and at the main entrance to the remarkable city of Kampala burns a fire which is only allowed to go out when the king dies!

The Anglican cathedral of St. Paul and the Roman Catholic Cathedral occupy the summits of two other hills, while on Kampala Hill, is a large museum.

In the center of this fantastic city may be seen a small lake where less than sixty years ago hundreds of Christians were fed to crocodiles or butchered in the most brutal manner. Today most of the city's population are christians.

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Emperor Haile Selassie now knows that war is not all hell — that is, not so far as Ethiopia is concerned. When the Italians seized the little kingdom in a revengeful war of aggression, they found a country which had progressed little since the days of its national hero Menelki II.

When the Italians were finally driven out and Haile Selassie returned from his temporary exile, he found Ethiopia a land with all modern improvements, without the expenditure of a cent of his country's money.

Until quite recently, in many parts of Celtic Britain, the cattle were actually stabled in the lower portion of the dwelling, and were separated from the family only by a thin partition. One advantage of such an arrangement was that one need only descend the ladder from the kitchen in order to do the milking or give bossy her hay. And no matter how bad the weather was outside the farmer returned from this duty warm and dry.

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Kenya is a white man's country No Indians are permitted to settle there. But across the boundary, towards the West, dwell a curious people known as the Bantu and the Nolatic. Both tribes have one thing in common: their nakedness and the pride they take in making their bodies beautiful. The ladies wear artifical tails, which accounts for the stories we sometimes hear that certain African natives have tails. And 'the bravest man among them dare not touch her tail". Another curious custom having to do with these groups is that all their dead chiefs must be buried in their own huts, in a sitting position, but with the head showing above ground. The burial act attended to, a pot is placed over the head until insects have eaten all the flesh. The skull is then removed and interred near the hut, and the rest of the skeleton is buried minus the dome, in the community cemetery of the tribe.

The colony has snakes unlimited and is a paradise for big game hunters. "You want Lions; we have 'em", so reads one of the circulars mailed out to wealthy persons in various part of the world.

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Two Islanders In Reinforcements En Route To Germany

Reinforcements for the 27th Canadian Brigade now serving in Germany under the NATO agreement, left Saint John recently aboard the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of France. Among the 136 troops who sailed was the following detachment from the Carleton and York Regiment. Front Row: R. F. Crowe, Saint John; J. G. N. Cormier, Shediac; J. V. Duplessis, Jacquet River; M. P. Laffin, New Waterford; G. A. Brown, Fredericton; Second Row: W. F. Boyd, Gagetown; J. E. Sivert, Fredericton; M. M. Durling, Kentville; J. H. Currie, Glace Bay. Third Row: **R. D. Stewart, Charlottetown, P. E. I.**; L. W. Scott, Lockport; S. S. Johnson, Liverpool, N. S.; W. T. O'Brien, Saint John; **J. A. Doucette, South Rustico, P. E. I.**

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York Highlights

Donald Crockett and Reese Newson of York recently played subgoalie and forward for York Hockey team.

Mrs. Edmund MacMillan's many friends regret to learn of her recent attack of the 'flu.'

Mr. and Mrs. Wendal Vessey and son Stirling of Winsloe, were guests last week of Mrs. Melvin Jay of York.

Congratulations are being extended to Misses Muriel and Elizabeth MacDonald, Ferne and Shirley Vessey, Miss Hardy and Master Merrill MacDonald for attaining Provincial Honors in the Temperance Course.

Mrs. James MacLauchlan, Stanhope, who has been a welcome guest of Dr. and Mrs. Wendall MacDonald, Charlottetown, for the past week, and Miss Joyce MacLauchlan, Charlottetown, who is attending college, are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mallett of York.

Mr. Paul Sharpe was called during the past week for a mercy flight to Stanhope to take Mrs. Reggie Ross to the Prince Edward Island Hospital. Her many friends and neighbors wish her a speedy recovery.

Unable to obtain a snow plough to open the York Road, many snow shovellers aided in getting Mrs. Frank Watts of York to the railroad station enroute to the Prince Edward Island Hospital. Her neighbors and friends are hoping to see Mrs. Watts fully recovered in the near future.

A pall of gloom spread over York when it was learned that Miss Freda Newson, who so recently underwent an operation for appendicitis and who was convalescing at the home of her parents, for the past week, became seriously ill. A call was put through again to Mr. Sharpe to take Miss Newson to hospital. Due to the icy crust over the snow Mr. Sharpe had to refuse. A request was then put through to have the blocked road opened. A snow plough battled the drifts on St. Peter's Road from Charlottetown, a distance of six miles, all day and evening. More than 30 volunteer shovellers aided the plough by breaking through the crust, and arrived at the Newson home about 1.30 P. M., on March 5. Miss Newson was then conveyed to the Prince Edward Island Hospital by her doctor. Her many friends are wishing her a speedy recovery.

—B. P.

Letter From Korea

The following letter has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Dan F. MacKay, New London, from their son Don, who has been in Korea since last April:

"Dear Mom and Dad:

"Just a few lines today to let you know I received a couple of letters from you the other day. I was sure glad to hear from you.

Well, we are on our last patrol and have about ten more days to put in here, then we are leaving for Canada. Petty Officer Bell and I took an officer ashore the other day in a motor boat, with some mail. While he was delivering the mail we went ashore and had a look around.

The place where we went ashore was a little village and there was also an American Army Camp there. The village seemed to have been pretty well blown up, but there still seemed to be a lot of people around. There are two hundred and forty men aboard this ship and there are only about seven that can say they were ashore in Korea, and I happen to be one of them.

It looks just about the same as Japan. The only difference I could see is that there are barbed wire entanglements all over the place.

You said you had sent a parcel. Hope I will receive it before I leave here. However, it will likely be in Sasefo when we reach there, as we will be there for a couple of days before we leave for Canada.

Well, I don't have much more news, so I'll close now.

Goodbye. Hoping to see you all soon.

Love. Don."

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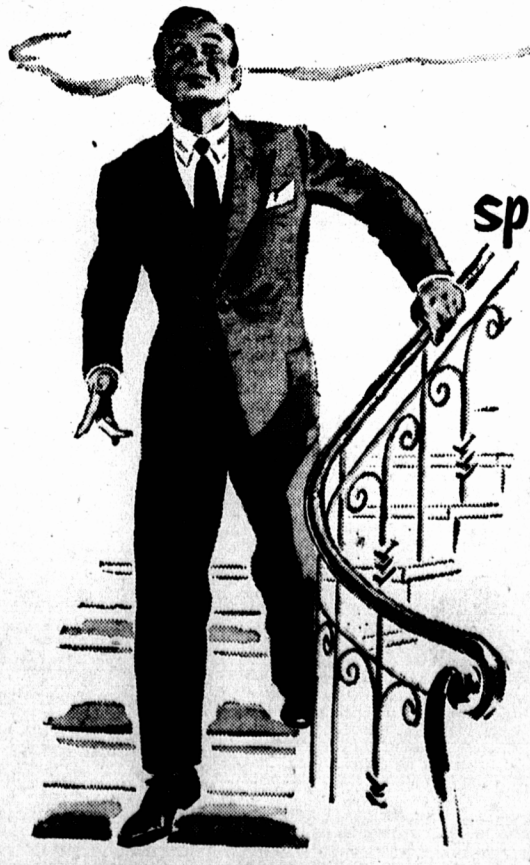

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