

# Lenten Meditation

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## UNIVERSALITY OF CHRIST

By its claims to universality the Christian religion stands out. It is over all men that Jesus Christ claims lordship. True, his actual earthly ministry was strangely limited. He left untouched the contemporary splendours of Greek and Roman civilization, which his followers were later to put to such use on his behalf. He had few international contacts; he travelled little. His death, to most, would seem a squalid provincial affair, a routine execution; he was crucified among thieves.

Nevertheless, the accounts of his ministry which remain testify to the conviction that something was being wrought out in Palestine which was of universal significance. A narrow nationalism was constantly being repudiated.

This note was struck by the forerunners of Jesus. John the Baptist: "Begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham."

Jesus applauded the most notable example of faith, not in a fellow-countryman, but in a Roman centurion, declaring that "many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven." It was from the court of the Gentiles in the temple precincts that the traders were ejected. "Is it not written, My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations?"

When certain Greeks who were attending the Passover wanted to see Jesus it is recorded that his soul was troubled by the realization that, if he were to draw the men of all nations to himself, he must be "lifted up from the earth." When that finally happened it was a Roman centurion who seemed to discern better than any other the status of him over whose execution he had presided.

Yet this lesson of the universality of Christ was only slowly learned by his immediate followers. The church leaders remained for a time, in this respect at least, men of little faith and little imagination.

It needed the converted Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus, to fight the battle of the Gentile converts, to win for them, and for all their innumerable successors in many lands, freedom from the restricting demands of the Jewish law. His teaching and his experience are summed up in a passage which is read as the Epistle for the festival of the Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

More significant than the visit of the Magi was the historic proclamation that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ, by the Gospel.

This assurance lies behind all modern missionary endeavour. It is through the preaching of Christ's Gospel to the men of all nations that the universality of his lordship has been most clearly established.

# CENTRAL GUARDIAN

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TOURIST INFORMATION - A total of 174 resorts including groups of cottages, cabins, hotels and tourist homes are listed in the 1952 Accommodation Booklet issued by the Government Tourist and Information Bureau. Reproduced in the Accommodation Booklet is the P.E.I. Inkeepers Shield, The Sanitation Sign of Health and Welfare is also reproduced and there is a section devoted to homecraft.

FUNERAL FRIDAY - The funeral of Mrs. Catherine MacKenzie, Auburn, was held Friday from the home of her daughter, Mrs. John J. Callaghan, St. Elm Ave., Charlottetown, to St. Patrick's Church, Fort Augustus, for Mass at 10.00 a.m. which was celebrated by Rev. T. P. Butler, who also officiated at the grave. Pallbearers at the house were, Ray Trainor, Phillip Shea, Leo Callaghan, Augustine Callaghan, Louis MacKenzie and Daniel Kelly and at the Church, Adolpht Shea, Edward Shea, John T. Grimes, D. Lynn, Louis MacKenzie and Kenneth Callaghan. Burial in the church cemetery.

## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Keefe, 8 Richmond Street, left by plane this morning on a business trip to Saint John, N. B.

## Britain's Women Doing Many Jobs In Armed Forces

LONDON (CP) - Britain's "Soldiers Of The Queen" include more than 22,700 women in uniform. The bulk are in the three armed forces—the Women's Royal Naval Service, the Women's Royal Army Corps and the Women's Royal Air Force.

In the services they do a vast variety of different tasks. Although normally non-combatants they are trained alongside men, and frequently work with men as part of a team.

Many are employed as cooks, clerks and drivers. Others are trained for exacting and responsible duties, as aircraft and radar mechanics, electrical engineers and such. They do administrative and accounting jobs, catering and even police work.

For university graduates there are jobs as meteorologists, teachers and welfare workers. Members of the Women's Forces fly in the planes they service, travel in Naval vessels, and serve overseas.

Uniforms for the girls have undergone much re-designing since the Second World War. The new evening dress for women naval officers has a ground-length gored skirt of heavy blue corded silk topped by a simple white blouse of fine pique with scalloped collar. Over this is worn a bolero with curved cutaway front and long sleeves also in navy silk.

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# Religion and Life

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First Moderator of the United Church of Canada  
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## THE OTHER SIDE OF LIFE

A book has just been published by a former Communist revealing some of the intricacies of that system.

In one part of it the writer tells of his own awakening to the reality of the spiritual realm. He had swallowed the sheer materialism of that strange ideology, and for a time satisfied his mind with it.

But one day as he sat with his back on his knee, his mind was challenged by the perfection of that dainty wee ear for hearing, of the eyes for the light and of every other organ for its element.

It dawned on him that such adaptation of the organs of the new-born child to the world in which she was to live could never have come about by accident, by the chance arrangement of the dust of a mind behind it all shaping life for its own ends.

It was the old argument from the design to the Designer, but in this case the mind was driven to its conclusion by what he saw before him.

But what is the Creator like? We find Jesus continually speaking of God as "the Father." This means that God is a person. It means not only that He is the Author of our being, but also that He cares for us with a Father's love, provides disciplines, and directs His children, and all with a purpose. Each child has a place of his own in the Father's heart, and each is being prepared for something distinctive to his own.

To Jesus the Father was one with whom He lived in constant communion, the Father revealing His will in every situation and the Son doing it gladly. All through His ministry Jesus had been teaching these truths about God, and illustrating them in life and action.

One day a learner in His school challenged Jesus in this way: "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied." It was the old question Moses prayed: "Show me, I pray Thee, Thy glory." Job wailed: "Oh, that I knew where I might find Him!" So here, the age-long desire takes a new form, but it is the old longing for knowledge of Him from whom we came and to whom we go.

Jesus answer is: "He who has seen me has seen the Father." Would you know what God is like? Then look at His Son. Consider that life of untiring helpfulness!

In a spiritual experience of ineffable splendor Jesus found himself endowed with powers far greater than had ever been dreamed of before. The very first answer He gave to this gift was to refuse to use His powers for His own gratification, or for display, or for gaining a position of authority. Then began a series of services to the sinful and suffering men and women—healing the sick, releasing the demonized, feeding the hungry, restoring the fallen, teaching the ignorant in terms which they could understand, and even raising the dead.

Not one miracle was ever wrought for display. He was at the plainest of service, travel in Naval vessels, and serve overseas. Uniforms for the girls have undergone much re-designing since the Second World War. The new evening dress for women naval officers has a ground-length gored skirt of heavy blue corded silk topped by a simple white blouse of fine pique with scalloped collar. Over this is worn a bolero with curved cutaway front and long sleeves also in navy silk. The armed services of course are only a part of the national service effort put forward by women. Thousands have joined the civil defence corps and there are over 2,000 in the auxiliary fire services.

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# BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND

WINIFRED E. WILSON



## OLD LOVES

"Are these two birds the very same ones that nested here last year?"

This oft-repeated question can be satisfactorily answered more often now than thirty years ago. When the birds have been banded, naturally there can be no doubt—we may see for ourselves. But even though neither one of the pair wears a band, we have much valuable information about the habits of the various species from which to draw—information now available because, in the last few decades, the number of bird watchers has increased enormously.

Comparatively few of our feathered friends mate for life. Males of certain species are particularly fickle. A House Wren not only changes wife each summer, but may actually divide his affections between two or more simultaneously. Like their relative, the domestic fowl, most members of the Grouse and Ptarmigan families keep harems. A great many species, however, are content to have a new wife each spring. When this is the case, we wonder which of the two originals returns to the old site. Some experienced bird watchers are inclined to think that the female generally wins, and her former husband must seek other quarters.

When after an extensive journey and a prolonged absence, the same couple is again in residence, how did they manage to connect? This is one of the many deep secrets of Birdland. Shore birds, Ducks, and Geese generally mate in the south and fly north as husband and wife. But male Robins, Song Sparrows, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Scarlet Tanagers and others get here first in spring, seize and hold a territory until the arrival of the females.

Some species are known to congregate in pairs after they fly south. Knowing the way our Common Goldfinches talk so lovingly to their mates, we need not be surprised to learn that the Dark-backed Goldfinches stay in pairs all winter. Many of the Hawks certainly remain together for an entire year, and it has been proved that Red-shouldered Hawks often mate for life, returning each spring to the same old nest.

Most faithful in love are the little Screech Owls and the big Canada Geese. These Owls are non-migratory, and so continue to live together in the same nest winter and summer until death parts them. Canada Geese migrate, but husbands and wives remain wed for life. This happy union has been known to last 25 years.

Are Flickers' nests useful?

GIRL HOCKEY EXPERT  
LONDON - (CP) - Ice Hockey World, a weekly publication devoted to hockey in Britain, has engaged its first woman reporter, 22-year-old Margaret Heggie of Dunfermline. She specializes in Scottish hockey for the paper, edited by Robert Giddens, formerly of Ottawa.

YOUTHFUL FIREMAN

NEW PLYMOUTH, N. Z. (CP)—Ronald Peasy, aged eight, entered his first woman reporter, sweeping up the walls from a pan of blazing fat. Jumping on chairs and tables, he hurled pans of water on the flames. When firemen arrived, they complimented him on doing a thorough job. The fire was out.

# Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Not only do some of the Indians of Mexico carry heavy loads on their back to distant markets, but they often spin as they walk!

In Mexico City may be seen buildings actually mortared out of gold dust mixed with vintage champagne. Some of the smallest villages can boast a church for every family, and each church contains gold and art that would make each family immensely wealthy.

The people of the Faroe Islands like their meat old. Naturally, the stuff has a strong flavor and a stronger smell and is just about as tough as shoe leather to chew. These people raise a lot of sheep because a sheep is able to supply so many of their needs. Nothing of the sheep's anatomy is wasted: the wool is used in the home, the hide makes a splendid rug, and the carcass, a remarkable number and variety of meals. The head goes to the local smithy where it is singed before appearing on the family table.

And strange to say, that part of the animal which many housewives refer to as the parson's nose is a special Christmas dish. From the stomach they make a black pudding and the blood is collected and goes into a pancake made of blood, flour, and fat. The intestines are used in making sausages, and the thin layer of meat covering the ribs is rolled up and with onion and condiments to taste, is sewn with needle and thread and boiled until well done. Result: a sandwich filler par excellence.

The world's largest prison covers millions of square miles and has among its prison victims idealists, thinkers, dreamers, and men of political and religious honesty—in other words, dangerous characters, according to the way Uncle Joe sees things.

The prison is Siberia and the very name inspires horror. Covering about 1/7 of the land surface of the globe, it might be described as a potential new world wherein Russia is carrying out secret experiments in this economic wilderness that may be a part of the scheme of things that lie in the future.

Contrary to the general belief, snow does not fall always in Siberia. The truth is, there is comparatively little snow over large parts of the far-stretching country. In the Far East torrential rains fall in the summer, and flowers of many kinds are also abundant in the forest clearings and in the valleys.

The cold pole of the world is not near the North Pole. It is in the Taiga, almost 1,400 miles to the south of the North Pole.

The climate of Eastern Siberia has this peculiarity, namely: its warm winds come from the north, and in the mountains it gets warmer as you come down the mountain slope, and not as one goes up! One of the most amazing features of the weather in the higher altitudes is that the cold is so intense that ice turns into water, instead of water turning into ice! Explanation: as cold increases, water first forms into ice, and then expands. As it expands it displaces water which is forced to the surface, where it gives the impression of sweating ice.

Ever hear of Arctic hysteria? No? Well, there is such a thing. The victim repeats sounds of animals, such as barking and howling, etc. This strange hysteria is believed to be caused by the monotony of Arctic life.

Bering Strait is named for its discoverer, Captain Bering a Dane who had been in the service of the Russian Marine for 20 years. Forty miles wide one can see the shores of America from the Russian side on a clear day. But Captain Bering did not see America on this voyage as the strait was covered by a dense fog during the three days he and his little party

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remained in the vicinity. So valuable is salt in the interior of Ethiopia that slabs of it are passed around as currency in place of silver dollars.

In British Somaliland the natives depend upon their reindeer for their livelihood. The herders are never short of grazing lands for their stock as the herds cross from one country into another followed by their Somali herdsmen. In other words, they pasture regardless of whether this happens to be British, French, or Ethiopian territory.

There is a curious tribe of people inhabiting this country who are able to speak the Somali language, but they have a language of their own which they keep secret.

In the Arabian Sea is the little known island of Socotra which from time immemorial has been known as the Land of Incense, producing frankincense, myrrh and dragon's blood, used in making the varnish for expensive violins.

This island is one of the few places in the world where Christianity, having been the established religion, has completely died out in favor of Islam. And strange but true, all the women have the same name, Maria.

Believe it or not, but Kenya Colony in East Africa, is more English than England. Its up-to-date stores are stocked with everything one might expect to find in Toronto or London, and there are modern hotels, schools, clubs, and what have you, which debunk the popular idea that because a country is located in equatorial Africa it must be a backwood, half civilized place.

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## Cornwall United Day Of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer Service was observed at Cornwall United Church Friday afternoon, Feb. 29th, with a small attendance due to poor travelling conditions. However, neighboring Presbyterian and Baptist Women's Missionary Societies were represented and all present participated in the beautiful service.

The president of Cornwall W. M. S., Mrs. Harry Hyde, presided, and was assisted by Mrs. Harry Crosby, Mrs. S. Ackland, Mrs. Jas. Beer and Mrs. George Hyde. Prayers were given by Mrs. Earl Lowther, Mrs. Elmer Frizzell, Mrs. Hazel Howard, Mrs. Douglas MacDonald and Mrs. Waldon Lowther and Mrs. Muriel Godfrey received the offering.

The guest soloist, Mrs. Douglas MacDonald, sang very effectively, "Have You Been In The Garden With Jesus", and following the closing hymn, "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, To Ended", two verses of "God Save Our Gracious Queen" were sung as a prayer, after which the benediction was pronounced.

## French Premier Faces Hard Task

PARIS, March 8 - (Reuters)—France's new Premier, Antoine Pinay, said today he would abandon attempts to form a government unless the Popular Republicans agreed to join.

The Catholic Popular Republicans (moderates), whose 88 deputies helped vote moderate conservative Pinay into office, were divided on whether to take part in his administration.

Some of them see Pinay's program as too right-wing. Their parliamentary group was scheduled to meet soon to decide what to do.

Pinay is also uncertain of support from 27 rebel Gaullists who voted for him as premier against the advice of their leaders. Political observers thought they would withdraw support if Pinay chose Robert Schuman as foreign minister.

Speeding his cabinet-making in hopes of completing it tonight, Pinay found one obstacle removed when the Radical Party voted 83-32 to join him.

The 60-year-old Premier's "Save-The-France" program, plus his initiative by the Assembly, strengthened the franc today on Paris gold and money markets.

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## Ranger Stick Boy Says NHL Bad Men Really Good Guys

NEW YORK, March 8—(AP)—Hockey's bad men are some of the nicest people. If you don't think so, ask a stick boy. Like baseball's bat boys, they have their own ideas, and they seldom disagree with the attitude of the average fan.

Alex Marchfeld of New York Rangers, handles the sticks for the visiting players. One of his favorites is Toronto's Gus Mortson, a frequent carpet trodder in the National Hockey League offices of President Clarence Campbell.

"Maybe Mortson wouldn't think twice about wrapping the business end of his stick around his grandmother," says Marchfeld, "but off the ice he's a gentleman."

"When most players want water, they just say: 'Water, boy! But Mortson, he's different. The other night on the bench I'm sitting next to him and he says: 'Alex, will you please get me a can of water.' I start to go for it, and he says: 'Not now, Alex, when you get up. Not now!'"

"Earlier that day Mortson was up for a hearing in Campbell's office. He was supposed to have kicked the Rangers' Hy Buller. But when he was sitting next to me, he says: 'I didn't kick Buller. All I do is raise my foot, and everybody says I kicked him.'"

"Just then, Buller breaks up a two-man rush by himself, and Mortson nudges me: 'Another year and Buller will be one of the best defencemen in this league. He's great.'"

Marchfeld says Ted Lindsay, Detroit's pugnacious forward, is another nice guy off the ice.

"Remember when Ted's stick slashed the face of Edgar Laprade, Alex says: 'The crowd thought it was deliberate slash, but on the bench Lindsay says to me: 'Of all the guys to get in the way of my stick, he's the last guy I'd want to hurt.'"

Marchfeld regrets that Bill Ezinko is no longer in the league.

"Another sweetheart," he says. "Really high class. I know he threw his weight around pretty good on the ice, but on the bench he was a gentleman. In fact, a gentleman golfer."

Card Of Thanks  
Mrs. Lawrence Reilly and Family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to all those who sent Masses, flowers and cards of sympathy, or who helped in any way to lessen their sorrow during their recent sad bereavement.

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