

Spiritual Development - ACT Is For Everyone

Each of us has three needs - the physical, the mental and the spiritual. In the most part, our physical needs are well met. We have enough to eat and clothe ourselves, if not fashionably, at least serviceably. Mentally, too, we are fortunate and our very presence at this university testifies to this. Only our spiritual needs remain unaccounted for. Yet these are, by far, the most

important. Not every person can achieve prominence in athletics and not everyone can become a great scholar - but there is one place where every person can achieve success for surpassing either of these. This success can occur in our spiritual lives. Every person can grow in the knowledge of Christ and come to know the importance he plays in our lives. Each of us, in our own unique way, can come to know Him personally, can make Him our special friend. This is certainly a great achievement, both in its uniqueness since no two people have the same relationship with God and since it is a friendship

that can grow as we grow - it has no limit as human relationships do.

Unfortunately, our spiritual development lags far behind both our physical and mental. There are a host of possible reasons for this. Perhaps, as children growing up, we were not exposed to such notions; perhaps it has become unfashionable to concern ourselves with intangibles; maybe, in our hurry to get an education to equip ourselves to face an increasingly competitive labor market, spiritual matters do not seem to have much relevance. Whatever the case, we as students are suffering from acute spiritual underdevelop-

ment.

What can be done? The Act (Adult Christian Thinking) Weekend has been created to give students at this university a chance to let their spiritual selves catch up with their mental and physical. It is a time set aside for students to come together, to grow spiritually together, as they are presented with real issues of Christianity and as each person searches to establish or strengthen his special relationship with Christ.

If you have any questions concerning the weekend or would like a registration form please contact me or Kent Burdette, Apt. 117 Blanchard Hall. Linda Campbell

POETS FROM EXILE CONTINUED

The shades of night
still lower and toss
beside the ball and
chain that follows
foreign power
let not fair words
from silver tongues
our thoughts and
hearts beguile the
slogan be Press on!
Press on!
and save Prince
Edward Isle.

Russell also suggested
slogan for P.E.I. in 1976:
"Save Prince Edward Island
for Islanders." Yes, Ms.
Russell, but it should be
no longer than that - we
need a slogan of action by
the people: "Islanders!
We must take back our land!"
It certainly won't be
given to us by those who
came here if from us in the
best place!
In Stanley Ryerson's ex-
cellent 2 volume history of
Canada, he records (in VOL
unequal Union) how this
happened: "British settle-
ment in the Maritime col-
onies and in Upper Canada
took place under the aegis
of governments that sought
to implant a society domi-
nated by large landowners and
merchants, safeguarded from
the excesses of republicanism.
The aim of creating a col-
onial aristocracy was to
be furthered by the pract-
ice of granting large est-
ates to army officers, gov-
ernment officials, wealthy
merchants. In Nova Scotia
some six million acres
were thus granted; and in
Prince Edward Island,
400,000 acres were given
in 20,000 acre lots to
nobles Westmoreland and
Kirk, Sir James Montgo-
mery and a handful of mem-
bers of the British arist-
ocracy, military officers
and others having claims
on the gratitude of
government" (p.85).
Yes, fellow Islanders,
we've got to reclaim our
land, for our, development,
our terms!

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