

Scripture—Genesis 1:26-31; Hebrews 2:5-9; Matthew 13:1-14, 18:1-14.

By Alfred J. Buscher



God created man in His own spiritual image, and set him above the other creatures by giving him divine qualities to link him inseparably with Himself.—Genesis 1:26-31.

MEMORY VERSE: "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."—Genesis 1:27.

DIGNITY AND WORTH

Man Was Made In God's Image

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By R.H. RAMSEY The great phrase "in the image of God" has been given almost as many interpretations as there are branches of the Christian Church. Therefore, let us begin today's lesson with a brief discussion of this most important subject.

terms with his Creator and between them is a relationship which other creatures do not and cannot possess. Animals' lives are arranged for them by the Creator; they are driven by instinct to do certain things in a certain way. Man, on the other hand, has been endowed with something which puts him on terms of understanding with the Creator, enabling him to look up to Him in adoration and without fear.

Man has a true knowledge, righteousness and holiness not possessed by other creatures. He has intellectual power and a capacity to think God's thoughts after Him. He has a moral nature and a free will. He can know the difference between good and evil and can either obey or disobey God in his choice between the two. This, then, is the person of man created "in the image of God."

Next to God Himself man is the most important thing in the world, for man has been given dominion over all the creatures of the earth. Next to the will of God the welfare of man is all-important for, as we learn in

Matthew 12, the satisfaction of man's hunger and the healing of man's illnesses are far more important than the observance of rituals and the recovery of a sheep.

From our Lord's discussion of the dignity and worth of man in God's sight with the legalistic Pharisees, let us turn to the second passage from Matthew assigned to our lesson. Here we find Jesus answering the question of His own disciples as to who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. In His reply we see the great tenderness and great thought of Jesus.

Of all mankind, none is more precious in the sight of the Father and the Son than the "little ones"—the children. And we owe to him who despises them or causes them to stumble the man who offends a child is the man who wounds the world, for the Angels which are the heavenly counterparts of children always have ready access to God's presence. It is God's will that no one should perish; and the age-abiding Gehenna of fire is the place for the man who lacks the child-

heart. Under special consideration are the "little ones who believe in Me." In them the qualities which every Christian ought to reverence as reflections of Christ Himself are most likely to be found.

The entire Epistle to the Hebrews was written for the one great purpose of revealing Christ to be infinitely superior to the angels, to the noble characters of the Old Testament and to the Old Testament priesthood. The portion of today's lesson taken from this book has to do with first of these realms of the superiority: God did not subject the world to angels, but to men.

Man has lost this sovereignty through sin, but the original intention of God will nevertheless be carried out.

Rather than save the world through an angel, God puts into human flesh a Celestial Being, a part of Himself, making Him a little lower than the angels, but far above mankind. He was God's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Though His existence was human, He was divine. His death brought about the forgiveness of our sins; His resurrection gave us new hope; His ascension into heaven was the promise of eternal fellowship with God both for him and us.

Moral Re-Armament Director Has Look Of Sales Executive

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich. (AP)—J. Blanton Belk, the appearance and aggressiveness of a suave, 40-year-old sales executive. And that is what he is. But he's selling something different, on a \$3,000,000 budget.

Belk is executive director in North America of Moral Re-Armament. His product, so to speak, is that organization's ideology. He insists it isn't a religion. This trim, five-foot-11, 160-pounder became MERA chief in

North America upon decentralization of the movement with the unexpected death of Peter Howard, a British journalist-playwright, Feb. 25, 1955.

Until Howard's death, Moral Re-Armament had been under world guidance by one man since its founding as the Oxford Group in 1921 by the late Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, a Lutheran minister.

Now, says Belk, separate countries operate their own Moral Re-Armament programs, the leaders from each forming what might be termed a cabinet without president. He says he believes the movement is too big for one man. The cabinet has no set meeting date or place.

Belk emphasizes, as did Buchman and Howard, that Moral Re-Armament is an ideology. It advocates adherence to and practice of four principles: "Absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness and absolute love."

KEY TO BROTHERHOOD Belk's main emphasis is that Moral Re-Armament holds the key to obliterating communism and bringing about world brotherhood.

Moral Re-Armament has no membership rolls, he says, and he says its aim is "to get movement into people, not people into a movement." It is financed, he adds, "like (George) Washington's resolution, by people who believe in it."

No one in Moral Re-Armament draws a salary from it. But Belk's expenses are bound to run high. He's a world traveler and he goes about the United States in either of two MERA-owned planes.

An apartment, with a glassed-in sun deck, is available to him at Moral Re-Armament's \$3,340,000 summer headquarters and assembly buildings here.

Winter headquarters, with a co-ordinating staff of a dozen,

Providing Braille Scriptures

Braille Scriptures are to be provided by the Canadian Bible Society to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind free of charge for registered blind people according to a new policy adopted January 1st, by the Bible Society. Formerly 50 cents a volume was charged. There are 20 volumes in the Braille Bible, due to the bulkier method employed in the Braille printing.

In each volume of the Braille Bible a small slip of paper is placed with the following statement: "Scriptures for the blind are priceless. The Canadian Bible Society provides them without cost to the blind. However, we ask that whenever it is possible, recipients make a 'Donation of Appreciation' to the Canadian Bible Society to help us extend this service to others."

Talking Book Records, containing the whole Bible on phonograph records, will also be provided on the same basis. It takes 85 records to hold the complete Bible 65 for the Old Testament and 25 for the New, at 16 2-3 r.p.m.

Both the Braille Bible and Talking Book Records are available in the King James (Authorized) and the Revised Standard Versions. Sighted persons may purchase the recordings at \$1.25 per record.

Scriptures in raised type for the blind to read have been distributed in Canada by the Bible Society since 1883.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS Sunday, Feb. 13: Hebrews 2: 5-18.

Monday, Feb. 14: Hebrews 3: 14-15.

Tuesday, Feb. 15: Hebrews 4: 1-11.

Wednesday, Feb. 16: Hebrews 10: 19-39.

Thursday, Feb. 17: I Peter 1: 1-21.

Friday, February 18: II Peter 1: 1-21.

Saturday, Feb. 19: I John 1:

is maintained at Tucson, Ariz., in a home Belk says was a gift to Dr. Buchman some years ago.

Publication headquarters are in a five-story, MERA-owned building in Los Angeles and New York City MERA-owned headquarters is a one-time dwelling on East 40th St. It also owns a 270-acre farm in New York state.

When Belk entertains, martinis are missing. So are cigarettes.

"Whatever I have comes from sacrificial giving. I would not feel right spending any of this for alcohol or cigarettes, when we have so many more needed things."

Belk regards Tucson as "home" now. It is here that Mrs. Belk, formerly Elizabeth Wilkes of Greenwich, Conn., lives with their only child, a daughter, Virginia Elizabeth, born Aug. 20 last.

Many subordinates hold seniority over Belk in the American Moral Re-Armament movement. He explains his selection as executive director this way: "It is just natural that I should, being the man in America closest to Peter Howard, having travelled with him, and before that with Dr. Buchman, both here and abroad."

Public relations director David Carey, formerly of Vancouver, a 51-year-old Canadian who joined MERA in 1938 while a Rhodes scholar at Oxford, said Belk was chosen by Moral Re-Armament's directors, of which Belk is a member and also secretary.

Belk, a native of Florida and son of a retired Presbyterian minister, had his first brush with MERA in 1946, freshly mustered out of the U.S. Navy.

RAISED MONEY "It was very simple," he explains. "My father had met and admired Dr. Buchman and was coming up to Mackinac Island to visit him. He invited me to come along."

"I also knew that some of my buddies in service were coming up. Having helped win a hot war, we agreed more or less among ourselves to devote a year to winning a cold one."

"Before it was over, 60 veterans came, and between us, from mustering out pay and otherwise, we raised \$72,000 and gave it to MERA. I went back to Europe with Dr. Buchman and spent three years with him."

More than 7,000 high school and college youths from some 50 countries attended a series of three-week assemblies on Mackinac Island last summer. Collectively they were called Demonstrations for Modernizing Man.

Asked the cost, Belk replied quickly, \$1,500,000. This included an \$18,000 budget for recruiting across 143 American and Canadian campuses.

What does it cost worldwide to finance MERA? "We need \$25,000,000," Belk is proud of his navy background, "and I take great umbrage to the pacifist reputation" some have imputed to MERA.

In Seoul, Korea, last October he told at MERA world assembly that Communist China should not be misled by demon-

strations in the United States of want patriotism, not pacifism, who fail to understand freedom and the cost required to maintain it. "The people of the United States, young and old, stand firmly behind President Johnson in his policies in Viet Nam."

"COME AND HEAR ALL YE THAT FEAR GOD"

Ps. 66-11.

THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL: THAT Paul the Apostle said: "Is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believeth". Rom. 1:16.

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11:00 A.M.

Sermon: "THE MEANING OF CONVERSION" Anthem: "Dear Lord and Father"—Parry 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery 11:30 a.m.—Children's Corner You Are Invited To Worship With Us

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A Great Leader Still Leads

THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

It has been said that a man is tallest when he is on his knees. The familiar picture of George Washington kneeling in prayer at Valley Forge reminds us that the "Father of our Country" was a man who walked close to God and who taught his soldiers to pray.

Washington recognized that human frailty is not a sign of weakness — that it is the first step toward finding the needed strength. To call upon God for the resources we lack is to supply our deepest want.

The example of our first President still points men to God. Just as George Washington found God's strength available, so do men in our time when they call upon Him in faith. Discover Him in your own life. Worship God in your church next Sunday.



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