

Religion and Life

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Spurs To Endeavour

In a recent issue of The Listener is told the amazing story of blind John Metcalf who opened a new era in the building of roads in England. The story was told by Christopher Brunner. Nearly 200 years ago Metcalf walked from London to Yorkshire alone, feeling his way with a staff. "Time after time he narrowly escaped drowning and suffocation in the quagmires that passed for roads in the year 1760." After at many perils as Bunyan's pilgrim he got home filled with a deep disgust for England's roads and a determination to build better ones.

Within five years he had a contract to build roads in Yorkshire. He was the first contractor to discover that broken stones make the best foundation for a road, because their sharp edges dug into the ground and stayed there, whereas round stones were easily pushed aside. Before his death he had built 180 miles of new roads and had revolutionized travel and communication in England.

It was his blindness which awakened him to the need. If clear sight had enabled him to pick his way, as it did with thousands of others, he would never have felt the need of roads passable in all kinds of weather and firm enough for all kinds of traffic. The handicap had become an asset. Often in history men's handicaps have stirred them to develop new sources of power. Demosthenes is called history's greatest orator. They said that his words were engraved in bronze so firmly were they fixed in the memory of his hearers. His biographers love to describe how he cultivated his powers as a speaker. They say that he would stand by the sea shore and declaim against the waves with pebbles in his mouth, that he would deliver speeches as he ran uphill, that he was encouraged by a discerning actor to persist, and did persist until he became a power in the nation and the ideal orator of the western world.

A scholar of the past generation said that he regarded Henry Ward Beecher as the greatest master of spoken speech in modern times, and described how young Beecher used to make the woods around his home hideous with his efforts to develop his voice.

Dr. J. A. Macdonald, preacher

and editor, was one of Canada's most effective orators. He had to overcome a marked hesitancy in his speech and labored at it incessantly until the English speaking world recognized his powers. A contemporary of his, who had heard the best known preachers and statesmen of that time in Britain and America, said that Macdonald at his best reached heights that few, if any, could attain. It was in overcoming this handicap that he developed his capacity to the full.

A student once remarked that Saint Paul's "thorn in the flesh" had bothered commentators more than it had bothered Paul himself. Whatever it may have been, it was a handicap which hindered him in his work. He too made the handicap an asset. He called it "a messenger of Satan" sent to keep him humble and wrote about it, "Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'"

Saint Paul was so constituted that he could not have both the physical and spiritual endowments that he desired, and the lesser was denied to leave room for the greater. So he exclaimed: "I will all the more gladly boast of my weakness, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

The believer in Christ knows that there is a divine design to be perfected in his life and a divine purpose to be wrought out through him. Everything that God sends or denies has some place in God's will for him. A limitation may, therefore, be an opportunity, and a weakness realized a reason for drawing on God's strength. When the Giver of all good has denied us talents which He had entrusted to others and then calls us to tasks in which those talents seem necessary, we may be sure that the Living Lord means us to call directly on Him for the resources needed for full success. And those resources are as limitless as His love.

Honesty compels us to recognize our limitations here or there. Two courses are open to us—to resent our weaknesses and lie down in discontent, or to overcome our handicaps and make the moral power developed in the struggle a factor in advancing the Kingdom of God. By God's help if we can.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Belfast Congregational Meeting 2 P. M. Tuesday, March 17th, to arrange for reception of Rev. and Mrs. James Heathwood, Glasgow, Scotland. Good representation of all church organizations are requested.

TONIGHT: Hear Walter R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture speak on Community Planning. C. F. C. Y., 10.30. This is another in the current series of Community planning broadcasts heard each Monday at the same time.

PCICE INVESTIGATING — A quantity of cigarettes and about three dollars in pennies were stolen in a break at the Belvedere Service Station, St. Peter's Road. The break took place in the early hours of Sunday morning. The R. C. M. P. are investigating.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

All mail systems are government controlled, and in no business is there more efficiency shown.

For the first time in 100 years wedding bells rang out at a small church in Dover, England. Built in 1852, the church had never before been the scene of a wedding. So the vicar presented the bride with a Bible.

In Venezuela love letters are sent at half price if they are enclosed in rose-colored envelopes!

Rats are not birds. Their young nurse like other mammals.

Besides dancing mice, there are singing mice whose songs have a canary like warbling effect.

Some small animals are able to live without drinking due to certain chemical action in their digestive tracts, whereby some of the starch foods are changed into water!

Perhaps the most famous example of inaccuracy in fiction occurred in that early edition of Edgar Rice Burrough's Tarzan of the Apes in which he names tigers among the denizens of the African jungle.

In a world that needs so much the assurance that spirit can triumph, the older people can give the clearest answers. If weakening physical hands can grasp spiritual reality, if dimming eyes can see God more clearly, if deafened ears can catch the song of eternity, truly this is the victory that overcomes the world.

Only when we have learned to control our thoughts and actions, do we become masters of our outer conditions. Impulsive youth seldom is able to do that. But age with its treasure house of experiences is able to see a clearer picture of life as it ought to be lived.

A custom among the Oriental shepherds was to lead their flocks in and out of the fold. As the sheep entered the fold at night, the shepherd would stand in the doorway and count them. When he satisfied himself that none were missing, he would wrap his cloak about him and lie down across the opening. In this way, he became the door to the fold. None of the sheep could stray away without jumping over his body and awakening him and no wild animals could enter the fold to get at the sheep.

Uncle Sam's taxpayers paid more in taxes under Harry S. Truman's term of office than under all previous U. S. Presidents. Isn't totalitarianism wonderful!

Like man, many insects seem to prefer flowery fragrance; hence insect pollination. Japanese beetles are especially susceptible to rose odor. They will travel far to reach the seductive trap, baited with rose-smelling chemical geraniol and equipped with glass jars to hold its scented-dug victims. Dogs and most carnivorous animals, on the other hand, prefer goatly and burnt odors. Rats cannot tolerate the smell of peppermint. During the last world war it was discovered that a certain odor was repulsive to sharks led to the development of a repellent which was used to protect shipwreck victims or air crews ditched at sea.

Few of us realize the persuasive role that scent has played in the modern world. It was less than 200 years ago that a bill was sponsored in the British Parliament providing a witchcraft trial for "all women . . . virgins, maids, or widows, that shall . . . seduce and betray into matrimony any of His Majesty's subjects by the use of scents, paints, cosmetics . . ."

A bee hive is the oldest air-conditioned dwelling. Half the bees remain on the inside of the hive flapping their wings. This keeps the temperature about 10 degrees lower than the outside.

Have you ever heard of the fish with the bifocals? No! Well, his home is in the South American waters and he uses natural bifocals, the upper half of the eyes being kept above water to see in air and the lower half, with different focus, being used under water. Just fancy that!

Although most persons require additional oxygen at 10,000 feet, one third of a million persons live comfortably in La Paz, Bolivia, the world's high big city (12,400 feet above sea level).

Old automobile tires are worn as sandals among the poorer classes of Mexico, Cuba, and Brazil. The unusual sandals are secured to the feet with leather straps. They can be made at home at a cost of only a few cents.

Crocodiles have their own dentists in the sharp-eyed African plovers. These birds actually walk right into the crocodile's mouth, pick the food from between his teeth and give them a thorough cleaning.

The crocodile simply loves this kind of painless dentistry.

GERMAN GETS POSITION

BONN, (AP)—The West German government announced Tuesday that the first German has been given a leading post in the United Nations food and agricultural organization. He is Count Siegfried von der Recke, a top official of the West German agricultural ministry. The 54-year-old count has been named FAO representative for South and Central America.

RECORD TRAFFIC

OSLO, Norway, (CP)—A record number of tourists visited Norway last year, 600,000 compared with 480,000 the previous year. The Norwegian Travel Association estimated 70 per cent of the visitors were from Sweden.

Lenten Meditation

From The Columns of The Times, London

FREEDOM AND THE FALL

That man is born free and is everywhere in chains is more than a slogan of revolution; it belongs to the paradox of human nature. Successive attempts at finding a solution to it by way of social and economic programmes end not only in disappointment but also in the curtailment of civic freedom.

The story of the garden of Eden is rightly regarded not as the record of a single event at the dawn of history but as the mythological presentation of a permanent fact in spiritual experience. It has no doubt been grievously misinterpreted. There have been phases in Christian thinking when the total corruption of man has been made almost the centre of theology. But this is both unscriptural and sub-Christian. Christianity is about the goodness of God, not about the badness of men.

And the fundamental scriptural affirmation is that God made man in his own image. Man's goodness, therefore, is "prior" to his sinfulness; and only because he is a child of God—a moral and spiritual personality—is it possible for him to be a sinner. Thus the very notion of a fall carries within it the promise of recovery.

The phrase "original sin" may be unfortunate, and probably few could now endorse the theory of a taint inherited from a primal ancestor. Still less can that inheritance be equated, as it was too long, with sexual desire—which would make race suicide a religious duty.

But, however stated, the fact remains that no life ever starts with a clean slate on which it can freely write just what it chooses. It comes into a total situation in which there is a "gravitational pull" dragging the best motives off their course, and in which it is harder to go right than wrong. Original sin is the label for these facts which, however interpreted, are there.

In the heyday of nineteenth-century evolutionism the traditional Christian teaching about the fall was declared as illiberal and reactionary. More bitter experience and less facile thought are forcing men back on the recognition of the truths to which this doctrine bears witness.

It might also be said, indeed, that original sin is the one article of religion in which many contemporary men believe—though they may call it historical determinism. But because they cannot also believe in God, they are reduced to despair or moral cynicism. Nothing but faith in God can bring back confidence.

The answer to the fall of man is the Gospel—the good news of reconciliation to the purpose at the heart of things through the work of God in the Cross and resurrection. The Christian life rests on the conviction that God himself has entered into history with its moral conflicts and contradictions, and in a human life won the victory in which through Christ man may be partaker. In that emancipation is the true freedom.

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my Father, H. Wesley McKenzie, Bay Fortune, who passed away March 15, 1947.

Tonight the stars are shining On a low and silent grave, There sleeps without dreaming One I loved but couldn't save.

Lovingly remembered by daughter Blanche (Mrs. John Black), Bay Fortune.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of a dear Husband and Father Howard S. Weeks who passed away on March 16th, 1949.

Four years have passed since that sad day, When you we loved was called away. God took him home—it was His will, Within our hearts He liveth still.

Always Remembered by His Wife and Daughter Lolita, Sons, Harold and Lorne.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear Husband, Robert A. MacKenzie, Cavendish, P. E. I., March 16th, 1952.

I have lost my life's companion, A life linked with my own. And day by day I miss you more As I walk through life alone.

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