

# Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan  
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This week many thousand boys and girls have returned to the classrooms of our Ontario schools. They have come to an end and they are back at their books. The reflective person is both happy and sad about it. He is happy to see so many healthy youngsters placed in the intellectual atmosphere of study and learning; but sad, too, to realize that they are at the same time exposed to the error and ignorance reigning in so many of those who pose as their teachers.

Take for example, the scientific subjects. I know that it is not altogether fair to single them out for odious mention, but they serve very well to make a point. Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology are taught in such well-equipped salons, at such enormous expense that pupils and teachers are sure that they must be very important indeed. They are important, of course, and I make no quarrel with them here. But because they seem to be so modern, so advanced, so exquisitely new, it is felt that they simply must prove that anything old, medieval or backward is necessarily wrong. And thus, by a process that is in no way related to reason or logic, they are thought by teachers and pupils alike to prove that there is no God, no absolute truth, no life above and beyond nature. Only too many high school and college teachers think that step by step they are taking apart the bogey of religion.

Of course they are doing nothing of the kind. But they think they are doing so and the effect of such thinking is to hurt them as human beings because it confirms them in error. What they learn in science neither proves nor disproves religious truth.

But it is not just schoolboys and their teachers who think that science proves or disproves the supernatural. Only last year a large periodical canvassed the great scholars of the continent, and particularly scientists, in order to find out how many of them believed in God. This year, in fact only very recently, Time aped its more high-brow contemporary with an article on what it pleased to call the scientist's return to God.

The article was not in itself a bad one, because it dealt with some of the basic issues at stake and served to remind us that ever so many of the world's scientists are still religious men.

But Time felt that it was doing something daring. It was showing how, now at last, even scientists were coming around to accept the reality of the supernatural. What a calamity against the scientists of the past! And what a fantastic

claim for those of today!

A position like this argues, first of all, that scientists have been, by and large, unbelievers. Secondly it implies that if scientists believe in God, then it must be true that there is a God, and that therefore the rest of us had better get busy and start believing in Him too. But neither implication has not been, by and large, unbelievers; nor does the fact that a scientist believes something offer the rest of us a particularly strong motive for believing it too.

Lots of the old scientists were deeply religious. I mention only a few whose achievements in science have been most remarkable. Galvani, Copernicus, Ampere, Volta, Spallanzini, Pasteur, Trembley, Mendel, Stensen, and so on. This I state merely as a fact. It proves nothing about the reality of Divine Truth. But it does show that any implication that all great scientists have in the past been irreligious is, to say the least, silly.

On the other hand, there is a great deal of faulty thinking going on when so many, particularly school teachers and their pupils, are inclined to accept a non-scientific position as valid only when a scientist does so too. We would all do very well to bear in mind the following remarks made in his Bampton lectures by the wise Mr. Mozley:

"The truths of these respective departments (religion and science) are the truths of two different spheres. There are difficulties in a personal deity, there are difficulties attaching to prayer, and there are difficulties attaching to special providences; but those difficulties are exactly the same whether the cellular theory is true or false, and whether the sun is fed by the mechanical collision of the asteroids or by its own matter." The problems of the soul do not find their ultimate solution in a high school laboratory!

An amusing objection to Time's article was the following: "Yes, science leads to God, but not to the anthropomorphic God of Judaism, Protestantism and Catholicism." To a God, that is, who has been given human characteristics and qualities. But surely the fact that the Protestant, Catholic or Jew knows God according to his own human way of knowing does not imply that God has these limitations in Himself. No human knowledge circumscribes God. The so-called scientist who thinks he knows more about God than anyone else, or that his God is less or more anthropomorphic than anyone else's is deluding himself. Cliches like the above fall far too easily from the lips of the man who has mastered the jargon of science merely, without having ever sifted the corn of truth from his bran.

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**TO STUDY IN U. S.**—Mr. John Ivan Dowling, City, has left for the Notre Dame University, Indiana, U. S. A., where he will study for his Master's Degree in Science. Mr. Dowling was formerly teacher of mathematics at the Prince of Wales College.

**IS DROWNING VICTIM**—The death of Harry A. Peel of MacKenzie Island, Ontario, occurred by drowning, August 8, 1951. He leaves to mourn his widow, Mrs. Lilla M. Robbins of Morell, former Lilla M. Robbins of Morell, aged two years. Burial took place at MacKenzie Island on August 13th, 1951.

**LEAVE FOR ONTARIO**—Lieut. Col. K. M. Johnston, Mrs. Johnston and their three sons, Donald, Ronald and Peter, leave today by car for Toronto. Colonel Johnston will attend the annual meeting of the Canadian Signals Association at Kingston. Mrs. Johnston and children will visit Mrs. Johnston's sister Mrs. W.E. Rancey, and her brother Dr. J. A. Ritchie.

### Personals

Mr. James MacPhail, Meadow Bank, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Murray and wee daughter Deborah Mary, York Point, and Mrs. Reg. Fraser, Charlottetown, motored to New Glasgow on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Millar Orr and family, and Mrs. Orr and Mrs. Fraser's aged mother Mrs. John F. Pursey.

### STRATEGIC COLONY

The crown colony of Hong Kong has a total area of 391 square miles, including part of the mainland.

### Home For Funeral

Mr. and Mrs. Ewen E. Lamont, Beverly, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lamont, Lynfield, Mass., have returned to their homes following the funeral of the late Lemuel Lamont on August 29th.

The deceased had been a patient in the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, N. S., and in the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Charlottetown, and had returned to his home in Churchill, P.E.I., on August 25th.

His two brothers and their wives came to this Province after being informed of his illness and were able to see him before he passed away. They were guests of Mrs. Lemuel Lamont, and of their sisters, Mrs. J. A. MacKinnon, and Mrs. Annie Ferguson, Hampton.

On August 23rd, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lamont quietly observed their 40th wedding anniversary in Churchill.

The funeral was conducted at the home by Rev. Donald Nicholson and burial was in the Argyle Shore Cemetery.

## Jap Prime Minister Arrives In U.S. For Peace Talks



Japanese prime minister Shidei Yoshida is shown with his daughter, Miss Kazuko Yoshida, upon their arrival in San Francisco from Honolulu for the signing of the Japanese peace act. Drawn up by U. S. ambassador John Foster Dulles, the treaty provides only for the possibility of reparations through Japanese manufacture of raw materials sent from claimant nations. Over 51 countries are attending the peace conference which got underway on Sept. 5 in San Francisco.

## The Thorpe Affair

By Phillip Lealy

Terry glanced about the apartment. It was lavishly furnished, its three rooms containing enough expensive furniture for five. Besides the living room and the bedroom, there was a small den. He looked into this, noting that there were no books; the only case contained liquor and glasses. This apartment, one of several Thorpe maintained, apparently served as a stopping place in which he could keep a change of clothes, the making of a drink, and a place to sleep when the mood for doing that was on him.

"I wonder," Terry said casually, "what percentage of his visitors here were women?" "If you say a hundred," Stevens replied dryly, "you're as close as you can get. Let me tell you, this boy's croaking won't leave no gap in the wheel of progress or anything like that. He was an A-1 rat, start to finish. Just name something that's against the law, and brother, he's done it."

"He seemed to do alright for himself while it lasted. It takes some cash to keep up a few places like this one."

"He made more money in a day," the Star man put in, "than I get in a year. And every nickel of it was dirty."

"Yeah," Terry sighed, "it makes you wonder if all this stuff about honesty being its own reward is all it's cracked up to be. I bet this guy drove around in a nice car."

Stevens nodded. "He did that. Latest model, too. Chauffeur and all."

Terry strolled around pointlessly.

## IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear Grandma, Mrs. Christopher Axworthy, who passed away September 10th, 1950.

Today we are thinking of someone who was always kind and true, Grandma that someone is you.

Always Remembered by Her Grandsons Harvey, Orville and Sinclair Axworthy.

## IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our darling BESSIE KATHRYN ACORN who passed away

September 10th, 1946.

Always Remembered by Mother, Daddy and Mildred.

## IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our dear Mother, Mrs. Christopher Axworthy, who passed away September 10th, 1950.

With tears we watched you sinking We watched you pass away, We tended you with loving care, But could not make you stay.

We watched beside your bedside, The lonely hours passed, And though our hearts were aching We saw you breathe your last.

Always Remembered by Her Family.

## IN MEMORIAM

In fond and loving memory of our dear Mother and Grandmother, Mrs. Christopher Axworthy, who entered into rest September 10th, 1950.

Sweet are the memories that linger, Dear is the one that is gone, In memory we will hold you, dear Mother, As long as the years roll along.

This we will always remember, And this we will always pray That the joys you missed on life's highway, Are yours in Heaven today.

Fondly Remembered by Son, Daughter-in-Law and Grandchildren Rufus, Thelma, Margaret and David Axworthy.

ly, his shoulders drooping as they always did when he was relaxed, his eyes roving. But his mind was working rapidly. Certain threads of information were beginning to weave themselves into line. He looked again at the corpse, then at the gun. He hesitated a moment, then approached Stevens again.

"In case this was murder," he asked, "who is there that hated Thorpe enough to kill him?" "Boy, that's a big order. About all ya' have to do is take a telephone book and point out a name and there'll be a guy that'd sell his pants 't see the rat dead."

"Yes, but this looks more like an inside job. You know, somebody that knew Thorpe pretty well. Not many people knew about this place or when Thorpe would be here. I figure it probably was somebody he crossed up in a business deal or something like that."

Stevens grunted. "That's still a big order, but a guy named Mills was in some deals with him lately. Lorenz was in on some big betting with Thorpe down in Florida and with Thomson and McCormick were helpers of his in the business end. And then there was Zeller and Benson—if yuh want any more yuh better get a notebook and a couple dozen pencils."

"What's the delay for?" the reporter from the Star asked Stevens.

"We're waitin' for the science boys. Don't touch anything till the medical examiner, the photographer and the fingerprint man have done their work; those're our orders. They figure wherever there's a killing they can nab the killer easier if they have everything looked into by the science boys. Sometimes they're right, too."

"Makes it kind of easy for you, doesn't it?" Terry chided. "In the old days a detective had to use his own brains to solve a case."

"Yeah," Stevens admitted, "but now all the killers know about these things too, and they make their murders that much harder to see through. It's not much easier'n it used to be."

Terry looked about and saw that the reporters and detectives were clustered into two groups. There was no one in the bedroom with the corpse. Walking aimlessly about, he slowly made his way to the bedroom door. He looked around, noticed that no one was watching him, and stepped into the bedroom, carefully closing the door behind him enough to block him from view.

He approached the corpse slowly, fighting down a nausea that came over him. The sight of the blood-caked wound sickened him, and he was revolted by the thought of touching the body. But he stopped over and gripped Thorpe's shoulder. He lifted it about two inches off the floor and peered under it. He dropped it again hurriedly and stepped back. After hesitating for a moment he set himself and stooped to the other shoulder. He lifted it as he had the other and looked beneath. This time a soft whistle escaped through his teeth. He reached down and picked up a black object that lay under Thorpe's chest.

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## Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

That life is ver, uncertain may be gleaned from the fact that 68 deaths occur every minute, 97,920 daily and 35,740,800 annually.

The hums we hear from the bees humming birds, etc., are caused by rapid motion of their wings.

Fighting the Chinese would seem a futile task when one considers that 30,000,000 Chinese babies are born into the world every year. That's about twice the number of people now living in Canada. "Gentleman" Jim Corbett never got "punch drunk" during the 18 years he fought in the ring, because he was the first great exponent of cleaner fighting. Eighteen years in the prize ring without getting a "shiner" or a bloody nose is a record that still stands.

"Dear Mac: "Your Strange But True column continues to amaze me daily, but this past spring I witnessed a happening worthy of your attention.

"I was watching a group of swallows and sparrows contending for the possession of a nest. Finally, the sparrows succeeded in putting the run on their enemies and took over the nest for their own use.

"The following day I was amazed to find the tiny opening sealed up with clay. I investigated and inside the prison house I discovered a lone sparrow with both its eyes gouged out.

"Yours truly, John Jones."

Red rain has fallen at different times in different parts of the world. The most logical reason advanced for the phenomenon is that the air was full of red dust at the time of this strange happening. Homer, Virgil, Plutarch, and other writers, mention the bloody showers. Coming down to more recent times we learn that a "rain of blood" fell in a part of Mongolia on June 29, 1928.

Red rain could not fall in the Garden of the Gulf because we have no desert sands drifting about in the air.

The sea hedgehog — about one foot in length — actually escapes death after being swallowed by a shark by boring his way through the shark's stomach. That's one way of killing the savage creature.

Canadians drink 70 million pounds — 3 1-2 billion cups — of coffee every year and 45 million pounds — 9 billion cups — of tea.

Beef production for the show case rather than the show-ring as one breeder puts it, is the way we should be heading. Breeders of purebred beef cattle and show-ring judges would do well to give this slogan some thought.

The best thing about advice — nobody takes it.

The Panda, a native of Western China, is one of the rarest animals in the world. When fully grown, it stands about 6 ft. and the usual color is white with a band of black over the shoulders, and there are black rings around its eyes.

Lady Knox Geyser, New Zealand, is an inspiring sight when in full play, but strange to say a divining-rod will not reveal its pressure.

The phenomenon of a mirage is due to the fact that different layers of the air may refract a ray of light to a different degree. Mirages are found in many parts of the world. Those seen on the Canadian prairies are especially fine.

In cold regions, the mirage is usually an iceberg in the sky. This is explained in the following manner. The air near the sea has been cooled while higher up there is a warm layer.

Perhaps the finest mirage to be seen anywhere is the Fata Morgana in the Straits of Messina. In this case, there are several different layers of air, with one of greater refraction in the center. Looking at it another way, the air becomes a gigantic magnifying glass, so that an object on the opposite shore becomes elongated in a vertical direction.

Mirages have consisted of ships, cities, lakes and what have you. By the time a wise guy is old enough to marry a fool has children big enough to support him.

Lead pencils are made of a mineral called graphite or plumbago. The lead pencils of our day contain no lead. But real lead pencils were formerly used. Should you ever come across an old-fashioned pocketbook, you might find such a pencil fitted to the pencil pocket.

The August meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Walter McLure on Friday evening, Aug. 31st, with twelve members and two visitors in attendance. Roll call was answered with a donation of 25 cents for the purchase of canned meat for the adopted Institute. It was moved and seconded that this parcel be sent in the near future.

Final arrangements were made for the chicken supper to be held at Gregor's Hotel, Brackley Beach. It was moved and seconded that in the future the Institute present each pupil passing Entrance with a college ring.

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meeting for October, roll call to be answered by "Something I am thankful for." A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and committee, after which the meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

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