

THE FEAST OF FOOLS

INTRODUCTION: THE FEAST OF FOOLS is the title of a book written recently by one theologian Mr. Harvey G. Cox. In his book Mr. Cox said:

1. "While gaining the whole world, Western man has been losing his soul."
 1. By those who still believe that man still has a soul Mr. Cox's statement was hailed as great theological revelation.
 2. Had many of them really known that Mr. Cox was simply repeating what Jesus said 2000 years ago I rather suspect they would have rejected Mr. Cox's statement into.
 3. What did Jesus say 2000 years ago? Mark 8:36, 37; "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? 37-Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul."
2. In his book, ABUNDANT LIVING, E. Stanley Jones said, "we have hung everything on the wrong peg." He based this statement on Isaiah 22:25; "In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off; for the Lord hath spoken it."
 1. When the peg of materialism...material civilization upon which we have hung everything is wrenched out by dislocation, and gives way, then everything we have hung on it, OUR PLANS, OUR HOPES, OUR FUTURES, gives way with it and goes down in a mighty crash.
3. In the past decade especially this nation has suffered a near fatal blow in what one writer described as the DEMISE OF ACCOUNTABILITY.
 1. The rise of the new theologies has just about demolished what survived of the old beliefs concerning man's accountability to God.
 2. Under the spell of this new theology, that man is not accountable, contemporary America seems to be testing how far society can move in the direction of completely abolishing accountability and still remain economically and socially viable.
 3. Results of the DEMISE OF ACCOUNTABILITY.
 1. Living above the law, be it the law of the land or the law of God, is the way of anarchy and confusion. This is seen in:
 1. A group of rampaging demonstrators, students and non-students as they shattered the peaceful calm of Isla Vista, California February 25, 1970 when they burned to the ground a branch of the Bank of America.
 2. They said that it was a protest against the "Capitalist establishment," the war in Vietnam, "the Chicago trial," "student repression," and "police brutality." Some of these grievances are real, some fanciful, and others are false.
 3. Even if all their claims were true how can a nation long survive where a small minority can decide that something is wrong, take the law into their own hands, destroy and ruin millions of dollars in property, and not be held accountable for their deed of infamy?
 4. WITNESS: Watts, Washington, D. C., Detroit, where the same things have been done and very few held accountable for their deeds.
 2. Violence and destruction are the seeds of anarchy and tyranny.
 1. All of this, whether intended or not, often has been encouraged by some rather high Washington political figures elected by the people and on self-appointed high salaries paid by hard working, honest American tax payers.

*New effort to burn
this bank again
Thursday April 17, 1970*

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PROBLEMS THAT YOUNG PEOPLE FACE TODAY

1. In the past decade (in 1963) there was the Supreme Court ruling against prayer and Bible reading in public schools.
 1. The suit was brought by one Madalyn Murray O'Hair then living in Baltimore, Maryland but now of Austin, Texas.
 2. March 18, 1970 I was in Lubbock, Texas when Mrs. O'Hair spoke at Texas Tech. She started out with about 2000 students in the audience and wound up with about 400 remaining.
 1. Her speech was course and cheap.

2. The God is dead theory by Thomas Altizer. He was joined by some other American theologians in this pronouncement.
 1. All these men claim to be Christians and Mr. Altizer at least was highly insulted when some referred to him as an atheist.
 1. This is an indication of the low level of thinking on the part of some as to what Christianity really is.
 2. Every man has become a law unto himself and that explains why in some part at least, you see such conditions religiously as exist today.
 2. Last year (1969) I picked up a paper in the airport at Denver, Colorado and while flying to Austin, Texas my eyes fell on a by-line as follows: GOD NOT TO BE MENTION IN MORAL LECTURES OF ARMY CHAPLAINS.
 1. I suppose that order would have stood had it not been for the wise and timely intervention of Secretary Melvin R. Laird.
 3. All of this, THE GOD IS DEAD THEORY along with magazine article IS GOD ABOUT TO LIVE AGAIN plainly admits that God at least lived at one time.
 4. Under the GOD IS DEAD THEORY, THE NEW THEOLOGY, SITUATION ETHICS, 1Cor.15
 1. The typical American has neither fear of hell nor hope of heaven.19.

3. Continual criticism against Christianity. "Against that which the world calls Christianity."
 1. The news media, News analyst on radio and TV especially report the sordid things done in the name of Christianity. In this they are right. This is no part of New Testament Christianity but the sad thing is that not many of those who do the reporting know the difference. Illustrations:

(Christianity Today)
 2. John W. Alexander, Inter-Varsity president, in the February 13, 1970 issue of _____ quoted Lew Alcinder, famous Negro All American basketball player, who graduated from UCLA last year (1969) as saying of his experience there:
 1. The Bible had no further meaning to me. The Bible and its teaching had produced all these hate filled people.
 2. It seemed to me that there was nothing in all the world as unlike Christ as Christians
 1. Many non-Christians have turned against Christianity because they do not see Christ in those who profess his name.
 3. A young Rioter at one of the Berkley riots in California carried a sign that read, "Jesus Christ, yes; Christianity, No."
 4. The denominational world has lowered its standard in an effort to attract people but in doing so denominational churches have lost the respect of the world.

PROBLEMS THAT YOUNG PEOPLE FACE TODAY, Continued;

4. The moment children leave their home they are facing a cold-blooded cruel world that is set to destroy them spiritually and even physically. Some ways this may be done:

1. Rebellion Against Authority.

1. The whole world has rebelled against authority. When this is done anarchy is at hand, religiously and in government.
2. Many people, even among those who call themselves Christians, are not greatly concerned about what the Bible has to say.

WHY?

1. The Bible so often comes in conflict with their own ideas.
2. While the Bible continues to sell very well it would be interesting to know:
 1. Who is buying them?
 2. Who is reading them?
 3. Why are they reading them, if they are?

2. Situational Ethics, brought on the Age of Permissiveness and these combined produced The New Morality.

1. The doctrine of Situational Ethics, Age of Permissiveness, and The New Morality can and has robbed many people of serious, thoughtful right purpose in life.
2. Under SITUATIONAL ETHICS and PERMISSIVENESS preoccupation with illicit sex has become so acute that it puts us on the verge of moral anarchy.
3. Under this guise the news media and entertainment fields have been playing a sordid can-you-top-this game.
 1. The great cultures have been those that rose above the barnyard level that some modern sophisticates seem so eager to dwell in. TO THROW AWAY DECENCY IS NOT PROGRESS BUT RETREAT.
 2. The Communist know that a moral collapse can and will destroy our whole democratic system more effectively than a bloody rebellion or a nuclear attack.
 1. NOTE: This not doubt Kruschev had in mind when he said, "That he would take America without firing a shot."

3. A rise in the use of drugs: LSD; MARIJUANA; POT; WHISKEY; BEER; WINE;

1. When least expected an otherwise innocent girl or boy may be tricked into the use of one or all of these drugs.
2. The potatochips used in a party not so many days ago had been doctored with LSD.
3. According to TV if guests enter your home the first word of greeting should not be "hello," "come in," "we are glad to see you," but rather "do you want a drink?"

4. A complete breakdown of parent-child relationship in many homes.

1. Children often forgot in the present day rush.
2. Often mothers have abandoned the home for work.
3. *Fighting parents* A poor father-mother image set by many parents in the home.
 1. Cursing, drinking, lying parents are the blight of many homes.
 2. A big-league ball player of several years ago made this observation recently:
 1. The manager of the club ask him and other players not to drink in public lest they damage their image before the youngsters. His comment:
 2. "No such demands are made now because in most home parents drink whiskey and beer right before the children."

*Del.
Gen. 33:1-14*

PROBLEMS THAT YOUNG PEOPLE FACE TODAY, Continued;

5. A Rise In The Use Of Four Letter Words heretofore unmentionable except in some filthy, dark, dirty back alley.
 1. Such words are now used freely on radio, TV, passing conversation and by the news media in general.
 2. Not all four letter words are bad. Examples:
 1. Kind, Care, Help, Good, Feel, Give, Love.
 2. Correct understanding of these words is vital and necessary for the correct understanding of the three letter word, "sex," that is so carelessly flaunted about today.
 3. Without the correct understanding of these four letter words "SEX" will simply boil down to a biological experience designed merely as that which gratifies the lust of the flesh in its animalistic desires.
6. Finally, our young people of today, this present generation, face some problems never before faced by any generation. What are these things?: I suggest two and that is enough:
 1. This generation is the first every to grow up in a world which can destroy mankind instantly...by the Biggest Bang ever: a nuclear or hydrogen bomb.
 2. This generation faces a world that is slowly but surely and by heedless action, don't care attitude, set to destroy itself by over-polution.
 1. The hippies, and maybe a few others, have found this a new area for protesting and clamoring for a "clean-up."
 2. I doubt that they care much one way or the other: they just want to protest to get before the TV camera.
 3. Some one said that Will Durant one time said of the hippy-type people and others of like filth that maybe a good place to start the cleanup would be for them
"to begin by"to begin by taking a bath themselves."

EXERCISE: THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE TODAY, Continued:

2. A list in the Use of Four Letter Words paragraph suggests that some words, such as filthy, dark, dirty, black, etc., are now used freely on radio, TV, passing conveyances and by the news media in general.

3. For all four letter words see page 24.

1. Kind, Care, Help, Good, Feel, Give, Love.
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