

**MIRROR
MEDITATION**

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One of the greatest creative endowments to man is his constant inner anxiety to search for truth and life. Youth is confronted with many struggles before he finds a level of security in faith. If indeed he ever reaches this level.

In his travels he leaves the restrictions and limits placed on him at home. He hears and learns about the differences in religions, their beliefs, their concepts.

Some of the confusion arises when he hears the various pulpits of the same denomination condemning their brothers because of conception or interpretation. He is further frustrated because of the clergy being adamant, and absolute about petty things. Some of the clergy mistakenly preach and sell religion — and not religion as a means or guide to finding the Spirit of God.

The infinite God, as well as the Messiah, can not be limited to individual dogma or concept. One of the greatest discoveries man will find within himself is that his soul must have freedom. Anything that binds a man's thinking or mind tends to bind his soul and his soul is not free. That is why God's design of mankind gives man

a separate and distinct entity within himself.

Youth should be told that this is why man has come upon so many different concepts. Any clergy who limits himself to religion alone is a midget to his calling.

The dean of one of America's greatest theological schools stated recently that theologians are taught everything that is known about history, philosophy, and theology — but taught nothing about the human mind and emotions.

Youth today, because of advanced learning, is demanding something more than the childish teachings. In their search for knowledge their dept of thought steers them face to face with the deeper mysteries of life. Something is there and they want to know what it is. It will scare them away from religion unless the clergy helps them to realize the companionship of God is something inviting and beautiful indeed. Jesus was teaching compassion, not condemnation.

We can not bind our modern youth by insulting their intellect. We can not keep them bound or within the circle of fear. Their drive and need for God has them bursting at the seams. The infinite God can give them just what they need.

Youth has an honest doubt. A seed placed there by the hand of God. The drive for a crystal clear truth can not be checked with personal concept or religious dogma.

Our theologians must forget religious isolation and open up the way to a true and loving God. One that youth can accept and follow. One that will give them a oneness with an infinite God. One that can give them the courage and power to grow and grow until truth is paramount. Do this and the churches will burst at the seams.

When you decide to drown yourself, always pull off your clothes; they may fit your wife's second husband.



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As Seen in The Mirror's

**SPORTS
REFLECTIONS**
of Athletes
and Events

Cautious optimism prevails at New Bern High school, as Coach Bill Klutz and his revenge-hungry Bears await the arrival of a scrappy Morehead City eleven for Friday night's curtain-raising encounter.

The Bruins, still smarting from a 6-0 upset loss suffered in a driving rain last September, are growling and ready. Convinced that adverse weather resulting in seven fumbles caused their downfall in the 1961 battle, they are going to be as dangerous as a humiliated ball club can be.

Klutz has to anticipate the possibility of two things that could hurt his team's chances. His efforts to the contrary, they may be overconfident when they take to the gridiron, and they may be much to eager for their own good. In either case, the results could prove disastrous.

Coach Norman Clark did all he could to inflate the Bears with a sense of superiority this week, when he proclaimed to the press that his Eagles won't be able to fly very high this year. He has everything to gain by implanting in the minds of the Bruins the foolish notion that his outfit is going to be a soft touch.

As long as David O'Neal, Morehead City's flashy All-Eastern quarterback is around, the Eagles can't be regarded lightly. Still on hand are Bernard Leary and James Nolan, a couple of pass receivers

who contributed enough touchdowns to the cause last season to give the Carteret club a 10-1 record and a Coastal Plains crown.

Unless we miss our guess, the Eagles will take to the air the first time they get the ball tonight — no later than the second play from scrimmage. New Bern's forward wall is a good bet to stop Morehead City's ground attack, or slow it considerably, so Coach Clark, who likes to gamble anyhow, will resort to passes early and often.

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