

# Treat others with care

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A few years ago, this writer read a sentence in one of Daniel Webster's speeches -- a sentence that became one of the major activating forces in her life. Webster said, "The most important thought that ever occurred to me is a sense of my responsibility to God and to man."

A true evidence is that we have seen what happens when men disown their responsibility to God and to man. They try to ride over other human beings. Using simple terms, they rule God out of their thinking entirely, and they consider human beings as nothing but trash piles to be moved at their will with the determination to enslave people.

We who have an opportunity to work with people, and especially younger people, should stress the quality of responsible thinking and acting. Our free society has prospered because it gives people opportunities and creates an atmosphere in which they develop initiative and resourcefulness through the acceptance of personal responsibility. The upward climb should be the idea, pointing to a fact; the function of a rung on a ladder is not to

provide a resting place, but rather to give a footing for the upward climb, emphasizing a person who is satisfied with himself and his present attainments is in grave danger. A true fact is the person who stands still and refuses to look at himself squarely and who has no desire to improve himself and his work is already on the downward road.

It can be explained very well to take time to meditate quietly because Divine intelligence directs the action of every function which is important concerning personal responsibilities and the upward climb. Too, it must be realized the importance of being still, acknowledging God's presence, as everywhere we turn we see evidence of His creative genius and manifestations of His spirit that seem like personal messages designed especially for us. We can say we love this world -- its sunshine, its shadows, its variations, its hospitality because it certainly reveals God's work and not man's.

Therefore, beautifully describing factors so important concerning personal responsibilities for self-help and moving forward will help others to understand well that God is important for thinking entirely.

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preciative of God's.

Priorities then were also different. Our main objective was once (of necessity) to pave the way for those who came after us, as opposed to our present-day struggle to obtain social standing and political pull for ourselves by climbing the social, political and corporate ladders of success. Under such constant social and economic pressure we have no time for love -- for our children, for our mates, whose jobs and/or other involvements take them constantly in different directions; no time for parents or grandparents who must now be placed in senior citizen facilities as soon as they outlive their usefulness to us. And we wonder why hatin' comes so easy for the youth of today. It's because they have so little exposure to love.

Not too long ago all family members of different generations gathered each day

for the evening meal at least, if not for breakfast as well. There was also mandatory grace before meals and bedtime prayers which kept the lines of communication open between God and family. This formed a strong healthy root from which to develop and a solid foundation on which to build.

Today's two working parent family has no time for breakfast, is too physically, mentally and psychologically drained to bother with dinner and has no central pivotal point. The result is fragmentation, frustration and disorientation which produces hyper "street people" -- especially among our youth -- with no sense of belonging, no sense of responsibility and a warped sense of values. In such a shallow, confused society, love, tolerance and sacrifice wax cold and hatin' comes easy.

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ing Bernard Coard as a "hardline Soviet Marxist." A group of docile Caribbean leaders led by Seaga were ordered to back the invasion. Any evidence of Grenadian troops who resisted the U.S. Army was played down by the press, while the nonexistent "Cuban threat" was blown out of all proportion. News about Grenada today is scarce -- and it was only 10 percent before. All of the programs of the revolution have been stopped, and human rights are nonexistent."

Yet another source which explains the full meaning of the Grenada revolution is "Maurice Bishop Speaks," published by Pathfinder Press of New York late last year. Editors Bruce Marcus and Michael Taber present a collection of speeches and interviews by the late prime minister that explain why the New Jewel Movement was able to come to power over the U.S.-backed Gairy dictatorship. Bishop himself repeatedly warned Americans that their government would inevitably try to regain control over his nation by military

force.

The real achievement of the Grenadian revolution, as "Maurice Bishop Speaks" illustrates, was more than an increase in material benefits and human needs programs. It was, in Bishop's words, the expansion of the very concept of democracy: "people's participation, people's politics ... and people's cooperatives for collective development."

The government's National Youth Organization and National Women's Organization brought thousands of youth and women into the political process. The various levels of government mandated "the twin principles of accountability and responsibility" between leaders and the masses. An excellent introduction to Bishop's political thought, this book also illustrates the reason why the U.S. was so threatened by the Grenada revolution.

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The death penalty is still what it was back in 1974 when the Supreme Court tried to limit it -- racially discriminatory, capricious and cruel.

It is an affront to human dignity and an abuse of the vast powers of the state. Ending the death penalty wouldn't turn

dangerous offenders loose -- binding prison terms protect society as well as state killing does. The death penalty violates the human rights standards to which our society should aspire.

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white votes will see to that.

Reagan is already talking about more cuts in programs that affect poor people and the elderly. I would hate to think what would happen if he is re-elected for four more years and won't have to worry about being elected again. I really don't understand why they don't have the intelligence, or I should say common sense, to see this.

What the black people and the

Democratic Party alike should do is support the person they think has the best chance of defeating Reagan in November. If the Rev. Jesse Jackson was really serious about helping the poor people, he would take the money he is spending campaigning and give it to some of the soup kitchens around the country. I'm sure they could use it.

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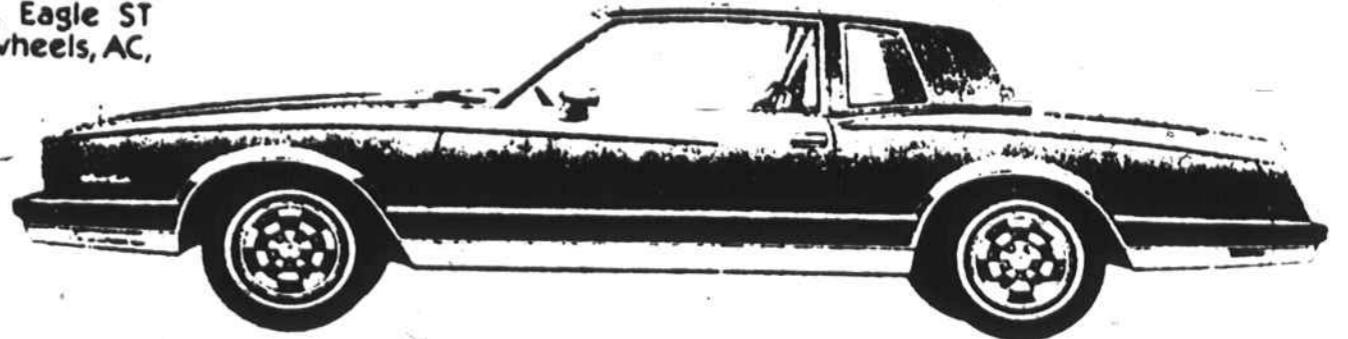
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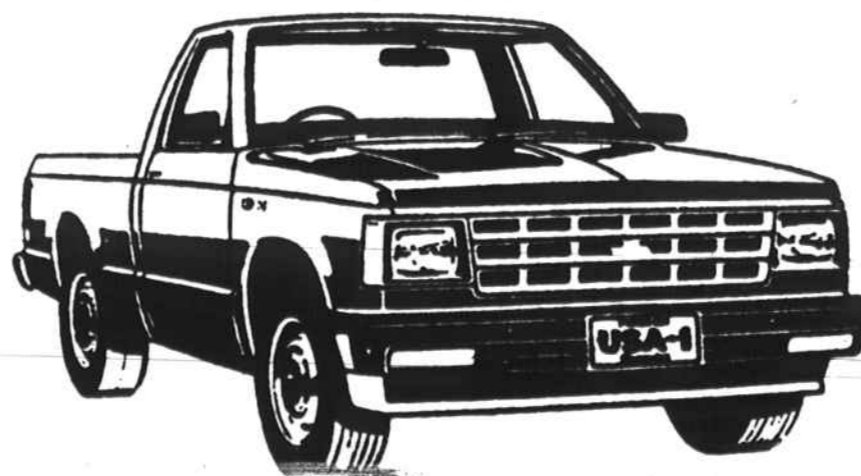
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