

Where adult society and the "hippie generation" have gone wrong. We all share the responsibility for the zero lives that some of today's youths are living. Many hippies feel frustrated and disgusted with today's society. Moreover, they are totally frustrated in their vain attempt to replace it with anything better. I'm sure they don't plan to spend the rest of their lives in hippiedom; but now they are living a non-productive, lay-about existence--a life an animal shouldn't experience! And for what reason?

What is the motive behind the hippie cult?

It is well known that drug addiction is very high among hippies. The use of drugs by hippies is just about as common as eating is among ordinary people.

I don't think we can overestimate the horrible effects of drug addiction. The bad effects of LSD, marijuana, heroin and other drugs is that they twist the mind of their misguided users. Some addicts have "messed their minds" so badly that they are doomed to remain abnormal. Some people on strong drugs have gone so far as to take their own life. Surely a rational being should be able to observe the effects of drugs and should want to avoid becoming another crippled drug addict in our society.

We can blame three formative institutions for the outcome of the generation; homes, schools, and churches. They all play important roles in shaping a society.

Parents are failing to teach children properly in the homes. They often set poor examples for their children to follow. Remember, children learn by example.

When excessive drinking, drug taking, foul language, marital problems and disrespect for the law are the daily norms for children, how can we expect anyone to grow up and build a happy life? Until parents learn to correct their own lives, we cannot expect their children to become obedient and productive citizens.

Something is criminally wrong with much of modern education. Schools and colleges seldom teach sound principles of life. Much of what is taught is irrelevant.

Instead, teachers funnel into the minds of the students agnosticism and atheism--in the form of evolution. God is thrown out of most all the classrooms of schools and colleges. When there is no God, there is no God, there are no absolutes and no

laws to define what is right and wrong. Therefore youths feel free to do as they please.

Today's ultra-liberal clergymen are unintentionally contributing to lawlessness. Some march in the front ranks of protestors and by their presence seem to encourage civil disobedience.

When they begin to preach and practice obedience to the Ten Commandments and the laws of the State, then general respect for law will be easier for youth to accept.

As young adults we must also share the responsibility for our own actions. We are all aware of what produces good and what produces bad results. We can't put all the blame on the adult generation. Everyone is a free moral agent and has the power of free choice; we can and must decide for ourselves what kind of lives we will lead.

Parents, teachers, and clergymen must set the norms and help the youth pattern their lives. The decision lies also in the hands of the individual youth. You can and must decide to channel your life into useful and productive channels. Only by doing so can you expect to be happy.

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ORDERS OF THINGS

Thoughts concerning the order of things come to mind frequently now. Opinions are born of experience, adequate or not. In order to attack or maintain our present situation of order, we must be well-oriented to the possibilities of experience. All its histories must become discovered and their results must be examined from the standpoint of relevance to personal conscience. It is the responsibility of man, here, to examine his particular order(s) in terms of their adequacy. If and when a shortcoming does exist, the same law of original examination and discovery again holds importance. To become an efficient combatant, one must accurately anticipate all outcomes of effort by the opposition, before they can become successful. The next step is obvious: initiate the offensive!

But to return again to the importance of the issue, the enemy must be defined before he can be sought out and dealt with. The all-important controversy of today's thought arises out of the actual existence of a physical enemy as such. You can