

The evil which good men do

There exists in the world today the axiom that life is a princely joust and only the good knight can win. This belief, along with the caricature of a good man who attends church regularly, never smokes, drinks, or curses, holds all the correct opinions and doesn't eat onions, has persisted throughout ages of otherwise progressive thought.

This 'good' man also has a dreadful fear of wrongdoing, an even greater horror of wrong-thinking and it is usually his goodness that safeguards society against those who question the wisdom of the views generally accepted by everyone else.

It stands to reason that a bad man would be the contrary of the one described above; a man who might smoke, drink occasionally, even utter a bad word upon provocation and he may spend an occasional Sunday somewhere other than church. He may even go so far as to contend that what is called 'wrongthinking' is actually thinking while 'rightthinking'; repeating words like a parrot. Now a man such as this could never hold any position of authority such as professor or pastor since such positions are open only to 'good' men.

Let us look into history at some typically 'bad' men. Socrates was persecuted by 'good' men who forced him to drink hemlock. Another eminent philosopher was also considered wicked and condemned to die by 'good' men. His name was Jesus.

Wordsworth, in his youth, was a 'bad' man. He sympathized with the French Revolution and wrote brilliant poetry. In his later years he became a 'good' man, adopted 'correct' principles and wrote bad poetry. His counterpart, Coleridge, while wicked, wrote "The Ancient Mariner" and "Christabel." When he became 'good' he dabbled in theology and dissipation. Everyone knows how wicked Darwin and Galileo were. Galileo was threatened with torture when he was 70 because he taught the absurd doctrine that the earth revolved around the sun.

Consider the field of medicine. It is horrifying to think of what we would know about medicine and the preservation of health if we had not been protected from this heterodox knowledge by similar 'good' men.

And sometimes good men are victims of the time. The Archduke Francis Ferdinand, assassinated in Sarajevo, was, in all probability, a good man. And if he had not been killed there would probably have been no war and the world would not have been made safe for democracy.

It is quite unfortunate that all these wicked men achieved immortal fame. But from these and many more it seems that a 'good' man is one whose opinions and actions coincide with and please those who are in power.

But perhaps someday reason will prevail, petty faults which plague such a large number of us will become insignificant and a man will be considered good if he is happy, wishes others to be happy, is generous and altruistic.

Out of the dark past comes a new character to Mars Hill, an intellectual caveman called Gort. He is one of the favorite cartoon characters on college campuses today, and the Hilltop is pleased to be able to bring his pre-historic humor to Mars Hill.

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M. G. BLUNKLE

Jokes to laugh at

Hear about the Australian college student who bought a new boomerang and went crazy trying to throw the old one away?

Never answer an enemy in anger. Remember, a soft answer turneth away wrath. Besides, it's commanded by holy writ and, what's more, it makes him madder than anything else you could do.

Hear about the Mars Hill student who had his fingerprints taken but said he didn't mind since he didn't need them anyway?

Business Creed

by Keith Kilburn
Bakersville College

and god said let there be competition
and there was competition
and god said trample thy brothers
and brothers were trampled
and god said devour the honey bees and become corporate with the bears
and so honey bees were devoured and corporations of bears came to pass
and god said pollute thy rivers and raze thy forests
and overpopulate thy habitats and starve thy wage slaves
and so rivers were polluted and forests razed
and habitats overrun by humanity and wage slaves starved
and god said thou shalt make profit.

Letters...

Dear editor,
This is my second year at Mars Hill and I would feel very noble if you would permit me to say that this college has a certain pleasant academic air to it and the personal attention students receive here is a credit to the institution.

(Which institution?-ed.)
Although I am writing this simply for the sake of doing a knightly deed for the paper, I feel it would be incomplete without a few complaints and criticisms.

Let's see. First of all I would like to complain about the paper. I do not believe you have enough jokes. Also, you should have more issues. However, I realize that there are certain financial obligations which must be fulfilled and therefore act as a deterrent to more frequent publication.

There should be more social freedom here. Last year we had a sudden spurt of square dancing, but then it stopped. Why?

(Some influential beatnicks claimed that it was too square.—ed.)

A friend of mine has informed me that you have been ill for several weeks. I therefore leave you with this age old thought: an apple a day keeps the doctor away.

Megalomanially,
Walton N. Whittaker

FROM OTHER PAPERS

Free love? No it says Iowa coed

reprinted from the East Carolinian, East Carolina College
We fear to dwell on the subject any longer, nevertheless, criticism of an article appearing in the January 19 issue of the East Carolinian concerning the University of Illinois professor Leo Koch, and his stand in hereto-sexual relations for college students is still creeping.
Due to this criticism, we would like to light another view expressed on the subject by a coed at the State College of Iowa campus newspaper, *The College Eye*. We endorse the opinion of the coed, nor do we seek approval by college students.

Remember Koch said, "Sexual intercourse modern contraceptives and medical advice, available, should be condoned among college students sufficiently mature to engage in it."

In a qualifying statement Dr. Koch added, "College students can no longer avoid sex. They should participate selectively. To be sexually active they should not sex without contraceptives should not sex for the wrong reasons."

On these statements, the Iowa coed elaborated, "So college students are now so fanatical that they should not be prevented from gratifying any of their desires. So it's unwise not to have anybody's normal desires gratified once and without fail."

"But, like a mother tucking a clean child into her little girl's pocket on the way to school, Dr. Koch warns us all not to go for 'sex' for the 'wrong reasons', or with the hope or if the act might fulfill its natural function to produce a child."

"Of course, we suppose if we were in dire circumstances and didn't have any money around that we know, Dr. Koch wouldn't mind if we had relations with a boy or two. But illegitimate children could be a convenient. He doesn't seem to define 'wrong reasons' would be."

"It seems to us that this whole idea of a 'brave new world' philosophy of let's all adjust - and - normal - and - healthy - fully - satisfied-and-not-think, which we find frightening. Dr. Koch's ideas are, to the denial of all that separates human beings from the lower animals. Isn't it normal to be horny once in awhile? Doesn't a certain amount of frustration lead to maturity and self-discipline? Isn't it good for adolescent development to have a little self-restraint? Is it wrong to think that some things are worth waiting for? Our society at least more or less monogamous. Isn't the whole process of having children a private?"

"Because if it isn't we will quietly withdraw from the human race in disgust."

Movies limit kisses

There is a 16 second limit to kisses in movies. The average screen kiss is 5 seconds. This is very moral of the movie industry. A little out of line, it seems, with what we know of modern Hollywood technique. The written code seems to have no limits on things as gross publicity, bad taste and are any other limits it must be the one starlets are not to wear more than one inch of clothing. This is all well and good, we wonder when the movie industry sets limits on such limits.

APOLOGY

The Hilltop offers its apologies to William Williamson whose name was grossly misspelled in the last edition of the paper. He who began his second year at Mars Hill this year, is a member of the exchange club and is in the circulation department of the Hilltop.

