

# INFLUENCE OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH TOPIC ADDRESS BY J. H. WHICKER

Following are excerpts from an address delivered by Attorney J. H. Whicker, Sr., before a recent meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club:

652 years before the coming of Christ, Isaiah, the prophet, pointed his telescope of prophesy into the dim future and proclaimed the coming of the Messiah, and quicker than a ray of light Jesus came turning back the pillar of darkness with a star of hope, and on his life and teachings the Christian Church was

established, and every year, believe it or not, since that Memorial Day until the present time the world has made some progress in social reforms. As a layman I have been assigned by the Chairman on the Committee for the Support of Churches two questions for discussion, as follows:

1. What has been the influence of the Christian Church upon the world?

2. Is the influence of the Christian Church as powerful today as in the past.

I know in the consideration of the questions posed you will show the Kiwanis spirit and will listen patiently to the discussion, and for your benefit and in order to obtain a cross section of thought from some of the best minds in this country, I wrote a number of prominent persons, and I want to give you their answers.

**Judge Walter P. Stacey**  
The Church has had an ever widening influence. Its greatest balm is peace of mind and tranquility of soul. This contribution has often been overlooked. We do not always regard the Church as a stabilizing influence, but it is. Conjure with this idea, drive it home, and you will preach a

great sermon.  
**Judge Johnson J. Hayes**  
1. The influence of the christian church upon the world has been the greatest factor in the establishment of morality and religion. It has been the foe of oppression and an inspiration to those who desire to do right.

2. I believe the influence of the christian church is more powerful now than in the past because its work has wider scope and the word is more easily proclaimed and thereby reaching a larger group of hearers.

**Senator Clyde R. Hoey**  
1. What has the influence of the Christian Church upon the world?

My view is that it has been predominating. It has established standards of thought and living throughout the earth. It is true that these standards have not been universally accepted but they have been established as the goal toward which all the nations of the world are striving.

2. Is the influence of the Christian Church as powerful now as in the past?

My answer is yes. The Church has continued to grow and expand in influence and in power. In the early periods of the church, its energies and activities were more restricted and limited in territory and consequently the effect in these particular sections was more manifest. However, today the activities of the Christian church are world-wide and reach to the remotest parts of the earth. The influence is still the mightiest and the most effective in coloring our civilization and in determining the trends of the nations of the world.

**Senator Frank P. Graham**  
Senator Graham forwarded two talks which he recently made and which answered in a comprehensive manner the questions propounded.

**Dr. John T. Wayland**  
The Church has been the great "civilizer" of mankind.

There has been a loss of respect for the Church and her ministers and a cynicism about religious belief, but the latter has greatly subsided as evidenced by a much greater emphasis upon religion in the colleges and universities and a growing interest in religious books on the part of the people at large. In addition, as never before in history, the conscience of man is more and more conscious of the righteous judgment of the spirit of Jesus Christ.

The Rev. Watt M. Cooper  
Christianity has enhanced the dignity of human personality more than any other religion. It has laid the foundations for human freedom, justice, virtue and the uninhabited pursuit of truth. It has lifted womanhood to heights far greater than any other faith; it respects the dignity of childhood and gives to man generally his greatest opportunity for the full development of human personality.

Is Christianity as influential today as it has been in the past? I will venture to answer, yes. I do not believe that there was ever a greater threat against Christianity than there is today in Communism, but I believe that the very threat is awakening the Christian world to new life.

**Dr. Gilbert R. Combs**  
The Christian Church, through its message, has given to man his conception of freedom which is the dream and hope of all men even in this time of dictatorships, it has struck the shackles from the slave, it has lifted woman from being the toy or tool of man to her rightful place by his side in all the affairs of life, it has mitigated the horrors of war and will at last bring peace to a war-cursed race, it has given to most of the world a "Golden Rule" conception of commerce and business, and it has given to countless men and women in our world a hope and a dream of peaceful, contented, useful living that has made life meaningful and significant. And, of course, it has unlocked the door of mystery.  
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## Canine Paternity Suit Goes To Higher Court

Laramie, Wyo.—A canine paternity suit headed for the higher courts yesterday.

Ann Winslow, a dog fancier, claimed Jack Chase's female dog was mated to her male at the West Laramie Kennel without her knowledge. She asked Justice of the Peace H. J. Hunt for \$75 damages.

Hunt ruled her dog the father of pups born to Chase's dog, but scaled the damages down to \$55.

Chase, a University of Wyoming student, said a dog owned by another university student was the papa, and that he would appeal to the District Court.

## Violation Of Law To Deface Signs On The Parkway

During the many days of hot humid weather experienced the last few weeks the Parkway has been used extensively by our neighbors from the lowlands. All recreational areas such as the Bluffs and Cumberland Knob have been crowded over week-ends and holidays.

Among the incidental facilities enjoyed by the visitor, and the subject of considerable favorable comment have been the informative signs erected at points of legendary and historic interest. This type of sign is unique to the area because of its rustic construction and routed letters. The identifying mark of powder horn and muzzle loader is typical of mountain lore and culture. These signs when erected represent a considerable investment of labor and material, and as the Parkway is completed southward many more of this type sign will be installed.

In the past a few thoughtless visitors through the carving of initials and abusive mutilation of these signs have detracted from their beauty and have greatly increased the cost of maintenance of these features.

The Parkway authorities request your cooperation in the protection and preservation of these facilities.

Federal regulations covering this type of vandalism are explicit and stringent: "The Destruction, Injury, Defacement, Removal or Disturbance in any Manner of any Public Sign is Prohibited."

Park Rangers apprehending persons guilty of such acts will take immediate necessary action to bring these offenders before the U. S. Court.

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I saw the Battle of Hastings, and I was there when King John agreed to the Magna Charta. I was present when the redoubts were stormed at Yorktown and "the world turned upside down." I saw the Constitutional Convention, and I have walked with Lincoln in the shadowed White House grounds. All the past is known to me through my own ears and my own eyes. I have lived forever. I am a movie fan.

Ivanhoe, Micawber and Yancy Cravatt are friends of mine. I heard the knight proclaim his challenge in the Lists of Templestowe; I walked the streets of Osage with the Oklahoma pioneers. All the great characters of literature have come alive for me, transmuted from the printed page to men of flesh and blood. I am a movie fan.

I have heard and watched Chopin and Mozart and Johann Strauss compose their ageless melodies. All the best in music has been brought to my ears. I am a movie fan.

I was with MacArthur on the battleship Missouri. I attended the sessions of the United Nations. I was at the Paris conference. I will be at the next Olympic Games. I am informed of the world of today, for I am present on all great occasions and at all great events. I am a movie fan.

Good fortune has brimmed my cup. No man before me was ever so richly endowed or more fortunate. I am a movie fan.



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