International Sunday School Lesson

FOR MARCH 4, 1973 LESSON TEXT:

Genesis 1:1-26, 31;

Psalms 24:1-2; 104:24-30. "In the beginning...,":

Starting a new series-"Affirmation of our Faith"-

we turn to the beautifully

written Book of Genesis,

which describes so eloquently

the wonders of Creation, and the richness of this universe in

which we live; of God's eternal plan for man, and of His loving care of man, so graciously bestowed. God the Creator, and God the Sustainer ... of the Universe and of His most precious creation-man! What glory shall attend His name! Man's relationship with God, alas, is all too often self-centered and-or self-seeking. We petition Him for the things we most sincerely desire, while we all too often ignore the benefits which have accrued to us through His continuing interest in our wellbeing both spiritual and

What a wonderful world Genesis describes as man's intended God-given inheritance! Man was given domination over the earth the fish of the fowls of the air, all co-atures of the land that "walketh and creepeth"! Man was reated in God's image-be was given a brain with which to eason. he was given a consent choice between good and evil and the ability to dist juich between them! His q - ting spirit was to be untraminelled as he investigated the wonders which God had wrought, and

physical!

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which He had accrued to man's benefit! But whereas God was purely spiritual, man was not only spiritual, but corporeal; and sin entered into the picture.

The war between the spiritual side of man and the earthly flesh is unceasing. Only to the extent to which he turns to God, will he be saved.

Man is the keeper, not only of his brother, but of God's creation. He owes undying allegiance to the Creator of all things. He is beholden to stewardship—of God's world, of God's gospel. To spread His Word...that is the goal of responsible Christians everywhere; to keep pure and clean the wonders of the universe-the air, the sea, the land. The hitherto unexplored majesty of space has now fallen under man's earthly achievements. It must be treated with reverence as must all things created by His hands. To do otherwise is to imperil man's survival...both spiritual and physical.

In our quest for-and the conquering of-knowledge of God's world, we (like Frankenstein) in danger of creating monster! "Consumerism" is the basis of man's economy...and it may be man's undoing! For in the creation of goods sustained by popular demand, we pollute the air that we breathe, the water we drink, the land off which we live! These very benefits which God bestowed upon us to sustain life, we are

transforming into our doom! As adult Christians and citizen's of God's world we are constrained to ask: not what is good for us at this MOMENT in time...but what is good for our brothers, yet unborn!

For we are, as Christ so eloquently demonstrated when He refrained from eating that food which had been offered in sacrifice, "our brother's keeper"

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