

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER,
BY **PARSON JONES**

Dear Mr. Publisher:

I like to tell stories in my sermon. (Jesus called 'em parables.) This Sunday I'm gonna tell a real good one-thought you might like to hear it.

Once upon a time there was this thousand legged worm... One day one of his legs got the itch and decided he wanted to be free. The leg laid his protest before the worm. "What kind of freedom do you want?" asked the worm. "Freedom to go my own way," replied the leg.

The freedom seeking leg then set out to do his own thing. First he decided not to walk when the rest walked. But the body kept moving, and the leg was dragged along until the skin was rubbed off.

Next the leg decided to walk in a different direction from the other legs. 999 went straight, he went right--and broke his leg. Now, there was nothing to do, but leave the group and go it alone. He pulled himself loose and started hopping. Everywhere he hopped there was laughter. "Whoever saw a leg without a body?", they giggled as he passed by. The leg soon became exhausted because it was tiresome to be unattached at both ends. Finally, in despair he fell to the ground, he was tired, useless - and free.

Mr. Publisher, this is a parable of our times. Everybody talks about individual freedom like it was something you have all to yourself. There just aint no such animal.

Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death!" I know what he was talking about. But the kind of freedom some people want they might as well say, "Give me liberty - and give me death."

I must close now and exercise my legs.

Parson Jones

Alive And Contented

According to the German philosopher, Goethe, these are the nine requisites for contented living:

1. Health enough to make work a pleasure.
 2. Wealth enough to support your needs.
 3. Strength enough to battle difficulties and overcome them.
 4. Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them.
 5. Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished.
 6. Charity enough to see good in your neighbor.
 7. Love enough to be useful and helpful to others.
 8. Faith enough to make real the things of God.
 9. Hope enough to remove all anxious fears of the future.
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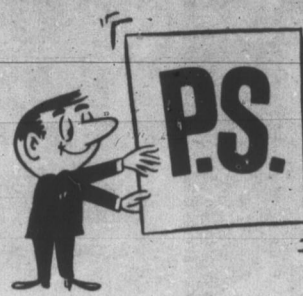
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Taxpayers' Sacrifice

In India a Hindu spiritual leader, Lakshman Chairana Maharja, has announced that later this year he will destroy more than 9,000 tons of food, costing \$16 million, in a sacrificial fire to "foster universal peace and the welfare and prosperity of the human race."

Last year he staged a similar "grand sacrifice" that cost \$532,800 worth of food. . . In recent years hundreds of thousands of tons of wheat and other food products have been given to India. . . .

How can U.S. government officials maintain a straight face and call on beleaguered taxpayers to help those who not only will not help themselves, but figuratively slap in the face the ones who are trying to save them from starvation? . . . Rep. H. R. Gross (R-Iowa)



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