Bible Comment:

Literature, Yes; **But First of All** A Book of God

Many books about the Bible, articularly in recent years, have sait with the Bible as literaor as a book of human

This approach is valid as far as it goes. It did not need translation of the Hebrew and Greek texts to reveal its greatness as literature. But the printing of the Bible in English—arising out of an age which produced Shake—area of the pr

an age which produced Shake-speare—gave it a pre-eminent place in the literature of the English-speaking world.

In human interest, too, the Bible is a captivating and pro-foundly revealing book about man. The archeologist and the anthropologist can find in many of its pages much that is sig-nificant.

But the Bible is primarily the book about God. The unbeliever who looks to it for literature may pay it the compliment of his interest. But he misses its

nis interest. But he misses its true worth, and though he may not realize it, he actually uses it despitefully, through failing to recognize what it is.

The Bible is great as literature because of the greatness of the ideas, quests and the truth with which it deals.

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It is not merely a cliche to suggest that one can find true spiritual uplifting from reading the pages of the Bible.

For sheer spiritual courage

there are few prayers that can surpass that which appears in Psalm 139:23, 24:

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me into the way everlasting."

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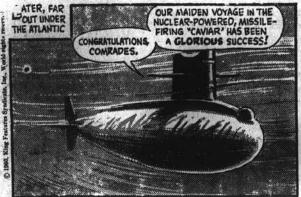
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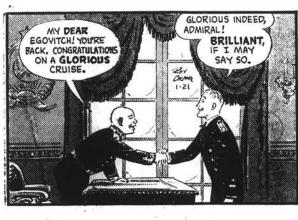


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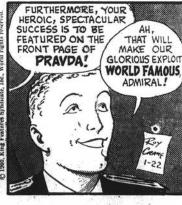












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