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Music And You

The "he-man" sometimes tends to make fun of fine music and in smaller communities or in rough civilizations this sometimes gains acceptance in a community and good music becomes very hard to sell to the youngster and to many men and women of the community.

But good music, like good painting or good writing, is always rewarding if it is understood. That is not to say that everyone will like good music, but practically everyone will like some form of good music, once he is educated to enjoy it and exposed to it.

And "good" music is not just opera. Much popular music is good and it does not have to be highbrow-longhair stuff to be good.

Most of us underestimate the power of music. It can be made to produce various sensations and responses. The movie makers have long known that music is the key to drama on the screen. The audience reacts, often unknowingly, to the music as much as to the screenplay. And music is the key to success on the legitimate stage in many productions.

Music can also soothe the mind and soul. It can afford relaxation when almost nothing else can.

So music has power that is often underrated. And in the United States, too few parents insist that their children study music and learn to play at least

one musical instrument. In many of the world's older countries, it is accepted that a child is not fully rounded unless he can play some musical instrument.

When we fail to teach them of this great human outlet, we rob from them the pleasure which could be theirs if they are properly educated. Countless hours of listening and playing pleasure could be theirs, if they were only taught what exists in the world of music and how to appreciate it.

We can get rid of much of this degrading, rut-like trivialization by learning to appreciate good music. That is the only "out" and that is the road to a higher level of culture.

The Law

The "law" as people refer to the rules of our society, is supposed to work the same for all persons. But, of course, it does not do so and the aim of the judiciary and the legal profession and all civic-minded persons should be to come as close to that goal as is possible.

The United States and perhaps several other leading democracies, come closer to the goal than most of the nations of the world. Yet even in the United States one wonders about the charge that there are often two standards of justice.

Not long ago a woman with a famous name shot and killed a man was first charged with murder and then the charge was changed to manslaughter and the sentence, in the end, was that she was released on ten years probation. We are not arguing with the sentence.

No editor can sit down hundreds or thousands of miles away from the scene of a legal proceeding and know the facts. So one must assume that the sentence was just. In any event when there is suspicion of a light sentence, it usually makes no difference, because the person affected will pay for whatever was done in his swimming and conscience.

In this connection, it is often said that a "pretty girl can get by with murder" with a male jury. Of course, all this is not necessarily true, but we merely are pointing out that it appears there are often two ideas of justice for women and men.

TRY A WEEKLY CLASSIFIED

CARD OF THANKS
 I want to express thanks to each and everyone who remembered me with cards and visits during my recent accident. I am most grateful to each one of you.
 JOHN O. WHITE

CARD OF THANKS
 I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the cards, flowers, gifts and other acts of kindness while I was a patient in the hospital and since my return home.
 INEZ BOYCE

the **Bible** speaks to you

SPECIAL PROGRAMS BEGIN MARCH 31

THE MEANING OF PRAYER
 THE MEANING OF THE CROSS
 THE MEANING OF THE RESURRECTION
 THE MEANING OF ATONEMENT
 ATONEMENT AND THE LONELY CROWD
 THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

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 9:00 A. M.

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Respectfully,
Marion Stundell

Sunday School Lesson
PREPARATION FOR CHRIST'S COMING
 International Sunday School Lesson for March 31, 1963.

Memory Selection: "Take heed, watch for you do not know when the time will come." (Mark 13:33).
 Lesson Text: Mark 13.

The purpose of today's study is to consider Mark's understanding of Christ's coming and its meaning for our day and time.

Throughout Hebrew history there was a long succession of prophets who were courageous and dedicated to their God and their country. When these men spoke out, they were warning an entire nation that it was sinning and must repent or else it would suffer God's wrath.

During times of oppression by foreign powers, the prophets needed to arouse the people from their lethargy, but not alarm the foreign rulers. To do this they couched their prophecies in a special style called "apocalyptic." The word means an "uncovering," a "revelation." It disclosed a divine truth, but the truth was presented in a dream or a vision; this was done so the foreign overlords would not understand it.

For their own people, however, the prophets had a message. First, they recounted their history. The people must not be allowed to forget how God had chosen them and led them to the Promised Land, and that ever since he had watched over them, caring for them, disciplining them. Then, when the prophet had reached the point in history where the people were, he would exhort them to action. Having reminded them of their sins, the prophet would call them to repent and seek God's forgiveness. And, finally, the prophet would describe the way God would handle the enemy if Israel would turn away from her sins. There would be signs from heaven; there would be upheavals on earth. Dreadful things would happen to the enemy, and the righteous ones would receive their just reward.

The early church was not allowed to mature without opposition. The early disciples knew the opposition of both religious and civic antagonists. The staggering blows that hit the church seemed to some to indicate its death. But the New Testament writers did not accept the opposition to God as final. Temporal powers might attempt to destroy the community of believers. But beyond the temporal is the eternal. Organized religion might attempt to bring this new faith to an end, but God is sovereign, and ultimately he will vindicate the faithful.

The New Testament never claims that this world's history will continue eternally. Our history is timebound; it is temporal, and therefore has an end. The signs given in apocalyptic literature (and there are several Books of this type in the Bible) indicate the disruptive nature of the end. The faithful may have to endure calamity, but beyond the calamity there is God. Christians always live in expectation that God's kingdom will come in its fullness. With eyes of hope we look forward to the complete manifestation of God's sovereign rule.

And how badly we need that hope, when television, radio, newspapers, bring all the world to our doorstep—all the tensions, the strains, the strife of all humanity!


What does the New Testament have to say about these conditions? Is there any word of hope? Is there any consolation?

It is to us and to our time that this chapter of Mark speaks. We are reminded that the sovereignty of God is absolute. Beyond the present, beyond the temporal, there is God. And he shall reign. Our times are in God's hand. He is the Alpha and the Omega; the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

History, for all its apparent headlong flight to destruction, has not gotten out of his control. The end, as well as the beginning, is still under his providential rule. The "kingdom of the world" shall become the kingdom of our God and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever.

Therefore, we urge ourselves to the keeping and care: "Come, Lord Jesus!"

What Do I Wish?



THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a source of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are five points reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Pam can't keep a secret. She'll probably tell us what she wished before the cake is half eaten. Whatever her wish, it will be for a little girl type of thing.

But—what of me? What do I wish for my daughter? Success in a career... happy marriage... children... a beautiful home... a fair share of worldly goods... health... happiness?

I suppose I wish all of these things for Pam, in some measure. But if I had to limit myself to a single wish—I would ask for her a deep and abiding faith. How wonderful it is to have an unshaken belief in God's ways and His works, plus the conviction of His love for us.

Some of us may be limited in our ability to give our children material things, but we need never stint on teaching them spiritual values. Start taking your children to church and church school this Sunday.

Sunday II Service 10:15-11:45	Monday I Kings 8:15-14	Tuesday Psalm 61:1-12	Wednesday Proverbs 24:1-7	Thursday Matthew 21:18-22	Friday Romans 10:1-4	Saturday Romans 11:29-32
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