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Culture Of U. S.

The United States has created before the world a magnificent industrial capacity and a material wealth which has given the working and middle classes more labor-saving devices and luxury items than any other people in the world.

We have also demonstrated how a melting-pot works, and we are continually trying to improve the melting-pot theory. President John F. Kennedy has suggested that our immigration laws be abandoned, to allow a new tide of immigrants to come into the United States.

In considering abandoning the immigration laws, which are now set up fairly, so that the various countries of the world can send us a number of immigrants each year proportionate to their racial stock in the U. S. population, we should think of the future.

What do we want this United States to be? What is our culture to be? We have industrial wealth, material goods and mili-

tary power. Our democracy is our pride. The remaining question is the cultural level of our way of life.

In approaching this question we must admit that the danger in the United States today is standardization, a general level of mediocrity, or a general over-all middle class culture. Perhaps this is inevitable in a young country, with no long, homogenous culture of its own.

But we need not be satisfied with this state of affairs forever. We can hope that our schools will eventually attain (with increased parental support and understanding) a higher educational and cultural standard, that our large middle class will interest itself seriously in intellectual and artistic progress, at least to a degree.

In countries such as England and Germany, for examples, there is a homogeneity which allows for general appreciation and study of cultural pursuits, which is also traditional.

With such a melting-pot we have so many diverse peoples and groups that we lack this homogeneity and we also lack to an extent old tradition.

This handicaps us in developing a culture of our own on a level with that of other, older nations. It should challenge us to think along these lines, for certainly our great material wealth does not automatically bring with it a cultured society, society in which the proper emphasis is placed upon mature philosophy, the arts and education.

Rocky Mount Woman Alumnae Director

Mrs. Robert Fleming, Jr., of Rocky Mount, has been named Regional Director for the Alumnae Division of the Meredith College Development Program for the Elizabeth City Region which includes Perquimans County.

The program, being conducted

solely by the Meredith College alumnae and an extension of the former Loyalty Fund Program, will represent the alumnae's part in the total college program for promoting gifts.

Alumnae Association expenses are now absorbed in the overall college budget, eliminating the necessity for alumnae "dues" for office operation. Thus, a former student becomes a member of the Alumnae Association and is considered an "active" alumna for any given year during which she presents her annual gift to the college.

Mrs. Fleming stated that the change-over in plan for alumnae giving hopes to encourage not only alumnae giving more, but even more important, more increased costs of the College op-

erations.

According to Mrs. Fleming, the high point of each year's activities under this plan will be the annual person-to-person visitation program in the fall, conducted by individual alumnae participating as "visitors" in their own home towns.

The purpose of the visits is twofold—first to secure annual gifts and second, to renew old ties with Meredith and promote new ones.

Meredith College, four-year school for girls, was founded in 1891 and is located in Raleigh.

Visitation of area Meredith alumnae will be held during the weeks of October 21 through November 2.

Swindell Funeral Home

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Dear friends,

Often we are asked, "Whom shall we see about the preparation of the grave?" "Do you arrange for the clergyman?" "Can you notify the musicians?"

All these details are a part of our service. The family is relieved of as much concern as possible in making funeral arrangements. We know this means much to those whom we serve.

Respectfully,

Margaret Swindell

Sunday School Lesson

WHAT IS GOD DOING?

International Sunday School Lesson for September 22, 1963.

Memory Selection: "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Lesson Text: Genesis 37 thru 50

The question which most often presents itself to the minds of those who read the Book of Genesis is "What is the purpose of God?" The Book of Genesis thrusts this question upon us. On page after page it assumes that the purpose of God is active, and that it controls the course of history. It does not argue the case, but simply states it as a fact. Thus, in assuring his brothers that he has really forgiven them, Joseph says, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good." (Genesis 50:20).

What a person believes about the future course of events largely determines how he will act in the present. And, too, the present actions of the Christian arise from his understanding of the will of God for men, for he believes that God's purpose controls the future. To ask, "What is God doing?" is, therefore, to pose a question full of far-reaching implications for everyday conduct.

In thinking of the will of God, the great mistake is to concentrate on the remote future, the ultimate destiny of man, or the final purpose of God in history. Such complete knowledge persistently eludes us. If, however, we follow Joseph's lead, and focus our attention on the guidance of God in our own past experience and what this guidance means for the step immediately before our feet, the solution of our present problem often becomes crystal clear.

In the whole complex and often discouraging human scene, God is actively fulfilling his purpose, and in a very real sense, those who love God are fellow workers with him. God uses human acts of obedience and love as the lever by which he gets his grip on history. Through these acts he turns history his way. Joseph's life illustrates this quality of God's action. The crucial points in his career were his steadfastness under temptation, and his willingness to forgive his brothers. These two acts of obedience led directly to the deliverance of Egypt from famine, and to the reconciliation of the family of Jacob.

Other biblical examples of God's control of history through the acts of his servants are not lacking. Moses' readiness to take up the seemingly impossible task of leading Israel out of Egypt, and Paul's response to the will of Christ are milestones, not only in the lives of these men, but in the history of the human race. Through their response to him, God changed the face of human existence.

Our actions and choices, then, are not casual things of no significance to anyone but ourselves. They may become instruments of God for the furthering of his purpose, and what seems of small importance from the human point of view may loom large in the plan of God. This is not to say that God's hands would be tied if we did not cooperate with him. God can, and does, make good his purpose in spite of the hostile wills set against him. But the Bible consistently shows that God chooses to exercise his control of events through the faithfulness of his human servants. So, to conform one's own will to the will of God is the highest destiny of which humanity is capable. This the Christian earnestly believes.

The story of Joseph shows us two qualities which are always associated with the will of God in the biblical teaching. By hard experience and through considerable personal suffering, Joseph learned that the will of God is a reconciling will. In his guidance of events, God is seeking to overcome envy and hatred, and to encourage and foster every human relationship which has its center in love and trust.

What does it mean, then, to cooperate with the will of God? It is to commit oneself wholeheartedly to those courses of action by which reconciliation may be brought into reality, by which trust and love may be increased, and by which human beings may be helped toward victory.



What nostalgic memories this picture brings. Every Sunday morning we used to drive to Church in Pop's old "fiver," picking up the Parson on the way.

Today I live in a great city. I ride commuter's trains, and dictate letters, and spend endless hours "in conference."

But I've never forgotten our Church in the field. It plowed deep furrows in my life, and planted the seeds of real happiness.

Now I worship in a big city church. You might think it would be different; but it isn't. Folks are just as friendly. The Truth is just the same. And God is just as close.

You see, in the country or in the city, Christians are conscientious people trying to be better. And for folks like you and me who worship God, the Church—big or little—is home.

Sunday Ecclesiastes 7:1-10	Monday Isaiah 51:1-11	Tuesday Ruth 1:1-18	Wednesday Galatians 5:13-26	Thursday II Timothy 3:1-7	Friday Psalms 90:1-14	Saturday Psalms 116:1-19
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