

Bible Thought Of The Week

There are times when nothing a man can say is nearly so powerful as saying nothing. Every executive knows this instinctively. Silence convicts other men of their folly. Jesus had sent two disciples into the town to get accommodations for the night, but they were refused. The two returning and indignant

disciples returning from the village said, "Lord, let us call down fire from Heaven and consume them (the people)." Jesus gathered up His garments and walked to the next town. Awe by His silence, the disciples knew that Jesus was thinking of how they had failed to measure up.

Editorial Viewpoint

Getting Young Children Ready For School

This is the time of the year when almost every family is concerned about its little boys and girls who will soon enter first grade, especially if they have not attended kindergarten.

Why not teach you child the things he needs to know to get along with other children, and accustom him to the school environment. The child doesn't need to be able to read, spell, or count. His teacher will take care of these matters.

Parents should realize that there are other essential skills, the lack of which can color -- or discolor -- their child's first experience with formal education.

1. Teach him his full name, home address and phone number.
2. Teach him his parent's names and occupations.
3. Be sure that he knows how to dress and undress himself.
4. Be sure that he knows how to use a toilet properly and to wash his hands after use.
5. Make sure that the child knows that he must ask the teacher for permission to use the bathroom in school. Explain that there'd be bedlam if all children used these facilities at the same time. Make sure that the child is not embarrassed by his normal needs. This is sort of problem that may make the child acutely uncomfortable during his first days of school.
6. Teach the child something about classroom order and procedure.

But be sure you know what the current school practices are at the time your child enters school.

7. Teach your child to take his turn, to speak up when asked a question and to understand the need for sharing toys, instructional materials and the teacher's attention.

8. Let your child understand what is expected of him on the school bus and explain that his misbehavior may threaten his own and other children's safety.

9. Take your child to school the first, if you possible can. Make sure that he gets a good night's sleep on the night before. Make getting off to school a happy occasion, since the separation of child from mother may be frightening to some children. Be sure you and the child get to school on time that first day.

10. Finally, let your child meet the teacher before school begins. Invite the teacher to your home or visit her at school. Knowing what the teacher looks and sounds like will take the edge of your child's understandable apprehensions.

There are many parents who are too lazy to accompany their children to school on the first day. Too often, they send the young child with their older siblings, or some neighbor's older child. Every parent should see to it that the first day of school for their youngsters are pleasant moments.

It's Getting Financially Harder To Attend College

Those of the black race know what sacrifices parents have made to send their children to institutions of higher learning. In by-gone days, mothers washed clothes, did house work, picked cotton to give their sons and daughters an education.

Although parents are not so hard put these days, the rising cost of education is making it harder on the college student -- in spite of numerous scholarships and work-aid opportunities. The student hardly ever has enough money to see him through, the majority that is.

Yes, college costs money. And the cost, like everything else, is going up. As a result, more and more students are knocking at college financial aid offices, while the colleges have less and less to give them.

The fundamental problem today is that we're inadequately funded by the federal government. For instance, the three major sources of federal money -- the educational opportunity grants, the national defense student loan program, and the work-study program -- all have been cut considerably.

Black Majority: Welka, Florida

The town of Welka, Fla., with a population of about 800, has the reputation of being a sportsman paradise. It is bountiful with lakes full of bream and black bass. Bird hunters couldn't ask for more in the way of quail, deer, and other game.

Very few people know it, but Welka also holds the distinction of being the first municipality in Florida to elect a City Council containing a majority of Negroes.

"It seems like everybody is trying to hush up the fact," remarked Willie Washington, 30, one of the three Negroes on the council and the first to break the color barrier when in 1968 he was elected to a two-year term on the five-member Council.

What Washington neglected to mention was that in the Alabama and Mississippi municipalities where Negroes gained control, the

voters were overwhelmingly Negro. In Florida's Welka the percentage is 55 per cent white and 45 per cent Negro.

"There has been no friction or splits along racial lines," said the mayor who is called "Chief" by almost everyone in town rather than by his political title. "But they refuse to go along with projects we (the whites) advocate. All they want to do is table things. But they never get around to a vote."

Daniels thinks this inaction is resented by whites and will result in a big turnout of white voters in the March election when three council seats, including the one Washington holds, will be at stake. The term of a second Negro councilman, Emanuel Johnson, also will expire in March.

Only In America

BY HARRY GOLDEN

THE MISUSE OF WIVES

Of all the allusions to which the English-speaking world resorts, the most abused is the expression about "Caesar's wife." The full expression is "Caesar's wife must be above suspicion," and recently the Football Commissioner, Pete Rozelle, employed the phrase to explain why Joe Namath had to sell his share in a nightclub. But the allusion to Caesar's wife does not refer to purity but rather to the victim of circumstances. In the hopes the folks will get it straight, let me make a brief resume of the situation.

Milo, a cives Romani, but a conniver of the worst sort as well as a lecher, conceived a passion for one of the ladies-in-waiting who attended Caesar's wife. There not being motels in classical antiquity, Milo took matters into his own hands by sneaking into Lady Caesar's bath and, as it were, twixt earnest and joke, enjoyed his lady. But he was spotted leaving. Caesar promptly instituted divorce proceedings.

When her lawyer pointed out to the General that his wife was perfectly innocent, that she had not conspired in the affair, that she had ordered her handmaid to be boiled in oil, that she despised Milo and wouldn't say hello to him if he were the last man in the world, wasn't the divorce carrying things too far? Mighty Julius replied, "Caesar's wife must be above suspicion," admitting the truth of her defense but insisting that she was out of luck because he, Caesar, was big time.

Everyone knows that Lot's wife, who is otherwise nameless, is turned into a pillar of salt. Her crime was to look back at the destruction of

Sodom after the Lord have given Lot the warning to flee to Zoar.

Why the Jealous God of the Old Testament changed her into salt I leave to the Freudians and the Higher Critics. He changed her because in looking back she longed for possessions which God was destroying. See, when the Lord warned Lot of the imminent destruction of the city, Lot lingered. He lingered until the vicious Sodomites started to seize his lands. Even then he was able to make a deal with God to flee to another city instead of the mountains. God was giving him a better than fair shake.

Wives of the men in receivership: take due notice; That's what the expression, "Lot's wife" is about.

"Potiphar's wife" is always referred to as the seductress of Biblical times. Potiphar, one of the Pharaoh's captains, took Joseph into his house and made him the major domo of the estate, the overseer. But Potiphar's wife began making eyes at Joseph, who spurned her advances. She tried again. And again. And at last Joseph told her to lay off, if Potiphar found out they would both be in the soup. She grabbed Joseph's cloak. He ran out. Whereupon she accused him of attempted rape and Potiphar threw him in a dungeon.

Potiphar's wife has had a life in all literature since then because the underlying sense of the situation is that Joseph led her on a little bit. Shakespeare not having yet warned him that hell hath no fury like that of a woman scorned. If she entrapped Joseph, it was a spur of the moment entrapment. She wanted a jet-set swinger while he was all for forecasting the future through dream analysis.

Jest For Fun

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

VITAMIN C

The reports say that vitamin C can improve the mental and physical health of most people. Then why don't the members of our U. S. Congress, and various state legislatures, drink more orange juice and think ten percent more clearly?

Vitamin C may be the means of ending the Vietnam War, casting out the 10 per cent surtax, settling the ABM issue, and prevent us from taking that expensive plunge to put a man on Mars when millions have very little to eat.

What we need is a drink to check the nation's mad spending habits with the taxpayer's money. The lowly taxpayer is being pressed into a groove from which he may never rise again.

Someone said that we may all need orange juice, or more bottles of vitamin C pills. NIXON, A POLITICAL FOOTBALLER?

One newspaper called President Nixon a sideline end not so long ago. If you don't get the message, ask somebody, but not me!

Other Editors Say ..

PAGING PRESIDENT NIXON

President Nixon's attitude toward black Americans is permeating the social, economic and political structures. It has reached right down to the Corporal in Fort Bragg where 26 MPs were sent to quell a brawl between black and white soldiers and only one of the 26 was black. Clearly the sender expected the black soldiers to get a good whipping no matter which side of the color line had committed the insults or injuries.

Not since the days of Woodrow Wilson has America had a president that shows so little consideration for the first class citizenship of black Americans. Wilson, the racist, moved all blacks from the White House right down to the scrub boy. On the finest ships afloat Wilson sent white Gold Star mothers to France to view the site where their sons silent lay, but the Black Star mothers who paid no less price were sent on cattle boats to the same France to see the graves of their loved ones. White mothers on the voyage were served fillet mignon and broiled lobster tails in lemon butter. Black Star mothers were given black eyed peas, fried chicken and watermelon.

Mr. Nixon appears to be cut of the same racial cloth as Wilson. The black legislators in Washington, as far as the White House is concerned, are "Congressmen in exile." His welfare and anti-poverty plans to let the states have control over job training and distribution of welfare payments to the poor will make unemployed black mechanics and linotype operators mere yardmen and baby sitters to serve whites of the South and the southern oriented in the North; for whatever has been achieved by these white in other fields, and they have achieved mightily, when it comes to race relations they have hopelessly demented.

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However, for the black college level person who heads a welfare family his lot could well be that of house boy, yardman or baby sitter. History shows that this is more than a probability. Job training--job training for what? Even at the public school in Chicago's Washburn Trade School white labor fights black labor and the number of blacks accepted for training is very few indeed. So the call for "major revisions of job training programs that would shift considerable power to local communities and stated would accentuate racial discrimination and assignment of jobs, States' rights as applied in this country simply means the right to dehumanize black people. States' rights will slow down civil rights. States' rights will turn the clock back.

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The Black Media
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Not The Way To 'Bring Us Together'

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The Thought Exchange

BY GORDON HANCOCK

FIVE AND EIGHTY YEARS!

On June 23rd, 1884 the omnific hand of a great God launched Gordon Blaine Hancock upon the great and mysterious Sea of Time. Out of the Great Somewhere into this Great Somewhere, heading toward a Great Somewhere. The voyage is almost completed, and at evening he stands within the harbor waiting for "landing orders". In the nature of things, the court-down hour cannot be too long deferred. Good old Thomas Gray calls it the "inevitable hour." Nor would sailor Hancock have it otherwise, for the "when" of this hour only casually interests him, as it interests those with lamps trimmed and burning. The midnight cry of the Bridegroom's coming is only an incident of the great voyage, even as Jesus taught in the great parable of the Bridegroom. "And at midnight there was a cry made 'Behold the Bridegroom cometh,' go ye out to meet him 'and all the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps'."

The important lesson Jesus would drive home in this beautiful and dramatic parable, is not the coming of the bridegroom, but the condition and preparation of the lamps. The time of his coming is incidental; the condition of the lamps is fundamental. At eighty-five, the supreme concern therefore hinges around the tantamount fact that not only is his light trimmed and burning, but there is sufficient oil in the vessel. After such a long and perilous voyage through storms and calm, the question inevitably presses for answer, as sailor Hancock stands waiting in Time's harbor for landing orders, what think you of life? The answer is LIFE IS WORTHWHILE! LIFE IS GOOD! The great writer of Genesis telling the wondrous story of creation, kept on repeating that as God looked out upon His creation he said it was "good". There is something about life that is good and this "Something" offers the only satisfaction in life and with life. The underlying question of life itself is in what, and of what does this good consist? The question is important; Does life's great good consist of BEING GOOD, KNOWING GOOD, DOING

GOOD OR FEELING GOOD?

The Greeks conclude that being good for good's sake was quite enough. Jesus begged to differ and offered a reward for being good and for not being good. He poses punishment as in the case of the sheep on the right and goats on the left. Being good is fine, but not fine enough. Knowing that there is good is very important, otherwise why be good. Knowledge of good sets the fires of imagination and life aflame. Is the good that life brings to mind and living a matter merely of doing good? Doing good has its great rewards. The greatest life ever spent upon earth was by Jesus Christ Himself who went about doing good. The Jesus who "went about doing good" left the world's greatest legacy, not in His teachings alone; but in his fine EXAMPLE OF LIFE AT ITS BEST. He gave the world its greatest example of great living, great giving, great suffering and great dying!

Then there is the great experience of feeling good. What good is being good and knowing good and doing good, if there is so much thing as feeling good? One of the great sins of the Modern church and churchmen is the in turning feelings out of the church. I cannot help that William James, Hugo Munsterberg, Josiah Royce and the great Santayana of Harvard, did not make this clear when they constituted the greatest school of philosophy in modern times. Science in the plenitude of its power, history with its myriad tongues, no philosophy with its subtle deductions, do not make it crystal clear whether the good of life is a matter of being good, knowing doing, or feeling good. Life is not reduced to its lowest terms until we reduce it to feelings. Life without feeling is empty, irrespective of what great scholars say and do! LOVE AND LIFE ARE FEELING. What is the good of being good, knowing good, doing good if it does not end up making one feel good? To arrive at five and eighty, with a clear mind and tender heart is GOOD. The love feeling for God and our fellowman is the highest good. The SOMMUM BONUM OF LIFE!

World News Digest

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

INTIMIDATION

WINDHOEK, Southwest Africa-In one of its latest drives to intimidate the Black Africans in the mandated South African territory, the white-ruled South African judiciary has railroaded five of eight Ovambo tribesmen to life imprisonment, and another to 18 years; while acquitting two. All were accused of being associated with a South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) plot to overthrow the "legal" government violently.

BOMBING TRY

ACCRA-Reminiscent of the days during the regime of deposed President Kwame Nkrumah, an explosive device was set off at Parliament House last week, slightly damaging a ceiling and a door. The explosion occurred just before the Constituent assembly was to promulgate a new constitution that would enable Ghana to shift from military to civilian rule. No injuries were reported.

SNAIL MAIL

LONDON-Like the American public has long since found, Britons are awakening to the fact that the "swiftness" has gone out of the mail-

man's creed. The latest incident, a tragic one, involved Mrs. Surjit Barrar, an Indian living in Southall who had thrombosis in her left leg. Hillingdon hospital sent her a postcard confirming instructions to reduce dosage of tablets she was taking to alleviate blood clotting in her leg. The card took four days to arrive, but Mrs. Barrar has died in the interim, from an overdose of the tablets.

OAS MEMBER

KINGSTON-The newest and 24th member of the Organization of American States is Jamaica. It formally took up membership last week when the country's parliamentary ratification of the charter was handed in to the OAS headquarters in Washington.

POWDER KEG

LEEDS, England-A warning that Britain is sitting on a powder keg of racial violence was sounded last week by Home Office Under-Secretary Rees, during local address. "There is a danger of the presence of underlying racial tensions in all parts of the country. A non-racial spark could set the trouble off," he said.

Agency concluded that black media should be used. The following comment was made on the subject in the house organ of the agency, Grey Matter:

"The marketer cannot ignore the change in the attitude of our black citizens as they climb to higher economic, social and educational levels. As this segment of the total black population increases, it is becoming more aware of its political and economic power. It is also laying more emphasis on the identity and the dignity of the black person in a white-dominated society."

The study also revealed that blacks have larger families and their buying habits differ in some important respects from those of other Americans. In discussing consumer patterns, the study indicated that blacks consume 4.5 times more rice than whites, that black consume three times more cereal items, buy one-and-a-half times more TV sets, and three times more headwear.

The findings of the Grey Advertising agency study confirm the observations of many students of our community life. There is, of course, another important factor in the effectiveness of black media in reaching and influencing black consumers. The black

media has greater concern for the best interest and welfare of black people.

Historically the black newspaper has been the champion of the cause of black people, the communication link between the leadership and the masses and the defender of the basic interests of the black community. Moreover the black newspaper recognizes the essential worth and importance of the black personality. In the white press, black citizens are never born, never get married and hardly ever die.

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