

From Where We Stand . . .

The Stupid Goat

A commuting writer for The News-Sun, Kendallville, Indiana, writes of what he sees along the road to and from work: ". . . we've noticed a white angora billy goat with his head through the fence beside the road. He seems to be waiting patiently for help to extricate him because his horns turn back and he's caught like a fish in a gill net. He must really relish that lush grass just beyond the fence and he seems to be confident that someone will help him out. The episode struck us as being so parallel to the situation of we Americans today . . . We (so) love that lushness just beyond what comes by the sweat of our brows that we've been tempted beyond our freedom and we lose it until the man comes along to help us out . . . What would happen if that farmer got tired of loosening the stupid goat, or got sick, or involved elsewhere?"

When we expect government to solve all our problems for us and guarantee our security from the cradle to the grave, we are indeed acting like the stupid goat.



Dear Kid: An Open Letter

Dear Kid

Today you came to me for a job. From the look of your shoulders as you walked out, I suspect you've been turned down before, and maybe you believe by now that kids out of high school can't find work.

But, I hired a teenager today. You saw him. He was the one with polished shoes and a necktie. What was so special about him? Not experience, neither of you had any. It was his attitude that put him on the payroll instead of you. Attitude, son. A T T I T U D E. He wanted that job badly enough to shuck the leather jacket, get a haircut, and look in the phone book to find out what this company makes. He did his best to impress me. That's where he edged you out.

You see, Kid, people who hire people aren't 'with' a lot of things. We know more about Bing than about Ringo, and we have Stone-Age ideas about who owes whom a living. Maybe that makes us prehistoric, but there's nothing wrong with the checks we sign.

Ever hear of "empathy"? It's the trick of seeing the other fellow's side of things. I couldn't have cared less that you're behind in your car payments. That's your problem and President Johnson's. What I needed was someone who'd go out in the plant, keep his eyes open, and work for me like he'd work for himself. If you have even the vaguest idea of what I'm trying to say, let it show the next time you ask for a job. You'll be head and shoulders over the rest.

You know, Kid, men have always had

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to get a job like you get a girl: Case the situation, wear a clean shirt, and try to appear reasonably willing. Maybe jobs aren't as plentiful right now, but a lot of us can remember when master craftsmen walked the streets. By comparison you don't know the meaning of "scarce."

You may not believe it, but all around you employers are looking for young men and women smart enough to go after a job in the old-fashioned way. When they find one they can't wait to unload some of their worries on him.

For both our sakes get eager, will you?



Flag Day

The calendar tells us yesterday was Flag Day. Every U.S. citizen should be proud to look upon the American flag as the greatest national symbol ever unfurled from any standard. It represents a nation formed on the unprecedented principle that the powers of government are derived from the people. The U.S. flag exalts the individual and the constitutional guarantees which preserve his freedom. It represents a people that have been generous, heroic, and creative. It is the symbol of freedom from political oppression, of opportunity to make a better life to which the oppressed of all nations have turned with hope and been fulfilled.

Flag Day is a good time to get back to basics and recognize that a tugging up your spine when the stars and stripes go by is one of the surest signs that the vitality and genius of this nation and its capacity to achieve great things on the stage of history is still very much with us. Despite our mechanized, computerized society, the fact remains that anything having to do with human endeavor rests upon an intangible quality of spirit in the individual. Some individuals have it in larger measure than others, and the same is true of nations.

The greatness of the United States is based on the spirit of her people. Let us remember in these complicated days of our history, there is much need for simple patriotism, deeply felt and clearly shown.



Inexorable Laws

"All vainglory to the contrary, man cannot conquer nature. We are a part of nature, bigger and more noisy and destructive than a mouse, but subject to the same inexorable laws. When the good water is gone, the good soil covered or wasted, the good air tainted, we shall surely perish. This has happened in many times and places

"We now send food to peoples whose ancestors failed to realize that without soil and trees on the hillside the town in the valley dies, without recognizing that we ourselves are busily engaged in emulating the ancient error"

— Dr. M. Graham Netting, Director, Carnegie Museum.
Conservation Foundation Newsletter

Across The Fence Row

Sometimes, reputations are ruined, and other times, they are confirmed.

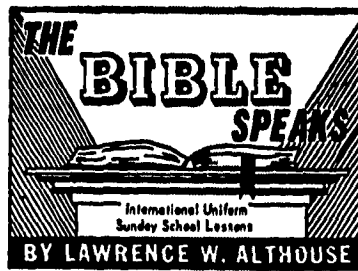
"Our world is too small for anything but truth and too dangerous for anything but love."

Promises and pie crusts are easily broken, but poorly mended.

Weather Forecast

The five-day forecast for the period Saturday through next Wednesday calls for temperatures to average near normal with daytime highs in the low 80's and over-night lows in the 60's. It will be warm over the weekend, turn cooler early in the week and moderate about mid-week.

Precipitation may total more than 1/2 inch with showers Saturday night and Sunday.



FAITH THAT WORKS

Lesson for June 16, 1968

Background Scripture: James 1 through 2.
Devotional Reading: James 1:2-12.

Psychiatrist Viktor Frankl tells of an advertisement that appeared in a newspaper: Unemployed. Brilliant mind offers its services completely free; the survival of the body must be provided for by adequate salary.



Rev. Althouse

The advertisement serves as a significant reminder that man must ever keep in proper balance both the sentient and active aspects of his nature. Too often, Christians major in one or the other, as if they were mutually exclusive alternatives.

Philo, the ancient interpreter of Judaism, noted that religious people may often fall into two distinct groups: the pietists and the activists.

For, being filled with a sense of piety, they have preferred that to all other interests, and devoted the whole of their lives to the service of God; while others have adhered simply to their connection with men in social zeal, affording all alike the use of their possessions, and, as far as possible, alleviating their woes. The latter you might call philanthropic persons, the former devout. For those alone are perfect who have a reputation in both departments.

The Resources To Act

Thus, as Philo put it so well, we need "a reputation in both departments." It is not enough to specialize in one to the exclusion of the other. Piety must find its expression in action; action without piety soon exhausts the resources that enable us to act.

Mark Twain wrote a satirical novel entitled, *A Connecticut Yankee In King Arthur's Court*. It is the chronicle of the merry adventures of a nineteenth century New Englander who was transported through time, back to the

days of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table. Sir Guy, as they dubbed him, being a practical-minded Yankee, was appalled at the waste of time, energy, and motion in the elaborate ceremonies of the court of King Arthur. He felt challenged to put these wasted resources to some practical use.

Putting Faith To Work

One of Sir Guy's projects involved a saintly man who spent many hours on his knees in prayer. As he prayed, the man swayed backward and forward in his arduous devotions. Sir Guy was determined that so much energy should not go to waste. He devised a plan whereby he could harness the man's swaying, using a crude machine to transform the pious motion into power to work a water pump in the castle. That, in Sir Guy's estimation, was putting faith to work!

Sir Guy may have been too much the activist and appreciated too little the values of devotion, but he was not far from the truth in realizing that faith and devotion ought to produce practical results of some kind. Jesus was known for both his teachings and his acts. They were, in fact, inseparable. He not only spoke the truth, he was the truth in action. Faith and works, he demonstrated, are not alternatives; they must always go together.

Fruits Of Real Faith

We find the same sentiment in the Epistle of James. "What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? (James 2:14 RSV). James is not indicating that a man is saved by his works, but that his works will indicate whether what he says is what he really believes. Faith, then, is not simply an idea held by the mind, but a conviction that dominates one's life. As Hartley Coleridge, the poet, puts it:

It is an affirmation and an act
That bids eternal truth be present fact.

That is faith that works!

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By Max Smith

Lancaster County Agent

To Provide Fresh Water . . .
Maximum water consumption is very important for all types of livestock if we are to expect efficient production or gain in weight. During the hot summer months animals will continue to consume larger amounts of water if it is fresh and cool. Where running water is not available in outside areas, the trough or container should be protected from the sun.

To Prevent Corn Root Pruning . . .

The cultivation of corn is decreasing in favor of chemical weed control; however, when corn is cultivated it is important to stay away from the plant sufficiently to prevent the cutting of the side roots. With many of the

hybrid corns there are numerous side roots; if these are cut off, the plant will be set back. As the plant grows, the cultivator should be set more shallow and further away from the stalk.

To Feed New Grains Slowly . . .

The barley crop is badly lodged and it is possible that many growers will not be able to combine a normal crop; however, any grain that is combined should not be fed to livestock in any great amounts until it has gone through a two-week curing process in the bags or in the bin. Digestive troubles such as scouring or bloating may occur if new grains are introduced too rapidly in the ration.