

From Where We Stand... Of Deepest Concern

Higher education is threatened with collapse. That is the only conclusion that a great many people feel can be drawn from events that have accompanied campus disorders. Their feeling is buttressed by a single paragraph from an article in The National Observer on the question of whether university faculties can handle the rising state of anarchy that is taking over the nation's campuses. One afternoon, says The National Observer, "For about 30 minutes . . . Cornell's president, Dr. James A. Perkins—denied even the courtesy of a chair by militant students—sat on the floor of the stage in Barton Hall, the university field house, red-faced, humiliated, and sipping a can of root beer. To the accompaniment of derisive laughter from the 6,000 students gathered in Barton Hall . . . a . . . militant student leader, referred to Dr. Perkins as 'P' and 'Brother Jimmy' and told him to 'sit down, Jimmy. I'm going to talk and you can talk when I'm through.' Half an hour later, Dr. Perkins got to his feet and described the week's events at Cornell as 'the most constructive move' the university has ever taken."

The spectacle of a college president forced to sit on the floor in abject submission while enduring the insults of "students" will strike many as unrelated to anything that could be called a "constructive move." On the contrary, the stark facts as related by The Observer have a nightmarish quality. They place a U.S. college president in the position of a defector in a dictatorship-ridden country. Other events summarized in The National Observer article include a med seizure of university buildings, not only at Cornell, but elsewhere. At Harvard, as at Columbia University, pictures have shown almost unbelievable scenes of mobs occupying the offices of college officials.

Often, according to press reports, faculty members join striking students. Frequently, what starts out as a revolt of a few dissenters snowballs into mass meetings of thousands and closure of classrooms. One of the most puzzling features of the disorders is a lack of clear response to the most flagrant acts of violence. In the case of Cornell, according to The National Observer, university administrators acceded to demands of dissenters after Cornell was given just "three hours to live." A similar bowing to pressure and threats took place at Harvard. In the words of The Observer, "At both schools the students' grievances, real and imagined, seemed to be exacerbated by administrative ineptitude and previous faculty indifference." What are some of these student grievances that we hear so much about? Life magazine published the "Strikers' Manifesto" as posted by Harvard students. The Manifesto gave eight reasons for striking—among them, because classes are

a bore. Other points in the Manifesto included the demand for more power and a demand to smash "the corporation."

The portents of spreading strife on U.S. campuses is beyond calculation at a time when technology and the problems of society require a higher intellectual capacity than ever before. The highest centers of learning in the land seem to be drifting helplessly in a sea of strife. Even more serious than a threatened decline in standards is the threat to freedom itself. President Nixon has said that college administrators must not "surrender to force." He warns, "There can be no compromise with lawlessness and no surrender to force if free education is to survive in the United States of America." His warning makes the issue of strife on the campuses a matter of the deepest concern to all Americans. At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

Hail To Summer

Every season of the year has its special features—blossoms in spring, autumn colors in fall, the magic of Jack Frost in winter and the azure skies of summer. However, summer, which begins its tour of the Northern Hemisphere on June 21, also features the full blooming of our national curse—the litterbug. And this year, as on each succeeding year, there will be more evidence of this blight than ever before.

Us farmers who value and respect natural beauty can but watch in helpless outrage as the veritable scum of the human race strikes swiftly and usually unseen—throwing beer cans and pop bottles from speeding cars or vanishing without a trace from ravaged campgrounds and picnic sites. Often this creature we have dubbed the litterbug passes unobserved in the night, leaving in his wake whole boxes of garbage, as well as cases of cans and bottles. Laws are becoming increasingly stringent but to little avail. What is threat of a \$500 fine to these despoilers of the countryside that no law can catch, except in the rare instances when their brashness overcomes their natural cunning.

The scourge of the litterbugs will get worse each summer, judging by recent estimates that put the production of 12-ounce containers by 1982 at a possible 900 million gross. Since a gross is 12 dozen, it is not hard to figure out what the landscape will look like in the summer of, say, 1985, if litterbugging continues uncurbed.

Across The Fence Row

Maybe if the "good old days" came back, we could find some fault with them, too.

The difficult is that which can be done immediately; the impossible usually takes a bit longer.

Wonder how long it will be until obsolete A bombs will be in our surplus stores?

Rufus: "How are you getting along with your arithmetic?"

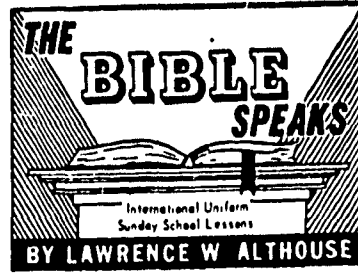
Susan: "Well, I've learned to add up the oughts, but the figures still bother me."

Local Weather Forecast

(From the U. S. Weather Bureau at the Harrisburg State Airport)

The five-day forecast for the period Saturday through next Wednesday calls for temperatures to average below normal with daytime highs in the mid 70's and over-night lows in the 50's in the north and middle 50's in the south. It is to be cooler Saturday thru Monday and milder Tuesday and Wednesday.

Precipitation may total greater than 1/2 inch in most sections. Showers ending over the southern portion early Saturday and general showers developing over the region Tuesday or Wednesday.



TO ME
Lesson for June 22, 1969

Background Scripture Deuteronomy 5:1-6:30; 15:20, Psalms 19:7-11; 119:9-16, 102:105, 2 Timothy 1:13, 14
Devotional Reading Psalms 19:7-14

Roy L. Smith once remarked, "The proof of the inspiration of the Scriptures is their power to inspire." Thus, as we have already seen, the Bible is essential to the Church in its corporate worship and study. Through the scriptures God speaks to the Church.

It is also true, however, that through the scriptures, God speaks, not only to his Church, but to individual Christians as well. It is a resource for the fellowship; but it is also a personal resource too. God uses it to give me a message that is quite personal.

A kinship
For one thing, the Bible may become very personal as we study and relate to ourselves the lives and experiences of various Bible characters. We may find a kinship with Jeremiah, for example, when we learn that, instead of responding eagerly to God's call, he reacted timidly, protesting that he was too young to take upon himself the task to which God had called him. "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth" (Jeremiah 1:6). This may sound alarmingly similar to our own response to God's challenges to us.

Perhaps it may be Job who seems to speak personally to us. We may have had experiences that have prompted us to cry out in terms not too different from his: "God has cast me into the mire, and I have become like dust and ashes. I cry to thee and thou dost not answer me; I stand, and thou dost not heed me" (Job 30:19, 20). As we study his remarkable story and try to understand his situation, perhaps we can begin to understand better our own.

The words of Psalm 8 may speak specifically to our own sense of wonder and awe: "When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?" (8:3,4). It may seem that John's words were written especially for us: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). The wonder of it all: that these many and diverse books, written by so many different men in so many different times and places and circumstances, should still speak so personally to me!

A parallel

The story of Jonah may also prove to be for us a very personal message. As we ponder the meaning of this book, we may see a parallel between this ancient man and ourselves. As he tried to escape God and failed perhaps we too have found that running away from his challenge is no answer. As we recognize Jonah's vindictiveness against the people of Nineveh, perhaps we recognize in ourselves a touch of the same. We too may enjoy more the message of condemnation than that of redemption.

Others may identify personally with Simon Peter. In his bumbling impulsiveness they may see themselves. When they study and consider his three-fold denial of our Lord and his later rise to leadership, perhaps they can find in this the comfort to face and salvage their own failures. As they witness how Peter's mind had to be radically changed so that he could put aside his prejudices and consent to baptize Cornelius the Gentile, they may be less threatened to perform the personal changes he calls upon them to make.

Especially for us

Secondly, God's message may become very personal for us, not only as we consider Bible characters, but its themes and ideas as well. When, for example, we stumble through some dark period of our lives, his assurance, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil," may seem to us a very personal word of comfort.

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To Eradicate Rats

The only good kind of a rat is a dead rat and I'd like to encourage everyone to feel the same way. They can be the carrier of numerous diseases, will destroy or damage all kinds of feed and food, and are a menace to everyone. All known dens and nests of rats should be located and the rats poisoned, trapped, or killed by fumigation. If rats are allowed to populate freely during the summer, they will come into buildings and do more damage this fall & winter. Be persistent until all rats are exterminated.

To Sell Cattle At Light Weights

Fat cattle prices have been favorable for the last several months. Farmers can help retain this price level by selling their cattle between 1050 and 1150 pounds, or when they reach the

choice grade. Heavier cattle may tend to depress prices and are less efficient to feed. Feeders now have an opportunity to help determine the price of beef.

To Buy Machinery Conservatively

Many farmers are carrying a very high investment in farm machinery, on many farms the machinery is adequate to farm twice the acreage. This is difficult situation to solve because the shortage of labor forces many farmers into greater machinery investment. One solution might be the greater use of custom operators to do the work, and the second one would be the purchase of more second-hand machinery. Used machinery reduces the high first cost and the initial high depreciation. Contact your local farm machinery dealer and talk it over.