



OPINION

Not Anger And Hatred, But Reason And Good Will

Dr. Michael DeBakey, Chancellor of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and chairman of its department of surgery, recently addressed some concerns about the possible elimination of animals in research. Dr. DeBakey's article appeared in the Washington Post and later in the National Pork Producers Council News publication pork report.

Dr. DeBakey says, "As a patient advocate, both in and out of the operating room, I feel a responsibility to protect the rights of patients to reap the benefits of animal research."

"Had the animal legislation now pending in Congress been enacted when I began my career, it would have prevented me from developing a number of lifesaving procedures in my research laboratory."

"Instead of restoring thousands of patients to a normal life, my colleagues and I would have been helpless to offer many of our patients any real hope. Proposed legislation, known as the Mrazek bill, seeks to ban the use of pound animals for research supported by the National Institute of Health, the chief source of funds for biomedical research in this country."

"Even with today's technology I could not have developed the roller pump that made open-heart surgery possible, or the artificial artery that restored health to previously doomed patients with blood clots. Nor could we have attempted the first successful coronary artery bypass or implanted the first temporary mechanical heart."

"If scientists abandon cat and dog experiments for other models that are not as suitable or as well understood, many potential medical breakthroughs may be severely crippled or halted."

"Would animal-rights activists have objected to the first kidney, heart or liver transplant?"

"Would they forgo the protection humanity enjoys today against

polio, diphtheria and whooping cough or the treatment for strep throat, ear infections and pneumonia, all products of animal research?"

"Would they have denied the 11 million diabetics the right to life that insulin has given them? Or the additional years made possible because of radiation and chemotherapy?"

"It was in monkeys that the deadly AIDS virus was isolated and that isolation is the initial step in the ultimate development of the vaccine."

"According to the American Humane Society, 7 million pet dogs are abandoned to pounds or shelters each year, 5 million of which are killed."

"Yet some would have you believe that killing animals in a pound is more virtuous than using them to help advance medical knowledge and benefit human and animal health."

"As a physician, I cannot conceive of telling parents that their sick child is doomed because we cannot use all the tools at our disposal."

"Surely those who object to animals in research laboratories must be equally distressed to see sick children hooked up to tubes. How will those parents feel about a society that legislates the rights of animals above those of their children?"

"Self-preservation is a primary instinct of all members of the animal kingdom, and patients with that instinct deserve our compassion as much as other species. The American public must decide."

"Shall we tell hundreds of thousands of victims of heart attacks, cancer, AIDS and other diseases that the rights of abandoned animals to die in a pound supercedes the patients' rights to relief from suffering and premature death?"

"In making that decision, let us not use anger and hatred, but reason and good will."

FARM FORUM OUR READERS WRITE

Editor:
As an avid and regular reader of your weekly newspaper, I'm writing to solicit your help on a personal matter.

My family-based dairy business has, this year, reached its 50th anniversary since inception in Pennsylvania in 1937. The members of my family who initiated the business were the first farmers to

introduce swiss cows to this county and to propagate their breeding and growth. Almost all of the relatives are now deceased, but I would like to commemorate their memory and mark their achievement with a suitable, publicly-displayed memorial.

Specifically, I would like very much to mount and display a mod-

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NOW IS THE TIME

By Jay Irwin
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To Plan Ahead For Machinery Repairs
Most of the outside field work is finished for this year. I also know that every farm has machinery that needs repair and service. If you are planning to have this done at your machinery dealer, it would be wise to contact them in the near future so it's on their work schedule. I'm aware of the spring rush next March and April; and I know your local service people will appreciate the work during the fall and into the long winter days. It can also save time in case parts need to be ordered to complete the job. The objective is to be planning for this repair work now. Have it done so your machinery is ready to go early next spring.



- Saturday, November 14**
New York Cattlemen's Graded Feeder Sale, noon, Canandaigua
Clarion County Holstein Meeting, 7 p.m., Clarion Clipper
Franklin County 4-H Baby Beef Club Meeting, 7 p.m.
Montgomery Co. Adult 4-H Community Center, Creamery, 9 a.m.
- Sunday, November 15**
N.E. United Egg Producers Trade Show, Atlantic City, through 11/16.
- Monday, November 16**
Northeast Poultry Trade Show, Atlantic City, 11/15-16/87
Pa Farmer's Association State Convention, Hershey, 11/16-18/87
PSU Dairy Mgt. Conf., Sheraton, State College, 11/16-17/87
Penn-Jersey Farm & Power Equipment Dealers Assoc., Seven Springs, Mt. Resort, Champion, 11/15-18/87
Octorara Young Farmer Meeting, Vo-Ag room, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 17**
L.C. Guernsey Builder's Annual Meeting, Lampeter Fire Hall, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 18**
Lanc. Co. Poultry Assoc. exhibit at Clover Mall in Park City
Alternative Ag Marketing Conf., Inn St., Reading, 11/18-19/87
York Co. DHIA, Rutter Restaur-

To Control Winter Alfalfa Weeds
Winter weeds in our alfalfa fields are every bit as predictable as summer weeds are in corn and soybeans.
Colder weather is here and hay fields are dormant. We now have a choice to use different herbicides, depending largely on the kinds of weeds present that need to be knocked out. The most commonly found winter annuals at this time include chickweed and the four mustard weeds - shepherds purse, pepperweed, pennycress and yellow rocket. Also, expect to see seedlings of other weeds plus some old tough perennials, too. It pays to know your weeds present before selecting the herbicide.

Check the "Agronomy Guide" and READ THE LABEL on the container or package. There are directions and limitations to get the job done right.. in the next six weeks.

To Beware Of Anti-Freeze Poisoning In Dogs
An increasing number of people are doing their own automobile, truck and tractor maintenance. This may include draining and changing the anti-freeze. If you are among this group of home mechanics, a word of warning is advised.

Dogs find the sweet flavor of anti-freeze solutions very tasty. So

beware! Ethylene glycol, a chief ingredient in anti-freeze, is extremely toxic to dogs, causing severe kidney damage. Never leave open containers of automotive coolant lying where a dog might find and drink from them. If your car, truck or tractor leaks coolant or the radiator overflows onto the driveway, clean the spill and dispose of the soaked towels properly, so your own or your neighbor's dog cannot inadvertently harm itself.

To Order Small Fruit Plants Early
This may strike you as premature, but this is a good time to order small fruit plants for next spring. Although you won't put them in the ground until April, you should be flipping through catalogs now. Ordering early assures you of a wide selection of the best varieties. Companies begin filling orders with their best stock... if you delay, you could be stuck with what's left over. Ordering early also means you'll get your strawberries or raspberries or whatever at the best time to plant.

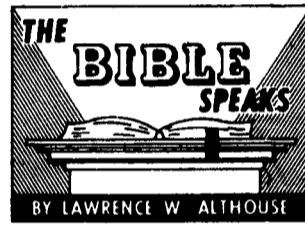
So, dig out those catalogs now... get your order in... and be prepared for delicious fruit from your plantings.

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ant, Mt. Zion Rd., York Berks Co. Veal Roundup, Leesport Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.
Wayne Co. Dairy Day, Extension Office, Honesdale, 8 p.m.
Thursday, November 19
Atlantic Dairy Coop Annual Meet-

ing, Host Farm, 11/19-20/87
NAILE Sale of Champions, Louisville, KY
DHIA Holstein Club Mtg., Hulls Restaurant, Smethport

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KILLING THE DREAMER

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Background Scripture: Genesis 35: 22b-26;37.

They planned to get rid of "the dreamer" in the vain assumption that they would thereby get rid of his disturbing dreams. People have been trying to do that from time immemorial and it has never really worked. Unlike the dreamer, the dreams are not flesh and blood. Incorporeal, unlimited by time and occupying no space, dreams cannot be interred in tombs or reduced to ashes.

Yet, humanity continues to kill its dreamers in order to bury their dreams. This is what was in the minds of the brothers of Joseph when they saw him at Dothan and said: "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him. . ." (37:19,20).

THE FAVORITE
It's not hard to understand why they hated their brother. For one thing, it was clear that their father

loved him most of all and favored him with a blatant partiality. The writer of Genesis freely admits, "Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and made him a long robe with sleeves" (37:3). It is not hard to understand why they were jealous of him and "could not speak peaceably to him" (37:4).

To make things even worse, the young Joseph seems to have been something of a spoiled brat. The problem was not that he was a dreamer, but that his dreams clearly indicated that he regarded himself a superior to his brethren. How insensitive he was to flaunt these dreams before his already jealous and envious brothers! You may protest, "But these were only dreams, why should that upset them?" The answer was that the ancients never thought of these experiences as "just dreams." They took them as irreversible prophecies of what was yet to come. So, they decided, "Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits . . . and we shall see what will become of his dreams" (37:20).

THREATENING DREAMS
We're still using that kind of strategy today and with pretty much the same results. It is as if we had learned nothing in the last four thousand years. They thought to silence Jesus and his dreams of the kingdom. Missionaries, martyrs, clergy and lay alike, have been murdered so that their radical dreams might be destroyed with them. Martin Luther King, Jr. proclaimed, "I have a dream!" and because of that dream they gunned him down in Memphis. Still, his dream lives on; they couldn't kill it.

When will we ever learn: if they are God's dreams, you can only kill the dreamer, not the dream.

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