

— EDITORIAL —

TURN BLACK INTO GREY?

Approach "Victimless Crime" With Caution

An attempt to create a new kind of marginal respectability for certain crimes is being made and foisted upon the public!

And, it is time for the people to be notified that they are the target of an effort to make some forms of law breaking seem grey instead of black.

The term you will hear -- and you already have heard, if you have been listening -- is "victimless crimes."

These are such things as gambling, narcotics, etc., which fall into a group roughly identified by what is termed, "he hurt only himself."

The idea is spread that the victim himself, of his own choice, deliberately participates. Thus, it is said, the victim is only the victim - by choice. Hence, "victimless crime."

Of gambling, for instance, the word is that the participant chooses, by his own will, to participate and that he is hurting only himself.

The concept is a dangerous one and any person with a critical mind should not be drawn into a soft approach to "victimless crime."

the Wonder of BOOKS

"The Late Great Planet Earth"

by
Hal Lindsey
with
C.C. Carlson

Published by Zondervan Publishing House, 1970

"Maranatha!"

This is the word that early Christians used in greeting, and means "The Lord is coming." According to Hal Lindsey, author of "The Late Great Planet Earth," we are living now in what Biblical prophesy considers to be the era shortly before the return of Jesus Christ!

In his renowned book, Lindsey makes quite a case for the present generation living to see, quite literally, "the end of the world." Some readers have found the book to be quite disturbing and upsetting. Others have found it exciting and challenging. Still others try to discredit the author. They call him a "sensationalist" and just the most recent in a long line of "Doomsday Prophets." Generally, we found the book credible, for the most part. It is well-documented, scripturally, and follows a fairly close parallel to what most Bible scholars have written about Biblical prophecies for some years. We feel that much of the book's immense popularity is due to the descriptive manner in which the author ties modern day events to Biblical prophecies.

Lindsey pulls much of his scriptural backing from the Hebrew prophets and the book of Revelation. He prefaces his work by seeking to show the accuracy of the Biblical prophets. He does this by citing many cases where the prophets have been

astoundingly correct!

Lindsey states, "I believe this generation is overlooking the most authentic voice of all, and that is the voice of the Hebrew prophets. They predicted that as man neared the end of history, as we know it, that there would be a precise pattern of events....and all this would be around the most important sign of all—that is, the Jew returning to the land of Israel after thousands of years of being dispersed."

Lindsey proposes an interesting theory. He declares that Biblical prophecy has always, until recent times, been cloaked in a veil of misunderstanding, and it is only now that we are beginning to lift that veil. According to the Bible, this "lifting of the veil" is in itself a sign of the end times!

The signs of the times are many and quite apparent, according to Lindsey. One of the most compelling chapters of the book is devoted to a study of the revival of mysticism—the occult, witchcraft, astrology, etc.—which Lindsey declares is indicative of the era.

A thorough discussion of Armageddon, the last war, is also included in the book. Lindsey predicts in detail the events leading up to the war, the countries involved, and the various sequence of battles. It is all quite absorbing, but one wonders about the degree of accuracy involved in predicting such small details!

All men, it seems, are naturally curious about the future. Therefore, it would seem reasonable that most people would enjoy reading a book such as "The Late Great Planet Earth." One is certain to have some kind of reaction to the book, be it positive, negative, or somewhere in-between!

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Phil Landis Wins

Phil Landis, a 75-pound midget wrestler from Beahm junior high school, is a reserve champion in the big A.A.U. Middle Atlantic Wrestling competition, concluded Saturday, March 31, at Manheim Township high school.

More than 300 boys from New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania competed in the tournament.

Phil won his quarter match from a Pennsylvania boy by a 2-1 decision and the semi-final by a 4-1 count.

In the finals, Phil was matched against Fred Stauffer of Hellerton, Pa., but lost, 4-2, by a decision.

Previously, he had won District champion in the same class.

Subject: PEOPLE

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at two of the big hotels, the Contemporary and the Polynesian, and toured Lion Country Safari near West Palm Beach. En route home they stopped in Huntsville, Alabama, and also visited the birthplace of Davy Crockett in Limestone, Tennessee.

Boy Scout Troop No. 39 spent April 7 and 8 camping at Camp Bashore near Indiantown Gap. During the rainy week-end they hiked ten miles to Swatara Gap and conducted a fossil hunt. Dale Boyer was well rewarded when he discovered the fossil of a trilobite. This belongs to a large group of extinct arthropods whose bodies are divided into three lobes and are found in Paleozoic rocks. It was reported the most unique ever found in this area. On Sunday the Scouts passed a map and compass course. Those in charge of the trip were: Scoutmaster Dale Boyer, assistant scoutmasters John Rogers and James Kinsey. Scouts included: Tim Bair, Dean Buchenauer, Dale Boyer, Jr., Kelly Leshner, Tom Bair, Joe Coover, Dean Chapin, Denny Weller, Dave Chapin, David Drace, Bob Alexander, Ted McKain, Jim Johnson, Ricky Kinsey, Steve Hertz, Eddie Gable, Keith Shriner, Chris and Dan Merchant and Kenny Henny.

The two fourth grade classes at Seiler Elementary School spent the school day on April 11 in Harrisburg and Hershey. The group toured the Capitol building which included a visit in the House of Representatives, Senate and the Governor's reception room, and the William Penn Museum. In Hershey they enjoyed a tour of the Chocolate Factory. The two teachers in charge of arrangements were: Mrs. Winifred Geyer and Mrs. Judy Lesoine. Also accompanying the group were four mothers: Mrs. John Landis, Mrs. Kenneth Fry, Mrs. Lee Lehman and Mrs. Gene Newcomer.

Two Churches Combine Choirs

The combined choirs of St. Mark's United Methodist and Glossbrenner United Methodist Churches will present a Lenten program of music on Palm Sunday, April 15, at 4 p.m. at St. Mark's Church.

The senior choirs will perform Everett Titcomb's cantata, "To Calvary." An Introit from Gordon Young's "Missa Exultate," "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" will be sung, as well as a Benediction from that work, "All Glory Be to God." This latter selection will be accompanied by trumpets played by Corky Flick and Bruce Wagner of Glosbrenner Church. The organist will be Gerald Miller of St. Mark's Church. Mrs. David Nicholas directs both choirs.

The junior choirs will present six anthems which depict the events of Holy Week: "Come, Let Us Sing of His Glory" by Gordon Young, "How Wonderful This World" by Austin Lovelace, "Jesus Christ Triumphant" by F. Broadus Staley, "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" by David Smart, "The Lord of Glory Came to Earth" by Elwood Coggin, and "Alleluia! Jesus Lives!" by David Smart. The final anthem will be accompanied by two flutes, played by Donna Flick of

Glossbrenner Church and Anne Nicholas of St. Mark's Church. Scripture narration accompanies these anthems who will be read by Newt Kendig, Jr. of St. Mark's church. The pianist will be Mrs. Franklin Eichler of Glosbrenner Church. The choirs are under the direction of Mrs. David Nicholas.

Plan To Recycle Scout Uniforms

Because Boy Scouts, like all youngsters, mostly outgrow their clothing rather than wear it out, a local effort is being made to "recycle" uniforms.

Scout leaders believe that there are—in many homes in the community unused and outgrown uniforms which might well be put back into use by some growing boy.

While there are some uniforms which may be given, others may be offered for consignment sale and still others which may be available on an "exchange" basis.

At any rate, uniforms which are available for reuse may be left at the Scout House any Wednesday evening between 7 and 9 o'clock and arrangements may be made with the leaders.

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