

# Gilkey Sees in World Today 'New Grain from Old Seed'

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Even after centuries of neglect or displacement, the seed of creative ideas and Christian faith bear fruit in human history when they find good soil in which to grow, Dr. Charles W. Gilkey said Wednesday.

In his fourth in the series of five Religious Evaluation Week lectures on "First-Hand Religion," Dr. Gilkey told of a barley kernel, embedded in a Yugoslavian monastery fresco since the 12th century, which grew and bore fruit after 700 years.

This process is borne out in human experience, Dr. Gilkey asserted. The philosophy of Plato, formulated 2300 years ago, is bearing fresh fruit in the best thought of our own generation.

## Democracy Dates Far Back

Although Americans think of democracy as an American plant, its seeds began in England and Switzerland seven and eight hundred years ago, he continued. And the compositions of Bach, buried in oblivion for over a hundred years, are now among the works most often heard in college chapels from coast to coast.

This cycle of "new grain out of

old" finds its most striking illustration in the field of religion, the speaker stated.

More than 2500 years ago the Hebrew prophets planted the great prophetic concept of a moral order in the universe, created and sustained by one Lord to whom all are responsible not only as individuals but as groups, Dr. Gilkey explained.

## Walls to Be Broken

These convictions were walled up, like the barley kernel, within a hardening cement of legalism, ritualism, racial superiority and pride of later Hebraism; it was against this that Jesus preached.

Now these seeds are bringing forth a fresh creative harvest which we call the social gospel, concerned with the relevance of the Christian religion to the problems which men face collectively, the speaker pointed out.

One of the striking differences between today's college generation and that of Dr. Gilkey is the modern student's concern about reading the Bible, he said.

## Bible Reading Noted

At the Conference of Christian Student Leaders at Lawrence, Kansas, 1200 students requested nightly instruction on the meaning of Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

"These students had come across the passage which talks about 'the middle wall of partition,'" Dr. Gilkey explained.

"They realized just what that 'middle wall of partition' means today," he continued; "the wall between white and black, between Jew and Gentile, prosperous and impoverished, East and West. In the study lay an awakened social conscience about race prejudices and tension."

Dr. Gilkey told the story of a University of Chicago coed, attractive and able, who had a strong religious background but became so swamped with campus activities that she had no time for religious interests.

## Return to Church

After her graduation, she began to write to the Gilkeys from her new home in a small Vermont town. Her responsibilities and perplexities as the mother of two children had brought her back to the church, the center of faith and social life in the community.

"The seeds from her own home heritage and training had been resowed in the soil of her responsibility and perplexity, and are now bearing fruit," Dr. Gilkey pointed out.

If Religious Evaluation Week is to have reality and vitality, we must break up the concrete of our own hardened and traditional thinking and let new points of view drop into the opened soil of our hearts and minds.

## Looks to Future

"At first we may hardly know that they are there; it may take years, but our greatest hope is that someday a fresh, green shoot of a religion of our own may spring up," the speaker said.

This religion will not be a copy of the last generation's religion, just as the neighbor's children resemble their parents but are not exactly like them, Dr. Gilkey explained.

The breaking up and resowing process does not stop with life on earth, the speaker continued.

When St. Paul was asked how the dead could be raised, he replied that that which is sowed does not quicken until it first dies; that it will not grow up in the same form in which it was sowed, but God will give it a body as it shall please Him.

One-half of the truth of human

life is carved upon the inscription over the gate of the graveyard where Longfellow lies buried, Dr. Gilkey said. The quotation reads "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was."

But too often the other half of the inscription is neglected or ignored, at our own peril, he stated.

"If the faith that underlies that seed of immortality and hope does not concern you, the day will come when it will affect someone close to you, and you will be glad that the sentence continues: 'But the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.'"

Dr. Gilkey's speech was recorded for a later broadcast.

## ISA to Meet Tonight

Mixer dance arrangements, constitutional revisions, and the appointment of two chairmanships will be discussed at tonight's meeting of the Independent Student Association at 7 p. m. in 105 Commerce.

# Mr. Peanut Banished From Diet Of San Francisco Baseball Fans

SAÑ FRANCISCO—(UP)—This was a dark day for the lowly peanut. And a darker day for San Francisco baseball. The two have been divorced so far as Seals Stadium is concerned.

It isn't the fault of the little inoffensive goober, the traditional diet of baseball lovers since the first bat struck the first ball. It's a labor problem that will have many a fan drying a tear when the band strikes up "... buy me some peanuts and cracker jacks. . ."

Paul Fagan, president of the San Francisco Seals in the Pacific Coast League, has decided that Mr. Peanut must be banished because he costs \$20,000 worth of janitors a year to clean him up.

Fagan, who admittedly enjoys munching peanuts himself, nevertheless got out his slide rule and stop watch and figured out that "It costs us four and one-quarter cents for giving every man, woman and child who buys a bag the privilege of throwing them on our clean floors."

Fagan's arithmetic goes like this: The peanuts sell at the stadium for 10 cents a bag, out of

which the Seals get two and one-half cents from the concessionaries. Janitors are paid \$1.35 an hour, or two and one-quarter cents a minute. The broom jockeys have been clocked, and it takes them three minutes to sweep up the shells from each sack, or a cost of six and three-quarter cents. Grand Total: Siberia.

## Piano Quartet to Appear

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Curtis Institute and the Juillard School of Music, first appeared publicly at the age of 14 as soloist with the National Orchestral Association in Carnegie Hall.

Hans Heidemann is another product of Juillard and gave his first recital in Rochester which resulted in a guest appearance with the Symphony.

The fourth member of the ensemble, Audrey Kooper, won a Juillard graduate fellowship and later appeared with the Boston "Pops" under Arthur Fiedler.

Next concert of the Civic Music Association will be spring term when two operas are presented by the Wagner Opera Company.

## Sign-Up to Begin

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Arthur Court.

### Veteran Procedure

Special procedures will be followed for student veterans. All veterans on P.L. 346 and P.L. 16 will complete steps 1 through 4 in the same manner as non-veterans. In procuring material (step 1) veterans should be sure to draw the veterans' supplies card. This card should be completed after courses have been listed and stamped on registration card.

Final steps of registration for veterans are as follows:

5. Check with registrar at Veterans Section, Registrar's Office in Emerald Hall. Present fee card, registration card, and completed supply card. When these have been filed in advance registration they will be validated in the veterans' absence. Final clearance with cashier and the drawing of books and supplies cannot be completed before Mar. 27.

6. Clearance with cashier in McArthur Court on Mar. 27 only; in Emerald Hall following that date. Obtain validated fee card and registration card and sign veterans' counter card at special section for veterans. File this material with veterans cashier and obtain fee receipt.

7. Draw authorized books and supplies at Co-op any time after completion of registration. Veterans' supplies cards, completed and filed with the Registrar, will be available at the Co-op. Present fee receipt and proper identification.

Veterans on State Aid will complete the same registration steps as non-veterans.

### Expiring Eligibility

Student veterans on P.L. 16 should submit their registration material to VA training officers on the second floor of Emerald Hall any time after completing Step 4, but before attempting to clear Step 5.

Veterans with expiring eligibility who are not officially certified by the VA for continuance in training at government expense through the entire spring term will be assessed fees on a pro-rated basis. These fees will be paid in the usual manner (Step 6) and registration will not be complete until this step has been finished. Books and supplies must be purchased on a cash basis subject to partial, pro-rated refund at a later date.

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