

DEAD SEA SCROLLS

Author says scrolls shed 'new light' on Christianity

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More than a decade has passed since a Bedouin shepherd stumbled over the first cave hiding place of the Dead Sea Scrolls, the find of the century in Biblical archaeology.

Scholarship and technology have had time to examine many of the 2,000-year-old leather and copper documents and attempt a tentative answer to the absorbing question:

Do the scrolls shed any new light on Christianity?

Yes, says Frank Moore Cross Jr., archaeologist and Old Testament scholar and author of the latest book on the scrolls, "The Ancient Library of Qumran," published last week by Doubleday.

But it's a qualified yes. Cross is the first to admit his book is incomplete.

Jews Wrote Scrolls

The scrolls, most scholars agree were not the work of early Christians but of a Jewish sect called Essenes which inhabited the Qumran community shortly before and shortly after the birth of Christ.

The Essenes were an apocalyptic sect-believers in the imminent triumph of righteousness on the ashes of the current evil world—and therein, says Cross, lies the importance of the scrolls.

The primitive Christian church was apocalyptic too.

"We would do well, therefore," writes Cross, "if we are to understand the motives in her structure and thought, to discover the faith and form of the apocalyptic communities which preceded Christianity."

Scrolls Shed Light

As a result of the scrolls, the life and times of a community similar to the early Christian

church "can now be investigated seriously for the first time."

Cross notes a common theological language and concept of dualism light vs. darkness, truth vs. error running through the scrolls and the New Testament, particularly the Gospel of John.

Speculation Noted

There has been a good deal of speculation and debate over the forms of government in the early church. Was it by bishop or elders or was it by other means?

The Essene community employed three—an assembly, a council of 12 and an episcopal overseer. The early Christians, thinks Cross, did likewise.

"It would appear," he says, "that the early church appro-

riated and modified offices and institutions belong to older apocalyptic communities in developing its own organizational structure."

Difference Noted

The major difference, of course, between the Christians and Essenes was the formers belief in Jesus Christ.

The Christians had their Messiah; the Essenes were still waiting for theirs—which may explain why Christianity survived the centuries while the Essenes perished.

The Essenes vanished as both a community and a sect during the Jewish revolt against Rome about 68 A.D. when Christianity was turning out to the world.

Professor to attend meetings in N.Y.C.

M. F. Moss, assistant professor of business administration, will travel to New York City May 31 for a meeting of the committee on graduate standards of the American Accounting Association of which he is a member.

The committee will be concerned with the proper place for accounting in a doctoral program of business administration. Particular attention will be paid to academic standards and the rela-

tionship of accounting to business administration in general.

Suggestions bring cash prizes for two

Irving Appgar and Mrs. Audrey Streeter, residents of Eugene, were recently awarded \$10 apiece for suggestions that promote efficiency at the University. The awards were made by the State of Oregon.

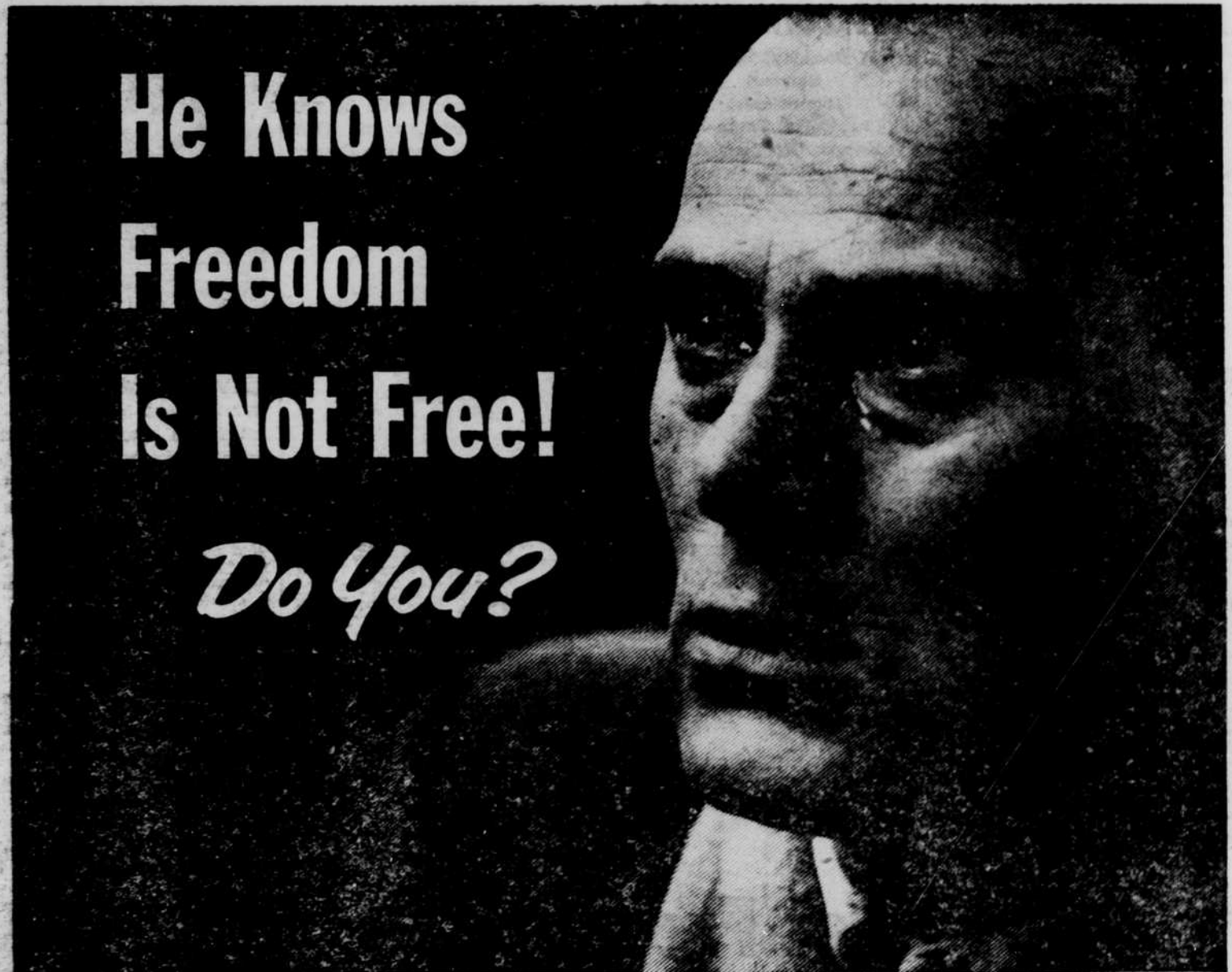
Mrs. Streeter, a cook at the University, suggested that a funnel be used to pour creamed foods into containers distributed to campus dormitories. This will provide quicker food service, and less food wasted from spillage.

Appgar proposed that the air blown into the music room come from an inside rather than outside source and a means of distributing the air so that it would be dust free and room temperature, giving added protection to their pipe organ.

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- 6:05 News
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- 7:00 Perspectives
- 7:30 Holland Festival
- 9:00 Music Misc.
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- 9:30 D.J. Jury
- 10:00 U.N. Report
- 10:15 Bond & MacNab Report
- 11:00 Sign off



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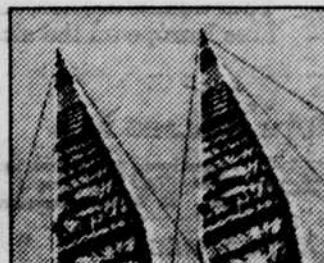
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