

Religion in the News

Soul Purpose

by Chuck Singleton

God... A Sheltered Life
It has been speculated in a popular poem that God lived a pretty sheltered life. Living in His "Holy Ivory tower", how could God identify with the problems of men?

Thousands of men, black, white, red, brown and yellow were standing at the judgment seat of Christ. A Jewish man walked up to God and asked Him what gave Him the right to judge man. He'd never suffered persecution like this man had in a German prison camp. A black man came forward with rope marks on his neck. His complaint to God was that God had never suffered execution at the hands of an oppressive majority. A red man said He'd never had those who He had befriended turn their backs on Him. A poverty stricken white man said He'd never lived in poverty. They all complained that God had lived a pretty sheltered life.

One of history's greatest problems is man's identification with God. Man is often so awe-struck by the divinity of God that they forget the

humanity of His Son, Who lived a life being betrayed in the worst ways by men. Living in human flesh while being zealous in telling other men that there is a better way.

Men have written God off the ticket with the thought that God lives a sheltered life.

Many who profess Christ have built their ivory towers in large sanctuary and church buildings. This, too, gives the impression that God lives a sheltered life.

Jesus said, "I have come into the world to bear witness to the truth" (John 18:37). Jesus came himself to spread Good News concerning the truths of God. To live as a man. To suffer the betrayal of friends, to suffer oppression at the hands of a racist majority, to live and then die an execution after an unjust trial and all the time while He was doing it to share the truth about life with men! So that Jesus was the physical manifestation of God. The true and living God is not the God of the ivory tower. He's the Lord of the harvest.



The Ark of Safety Church of God, Inc., is building at N. Killingsworth Avenue. The church, pastored by Bishop U. B. Peterson, is being built by the members of the congregation. Services are already being held in the home of the new structure.

Special mass

There will be a special Mass for Formerly Married Catholic Men and Women who are widowed, divorced or separated on Sunday October 15, at Loyola Retreat Chapel, 3220 S.E. 43rd Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

Thanks

To all my friends and neighbors your kind expression of sympathy at the loss of my loving husband Bruce Locke is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Mrs. Dessie Locke

PSU exhibits "Pride and Shame"

"The Pride and the Shame", an exhibit depicting Japanese-American life in the Northwest, will appear October 14-20 in 298 Smith Memorial Center at Portland State University.

The exhibit is on loan from the State Capitol Museum of Washington in Olympia. It was constructed in cooperation with the Seattle chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens' League and with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Focus of the exhibit will be on the Nikkei, first generation

Japanese and their struggles from the early 1900's; the second generation Nisei and their attempts to open doors for achievements; and the third generation and Sansei seeking out their own identity.

The free standing exhibit will include photographs, artifacts, models and historical documents. Other topics covered in the presentation will be Japanese immigration, discrimination and Japanese communities.

The term "pride" in the title refers to the accom-

plishments and spirits of those immigrating to this country. "Shame" refers to the prejudices and discrimination inflicted on minorities in the past.

During the exhibition, a collection of Asian-American bibliography books will be on display in the nearby Browning Lounge.

The exhibit has appeared in a dozen Washington State communities during 1971-72 but this will be its first appearance in Oregon.

The public is invited.

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Zest of Life

By Carnegie "Happy" Pullen

Many modern, perplexed, alienated, rebellious youth agonize in deciding whether God exists, or whether there is no God. So many youth and adults today conclude there is no God; that the universe with all its marvelous and vast creation of elaborate constellations, which harmonize function so exactly according to physical, chemical, astronomical and biological laws somehow simply evolved; how and out of what they cannot explain. It takes a greater leap of faith to believe this infinite and law-obeying creation evolved out of nothing, than to believe a God created it.

Jesus Christ not only believed in God, but said He felt the infinite miraculous power and presence of God working and functioning in and through Him. But of course, some skeptics do not even believe Christ lived.

Even some Christians

wonder: Is God real, or is He some vague thing like blind power? Does God really care about people on earth, or has He created this and other habitated planets and left them to drift and get along without His attention? Has He simply set things going on automatic pilot?

Jesus said, "He that sent me is with me, the Father hath not left me long, for I do always those things that please Him." John 8:29.

God is more intimate than intimacy itself. He has made our most secret parts. "He is nearer than breathing, closer than hands and feet." Again Jesus said, "I speak that which I have seen with my Father." John 6:38. "Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me." John 14:11. "... Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples whom Jesus loved."

"Simon Peter therefore beckoned him, that he should ask who it should be of whom He spoke." (Who would betray Him). "He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto Him, Lord, who is it?" "Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it." John 13:22-26. "Now he that betrayed Him gave them a sign, saying, whosoever I shall kiss, that same is He: Hold him fast." "And forthwith He came to Jesus, and said, Hail Master; and kissed Him." Matt. 26:48-50.

... Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. ... Wherefore I say unto thee, her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little." Luke 7:36-48. Jesus gave a parable illustrating how personal God is. The parable was about one sheep of a flock of a hundred that got lost. "How think ye? If a man have a hundred sheep

and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven, that one of these little ones should perish." Matt. 18:11-14.

When Jesus contemplated the coming plight of Jerusalem, He cried out: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not." Matt. 23:37-38.

Isaiah, speaking of the coming of the Messiah said of Him: "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young." Isa. 40:11 "When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." Ps. 27:10. "There is a friend that sticketh closer to a brother." Prov. 18:24. "Kiss the Son, lest He be angry." Ps. 2:12.

Jesus said: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

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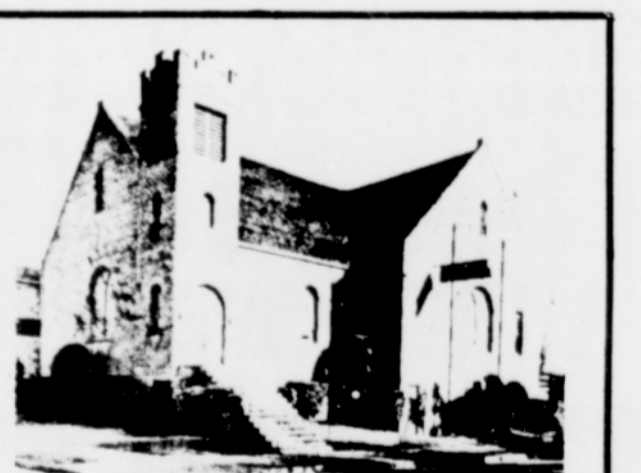
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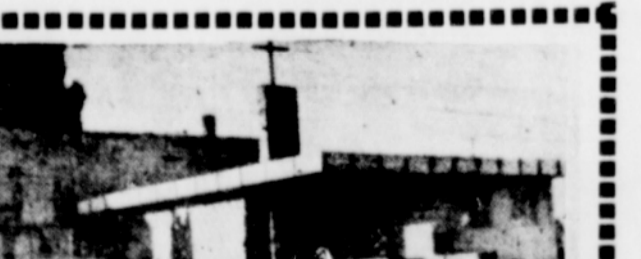
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