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Controversial Subject

To the Editor: It is doubtful that the proposition of fluoridation will win at the polls, as a great many elderly voters who have false teeth would see no good in voting for it. The rest of the voters are likely divided on the issue. Fluorine is an inorganic element and it is a question as to whether the body can absorb it, or metabolize it.

The digestive tract of a human being is a real chemical laboratory. Biochemical, that is. The human body needs iron, copper, and other chemical elements of an organic nature. The inorganic elements, it cannot absorb, except a limited amount of common salt. So, if you hear that you need iron or copper in your blood don't eat rust or verdigris. Verdigris is a deadly poison and rust is no good for you.

Hence, it is logical to assume that fluorine is unacceptable. Chlorine is an inorganic element and is found in a small amount in common salt. It is a germ-killer and has long been used in the water supply of big cities to kill malaria germs. But, from what I know, it can do harm. While living in San Francisco and Seattle I drank such water for 35 years, when, at the age of 66 I found it irritated my bladder and urethra. I asked a druggist one day how to get rid of the chlorine in the water. He said, "all you have to do is to boil it for a couple of minutes, the chlorine is volatile." So after that I did so and the irritation stopped. So, as it looks to me, fluorine and chlorine are controversial subjects.

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Do You Know?

To the Editor: Do you know that sodium fluoride is defined as a "poison" (page 631, U. S. Pharmacopoeia), the waste product of aluminum which, like arsenic, builds up in the tissues of your body and never completely eliminated, no matter how small the dosage?

Do you know: the A.M.A. has never officially "endorsed" it? That the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons passed a resolution

strongly condemning fluoridation; that most, if not all, of those individual doctors who endorse it are totally lacking in research background.

Do you know: that the chronically ill, the infirm, the aged, the diabetics, those on sodium-free diets, those who have previously had hepatitis, or those who have had a previous brain injury could be permanently disabled, if forced to drink fluoridated water? That there is no such thing as "controlled dosage" in the public water system, as there is no average individual daily consumption of water, and that boiling the water only concentrates the sodium fluoride? That those who want it for their children can be supplied fluoride tablets at a fraction of the cost of mass fluoridation? That 99 per cent never touches the teeth of children but goes down the drain as dish water, clothes washing and lawn water, etc.?

Do you know: that more than 2000 cities in the U.S. have rejected fluoridation, or voted it out after finding the damage it does to both health and the corrosion of water pipes and plumbing and that mass-fluoridation is a medication that you will have to drink whether you want to or not?

Do you know: that in the state of Michigan, 83 physicians and dentists, "names on file," petitioned the Governor to call a halt on the Michigan state health department of promoting fluoridation, as the "proof of benefit" is highly contradictory? That there was evidence of harm being done to the population, and no man has the right to force another to take a dangerous drug against his will?

Ask your dentist or doctor if they will accept personal responsibility for any ill effects you suffer from fluoridation water. Ask them to sign such a statement.

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The Flesh Profits Nothing

To the Editor: We find in Genesis (3-1 to 14) that Adam and Eve knew they were naked and were ashamed after they ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

They made aprons of sewed fig leaves. But God was not satisfied with just aprons, so God made them both coats of skins, and clothed them. (Genesis 3-21).

Since so many know no shame they must not have eaten of the knowledge tree of good and evil. Just the evil part, but not of the good part since they know no shame.

When the man of Luke (8-26 to 40) was possessed by a legion of evil spirits he wore no clothes, and was insane. But when Jesus cast them out he had his right mind and was clothed. So it should not be difficult to understand why some know no shame. He did not until he came in contact with Jesus. It takes conversion and belief of the Bible to know shame. Why? If we do not like to retain God in our knowledge he will turn us over to a reprobate mind. And allow us to worship the creature more than God, and allow them to dishonor their own bodies among themselves. And to uncleanness. Why? Because God gives them up to uncleanness. Some worship dogs, while some worship nude bodies. But they are without excuse since God has shown them the right way, but they do not like to retain God in their knowledge. Ephesians (4-17). This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk in the vanity of their mind. Why? Verse 18. Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart. Verse 19. Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness to work all uncleanness with greediness. If we walk after the flesh we shall die, and not enter heaven (Gal. 5-16 to end, Romans 8-1 to 16). And are enemies of God (James 4-4).

The Lord forbade them to see their own relatives' nakedness in Leviticus 18th chapter. How much worse to see strangers. Fig leaf aprons were not sufficient to please the Lord, so how much more He must be displeased with the two straps or strings some females wear. Or to be in the nude.

If sex is not desired, why do they not have separate camps for each sex instead of mixed groups? There must be plenty of sex yet when some are curious about the little (or much) not seen.

Converted Christians (not just church members) find that the nude body is too much like a chicken that has lost all of its feathers. It is repulsive. The flesh profits nothing (St. John 6-63). Any thing that disagrees with the Bible is just traditions of men and in vain. (Matt. 15-1 to 15, Mark 7-1 to 13).

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The Dead Return

To the Editor: Harold Reith of Shady Cove, believing the dead cannot communicate with the living, quotes the Old Testament. True, the beloved dead - the just - could not communicate with the living before Christ. They were held in Limbo—a temporary hell—until Jesus visited them immediately following His burial and liberated them into eternal freedom.

Jesus then instituted the new spiritual freedom in His appearance to the Apostles just before His Ascension and, at that time, rebuked St. Thomas for not believing. He could appear and visit with them. Mr. Reith, and his sincere kind, know the words of God but they do not know God. Naturally, like St. Thomas, they doubt the wonderful changes that ever occur in the mysterious ways of God.

Mm. Reith doubts the simple intimation of my recent letter that God visited our West—for the first time in all its ages—this very century. In our own years and dwell amongst us several years while we wrought the Eternal Victory of War. Thousands of our beloved dead and thousands of our eligible living "in the spirit" were mysteriously summoned into awesome assembly and governed, directed and commanded Victory in World War Two—always in mystic advance of the thus predicate forward motions of our arms on land and sea and in air.

There are only two priesthoods truly present in the Friendship of God—those of the Church and those of the press. They are the only ones who actually overcome evil with the words of God. And I visited and worked with their living and their beloved dead through all the years that God worked this wonder to perform. The artists and the stars of stage and screen never return from their physical deaths. Some of them may sleep in peace.

So, ever since the spiritual freedom that Jesus instituted, the beloved dead—in the time of trial or whenever God wills it—have visited peacefully with the living. I know, for I not only lived those years with my own beloved dead but with the great Souls who so honored God and country in their lifetimes that I hope our nation is one of those that will march forever before the throne in the eternal Glory of God. (Name on file)

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Anti-Fluoridation
To the Editor: In the March 13, 1960, Mail Tribune, was an article by UPI Science Editor Delos Smith regarding N.Y. City Health department warning the people of poisons they come in contact with during the spring gardening. Some of it I quote in part: "The center also warned that sodium fluoride is coming back as a man-dispersed poison of insects which it thought a pity, because it is a violent poison for people. Its use had decreased with the advent of the organic insecticides such

as DDT which are much less toxic as to human beings. "But insects developed resistance to the organics and this has opened the door for the return of sodium fluoride. It is a distinctive green in color and the center suggested that when you're handling any green insecticide you should be especially careful and keep it out of the reach of children."

Now some people want to feed it to them. People who support fluoridation apparently go on the theory that the ones to whom it is harmful, it is all right to let them suffer, in order to experiment mass medication through public water systems, to see if there are fewer cavities for children under 12.

Yet the department of agriculture in their year books says fluorine interferes with the normal calcification of teeth during the process of formation. The teeth are structurally weak and deteriorate early in life, and it is especially important that fluoride be avoided, during the period of tooth formation, that is from birth to the age of 12 years. They say avoid up to the age of 12, the advocates say give up to that age.

Since it is harmful to older people, it gives all the earmarks of commercialism.

Fluoridation in public water systems is forcing the water masters to practice medication without a license, denying the people freedom of choice, which is contrary to the 1st and 14th amendments of the Bill of Rights. Cavities is not a contagious disease.

Rev. Lyle Sheen of Sheffield, Ill., has had a standing offer for six years of \$1,000 to anyone who could show that sodium fluoride has had anything but bad effects on the teeth. No takers—naturally.

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Questions

To the Editor: A number of questions have come to mind regarding the proposed new high school in Medford.

Will the voting on the bond issue be at the general election in November (when a good turnout is expected) or will it be held at a special election some cold day next winter when a very small turnout can be expected (which would greatly favor the pro's)?

Special elections are a costly luxury, especially when they are unnecessary. And in this case we believe a special election would be totally unnecessary because of the length of time the officials have had to study and prepare.

Also, will this proposed new building be a luxury jail with hundreds of thousands of dollars of excess glass and brick as Hedrick school is, or will it be a sensibly built structure without expensive and unnecessary frills?

Could we have some breakdown in figures concerning the full cost of actual classroom space and the full cost of gym, field and recreational facilities?

Many voters and taxpayers are anxiously awaiting direct and full answers to these questions.

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TO OPPOSE CHANGES

Portland — Robert J. Elkins, president of the Oregon - Washington Farmers Union, said Thursday his group will oppose any changes in legislative reapportionment.

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Leaf-Cloth

The picnic-table beckoned: "See!
I've a new cloth today -
A pretty one with colors,
On which to set a tray!"

The sky was clouded over,
A little wind came by;
The gay leaf-pattern shifted . . .
I heard the table sigh.

I whispered to the leaf-cloth,
"It was a happy try."
But as I left I heard
The lonely table cry:

"My cloth is torn and tattered,
Its colors turned to gray;
The wind said nothing mattered
And blew the leaves away!"
Elizabeth Olsen
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Close Call

Last night I heard a lurching screech of brakes
Then turned and saw a yellow female dog
Slidestepping, desperately, the skidding tires
That barely missed her in the evening's fog.

Tonight I sit recalling that close call,
When one small bit of life was spared awhile;
But wonder, with a shudder, at the times
That Death is left to have the last pleased smile.
- Lloyd B. Halverson
Medford

This Fleeting World

Alas! too well I know this world
That is so lovely to one's eyes.
Such happiness embraced my soul
That life to me seemed paradise,
But now behold me humbled low,
A captive in a world of lies.
Tears sought my heart for its abode
And heaped on it deep smothering sighs.
Short-lived and fleeting is this world;
What joy its gives is but a dream,
And all that has been known and loved
Floats from us down life's hellish stream.
The happiness it promised me
Was vain delusion's flashing gleam,
The hopes now all to ashes turned
Can naught on earth to life redeem.

Thus I bewail this cursed world,
Deploping bitterly my life.
O whence and whither are we bound,
And why this maddening, futile strife?
No child have I to soothe my age,
Deprived am I of kin or wife,
Forgotten and alone I die!
Alas, O world! O woe my life!
- David Guramdivili

* From Anthology of Georgian Poetry, translated by Verna Urushadze; courtesy of Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, Medford.

Lovelorn

If better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved - Oh, my!
With half a hundred loved and lost,
Who should be happier than I?
- Jack Finel
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