

Advent Church's Antidote to Christmas Sentimentalization

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What difference does it make to people of the space age that a baby named Jesus was born in a remote Judean village nearly 2,000 years ago?

That question lies at the heart of the Advent season, which began Sunday.

Advent is the church's antidote to the sentimentalization of Christmas. It challenges us to think seriously about the long-ago event which we celebrate each December, and to consider what importance it actually has for our lives here and now.

Christmas commemorates the birth of a Person who, in any criterion, one of the great enigmas of history. We now call Him Christ as casually and unthinkingly as if that were His last name. But Christ is not a name. It is a title. It comes from the Greek word "Christos," meaning "The anointed one," or Messiah.

Performs Special Mission

Thus, to call Him Jesus Christ is to attribute to Him a unique significance. He is One who came into the world bearing special credentials, to perform a special mission. Theologians have been trying for 20 centuries to define who He was and why He came. But it is doubtful whether they will ever be able to improve on the language used by the authors of the New Testament, who witnessed the mystery at first hand.

Although they knew Him to be, in the fullest sense, a human being, they also beheld in Him a glory which was not of this world. Groping for words adequate to express their experience of Him, they called Him "Lord," "Savior," and "The Son of God."

Wears Away

Glib repetition has worn away the shock value of these terms. But the men who first used them were keenly aware that they were making the most audacious claim possible. They were saying that Jesus was God Incarnate, or as the writer of the Fourth Gospel phrased it, "The Word of God Flesh."

They were also saying that He came on a rescue mission — to do for men what they could not do for themselves. St. Paul explained the mission with simple eloquence: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

Jesus himself put it even more clearly:

"I have come that men may have life, and may have it in all its fullness."

Subject of Study

There are other Biblical passages which say the same thing in different words. Around them has grown up a whole field of theological study called soteriology, which attempts to understand exactly how Christ saves sinners. In dealing with this question, however, the Christian church has always maintained an attitude of reverent agnosticism. It has tolerated many different theories about the reconciliation of man and God which was wrought, once and for all, in Christ. But it has never accepted any one of them as a final answer to be enshrined in dogma.

This fact should be borne in mind by all who have encountered only one theory of the atonement, and have been repelled by it.

Although Christians may and do differ widely in their comprehension of the mighty act of redemption which God accomplished in Christ, they have been united through 20 centuries by a common experience which is so real to them that they cannot doubt its validity, even though they

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HUNTERS ORGANIZE

Minneapolis — 197 — Sportsmen in Minnesota have formed a new organization, Duck Hunters association of Minnesota, to promote their sport. Their expressed aim is to alert all duck hunters to emergency problems affecting their interests and "to obtain a fair deal for the hunter."

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New Pennsylvania Governor Violates Most Rules of Political Pros

Editor's note: Here is an exclusive interview by the UPI national reporter with one of the new faces on the national political scene.

By HARRY FERGUSON
Harrisburg, Pa. — 197 — William Scranton, the new governor of Pennsylvania, is being talked about across the nation as a possible Republican presidential candidate in 1964. If he makes it, his official biography should be entitled: "How to Succeed in Politics Without Really Trying."

He has won two smashing victories at the polls in the last two years, but it never occurred to him to enter politics until somebody else suggested it. He ran for governor only because he was pressured into it by a determined band of men headed by Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Scranton violates most of the rules professional politicians live by with a cheerful disregard for whether he sinks or swims. Ask him a blunt question and you get a blunt answer. Are you a wealthy man? "I'm worth between \$8 and \$9 million."

What was your reaction when you were drafted to run for Congress two years ago? "I honestly don't know."

Not an Act

When a reporter remarked upon his candor, Scranton said: "Well, you know lots of people think it's just an act. But I am what I am, and I'll leave it to you to decide whether I'm putting on an act or not." Then came the inevitable question as to whether he planned to run for president.

"I never occurred to me I would win," Scranton said. "I never occurred to me I would run for reelection to Congress because he thought I needed four years to accomplish the things his predecessor, and Scranton asked for two weeks to think it over. Then he said no again. That might have been the end of it except for the fact that civil war broke out among Pennsylvania Republicans and by February of this year it had become so bad that the GOP cause looked hopeless.

The next was turned on Scranton again, hotter than ever. This time he accepted subject to conditions he laid down. All factions in the Republican party must make peace and agree to work together, and those conditions were met.

Scranton's opponent was Richard Dilworth, mayor of Philadelphia. Democrats had held the governor's chair for two straight terms, eight years. They had a bulge of about 150,000 over the Republicans in registered voters.

Scranton won by a whopping 470,000. Asked to explain it, he said: "Partly it was a matter of personalities. People sometimes get so involved in power politics that they forget about service to the public. My opponent started striking out in all directions pretty hard toward the end of the campaign. I think it was premeditated and just an act he was putting on."

Scranton hammered away during the campaign at the problem of Pennsylvania's 321,000 unemployed and the decline of heavy industry in the state. He is an advocate of economy in government and already is going over the state structure, department by department, to see what can be cut out. He is quick to admit that he won thousands of votes because of Eisenhower's active support and the fact there was a city hall scandal during Dilworth's administration in Philadelphia.

Goes All Out

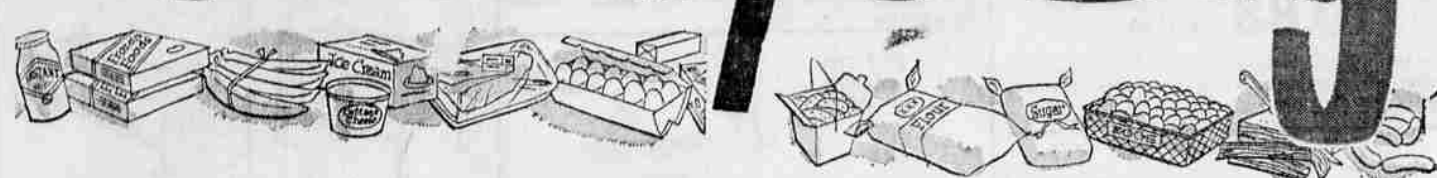
Scranton is slow to make up his mind about being a political candidate, but once the decision is taken he goes all out. He won his seat in Congress because he and his wife, Mary, tramped streets ringing door bells day and night. He worked in every cranny of Pennsylvania when he was running for governor.

Scranton inherited a fortune. His family settled in Pennsylvania in 1840, and the city of Scranton was named for them. They developed extensive mining and real estate holdings in the area and in addition to that Scranton has a lucrative law practice.

The future? The calendar doesn't favor Scranton in the presidential sweepstakes. He is in as governor for a four-year term and cannot run for reelection under a state law. That leaves him halfway through his first term in 1964 and two years out of office in 1968. It may be that 1968 will find him back in Scranton looking after his law and business interests and finished with politics. If so, it is unlikely Scranton will shed any tears or mourn lost opportunities.

"My wife says 'I'm happy doing anything,'" he said, "and I guess she's right."

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