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The Future Of Christian Education

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I. The future of Christian education can be summarized in one word—difficult.

A. But tell me one good thing that comes without struggle?
   1. Birth.
   2. Fortune.
   3. Large church.
   4. Marriage—teach young women to love husbands, children.
      a. Man said 2 cars, 2 TV, 2 baths how come can't have 2 opinions here?

B. Christian education no exception.
   1. Ralph McGill said 40% all students in private schools. By 1985 only 20% since many will close.
      ($80% of early schools closed)
   2. This decline in spite of fact there are more people—grow 3 million per year.
      196 million now, 200 million in 1967.

C. But if a thing is difficult how do you prepare?
   1. Pick hospital for birth of a baby.
   2. Put up scaffold to attach wall board.
   3. Rough sermon in local church—invite a guest speaker.

II. But how can we guarantee under God its success. Like the Greeks of old who accepted Xerxes' challenge and "fought in the shade" let's give to Christian education what is needed. I'll make two suggestions
A. Let's give our minds--and the best ones.

1. LBJ said "Education is America's No. 1 job.

2. Said we "can't have horse and buggy learning" (though I do believe we can do some stable thinking).

3. If trained minds are important to America, are they any less for Christ?

4. The best of anything is usually expensive -- from chicken breast to inaugural box.

   a. Faculty needs remuneration commensurate with worth anywhere.

   b. Families need to know the completeness of four-fold education.

   c. We need men trained to have something to say.

   (l) These are most popular World's Fair issues:

      (a) Jesus, Light of world.

      (b) Understand Bible.

      (c) You Can Be Just a Christian.

      (d) Church Through 20 Centuries

      (e) Questions People Ask

      (f) Christian Baptism

      (g) Getting Ready for Marriage

      (h) Peace of Mind

      (i) 1st Church of Christ

      (j) Train Up a Child

      (k) God's Way of Salvation

B. Let's give our "Mines."
1. Education never is cheap, only life is without it.
   a. JB said cost $450 per pupil; $2500 if on relief; $3600 if a criminal.
   b. Fed. aid up from 1.5 to 3 billion. Much to parochial schools--"release time."
2. But we can't give any more:
   a. $7.50 to $1.00 is ratio of pleasure and religious dollar.
   b. Xmas wrapping.
      (1) $180 million to wrap our 1 billion gifts.
      (2) Average family spent $200 on presents '64 Xmas and $5.00 to $10.00 to wrap them with enough ribbon to circle earth 100 times.
      (3) We put 180 million in a product that goes up in smoke the day after Xmas.
         (a) Clip on Happy Glue Year.
         (b) I'm laying it on the line.
         (c) 83¢ per month color TV to operate, 63¢ per month black and white.
   c. We can support education on the absentee's dollar. If Nashville had 1000 absent that made $50.00 per week and gave $5.00=$260,000.00 per year.
      (1) If we'd give Willard Collins wouldn't have to say "we need blood!"
3. Our wine of luxurious living has so depleted our mine of physical treasures, we've nothing left but the rind of human selfishness.
C. Let Christian Education repay in kind.

1. Claud Gardner 10/15/64 Adv. said Chr. Edu. could give distinct service, sound academic program, Chr. environment, loyalty to Bible and spiritual leadership.

a. God grant it. This is Chr. Edu. clip on "Mr. Elementary".

b. But the Dr. can have a refrig. full of serums--you've still got to take the vaccination.

2. Let every student seek to exemplify ideal.

A. Increase spirituality.
   (1) Power there like in gas mine and pipe.
   A. Glory in constant values.
   (1) Hooray for Khrushchev.

B. Behave like Christian.
   (1) Telephone company.

c. Less than 1% divorce at 10c

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pected to apply some of it toward joint classes that might already be in operation for parochial and public-school students—i.e., shopwork, for instance, or laboratory sciences. Where such classes do not exist, it is the hope of Government officials that they will be started.

**Preschool program.** Other aid to “low income” districts would be made available.

On the President’s list is $150 million dollars for publicly supported nurseries and kindergartens. This fund, administered by the Office of Economic Opportunity, would go mainly to big cities—some of which already have begun preschool training for slum children, especially Negroes. Such training, it is said, would help these children overcome handicaps encountered in the first grade because of poor environment and lack of preparation at home.

On the list, too, is $100 million dollars which would be used for upgrading school libraries. Most of this is expected to go into low-income areas. Federal money would be used to purchase library books and textbooks for distribution by State authorities to schools that need them.

Parochial and other private schools in need of books are to be treated equally with public schools in this program—but not for books with “religious orientation.”

Still another $100 million is earmarked for aid to “supplemental” centers of education in school districts or in communities.

These, as the President sees it, would be maintained jointly by public and private-school authorities for the use of all youngsters in the areas served by the centers. Included would be such services as mobile laboratories, tape-recorder studios for language students, classes for slow learners or handicapped children, and advanced learning for gifted children.

**The big beneficiaries.** Already it is becoming clear that some areas will get far more money than others if new programs of aid are approved.

Big cities, especially those with large numbers of Negroes, are important beneficiaries. New York City officials are mentioning $50 million dollars as that city’s share of the bounty. Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit and Cleveland are expected to do about as well, proportionately. On the other hand, suburbs would be eligible for comparatively little help.

As the tabulation on page 68 shows, three States—New York, Texas and California—are far ahead of others in total outlays foreseen for grants to low-income districts, school libraries and supplemental centers of education. These programs add up to $1.2 billion dollars, including grants to territories not mentioned in the tabulation.

Per capita, however, it is low-income States that lead the way. Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana each would get twice the national average or more, while Connecticut would get little more than half the national average per capita.

**The burdens.** Congressional approval of these programs in their present form is by no means assured. Some Congressmen have reiterated their opposition to aiding private and parochial schools in any way. And opposition also could develop on the race issue.

At present the Office of Education requires recipients of aid to sign a letter of agreement to comply with that section of the Civil Rights law forbidding the granting of federal funds to segregated institutions. That requirement is to be included in the proposed programs, and may stir objections from Southern Congressmen.

One thing now seems certain: If Mr. Johnson’s ideas on education are translated into law, it is sweeping change that lies ahead for U.S. schools—and for youngsters and taxpayers as well.
We are most pleased to welcome into our fellowship Earl Wilson who comes declaring his faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and his baptism for the remission of sins. Earl is the husband of our Grace Wilson and has worshipped and studied with us for some time. We are happy to see this addition to our membership.

PERSONALS

Ruby Wood enters Eye and Ear Infirmary in New York City this week for ear surgery. Wally Hewitt is recovering nicely from a tonsillectomy last week. Bryan Melick had to re-enter the hospital last week because of bronchitis, but is home now. Lisa Scott still is having some difficulty with respiration.

Good to have the Scotts back in Albany following a trip to Texas and Oklahoma.

MEN: Business Meeting Saturday at 7
LADIES: Ladies Bible Class resumes
January 7, 1965

Ways to finance the $179.8 million operating budget for the New York State University next year has raised repeated suggestions for having a legalized State lottery patterned after New Hampshire's recent folly. The University will enroll more than 100,000 students next year, about 10,000 of whom will be in Albany.

This is not the way!
In the 100,000 producing wells that supply the United States with natural gas, drillers have dug through the earth from here to China more than 12 times over.

It is estimated that a new color television set costs PG&E customers an average of 83 cents a month to operate. New black and white sets cost 63 cents per month to operate.

The energy flowing through the nation's gas lines each day is equivalent to the daily output of 630 Hoover Dams.
More than one out of five U.S. families now enjoy an annual income exceeding $15,000. Each year 400,000 families join this group and about a million join the $10,000 group.
Will Rodgers once said: "All I know is what I read in the papers." How the following figures were arrived at I don’t know. But here they are:

### Estimates of Christmas Cost

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$13,694,000,000 for an American Christmas. No wonder Russia says they will bury us (America). The above figures show Russians how smart we are. We believe in Christ and they do not. We spend over **Five Billion Dollars** to give away a little over Eight Billion dollars in gifts.

We are supposed to be a Christian nation and believe in Christ. Will the day ever come when Americans contribute $13,694,000,000 on any given Lord’s Day to all the churches in America? Is it the Lord’s birth we are celebrating or a Pagan festival?

—Selected.
Then he may have put forth no effort on his own. He becomes a tragic mistake and is no nearer heaven than he was before he made any move in that direction.

Then there is the same problem with the church. A great many churches have their days of growth and glory and then spend years fading out. Instead of more members being added many are leaving. Instead of programs of worth becoming greater they become smaller. Instead of great plans for the future brethren become satisfied to turn their attention to other things and allow the church to drift from one year to another until its power and greatness are forgotten. It is easy to forget what brought us to a certain place and feel secure in that which has been attained. When this happens we begin to lose our strength. The church that ceases to set greater goals and reach for higher heights will eventually lose its power. There is no place to stop in our service to the Lord. We either remain productive or decay sets in.

Those who have been around for a few years will recall many “flash in the pan” operations that had their day and died. We think about the many forms of “antism” never caused growth. Growth and development comes from building on the positive truth of God and fighting real error instead of spending our energies beating the air. When those who create their own cause by objecting to what others are doing, and those who have merely responded have faded into forgetfulness the church that builds for quality will continue to live and souls will continue to be blessed because of the work it does. Yes, “The guarantee of continuity is quality.”

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**SHORT-SHORT STORY**

Once upon a time a fellow got real mad at something that was done in the church. So he said, “I’ll never go to church again—I’ll die and go to hell first!” So he did.  
—Selected.

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**ONE WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

(Continued from first page) wallowing in the misery created by his own weakness blinded to the fact that he could have had all the happiness he desired had he learned the art of encouraging instead of criticizing.
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(1.35)
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Avg 2.5 Essay
2628  2.09 Math
215 2.20 Stats.
Freshmen '64

ACT
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Spring 64

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exceeds 40
Two Things

1) Better F to
   Than Net A

2) Prospect held

3) Student at
   Harding 3/4 to 1.0
   grade level
He left the swine and he left the husks and went home to eat decent wholesome food and to live the wholesome life.

We are busy people. We fill our days. But the epitaph upon our lives could still be a big Zero. "We are the hollow men," T. S. Eliot writes, "We are the stuffed men, leaning together, headpieces filled with straw. Alas."

Instead of the shoddy and the straw, we who are Christians have Christ to fill our lives. "In him the whole fulness of deity (God) dwells bodily and you have come to fulness of life in him." Let us not despise our birthright!

"The prince of commerce spent his days
In crafty calm and busy stride"
Isn’t much of our problem unifying our life on one goal? Stephen Leacock said of a friend, “He got on his horse and rode off in all directions.” “Within my earthly temple there’s a crowd,” said another. H. G. Wells describes one of his characters thus, “He was not so much a person as a civil war.” Our biggest job is the management of ourselves. How can we pull our “multiple selves together?”

First, let us accept the responsibility for ourselves.

“The fault dear Brutus, is not in our stars
But in ourselves, that we are underlings,”
says Shakespeare.
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1965

Fight in the Shade

READ EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Bible Thought: “Fight the good fight of faith” (1 Timothy 6:12).

WHEN Xerxes faced the Greeks, he called on them to “surrender, or face such a volley of arrows as will darken the sun.” Back came the reply: “Good! We can fight in the shade.” The tiny band of Greeks lost the battle, but their courageous example won the war.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 1965

So You Don't Need God?
READ PSALMS 104

Bible Thought: “He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man; that he may bring forth food out of the earth” (Psalms 104:14).

NOW and then someone asks, “What do I need God for?” Our scripture for today gives part of the answer. The truth of the matter is that we can’t take a breath without him. When he takes away our breath we die and return
“Pa,” said Hector, looking up from the book he was reading, “what is meant by ‘diplomatic phraseology’?”

“Well,” replied the father, “if you were to say to a homely girl ‘Your face would stop a clock,’ that would be stupidity. But if you said to her, ‘When I look into your eyes, time stands still,’ that would be diplomatic phraseology.”

—Live Lines
"I've licked stamps, 
seals and envelopes 
To convey the Season's cheer. 
Now all I can barely say is, 
'Happy glue year!'"

La Junta, Colo. Mrs. A. K.

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Up in the Air

(Prize Winner)

The farmer was curiously inspecting the livestock at too close range, when one of the mules kicked him, knocking him cold.

Two men from the first aid station were called and placed him on a stretcher and headed back for the infirmary.

Regaining consciousness, the farmer felt the swaying motion of the stretcher, and cautiously lowering his hand over the side, found only space.

"Gosh," he moaned in horror, "I ain't hit ground yet!"

Clarion, Iowa  Miss M. O.
A lot of things are befuddled these days, according to reports we've been receiving. The Westport, Connecticut, library reports that a little lady in tennis shoes came to the desk, uncertain of the title of Whittaker Chambers's posthumous book *Cold Friday*. "I can't remember the title," she said. "But I think it's something like *Frost on the Pumpkin*."

In the same community a youngster asked his teacher at Bedford Elementary School the name of the man whose statue adorns the main corridor.

"That's the man who founded this school," the teacher told him. "The school is named after him."

The boy thought a moment and said: "Oh—Mr. Elementary?"
1. John Joe called, wants to see you. When? call me, De Nolle.
   Lested give info, nor here or else give info. Sued & get judgment.
2. Done on personal basis.
3. Pay called just see if Mom wanted to talk.
4. Tandy on sound.
5. Talk now 3 min. won't put on money.
6. She can tell a story.
7. Memphis pay station.
8. Man in Louisville Robs Pay Station—Strong arm or else by school—taught 1000 CHG. — use pen, quick lock, bolt cannot be seen. Fill broad day light 50 x 60.

9. Have security daughter, 1000.

10. 2 girls OK, patterns on from dent till calls. Establish patterns of being criminal action.