

The clergy speak out . .

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YOUR LIFE, YOUR RELIGION.

In a subsequent article I hope to touch on the problem, religion schools. But before that will make any sense I'll have to say something about life and religion in general.

There is a very common and curious notion about separate religion abroad. It is the notion that religion is basically something separate from life. You either have it or you don't have it. It is like joining or not joining a church.

You can meet plenty of people who will say that they have no "religion", or that they practice no "religion". By this they mean of course that they do not belong to any particular organized "religious" body.

"Religion" in this sense refers to a set of practices, customs, rules, and affiliations of a certain "religious" group. If you belong to such a group you have to practice "religion"; if you don't belong you have no "religion".

"Religion" in this sense is like the icing on a cake or the salt on an egg. Everybody eats the cake of life, but not everybody wants the icing of "religion".

But is this a fair way of speaking about religion? Can we separate life and

religion in this way? Sure we all recognize the more formal aspect of religion in acts like prayer, church attendance, going to Sunday School, etc. But is that all there is to religion? Is that even the heart of religion? Isn't religion something far deeper, broader, and more pervading that such acts? Don't we expect people to live up to their "religion"? And don't we call those who do not live up to it hypocrites, bigots, pharisees?

In other words, don't we say that the formal aspect of religion must correspond with the real inner quality of a person's life, or else he is phony? Of course we say that! We say it in a thousand different ways.

Formal religion without a corresponding life is hypocritical, sickening, just like the icing without the cake is sickening.

All of which comes down to saying that real religion is not like the icing of a cake; it is the cake itself. Religion is what you do, say, think every day, every moment, everywhere. Whether or not you have "religion" (the formal aspect of real religion) you have religion simply because you live, act, speak, think. That includes all of us, even the most ardent atheist and agnostic.



THREE OF THE DELEGATES attending the three-day semi-annual assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses in Burlington last weekend were from left to right: Craig McMullen, Henry Loewen, and William Paterson.

Acton minister chairman Assembly of Witnesses in Burlington

"Law and order will be established earth-wide within this generation. While world leaders see a bleak future, with crime and violence, Christians have confidence in a far better future." So said John MacPherson, principal speaker at

the circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses in Burlington last weekend.

Many Acton residents were among the capacity gathering of 1,490.

According to Mr. MacPherson, whether people like to believe it or not, lack of law and order in the world affects every one of

us. It touches us personally, affecting our thinking, and actions. Indications are that pressures on everyone will increase because lawlessness and disorder are increasing.

The speaker assured his audience that total law and order will come only by government from heaven, God's kingdom rule.

H. E. Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston.

In a letter to the General Secretary of the American Bible Society Cardinal Cushing says "I am happy to know that it is being received so well and being distributed so widely."

Mr. MacPherson's discourse was the highlight of the three-day assembly. Henry Loewen, presiding minister of the Acton congregation, acted as chairman.

On Saturday, 17 new ministers were ordained to the ministry.



By The Canadian Bible Society
The best-selling Today's English Version of the New Testament—"Good News for Modern Man"—which topped paper-back sales in the United States in 1967, is continuing to be widely distributed both as a complete New Testament and also in the form of Gospels designed for evangelistic outreach.
Its circulation should be further boosted by the recent granting of the Imprimatur by

HOT CORNER

BIRTHDAYS
I'm not much for fortune-telling. I can't write a horoscope. But there's one day in the year I can foretell: It is filled with happy memories, it is pregnant still with hope, and encased in dreams of things I've loved so well.

It is shrouded like a Sunday, with a hallowed sense of peace; There's a glamor that enfolds it like a gown; There's a subtle expectation that surprises never cease, And a thrill that never once has let me down.

Almost anything may happen on this very special day, Something really quite delightful, just for me— Messages in a card or letter from a dear one far away, Or a friend dropped in to have a cup of tea.

Oh, the years are passing swiftly and I know I'm growing old, And my golden dreams have never quite come true, Sorrow still and disappointment will confront me, I am told, And the friends I dearly loved are all too few.

Yet tomorrow will be happy and my thoughts will all be gay, For a festive air will gild each passing hour, And a rosy recollection will enhance the livelong day, As I reign, a queen, within my ivory tower.

ISABEL ANDERSON

Missionary tells woman's point of view of India

Women from Hillsburg and Georgetown as well as local churches gathered in the Baptist church Monday evening for the spring Thankoffering of the Marion Rudd Mission Circle.

Mrs. Landsborough introduced the guest speaker who was Mrs. Paul Antrobus of Kitchener, returned missionary from India. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Antrobus went to India with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rudd for a term of five and a half years and returned with the Rudds last June. In her talk Mrs. Antrobus showed the women's point of view of living in India. She explained the language barrier as India has at least 18 different dialects although English is basic in all provinces. Mrs. Antrobus told how she was able to

improve the nutrition of the native children by showing the different foods her own children could eat, all three of her children having been born in India. Servants were a great necessity as food needed much preparation and all water that was used had to be carried. At the close of her talk Norma Baillie expressed the thanks of all those present. Jessie Coles very ably took charge of the song service and devotions and Marg Baillie acted as pianist. Mrs. Helwig and Mrs. Lott were ushers. Mrs. W. Feltham sang a lovely solo Nearer Still Nearer. After the meeting all gathered in the church basement for a delicious lunch served by the social committee.

Easter Thankoffering at Afternoon W.M.S.

Members of the Afternoon Auxiliary, W.M.S. of Knox Church, and guests met in the Church hall on April 10 for their annual Easter Thankoffering meeting. Miss Isabel Anderson presided and the service of worship was conducted by Mrs. Wm. McIntyre and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan.

Mrs. Bell of Speyside, a newcomer to the district, delighted her audience with two inspiring songs, Take My Hand, Gracious Lord and Bless This Church. Mrs. Murray of Caledon East was the speaker, and by word and picture gave her hearers a very clear idea of every day life as it is lived by Missionaries in India. Mrs. Murray and her husband Rev. John M. Murray

Summer plans

Training sessions are already underway for the Vacation Bible School at the United Church, to be held in mid-August. More staff is required. Mrs. Alf Long is in charge.

Thankoffering at Rockwood

The Easter Thankoffering meeting of Rockwood Presbyterian Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. W. Fisher with the president, Miss E. Pearen, presiding. The devotional period was in charge of Mrs. H. Denham. Mrs. L. Johnston led in prayer and Mrs. R. Young, prepared an Easter topic concerning the first Easter messengers. An Easter meditation, Why did it have to happen was read

by several members. The roll call was answered by a Scripture verse containing the word cross. The Easter Thankoffering was received by Mrs. D. McNabb. Mrs. L. Johnston, vice-president, had charge of the WA meeting. She opened with a reading Palm Sunday. A short business session followed after which the hostess, assisted by Mrs. G. Swanson, served refreshments.

Free Press Church Notices

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Churchill Road North
Minister: Mr. Robert G. W. Hyde, B.A.
Phone 853-2299
SUNDAY, APRIL 20th, 1969
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Sunday School.
All are Welcome at the Church on the Hill
THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN
Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.Th.
SUNDAY, APRIL 20th, 1969
Easter M
9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10.30 a.m.—Church School and Nursery.
10.30 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays
Mottos
2nd and 4th Sundays
TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Minister: The Rev. Gordon B. Turner, B.A., B.D.
Director of Music: Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.
SUNDAY, APRIL 20th, 1969
10.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
11.00 a.m.—"Talk Back" (adults in dialogue on the sermon and related subjects).
SUNDAY SCHOOL
10.00 a.m.—Nursery to Grade 4.
11.00 a.m.—Grades 5 to 8.
We Welcome You and Your Family to Take Part in the Life and Worship of Trinity!
MABLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
81 Maple Ave., Georgetown
Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohmes
SUNDAY, APRIL 20th, 1969
Here is our sincere invitation to the whole family to attend church.
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. All ages.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Evangel.
Georgetown 877-6665
BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Minister—Rev. F. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.
Acton, Ontario
SUNDAY, APRIL 20th, 1969
10.00 a.m.—English Service.
11.10 a.m.—Sunday School.
2.30 p.m.—Alternating Dutch and English Service.
Everyone Welcome

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res., 144 Tidey Ave., Phone 853-1615.
SUNDAY, APRIL 20th, 1969
9.45 a.m.—Church School and Adult Bible Class.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"My Church."
Evening Service.
6.30 p.m.—Pot Luck supper followed by film "Crusade of the Americas"
All welcome.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Quarterly Business Meeting.
Wednesday — 6.30, Explorers; 8.00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study.
Friday — 7.00 p.m., B.H.F.
"Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it." Eph. 5: 24
All Welcome
EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.
SUNDAY, APRIL 20th, 1969
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Crusaders' Investiture Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ's Ambassadors.
Friday, 6.45 p.m.—Crusaders.
Gal. 6: 7 — "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whosoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.
Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A.
Organist and Choir Master
SUNDAY, APRIL 20th, 1969
9.45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15 years.
9.45 a.m.—Minister's Church Membership Class for Teen-agers.
11.00 a.m.—Public Worship of God.
Sermon theme, "Is the Royal Law of Brotherhood Outmoded?"
Everyone Most Welcome



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