

The clergy speak out . .

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WHAT MAKES US TICK

In our previous talk we said that 'Your Life IS Your Religion'. Real religion is something that can not be separated from life. 'Religion' which can be separated from life is phony, hypocritical, put on, not real. Religion is life, and life is religion.

But perhaps you feel uneasy with this simple identification of life with religion. After all, if they are the same, why have two different words for the same thing? That's a good point! And we'd better look into that a minute, lest we overlook something very important.

We said last time that 'religion and life are identical'. You may quarrel with this statement because although religion and life refer to the same thing, the words do not have the same meaning.

An example may help us understand this distinction. For instance we may say, 'That man is a teacher', or 'That teacher is a man.' Both words, 'man' and 'teacher' refer to the same person, yet the words do not have the same meaning.

'Man' indicates the person with reference to his biological make-up, whereas 'teacher' indicates the person with reference to his occupation.

In a similar way, when we say 'life' we refer to man's activity as the expression of a normal conscious person (as distinct from

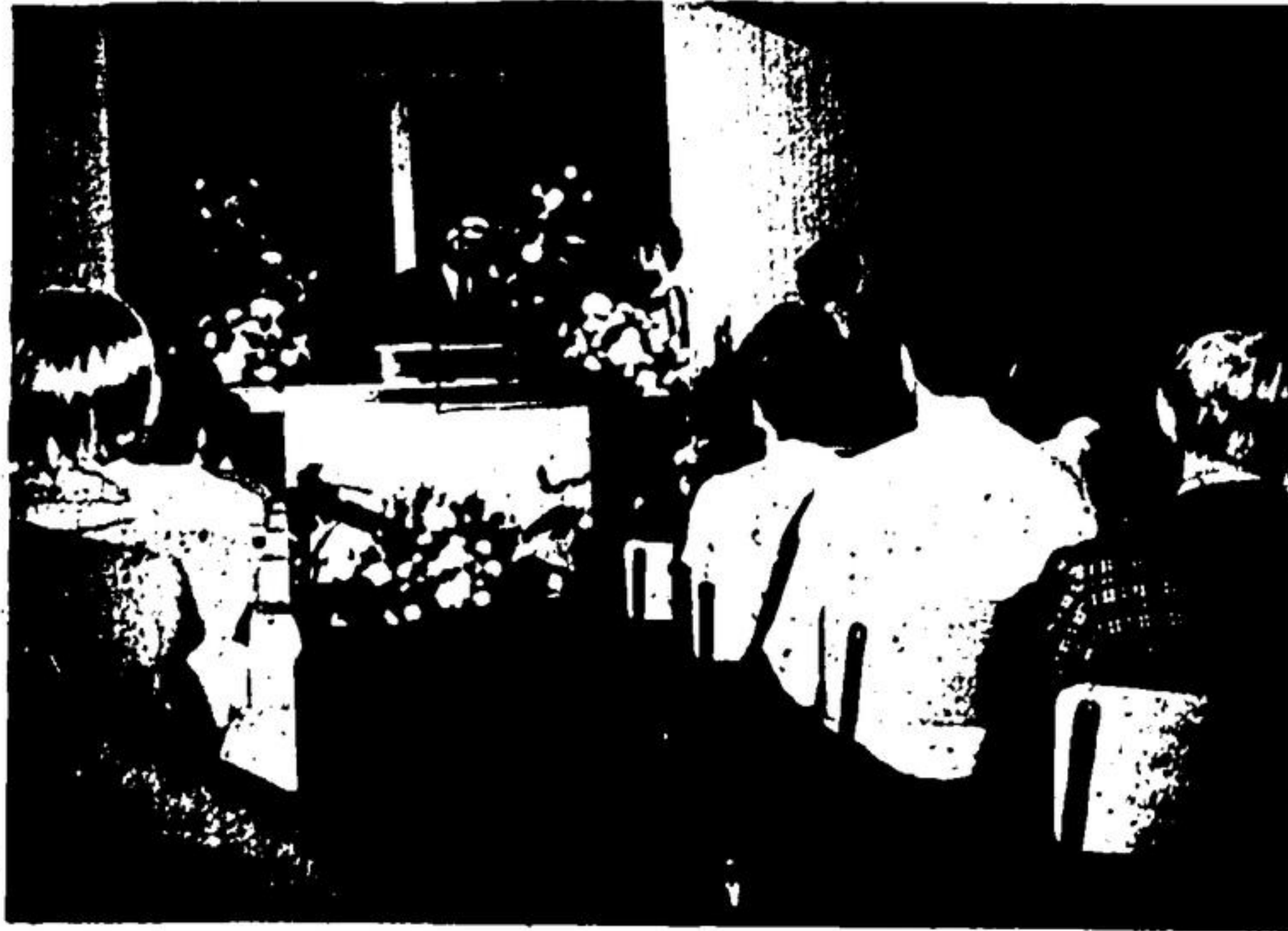
abnormal or subconscious activity); and when we say 'religion' we refer to that same activity as the expression of a committed person, whatever such a commitment may be, to Christ, to communism, to atheism, to reason, to science, to money, etc.

The important thing to remember is that we are all committed to somebody or something—be they things or ideas. It is also important to note that many of us are not clearly aware of our deepest commitment. Moreover, all of us make secondary commitments which conflict with our primary or deepest commitment.

Nobody is 100 per cent committed to Christ, or to science, money, etc. That is why Christ urged his followers, in the strongest terms, to do away with all secondary commitments. (Luke 14:25-33)

If we begin to understand religion to be this fundamental, all pervading quality of life, I think we can also see why we can never take religion out of the curriculum merely by leaving out of the curriculum certain so-called 'religious subjects'. Religion is what makes us tick. It is that which gives direction to all of life, also to education. In other words, religion is in the schools to stay because there will always be teachers, teacher-written text books, or teacher-programmed computers to teach the student.

But more about this next time.



BOUQUETS OF RED carnations were presented to district apostle M. Kraus, shown above, and to Bishop Wagner at the dedication of the New Apostolic church Sunday. Making the presentations were Janice Eckstein, daughter of the rector and Chris Eling. A lighted wooden cross is mounted on the same red carpeting that covers the floor; bouquets of yellow and white flowers are mounted at each side.—(Staff Photo)

New church filled for formal dedication

Acton's New Apostolic church was formally dedicated Sunday morning, and for the first service extra chairs had to be placed in the attractive new building to accommodate the crowd.

Among the 140 in attendance were visitors from Galt and Kitchener who also spoke to the congregation.

The rector, Rev. K. Eckstein, of Guelph, simply watched from the back of the church as the first service proceeded.

There are 18 members in the new congregation. A large choir, composed of Acton and Galt members, sang several hymns before the service began. Marge Gullis of Milton played the organ and Stanley Eckstein, the rector's son and a deacon, led the choir.

Bouquets of red carnations were presented to the Bishop and the district apostle by Janice Eckstein and Chris Eling. They spoke a few words of welcome.

White and yellow flowers, backed by greenery, made the church especially attractive for the service of dedication. With every seat filled, the only extra space at all was in the small mother's room. Here, several youngsters with their mothers were able to hear the service by loudspeaker and watch through a large window.

There were services at 10.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday and this pattern will continue.

28 children receive first Holy Communion

Sunday, May 25 — the feast of Pentecost — was a special day for 28 boys and girls who made their first Holy Communion at St. Joseph's church.

The beautifully decorated altar, in a profusion of spring flowers, made a lovely setting for the ceremony during the 10.30 mass. The church was packed to the doors for mass and afterwards when the children were enrolled in the Brown Scapular by Father V. J. Morgan, the pastor.

Father Morgan spoke on the significance of the occasion, making parents to set an example for their children. He recalled the first Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the importance of spiritual gifts.

Rain turned into brilliant sunshine as the class in neat procession, shepherded by Jean Matinec, Joanne Pavl and Gail McHugh, made their way out of the church, followed by the congregation.

The girls — 15 of them in white dresses and veils — were in marked contrast to the 13 boys in dark Sunday best and white bows on their arms.

Receiving their first Holy Communion were Agnes Slaven, Nancy Roach, Rita Mancini, Nancy Lou Lindsay, Darlene Roach, Mary Ann Vinski, Roselle Daigle, Marlene Kozar, Sandra Lynn Jennings, Karen Paton, Frances Frytzer, Patricia Gordon, Frances Cunningham, Michelle Field, Rosalind St. Pierre, Christopher Conroy, Steven Vander Eycken, Henry Rosch, David McGiloway, Robert Rowe, Tony Cong, Steven Blanchard, Paul Lowe, Michael Ziog, Frank Van Opstal, Roland Daigle, Delphin Roach and Richard Tchorzewski.

The junior school directed by Mrs. E. Heffernan sang during mass with Mrs. James Bradshaw at the organ.

St. Alban's campaign

Pledges on hand at St. Alban's church, following their campaign, indicate they will pass their \$41,000 target. The pledges cover the next two years.

Dedication service Sunday

To the glory of God and in loving memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Reid, communion cup holders were given and installed on all pews of the Baptist Church by members of the family.

A dedication service was held at the regular Sunday morning worship service at which several descendants of the family were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid joined the Acton Church in 1899 and two sons and six daughters were baptized and became members. Also baptized and joined were three grandsons and six granddaughters.

Attending from out of town

were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Reid, Mrs. Winnifred Hilliard and Wayne of Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Reid and granddaughter Jeannette Campbell of Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Ovide Bogle of Millgrove; Mr. Harold Griffin and Mr. Smith Griffin Jr. of Erin Township; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Peck, Lynda, Bruce, Lawrence and Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Don Livingstone, Scott, Brian and Wendy of Georgetown. Unable to attend was Mrs. Harold Griffin of Erin Township.

Local descendants of the family present were Mrs. Chas. Landsborough, Donna, Joanne, Bill and Ralph.

The Bible today

The British Petroleum Company recently caused a stir by its announcement of an oil strike in Northern Alaska, together with plans to enter the American market with a chain of gas stations.

But you have to go fast and far to outdo the Bible in the world today—whether it is across arctic tundra or through tropical rainforest. The Bible had, in fact, chalked up its own 'first' in that very same part of Alaska last year. At Barrow, the nearest town to the Prudhoe Bay oil field, 150 miles to the East, they celebrated in October the delivery of the first copies of the New Testament in Inupiat.

Free Press Church Notices

- CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Churchill Road North
Minister:
Mr. Robert G. W. Hyde, B.A.
Phone 833-2299
- SUNDAY, JUNE 8th, 1969**
10.00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Sunday School.
All are Welcome at the Church on the Hill
- ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH**
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Ganson
Rm. 144 Vicky Ave., Phone 833-1615.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 8th, 1969**
9.45 a.m.—Church School and Adult Bible Class.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"It and There".
No Evening Services during June, July and August.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — The Study Hour.
Thursday — Choir at 8.00.
"Feed the Flock of God which is among you."
All Welcome
- TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**
Minister:
The Rev. Gordon E. Turner, B.A., B.D.
Director of Music:
Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 8th, 1969**
10.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
SUNDAY SCHOOL
10.00 a.m.—Nursery to Grade 4.
11.00 a.m.—Grades 5 to 7.
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- THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR**
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Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.Th.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 8th, 1969**
Trinity I
9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10.00 a.m.—Church School and Nursery.
10.30 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays
Matins
2nd and 4th Sundays
Midweek Communion will be discontinued until the Fall.

- 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, JUNE 8th, 1969**
9.45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15 years.
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
Ordination (for life) and Induction of three Elders. Sermon theme, "The Oversight of the Flock."
2.00 p.m.—"Operation Involvement."
A visitation of homes of parish begins, continuing till June 11.
Everyone Most Welcome
- EVANGELIC PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE**
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 833-3715.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 8th, 1969**
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8.00 p.m. — Christ's Ambassadors.
Friday, 6.45 p.m. — Crusaders.
Psalm 127: 1 — "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."
- MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**
81 Maple Ave., Georgetown
Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohnes
- SUNDAY, JUNE 8th, 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. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.
Acton, Ontario
- SUNDAY, JUNE 8th, 1969**
10.00 a.m.—English Service.
11.10 a.m.—Sunday School.
4.00 p.m.—English Service.
Everyone Welcome



WELCOMING A LARGE congregation to the first service at the New Apostolic church Sunday morning were the rector, Rev. K. Eckstein, left, and Sunday School teacher Frank Austin, right. The church is completely finished and attractively decorated.—(Staff Photo)

Mrs. D. Waldie funeral May 29

Funeral service was held Thursday afternoon, May 29, for Ellen Sayers Waldie, R. R. 2, Acton, who died in Guelph General Hospital on Monday, May 26, after a short illness. Rev. A. H. McKenzie conducted the funeral assisted by the Rev. John Waldie.

Interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were Alex Waldie, James Sayers, Ward Bruce, Gordon Johnson, Willard Britton and Robert Winton. Flower bearers were David Waldie, Ernie Medland, Larry McLaughlin and Bill McLaughlin.

Mrs. Waldie was born in Nassagaweya township, daughter of James Sayers and Naomi Trotter. She was married in Nassagaweya Presbyterian

HEAVY TRUCKS . . .

(Continued from Page 1) road has been slated to go to the county, but Reeve Currie was not optimistic about the possibility of the county moving in to repair the bridge. "The matter should be taken up with the Board of Transport and the C.N.R. immediately," he said. "I know the situation is bad."

It was also suggested that the O.P.P. be contacted and asked to patrol the area more thoroughly for speeders.

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Mrs. Waldie is survived by her husband Duncan, R. R. 2; sons and daughter Wilfrid, R. R. 2; William, Rockwood; Margaret (Mrs. Tom McLaughlin) Listowel; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by one sister and three brothers.

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