

Take it up with God

Private daycare

Woman declines to back up criticism

By Dr. John M. Drickamer
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A few weeks ago I wrote a column saying on the basis of Genesis 9:6 and Romans 13:1-4 that God had given the state the authority to execute the murderer. A gentleman from Toronto responded by saying that many people interpreted the Bible differently and that various denominations had gone on record against capital punishment.

With all due respect to the gentleman, my whole response is: So what? Who cares?

I care about people and their feelings. But feelings do not determine what is true and right. In questions of truth about God and man, all that matters is the Bible itself. All that matters is what God's Book says.

What any individual scholar, interpreter, preacher or theologian says does not matter. What any council, convention, denomination, synod or "Church" says does not matter. God's Word carries all the weight. Man's word carries no weight.

If God's Word speaks clearly about something, that settles it. God has spoken! If the Bible does not answer this or that question, then we do not have a word from God about it.

Capital punishment is a case in point. The Bible passages cited are clear in context. It is not a

matter for human interpretation.

Creation is another example. The Bible teaches creation in six days about six thousand years ago. That settles it. Those who disagree are disagreeing with God.

Another classic case is the Lord's Supper. Jesus says, "This is My body... This is My blood" (Matthew, 26:26-28). Many Christians disagree. They say that the bread and wine merely symbolize Christ's body and blood.

But it does not matter what Christians say, be they few or be they many. All that matters is what Christ says. He says that the bread and wine are His body and blood, though He does not explain how. Those who want to argue must argue with God.

Why is it so important to hold to the Bible in all that it says? If we accept only those parts of the Bible that we like, then we are not accepting the Bible's authority at all. We are setting ourselves up as the authorities. We are casting doubt on all the Bible says.

That means casting doubt on the main message of the Bible: forgiveness, life, and salvation because of Jesus' divine sacrifice on the cross in our place.

I accept the authority and truthfulness of the Bible because I accept the authority and truthfulness of its author, God. I am glad to accept the whole Bible because its major theme is one of

joy and comfort -- the certainty of salvation for all believers in Christ, assured and guaranteed by God's promises for Jesus' sake.

I have struggled with many parts of the Bible. But I have learned from those sections. The Holy Spirit is much smarter than I am. It would be very foolish for me, in human pride, to stand up for my own ideas and opinions.

By DAVE ROWNEY
Herald Staff

A woman who is critical of a proposal to sell off Halton region's daycare centres won't name names.

Janet Davis of the Ontario Coalition for Better Daycare told a regional committee that private operators of

child care centres are of a "poorer quality" than non-profit facilities. June 25, Halton Hills regional councillor Dave Whiting asked Ms. Davis to submit facts to the health and social services committee supporting her concerns.

Coun. Whiting wanted to know in what areas privately operated daycare centres failed to meet established standards. Because of possible legal implications, Ms. Davis declined Coun. Whiting's invitation.

In a letter to the region, she said she must decline a request to disclose the name of a private for-profit daycare centre where she was employed for two years. The centre is not located in the region of Halton

and should not be a concern to the committee, she said. Ms. Davis holds an early childhood education diploma from Conestoga College and has been working in daycare centres and nursery schools for 10 years.

It is difficult to provide statistical evidence to support claims of poorer quality care in the private sector, she said. She said it will be possible to forward some information to the committee at a later date.



Wedding planned

Mr. and Mrs. John Hamer of Richmond Hill announce the engagement of their daughter Brenda Louise Hamer to Robert Alexander Menzies, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Menzies of Fairford, Manitoba. Brenda is the sister of Susan Brady of Georgetown. The wedding is to take place Oct. 14.

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KIDS ON THE BLOCK

"Kids on the Block" is a special troupe of puppets which help youngsters understand the handicapped better. Last week, the troupe's chairperson Benny MacLeod (left) accepted a \$50 cheque from Georgetown Globe Productions president Lois Fraser. The money will help the troupe put on more programs.

Globe Productions

Puppet show donation

By KAREN TAYLOR-HARRIS
Herald Special

Georgetown Globe Productions has donated \$50 to a local group called "Kids on the Block", North Halton to use in their puppet theatrical productions.

This program is designed to help children understand better the handicapped. Each life-sized puppet portrays a handicap such as cerebral palsy or blindness. Through interaction with a so-called "normal" person, the puppets communicate what it's like to be handicapped.

Globe president Lois Fraser says that this is the musical theatre group's way of saying thanks to the community for its support.

"We hope to contribute to Halton Hills in ways other than just entertaining the public," Mrs. Fraser said. "We are looking for projects to support, so if any worthwhile project is suggested, we will consider making a donation."

New principal

Speyside Public School has a new vice-principal to greet students on opening day. Linda Manz was transferred from another school in Halton.

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Map of plan 7 with Recommended Routes and Sites

Plan 7

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GS (Generating Station)
TS (Transformer Station)
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Ontario Hydro is recommending the expansion of transmission facilities in southwestern Ontario to continue to provide a reliable and economic supply of power to consumers throughout the province and to maintain adequate power system flexibility.

The above map shows Hydro's recommended routes and site for the proposed transmission lines and transformer station. Acceptable alternative routes are also shown.

The recommended routes and site are documented in an Environmental Assessment which was submitted to the Provincial Government on August 1, 1985, and will be the subject of public hearings which will begin later this year.

By attending one of the public information centres listed below, you can learn more about the study and Hydro's recommendations. Hydro staff will be on hand to answer questions. Maps and other project related information will be available for your review.

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