



Inside the pages People of the Lie

One man's conclusions about human evil

Author M. Scott Peck begins his book *People of the Lie* with the statement, "This is a dangerous book. Dr. Peck, a psychologist, is writing about what he has learned about the nature of human evil."

He says in his introduction, "I have not learned about human evil: I am learning. In fact, I am just beginning to learn. One chapter is entitled *Toward a Psychology of Evil* precisely because we do not yet have a body of scientific knowledge about evil sufficient to be dignified by calling it a psychology."

Dr. Peck's purpose in writing is to find ways to cure human evil after first coming to an understanding of evil. He approaches the subject from a Christian viewpoint. "My commitment to Christianity is the most important thing in my life and is, I hope, pervasive and total."

"But I am concerned that this outlook will, when most apparent, unnecessarily bias some readers. So I ask you to be careful in this respect also. Great evil has been committed throughout the centuries and is still being committed by nominal Christians, often in the name of Christ. The visible

Christian Church is necessary, even saving but obviously faulty, and I do apologise for its sins as well as my own."

Dr. Peck believes that evil is a tangible thing, an antilife which is as real as life, indestructible, but, most importantly, susceptible to being overcome. The *People of the Lie* who are the subject of this book are people whose spirit has been killed by evil, he believes. They attack others rather than face their own failure. They deceive themselves and often others and are, therefore, the *People of the Lie*.

The book *People of the Lie* is a study of human evil and of specific evil individuals. Dr. Peck notes that he is judging other human beings by labeling them as evil. But "We cannot begin to hope to heal human evil until we are able to look at it directly." And "such judgments cannot be made safely until we, unless we, begin by judging and healing ourselves. The battle to heal human evil always begins at home. And self-purification will always be our greatest weapon."

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Career week in schools

It's Career Week throughout the province's schools, and Huronia Centennial Elementary has a special program planned to prepare students for the future.

Students heard addresses by Gary Elliott and Laurie Lackie on computer work, and Mary Hick, HCES Vice-principal, talked about being a teacher.

On Thursday, students heard Constable Stan McNutt talk about police work, Margaret McConnell from the high school on secretarial work, and Judy French on advertising.

Plans for Career Week at E.D.H.S. had to be postponed, because exams were scheduled for this week.

Sarah Barber

A funeral service for former Villa Community Care Centre, Midland, resident, the late Sarah Elizabeth Barber, was held Nov. 5, 1983, in the Tannahill Funeral Home, Owen Sound. Rev. Paul Filsinger officiated. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Owen Sound.

The former Sarah Johnson was 96 when she died on Nov. 3 in the Villa Community Care Centre, her home since November 1976. Her illness lasted 2½ weeks.

Born in Greenoch Township, Bruce County, the daughter of

William R. Johnson, she attended Bradley Public School and SS No. 7 Greenoch.

In Paisley, Ont., on July 5, 1911, she married Melville Barber. She lived on their farm, near Owen Sound until 1945, when she retired to Owen Sound.

Sarah Barber was a member of Rockcliff Gospel Temple, Owen Sound and a member of the WMS. For many years she belonged to the Salem Women's Institute. She was also a member of the Keenage Club for Seniors, Owen Sound.

Her sons Stewart of

Tara, Ont., and Leslie of Midland, her daughter Marjorie (Mrs. Clarence Lusk) of Midland, survive her, also her sister Anna (Mrs. William Priddle) of Shelbourne.

She had three grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Predeceasing her were her husband, her parents, six brothers, four sisters, and one granddaughter.

ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. George Watson of Sawlog Bay celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday Nov. 10th. A surprise dinner and reception was held in Toronto on Nov. 5th by their family and friends.

Delights full house

Singer songwriter, Murray McLauchlan appeared at the Commodore Hotel in Penetang, Wednesday evening. In his career, McLauchlan has released 13 albums and has won six Juno Awards. Fans were treated to some of his old and new works, all of which left the audience in a trance.



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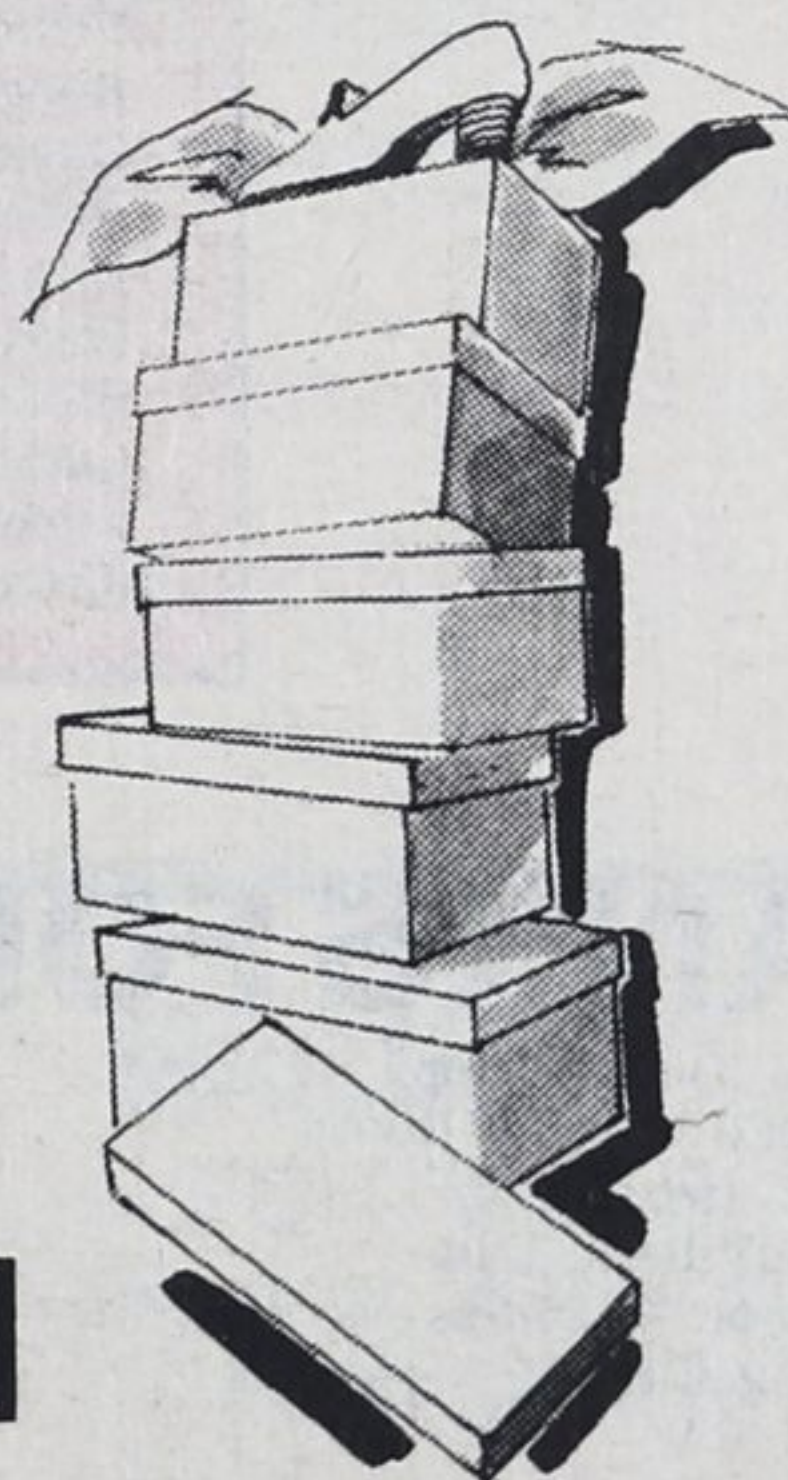
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