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## Easter's Meaning for all Mankind

In this northern hemisphere, nature's testimony reinforces the Easter message. Death-like winter shrinks away before lively spring; its shroud of snow gives place to a mantle of green, and stark branches now break once more into bud. Yet the state of the world bears witness that innumerable hearts are still cold to spiritual growth. Outward displays of fad and finery have a wider appeal than inner truth, and even among Christians the attraction of shallow pleasures is greater than that of the deeper hopes symbolized by the Resurrection for all mankind.

As the ideal man, Jesus belongs to the human race, and quite apart from theology, the moving story of his life and last days on earth has eternal significance for people of every creed. The cast of characters in his drama can, indeed, be seen in all places and in all ages. "Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts; which devour widows' houses, and for a show make long prayers."

Then, as now, there were wealthy men trying to buy esteem, chief priests subtle in destroying their critics, lick-

spittles ready to bear false witness, the weak Judas whom silver could lure into treachery, the Pontius Pilate who would rather "content the people" than take a stand for what he believed to be right. But few have there been to emulate faithfully the Man of Galilee.

Human life could be transformed by the approach of service that Jesus took to his task, and by the kind of relationship that he knew means peace. "I came not to judge the world," he said, "but to save it."

In the tender days before the tragedy at Calvary, knowing the end was near, Jesus lavished on his disciples the treasures of his wisdom and affection. At the Last Supper, he spoke his great commandment: "Love one another." In the Garden of Gethsemane, he uttered his terrible warning: "All they that take the sword shall perish by the sword." He cried out from the Cross: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

And so "he gave up the ghost." But as he had promised, Jesus bequeathed to mankind another Comforter, "even the Spirit of truth," and he held out to individuals, to nations, the prospect of regeneration by the hard discipline, the selflessness, the courage, of his own example.

## "The Red Cross Appeal"

This is Red Cross Month — a time of the year when we focus attention on a great international organization.

The importance of the 1959 Canadian Red Cross campaign for funds should be apparent to every citizen of this community and the nation.

The budget of the Red Cross for 1959 is a large one and there is only one source for the money to allow the Canadian Red Cross Society to meet its humanitarian obligations for another year. That money must be provided through the generosity of the people of Canada.

The Canadian Red Cross means many things to many people. In most provinces, the Red Cross means free blood transfusions for everyone. When disaster strikes at home or in any part of the world we know the Red Cross will be on the job doing the things we would like to do if we had the opportunity. In remote areas of our vast land a string of Red Cross Outpost Hospitals and

Nursing Stations provide care and treatment.

Through our Red Cross we are assured that our veterans are not forgotten men and women. They receive regular visits, see current movies, enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of Red Cross Lodges and spend hours that would normally hang heavy over their heads in the pleasant pursuit of the arts and crafts programme.

Through the Junior Red Cross our school children are learning to become better citizens and gaining an understanding of their counterparts throughout the world.

This year the Canadian Red Cross will again have increased obligations. An increasing population always presents a challenge for more extensive activities.

Let us all answer this challenge with a generous donation and you will have the inner satisfaction of doing your share to help others.

## Let Easter Triumph

Now comes the deepening light of a new day — I know it now — that all life continually ascends to meet it. Heavenly assurance is eternal. Christ died. He rose. The Easter message sends To the spirit and heart of man, a great hope. Now may hearts be renewed and spirits reborn, Dreams unfolded and ideals called into being — Such are the real triumphs of an Easter morn.

— Elizabeth Dale Kelson

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## Facts and Faith

A Weekly Comment On  
Christian Life And Action  
— By Calvin H. Chambers —  
INHERITED RELIGION

It is wonderful to be the heir of a great tradition of men and women who have "kept the Faith." It is a great thing to be able to sing from the heart, "Faith of our Fathers, living still." Our Christian faith is an historic religion which we have received from others. It can only be preserved when we recognize the best in our inheritance, and fight earnestly to keep it.

In the Bible, Isaac stands out as a representative of inherited religion. He had the grace to recognize the best in Abraham's faith and he held on to it. He did not "ape" his father without using his reason. He did not follow in his father's footsteps merely because he thought it was the proper thing to do. He did not venerate his father's religion, without worshipping and serving his father's God. His faith was personal and vital, even though it had been taught to him from earliest childhood.

There are many people who have been brought up in Christian homes, who sometimes long for an emotional experience of God after the pattern of an instantaneous conversion. God draws people to Himself in many and varied ways. But the person who accepts Christ under the quiet instruction of loving parents, is no less a Christian, than someone who has been suddenly confronted with his spiritual need and makes a response to the claims of Christ. The inherited faith is no less important than the first time discovery of the faith.

The tragedy often arises, when a child gives up the faith of his parents because he finds nothing in it which challenges him to respond to God himself. Sometimes young people imagine that life will be robbed of individuality if he accepts everything his parents tell him. So they step away from the faith of their fathers, foolishly imagining that it is necessary for them to start from "scratch" and discover a faith for themselves.

It takes wise counsel on the part of Christian parents and leaders to help young people to enter into the faith "which has been once delivered". It takes patience and love for the spiritual welfare of our children and young people to show them, that while God deals differently with every person, it is not exclusive of what has gone on in the past. Every person has his particular contribution to make to life, but it is always in the relation of what has gone on before. The great scientific discoveries of our generation have been made by men who received a great amount of their knowledge from those scientists who laid the foundations for their discourses in the past.

This is true in the realm of faith. We may not be able to make a contribution to life as some people, but at least it can be vital and real. The faith of our fathers can be given power and vitality, as we consecrate ourselves sincerely to the God of our Fathers. The God who worked in the prophets, apostles, saints, is still able to work in and through us. We must lay hold on Him. We must open the treasure chest of our religious traditions, and rejoice in all that we have received. Then we must work out the privilege of our Christian tradition, by dedicating ourselves wholeheartedly to the God who spoke to and used our fathers — the God who wants to use us.

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FROM BIBLICAL TIMES TO THE RECENT PAST, TRAVELERS CARRIED MONEY IN BELTS OR SASHES INSIDE THEIR CLOTHING. THERE WAS ALWAYS THE DANGER OF LOSS OR THEFT.

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## Over Hill, Over Dale

by Cicely Thomson

Twenty years, from today. What will the Town of Richmond Hill look like twenty years from today?

The look of the streets will have changed, even if not a building were altered. The little trees will have grown upwards and outwards until their shade spreads welcome pools of coolness on a hot summer afternoon. The houses will have settled into their lots, their planting, now so prim will reflect more than ever the individual houseowner, separating the pruners from the gay-abandon gardeners, so to speak. On either side of the road neat cement sidewalks will have replaced the open ditches, that is one of the things that twenty years does to a town, unless of course it has become separated into good and bad districts, and even in twenty years the bad districts won't have got beyond the open drainage ditch stage.

So, even if not another home were built our residential area will have changed beyond recognition... so too will our parks. The elms will probably be gone within five or ten years. (Dutch Elm disease needs a firm spraying policy to keep the trees from inevitable death), but where now we have mud or cinders there will be defined parking areas for each park, and a positive planting program will have given us beauty in the public areas of the town. Outdoor sports areas will be attractive as new developments in grass seed and sodding processes make it cheap and practical to use it as a ground cover.

Probably about the time that our ditches are covered over, the tangle of television aerials against the sky will disappear, and so will those unsightly poles with their depressing accompaniment of sagging wires and crude cross-pieces. The "smooth, uncluttered" look that is so much talked up now in twenty years will indeed be a reality.

As new fuels are developed not only will our home-heating methods change, but our transportation means too, so that in a couple of decades public transportation will be smooth and swift, say fifteen minutes to the helicopter station at Queen and Bay streets, and a rapid-rail transport serving intermediate points. Would twenty minutes to the present Eglinton station be within our comprehension?

We will of course be a dated city. We will have done our growth in the "early period" just after World War II when the use of design and building materials was as dated to our children of 1980 as the building of the 20's is to us. To the new cities that have by then sprung up near this inland waterway we will appear quiet and old fashioned. We will have, of course, done everything we can, both individually and by our commercial and public buildings to escape from our old-fashioned look, and naturally every householder will have completely remodelled his kitchen in an attempt to bring his ranch style home up to date.

Our industrial section, after a rather slow start, is more modern and indeed is quite our show-piece in 1979, and the use of translucent rather than transparent materials, complete combustion fuels, roof gardens and underground parking areas have emphasized again the uncluttered look not only by continuous surfaces on the buildings, but with exterior mural designs whose colors are not dulled and faded by smoke or sun.

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