

The Social Message of Jesus

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Never did the world need more than now to hear the authoritative voice of Jesus.

If we are to bring order out of chaos, peace out of conflict, brotherhood out of class and group, we must return in humble spirit to the Bethlehem manger, to the Nazareth shop, to the market place, the seashore or the mountainside, where the message of Jesus was spoken to the hearts of men.

Jesus believed in man. It is well to emphasize this fact in an age of cynicism. There was no room for despair in His philosophy. He came into a world where force and fraud and oppression prevailed, and to the hour of His triumphant death He never doubted that love and justice and freedom were possible in human relations.

Jesus believed in man as a potential Son of God. His ideal for society contemplated the emancipation of man from the control of material things. Mammon should not rule; there should be no occasion for anxious thought concerning any need of the body; the spiritual nature of man should be free to realize its highest destiny.

In the programme that He worked out as He toiled at the bench He planned that service should be the motive and co-operation the method in human industry. We have substituted self-advantage for service, and mutual exploitation for co-operation. While these rule in motive and method we shall never realize the happiness He desired for us—the happiness we seek.

Jesus set small store by charity. The philanthropy of almsgiving was to Him a mere cloak for the imperfection and inequities of human relations. He put all the emphasis of His teaching and example upon justice and love. In a world where these prevailed charity would be unnecessary.

We have travelled so far from the ideals of Jesus it is not easy to restore them. But there is no other way to find a permanent solution for the troubles that disturb us. His road is the only road. It involves sacrifice. We cannot avoid the cross. But beyond Calvary lies the realization of our hopes.

It is not enough that the spirit of Jesus should be worshipped in our temples or revered in our homes. It is not enough that His sympathy and help should be expressed in our hospitals, our orphanages, our institutions for the poor and the afflicted. To be satisfied with this is to evade the real challenge of His message and to lose the real meaning of His promise.

The spirit of Jesus must be brought into factory and mine and bank and railroad system; into store and office.

It must reveal to us that man is more than the machine with which he works; that material wealth was meant to be the servant, not the master, of the human soul; that the making of a life is the supreme thing, for which the making of a livelihood is merely incidental.

Until we get this vision, we will approach the solution of our problems without true understanding.

It is time that men who believe in Jesus should make their faith count—not merely in religious observance, but in human relations; in civic duty; in business; in industrial management; in the tasks of office and workshop.

The hope of the world rests upon the leadership of Jesus.

CHILDREN'S BOOKLAND

What Those From Five to Eighteen May Read.

In the rush and roar of the world's business the spare time which we may have to devote to books is nearly always given over to interviews with printed friends of our own sphere and comments upon them. We are too apt to neglect a review of the books for the younger generation. What book review magazine or book review page devotes a regular space to the books of the children? Once in a great while we find one or two short sketches of some child's series or reference to some author as hav-

ing written stories for children.

Neither the authors nor the books that amuse the young people ever receive their due. There have been authors of child stories who have achieved some little fame, but it was only after they had spent almost a life's work on the subject, and indeed, very seldom was the recognition forth-coming during the life of the author. Truly, if any writers received public applause for their work, those who write stories for the young folks should!

In the books for the young we have a great many of the ideals and principles which mould their characters and affect their actions and decisions

in after life. No matter how simple the book, it is an education, if only in the way to write and speak the language. How many of us, writing a letter, have suddenly come to a point where we have been doubtful of how to put the idea we have on paper and have suddenly remembered some phrases in the nursery rhymes or stories of childhood which has furnished the key to the whole situation. That is only one example of the many ways in which the books we read as children help us out as grown-ups.

Then, too, there is a side which is not quite so pleasant to think of but is, if anything, more important. How many parents know the exact contents of the books their children are reading? The title shows that it is a story for young people, and, in nine cases out of ten, the older folks will glance at the title, conclude that it is merely a harmless story and let it go into the hands of the children unchallenged. This is as grave a mistake as not encouraging reading among the children. There are, regrettably, writers or scribblers in the world who will choose dangerous topics for the perusal of children, knowing that, out of curiosity and ignorance of what they read, they will develop the desire to read more of the same stuff. Then there is the type with mistaken and so-called "advanced" ideas who fill the minds of the children with all sorts of tommyrot which should not ever be thought of by the future men and women of a healthy and progressive nation. Fortunately these kinds of writers are in the minority.

The best kind, and the most numerous, thank God, are the old-fashioned writers of children's tales who, choosing some great hero or world figure of the past, pick out his fine characteristics and build little amusing and interesting tales around them, setting these fine models up as examples for the children of the present. Of these there will never be enough, because the inducements offered are not sufficiently attractive to draw many into the occupation. Anderson's Fairy Tales, Palmer Cox's Brownie Books, Robinson Crusoe, Swiss Family Robinson, Horatio Alger's stories, the Elsie Books, Tales of Ancient Greece, King Arthur and His Knights, Alexander the Great, Jack the Giant-Killer, and hundreds more have been for a long time the property of the children. How many of us have not read at least half of those named? Can we not now tell the stories without hesitation, perhaps in some cases without changing the wording? That only shows what an impression the books read by the young people make on their memories, how they influence their lives later on and what a really important feature of the up-bringing of children they are as a result.

Household Hints.

Cheese dishes should be the chief of the meal at which they are served. Small pieces of camphor scattered in the cupboard keep away mice.

A few marshmallows stirred into fudge when heating will make it ficher and creamier.

A large coarse cloth dipped in salt and water will clean cocoon matting.

When sauces are set away put a few bits of butter on top. This prevents the forming of a crust.

New tinware has a taste, and should be rubbed with lard and baked before using.

Put eggs to be stuffed in cold water as soon as they leave the stove.

Newest Notes Of Science

For bathroom spigots an electric attachment has been invented that heats small quantities of water as they are drawn.

More than half of the total area of England and Wales is under the plow as compared with only fifteen per cent. of Ireland.

Unobtrusively to remove crumbs from dining tables a device has been invented that automatically closes as it is lifted.

Aluminum street cars have been adopted by a Swiss railway because of the metal's lightness and rust-defying qualities.

A new egg cup for the breakfast table has a space around its bowl to be filled with hot wafer to keep its contents warm.

A dam has been built at the foot of a Swiss glacier to provide water power for a 210,000 horsepower hydro-electric plant.

An automobile bumper invented by a Michigan man can also be utilized as a jack and lock that prevents a car being moved.

According to a French scientist bread made with sea water is more wholesome and keeps longer than that made with fresh water.

It has been discovered that an oil can be distilled from horse chestnuts composed of one part acetone and two of butyl alcohol.

An automobile carburetor invented in England automatically reduces the richness of the mixture as the engine speed increases.

An Eastern city has motorized its street cleaning department by installing tractors in place of horses to draw street sweepers.

With apparatus he has patented an Italian scientist makes grape sugar resembling honey and having indefinite keeping qualities.

For smoothing concrete roadways an Iowa man has invented a moving belt, supported under a light wooden truss from curb to curb.

Domestic science courses have been added by the London county council to certain schools at which attendance by children is compulsory.

A method for casting hollow concrete building slabs with sand cores that can be washed out with hose has been invented by a Montana man.

The government of Algeria will distribute French sugar beet seed to farmers in an endeavor to experiment with the production of beet sugar.

A Californian is the inventor of a finger moistener to be strapped to the palm of a hand for the use of persons who count money or handle papers.

Manganese has been discovered on one of the Society Islands and an exhaustive investigation will be made to determine the extent of the deposits.

A sort of crowbar with a claw on one end has been invented to enable a man to lay a heavy barrel on its head or to lay down one that is standing.

Within five years the French government expects to expand its telephone systems, now serving about 350,000 subscribers, to accommodate 1,000,000.

Now in the farming implement line is a machine that strips the ears from corn stalks, which are left standing, and delivers them husked into a wagon.

The first electrolytic zinc smelter has been constructed in Norway to increase the production of old mines and stimulate the development of new ones.

On the back of a hair brush intended for travelers is a mirror, which can be removed for use, while a comb slides into a recess beneath the bristles.

The Greek government is planning to harness several large water falls in Macedonia, where less than a tenth of the available power is being utilized.

A Denver inventor's road machine loosens the earth, pulverizes it, distributes it evenly at any desired angle and then packs it smoothly with a roller.

Extensive deposits of ochre and sienna have been discovered in Australia, which heretofore has had to import most of the basic pigments used in paints.

Prussia is estimated to have more than 3,700,000 acres of barren land which could be made available for agriculture by drainage or other forms of reclamation.

Between the handles of an Arkansas inventor's hand plow is a rod terminating in a breastplate against which a user can lean to help push it through hard ground.

Japanese have found a way to mix the fiber of a species of seaweed, of which there is an unlimited supply, with cotton to form strong and water-resisting twine and cordage.

Invented by an Ohlean an electric door bell can be made to summon persons to any of three doors at which a button is pressed, each producing a distinctive sound on the bell.

A powerful steam-driven machine has been built in England that takes material torn up from one part of a stone road and prepares it for immediate use in rebuilding another part.

Well, That's What We Meant! (Wilmington News-Journal) Luke McLuke says there are 376,000,000 ways of getting into trouble besides talking too much, but he might have added none are any more sure of results.

Oh, Joy! Of course you expect to get a little moisture when you go in bathing. But what we started to tell you, was that you can find the Wetmore swimming pool in Tucson, Arizona.

"Used Cars." He bought an old used car to run And then the poor man found Three of the wheels were square, but one Was pretty nearly round.

Bags for Christmas

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Paw Knows Everything. Willie—Paw, why do rats leave a sinking ship? Paw—Because if they don't the ship will leave the rats, my son.