

Some Thoughts For The New Year

Matt. 14:36, "And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea."

Matt. 14:31, "And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus."

"But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me."

"And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"

The miracles which are recorded in many passages of the Bible had a profound effect upon those whose lives were touched by them because they were done with a calm authority and confidence that spoke eloquently of their divine origin. They were a challenge to the followers of Jesus during His ministry as a physical presence and to us today to have faith in God's Messiah and act according to His word.

Jesus did not write His teachings on golden tablets to be enshrined in great temples which time would destroy. He wrote them deep in the hearts and minds of men and women where His message could not be stamped into oblivion by any sort of ruthless oppression nor worn away by the impartial attrition of time. This is the strength of Christianity — that it needs no outward trappings. With its message of hope and concern for the dignity and worth of each human being, it brings the greatest comfort and burns the brightest within those most sorely oppressed. As 1966 begins let us all pause once more to refurbish anew our thoughts of Him who came to build a Kingdom in our hearts. His teachings lend meaning to the humdrum life, dignity to the unfortunate, hope to people who have none and courage to those who must do the impossible. This troubled new year all men would do well to remember His outstretched hand and His words to one who was sinking into a stormy sea: "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"

It's Your Money-- Not The Government's

The people are reading news items showing that state and federal governments are providing billions of dollars for a variety of welfare and spending projects that break all records.

There may be excuses for much of the spending, but one fact should be made clear in every newspaper report of so-called government largess—neither the state nor the federal government has a thin dime to give away that they don't first take from the overburdened private citizen taxpayer. Governments are just agents of the people.

Newspaper headlines and stories should stress: "The taxpaying private citizens, rich and poor, do the giving, not the government." If this distinction was made in comment in the press, if the word "taxpayers" was substituted for the words "state" and "federal", "governors" or "presidents", more people would begin to realize that the money government "gives" is first taken from them in the form of taxes.

You Will Have To Pay

An enormous amount of notice was given to the nominal tax reductions which have taken place at the federal level in the last two years. The question now is whether this moderate measure of tax relief is to be something of a snare and a delusion.

On January 1, 1966, social security taxes are to be substantially increased. This, for great numbers of people, will wholly or largely offset the past reductions.

Then, what will happen in the future is a subject of much speculation now. For example, in one of his recent columns David Lawrence wrote that the people know little about "... what burdens for future years will result from the commitments will grow year by year in the various fields in which the federal government has heretofore not

entered. This will inevitably mean hereafter a bigger and bigger tax burden on the American people."

You may or may not favor medicare, the war on poverty, federal aid to education or any of the government's other ventures into uncharted areas of authority. But you and everyone else will have to pay for them—in increased taxes of one kind or another.

"It's easy to see how Uncle Sam gets some of us stubborn and recalcitrant citizens to do what he wants. He simply holds back Federal funds if we don't... But how about those who don't get any type of government check. How can they be brought into line? Of course they are fewer and fewer every day so maybe this problem will just disappear as the Grand Society encompasses all."—Everett (Washington) Herald.

Peace, Freedom and Good Will

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Though the United States is deeply committed in South Viet Nam, and Christmas Day will find thousands of American soldiers fighting for their lives on various distant battlefields, the American people remain as dedicated as ever to the Christian hope of Peace on Earth, good will to men.

There is nothing contradictory about struggling for freedom and desiring peace and harmony in this world. Indeed an era of true peace and good will could never be achieved if men of religious faith failed to demonstrate courage as citizens.

Last Christmas the communists decided they would attempt to usurp the "peace" theme, and they put out propaganda saying that intervention in Viet Nam was inconsistent with the Christian faith. This deceitful line proved to be a failure, however. Millions of good churchmen in the United States clearly understand that they have a moral obligation to resist communist aggression. Nevertheless, one can expect leftists to use this line again this year. Indeed the leftists never lose an opportunity to try to enlist Christian symbols and teachings in their unworthy cause of advocating surrender. This means that church people have to be alert to the dangers of deceit.

One of the questions written on placards carried by peaceniks is: "Would Christ have carried a draft card?" Well, if one looks at the Gospels, one clearly sees that Jesus Christ was NOT a preacher of anarchism nor civil disobedience. He clearly recognized a man's obligations in society. Nor did Jesus urge peace at any price. His was not a gospel of appeasement of evil.

Now our civilization recognizes that communism IS an evil. In South Viet Nam, for example, communism is a synonym for terrorism, torture and the suppression of freedom. Thus it would be a betrayal of Christian values for the American people to bow to the will of communism in Southeast Asia, or anywhere else in the world.

Another tricky line that one hears in some quarters these days is that we must not think of God as being on our side. Assuredly, God is the God of all people on this planet. But it is a mistake to accept the tricky notion that God is neutral on questions of good and evil, that God is approving of evil forces as He is of good forces in the world. Christians always have believed, and with justice, that there are forces working for good in this world and forces working for evil.

The whole communist conception of society and history is contrary to everything that Christianity teaches. As the United States is fighting and sacrificing to reduce the influence of the communist world, it is working against evil. Thus Americans have every right to call on God to support their just cause on the battlefields of this world.

The word "peace" is bandied about by people who actually mean surrender. These types attempt to make the defenders of freedom appear to be warmongers and moral monsters. But the moral monsters are those who would impose on their fellows the peace of slavery.

Christ did not seek that kind of peace in his own time among men on earth. Jesus scorned a peace that meant a betrayal of all that He knew to be true. Therefore, Christ set an example to his followers in time to come, to strive for the peace that represents freedom. No other kind of peace is worth having.

At this Christmas season, the American people are full of good will as they support the defense effort in the Far East. Over many generations, American churchmen have supported missions in the Far East and aided innumerable charitable activities and programs of aid and economic reconstruction.

The U. S. rebuilding of post-war Japan was a mighty act of Christian forgiveness and charity. But the task now is to prevent Red China—a brutal foe of peace and freedom—from gaining new conquests. American soldiers on the battlefields in South Viet Nam are thus not only defending their country but their religious heritage.

THE AMERICAN WAY

LOOK WHAT I'VE ACCOMPLISHED WITH YOUR MONEY.

HEALTH CARE
MEDICARE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
AID TO EDUCATION
POVERTY PROGRAM
NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION

P.V. ENTERPRISE

Stories Behind Words

by William S. Penfield

Doily

In the 17th century there was a merchant family named Doyley, or Doiley, that sold cloth in London, England.

This family introduced a light, inexpensive woolen fabric that became popular as material for summer clothing.

Since it was introduced by the Doiley family, Londoners called the material "doiley."

The custom of using small mats as ornaments for the table arose, and these mats were made of "doiley." The word was shortened to "doily," and now refers to a small napkin or ornamental piece of linen or lace for the table.

Mountville News

MRS. MAUDE BRYSON
Correspondent

The Cross Hill - Mountville Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Leonard Gabbert Dec. 19. Fourteen members were present. Mrs. Gabbert gave the devotional and Miss Heigler showed how to make some decorations. Refreshments of cookies, ice cream and coffee were served. Mrs. Herman Gabbert is the President.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker and daughter Miss Angella of Columbia spent the weekend with Mrs. Bakers parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Benjamin.

Mrs. S. J. Hunt is in Houston,

BROADWAY

Your Program

Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 29-30

Billie's got the Beat!!

Patty Duke

Billie

Features: 3:34, 5:26, 7:18, 9:10

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1

A GREAT SPY THRILLER!

SECRET AGENT FIREBALL

With Richard Harrison and Wandisa Guida

3:34, 5:26, 7:18, 9:10

Saturday: 1:40, 3:32, 5:24, 7:16, 9:10

Starts Monday, January 3

Bette Davis

The Nanny

3:25, 5:20, 7:15, 9:10

Texas with her daughter Mrs. Bob Carr and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crisp moved into their new home here last week.

Mrs. Rolly Bannister had with her for Sunday dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Rolly Bannister Jr. and son Rolly III of Raleigh, N. C., also Mrs. Roy Welbourne and Mrs. Fred Day of Belton, joining them later were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bryson of Newberry, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Bannister and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Finley and family joined with the other members of "The P. W. Finleys" family in a get-together Sunday Dec. 28.

Our college students, Sammy Wham, Clemson, Jimmie Thomson III of Mars Hill College and Miss Lynn Thomson of the University of Ga. are home for the holidays.

The usual family gathering were all in for the holidays.

The Geo. S. Whams, The Arthur Alexanders, The J. S. Winebrenners family. Also Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dupree and Mrs. Effie W. Fuller of Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Kosebutski of Arlington, Va., was visiting the J. M. Simmons family last week and was accompanied to Fla., by J. M. Simmons and Mary Olga to visit Mrs. Ned Chittendon and Mrs. Olga S. Laramore at St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Candlelight service which was held at the Presbyterian church Dec. 19th was well attended, and was beautiful. The First Christmas.

Mrs. B. P. Watts sang a solo, "The Holy City", and Ed James of Anderson sang a solo, "The First Christmas".

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