

FREE ENTERPRISE ATTACKED

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Freedom may be suffering its great reverses in the colleges and universities of the United States. At any rate, institutions of higher learning are harboring more than their fair share of so-called educators whose object in life seems to be to debunk this nation's traditional political philosophy.

"But in common practice today under cover of the phrase we have encouraged a spirit of voracious aggressiveness and ruthless competition." He spoke of the "wealthy slum owner who feels no pang of conscience for the hunger, squalor and disease he encouraged" and referred to the aggressive salesman who "makes outrageous claims" for his product.

Dean De Vane went on in his speech to complain: "In the national scene we can not give aid to some needy country without justifying the gift as in our own self-interest." He deplored the "18th century doctrine" of self-interest as a guiding principle of conduct.

Dean De Vane also took some of the history courses offered at Yale. He should bear in mind that the 18th century gave birth to American freedom, to the end of royalty's tight control over trade, and to the Declaration of Independence and the U. S. Constitution, two of the noblest works of the human mind. When he scorns the doctrine of enlightened self-interest he scorns the man who respected this doctrine and built the freest nation the world has ever known.

To pick out as examples of "free enterprise" a slum lord and an unscrupulous salesman is unconscionable. Had Dean De Vane been as fair-minded as an academic leader should be he would have cited the great successes of the American economic system in making high quality consumer goods available to the public at low cost. He could and should have cited the benefactions which believers in free enterprise make in U. S. communities every day of the year. The fine system of private colleges and universities in the United States, with their heavy support from businesses as well as individuals, is a testament to free enterprise.

As for saying U. S. officials should give away money to foreign lands without considering self-interest, Dean De Vane ignores a vital consideration. The money in the U. S. Treasury is not the property of the bureaucracy, it belongs to the people of the United States. And it is highly unlikely that any thinking people want government to be improvident. The nation whose government fails to consider self-interest is a nation that soon will be bankrupt, if not non-existent. If Dean De Vane gave away all his personal funds without thought to his self-interest and the needs of his family, his children, if he has any, would be out in the street and dependent upon charity.

It is tragic that the mistaken ideas which De Vane voiced in Chicago are accepted as reasonable in some academic circles.



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He (Jesus) poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. (John 13:5)

In the upper room that night, the Master might have asked John, Peter, Andrew, or another of His followers to perform the menial task of washing feet. He might have told a man servant or a maid servant to come in and do it. He might have simply omitted this much-needed service. But Jesus became the servant. He girded Himself with a towel and washed the disciples' feet.

A master cannot be served until he has demonstrated his own ability to serve. So Jesus humbles Himself to serve us. He who holds the universe in His hand kneels down before us and washes our tired, dusty feet. So the Son of God took a towel, not simply to cleanse the feet of His friends, or only to set an example for them to follow. He did it to show unmistakably that he who is sent is not greater than he who sends. God is like that.

PRAYER
O Thou Creator, who dost astonish us continually by serving us to see that only with the eyes of faith can we witness the glory of Thy service for us. Why dost Thou repeatedly sacrifice Thyself for us? We have the answer in Thy great love. Help us to be grateful, even if we cannot be worthy. In Christ's name. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Jesus humbled Himself to liberate us.
T. Otto Nall (Minnesota)
World-wide Bible Reading—Amos 2:1-16

either ignorance or disregard of the danger of emotional illness.

The time to go to work on this problem is when the children are very small. The two basic fears of a child are lack of support and a loud noise. The basic needs are love and proper discipline.

The physician whom I quoted at the beginning of this column said far too many young parents today lack control of their children and fail miserably at discipline. The young child must learn early the meaning of control.

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many carry the habit over into maturity, producing problems of juvenile delinquency. When carried into marriage it is disastrous.

they should be disciplined immediately. Parents of young children should seek the advice of their pediatrician in this matter.

should be added that parents should conduct themselves in such a manner as to deserve the respect of their children. Promises should be made sparingly and fulfilled faithfully.



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By Bishop Herbert Spang

"If parents could be taught to realize the emotional health of their young children is just as important as their physical health, and act accordingly, their children would be much more of a joy to them, and also much healthier," said a prominent physician who specializes in the diseases of children.

The relation of personal emotions to physical health is being widely emphasized today. Medical doctors estimate that over half of the patients in our general hospitals today are suffering from some form of emotional illness which has developed into physical illness. Many go to premature graves as the result of

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