

If I Were The Devil?

Paul Harvey (1918-2009), a popular radio commentator; was a Christian man with a gifted flair of communicating truth. This unsettling narrative was one of his editorial essays that explains a great deal about where our society is today.

If I were the Devil...

I would gain control of the most powerful nation in the world;

I would delude their minds into thinking that they had come from man's effort instead of God's blessings;

I would promote an attitude of loving things and using people instead of the other way around;

I would dupe entire states into relying on gambling for their state revenue;

I would convince people that character is not an issue when it comes to leadership;

I would make it legal to take the life of unborn babies;

I would make it socially acceptable to take one's own life and invent machines to make it convenient;

I would cheapen human life as much as possible so that the lives of animals are valued more than human beings;

I would take God out of the schools where even the mention of His name was grounds for a lawsuit;

I would come up with drugs that sedate the mind and target the young, and I would get sports heroes to promote them;

I would get control of the media so that every night, I could pollute the mind of every family member for my agenda;

I would attack the family, the backbone of any nation;

I would make divorce acceptable and easy, even fashionable.

If the family crumbles, so does the nation.

I would compel people to express their most depraved fantasies on canvas and movie screens, and I would call it art;

I would convince the world that right and wrong are determined by a few who call themselves authorities and refer to their agenda as politically correct;

I would persuade people that the church is irrelevant and out of date and the Bible is for the naive;

I would dull the minds of religious folks and make them believe that prayer is not important and that faithfulness and obedience are optional;

I guess I would leave things pretty much the way they are.

-Progress, May 2000

TRICKY TRIVIA

This Month's Question

What man in the Bible was called the meekest man on the earth?

Answer to last month's question.

In last month's "Tricky Trivia" question we asked:

In John 5:43, Jesus said: "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not; if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." To whom was Jesus referring?

*Answer: The Antichrist
II Thessalonians 2: 3-10*

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The Testimony of Billy Sunday

To many, Jesus Christ is only a grand subject for a painting, a heroic theme for a pen, a beautiful form for a statue and a thought for a song; but to those who have heard his voice, who have felt His pardon, who have received His benediction, His is music, warmth, light, joy, hope and salvation. He is a Friend who never forsakes, who lifts us when others try to push us down. We cannot wear Him out; we pile on Him all our griefs and troubles. He is always ready to lift us; He is always ready to help us. He addresses us with the same love. He beams upon us with the same smile. He pities us with the same compassion.

There is no one like His. It is more inspiring than Caesar's, more musical than Beethoven's and more patient than Lincoln's. The name of Jesus throbs with all life, weeps with all pathos, groans with all pains and stoops with all love. Its breath is laden with perfume.

Who, like Jesus, can pity a homeless orphan?

Who, like Jesus, can welcome a prodigal back home?

Who, like Jesus, can make a drunkard sober?

Who, like Jesus, can illuminate a cemetery plowed with graves?

Who, like Jesus, can make a queen out of a lost woman of the street?

Who, like Jesus, can catch the tears of human sorrow in His bowl?

Who, like Jesus, can kiss away our sorrow?

I struggle for a metaphor with which to express Jesus.

He is not like the bursting forth of an orchestra; that is too loud and may be out of tune. He is not like the sea when lashed into a rage by a storm; that is too boisterous. He is not like a mountain wreathed in lightning, canopied with snow; that is too solitary and remote.

He is the Lily of the Valley, the Rose of Sharon, a gale of spices from Heaven.

This Is My Church

This is my church. It is composed of people just like me. It will be friendly if I am. It will do a great work if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am generous. It will bring others into its fellowship if I bring them. Its seats will be filled if I fill them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of faith and service, if I who make it what it is, am filled with these. Therefore, with God's help, I dedicate myself to the task of being all these things I want my church to be.



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Sentence Sermons

1. You don't need to see the whole staircase to take a step of faith.
2. Some people never succeed because they are afraid of doing more than their share.
3. You can never do anything to make God stop loving you.
4. Men are like steel – of little use when they lose their temper.
5. It did not take God long to get the people out of Egypt, but it took many years to get Egypt out of the people.
6. The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible.
7. I don't know what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds tomorrow.