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Natural Theology

e passage from Acts 17:22-31 for is Sunday before the Ascension a stirring scene. St. Paul, chall to give an explanation of his ing, stands up in the middle of the agus in Athens, and calls on his is to recognize the existence of the ue God. It is generally supposed his occurred on the Hill of Ares, ind of war, located a short distance he Acropolis. Here, within sight of arthenon and other famous building ancient council had customarily is meetings, and the modern touring visit the hill today.

nas been suggested that in New ment times this venerable body ally met somewhere else, taking erm Areopagus to their new locain any case, the apostle was given t unusual opportunity to address a gious gentile audience.

does not begin, as with a Jewish nee, by quoting the Old Testament pealing to traditional Hebrew be-Instead he appropriately appeals gious practices in Athens, and to despread human experience of life as a gift: God "himself gives to all ife and breath and everything."

goes on with two quotations from poets: "In him we live and move ave our being," and "for we are I his offspring." (The first quotas sometimes attributed to Epies of the sixth century B.C., and econd comes from Aratus of the century B.C.)

of this is what used to be called ral theology," that is to say, the ing of an authentic knowledge of rom the evidence of creation, withcourse to the ancient revelation of o the Hebrews, or his manifestaof himself in Jesus Christ. Obviously St. Paul found the first article of the Christian faith, belief in God as creator, to be very fundamental.

The apostle also obviously assumed, when Greek pagans spoke seriously about God, as some of their poets and philosophers certainly did, that they, in fact, did mean the God who is God. Our passage states that God has so created people "that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after him and find him." This verse is, of course, the basis of our familiar prayer, "O God, who hast made of one blood." Clearly this gentile effort to "find him" is intended to have some sort of result.

The teaching attributed to St. Paul here in the Book of Acts is fully in accord with what is given in Acts 14:15-17. It also resembles Romans 1:19-23.

In later centuries, the value of natural theology has been questioned, especially by Protestant thinkers. Anglicans and others on the catholic side of the fence have continued to pursue natural theology. This is somewhat ironical, as St. Paul is often considered the fountain-

head of Protestantism!

Actually, there are few places in the New Testament which so explicitly indicate that the natural human mind can find God on the basis of natural evidence. On the other hand, the New Testament constantly draws on the experience of this world for figures, analogies, and parables of divine truth. The parable of the vine, in this Sunday's Gospel, is an important example.

Such comparisons and figurative expressions are so widespread that if the natural world were destroyed, we would be able to understand very little of the Bible. If the order, beauty, and fruitfulness of nature were obliterated, as through an atomic war, we would have a very difficult time holding any idea of God. The natural world is important to us, not simply as the physical source of food, water, and air, but also as the framework within which people can develop as human beings, as the offspring of God, with hearts and spirits, as well as with bodies and the power of thought.

H. Boone Porter, Editor

Ascension

(From So Pray to Thee)

Catch me up, O Christ in the wind of Your ascending.

Take my kingfisher-soul, which dives and darts, yet cannot of itself fly very high or long — take it up with You into the high mountain and point it to the stars.

For with You there is no height I cannot aspire to, and you are with me always in my ascending . . . even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Auriol Birkmyer



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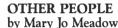
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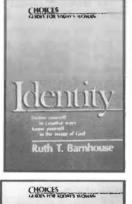
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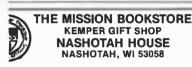
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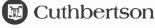
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The Next "P.B."

The text of the profile for the office of Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church is quite commendable [TLC, April 29], but leaves much to be desired in terms of the Joint Nominating Committee's vision, goals, and belief system.

- 1. The person of Jesus Christ is never mentioned, let alone the *Name*.
- God is mentioned by name only twice, "People of God" and "God's Word."
- Issues of a social/political/economic nature are given priority over the Great Commission to make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20).
- 4. Acceptance of ECUSA "as it is in 1985..." is not as important as what ECUSA can become a body of believers convicted in catholic faith and order and evangelical witness that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.

Those churches in the past 20 years which have emphasized social action and political issues over making effective disciples of Christ have proven to be on the decline. Perhaps ECUSA has "bottomed out" and evidence is that membership is on the rise.

However important contemporary social and political concerns are for the Christian in 1984, those concerns do not effectively persuade persons to follow Jesus as Savior, nor do such issues fill our churches. God's plan for the world is that his lost sons and daughters be saved. They will not be saved by supplanting the Good News with sociology, politics, or economics.

I pray our next Presiding Bishop will be a man who can speak out boldly and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior to a broken world.

(The Rev.) Steven M. Giovangelo Holy Trinity Church Skokie, Ill.

Validating the Peace

In his excellent little article on the Peace, the Rev. Benjamin Minifie says that it gives us a chance in worship to express our love to one another [TLC, April 29]. The danger is that the Peace can become another liturgical excuse for *not* sharing with one another in a practical way.

For example, a rather troubled person, after going to church, told me that she was embraced rather extravagantly in the service, but totally ignored after it. The exchange of the Peace really is validated at the coffee hour, on the way out, at the door, or, best of all, during the week.

The idea of the Peace is excellent, and, if done in a proper way, is "a reverent,

the passing of the peace often introduces a moment of total and irreverent confusion: a fellow-worshiper once turned to me and said, "How's the fishing?"

This is, in part, the fault of some celebrants who seem to see nothing contradictory in literally shouting, "The Peace of the Lord be always with you!" It is all in what is really meant and the way in which it is done.

(The Rev. Canon) R.S.S. WHITMAN St. Martin's Church Pittsfield, Mass.

The Great Vigil

As one who had doubted the place of the Great Vigil of Easter in the life of a parish church, let me say now how my views have changed!

Last year our parish began the vigil on Easter Day "while it was still dark," with the rector expecting a meager turnout of a few faithful but leery Christians. The attendance was 286! All were sitting in absolute darkness waiting for the "new fire" and the Paschal candle's light moving down the main aisle.

This year the attendance was 386. It's not that we are in the numbers game, but the response is so tremendous and the feelings are so great and wonderful.

The parish follows the vigil with an Easter brunch with champagne and other beverages and a great parish family gathering. So please, "take the brakes off," and observe the Great Vigil of Easter in your parish.

(The Rev.) John Riley All Saints Church

Jacksonville, Fla.

Providing Jobs

You recently carried a news item which reported action taken by 132 Philadelphia religious leaders (including the Episcopal Bishop of Pennsylvania) to express their grave concern over unemployment and their united effort to do something about it [TLC, April 22]. However, I could not find anything in that united effort that gave promise of directly providing employment for anyone.

This may well be unfair since, in truth, I could not understand what was being proposed. There seemed to be a generalized blast at the institutions of capitalism (the *only* entities that provide employment for *anyone* not paid for out of public purse), and a statement that "capital and community must find a just and mutually agreed upon basis for their association" (which completely baffled me since I do not see how one can meaningfully separate the two—anymore than one can separate "community" and "labor").

By contrast, I would like to suggest

considerably smaller group called "Accord" in Tucson, Ariz. That organization was created by St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church, St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, and Congregation Anshel Israel of that city to meet the unemployment widespread in their membership and elsewhere.

First, Accord gathered all available advice on personal, psychological, and economic survival and made it available to all who asked. This wasn't curative, just "first aid." Then Accord went for the "cure" — principally by a finite drive to get all congregation members (the "capitalists"?) who could possibly hire someone else, to do so.

A number of such jobs were established for more than the 400 combined congregation members who were out of work. The cost of this drive to the state, municipal, and federal governments? Zero.

(Capt.) JOHN M. GORE

Oakton, Va.

Self-Supporting Clergy

I am a small town (under 10,000) Episcopal priest. Naturally, the series of letters about the need for our clergy to be willing to serve in small communities has interested me.

However, there seems to be a fallacy in the theory — often expressed — that a solution to our problem of getting priests to serve in small communities is for more of them to be willing to be secularly employed while serving congregations in rural areas and small towns.

The problem lies in the fact that were I to try to get a secular job, the first thing I would have to do would be to move to Denver, Salt Lake City, or an-

other large city.

Many factors are involved here, but I think it should be pointed out that the reason most worker-priests are concentrated in metropolitan areas is because that is where the jobs are. Many would probably like to live in small towns, as I do, but the fact is that the only job available to me here is that of parish priest.

(The Rev.) Joseph M. Harte, Jr. St. James' Church

Riverton, Wyo.

Communication

When you are in the midst of many, always speak little... Never argue a great deal, especially in matters that really aren't so important... Never exaggerate, but say what you feel with moderation... Never presume to give your opinion about anything unless you are asked for it, or charity demands it... Never assent to anything without first understanding it.—From the Avisos of St. Teresa of Avila, translated from a Spanish text by the Rev. Paul T. Coke.

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A Different Picture

THE CHRISTIANS AS THE ROMANS SAW THEM. By Robert L. Wilken. Yale University Press. Pp. xix and 214. \$17.95.

Books by learned scholars nowadays tend to be unreadable, or, at any rate, unread, by the general public. Here is a genuine exception, written by a Notre Dame professor who not only knows his subject, but presents it clearly and vividly for the public.

The New Testament and the early Fathers give us the inside story of early Christianity, but we often wonder how our spiritual ancestors appeared from the outside. This is Wilken's theme.

The author discusses the views of five major figures who were concerned with the movement: the Roman administrator Pliny, the great physician Galen, and the anti-Christian writers Celsus, Porphyry, and the Emperor Julian. Along with their views and backgrounds, he provides excellent discussions of how Christianity resembled a burial society or another kind of club, and how the religion of the persecutors was linked with that of the persecuted.

One conclusion is especially interesting. This is Wilken's suggestion that criticism by critics like these helped Christians develop their theology, as well as their analysis of history. There was a dialectic in the theological process, rather than the rather simple development or progress we sometimes imagine to have been there.

though. My advice to anyone conc with the early church is to read W (The Rev.) ROBERT M. G

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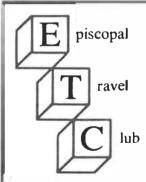
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Pr M. Day, former editor of The Church and the first ecumenical of the Episcopal Church, died on at the age of 69. He was suffering Alzheimer's disease and had been John's Home of the Diocese of ukee for more than three years. Day's interest in the ecumenical nent began in the summer of 1939, he was one of a number of young palians attending the Amster-Conference. He came to work for IVING CHURCH soon after graduatiom Dartmouth College in 1935, a "temporary opening" on the

r Day served in turn as managing as acting editor while Clifford ouse was in the armed forces, and or many years as editor. He served sident of the Associated Church and of Neighborhood House and Spring Neighborhood Center. His r book, Saints on Main Street, ut of such community service. Day served as an observer at Vati-

and as a consultant to one meetthe Lambeth Conference. He reped the Episcopal Church in ns of the World Council of nes, COCU, and in dealings with Catholic ecumenical leaders, working out of the Episcopal Center.

r Day was married in 1941 to the Lorraine Kirschnik, then the litor of The Living Church (now cript editor). He is also survived aughter, Mary Erler of Lake Mina, Minn.; a son, Michael Mallory Glendale, Wis.; and a grandson. ial contributions to The Living a Foundation have been sug-

Volunteer Program for

new Episcopal Service Communiganized through the church's Volfor Mission program and aimed ng laity in the 18-25 year range, er an opportunity to spend a year; people and living in a community, new communities will begin on an nental basis this summer. Initial as are located in Providence, R.I.; eth, N.J.; Washington, D.C.; and ntonio, Texas. The settings differ: allest can accommodate only two



Dr. Peter M. Day

people, the largest, six to eight; one is housed in a cathedral, another in a public housing project; some are co-ed, others are unisex. They all offer the promise of hard work accompanied by fellowship and the goals of personal and spiritual growth.

Some basics will be provided by a sponsoring group and participants will receive a small stipend. Work opportunities are expected to range from tutoring, day care, service in soup kitchens, and other direct service jobs to advocacy and research on social issues. Personal skills and background will be taken into account, as well as the needs of a particular area.

Each house is sponsored by or will have a close relationship with a local Episcopal church. Each community is expected to develop its own rule of life, which will include church attendance, daily communal prayer, and delegation of responsibilities.

A project related to the Episcopal Service Communities but separate from it is the Diocese of Central Florida's Root Groups. Patterned after their British namesakes, which are sponsored by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, Root Groups are self-supporting communities of people aged 18-30 who dedicate a year to youth ministry.

For further information on the Episcopal Service Communities, those interested are asked to contact the Rev. Clifford Waller or his assistant, Beverly Anderson, at the Episcopal Church Center in New York.

Florida Cathedral Celebrates Sesquicentennial

On Palm Sunday, at a festival Eucharist celebrating its 150th anniversary, St. John's Cathedral in Jacksonville, Fla., welcomed past and present parishioners, special guests, and Presiding Bishop John M. Allin, who preached and presided.

The service and a banquet held the previous evening climaxed the sesquicentennial events that had included two special Evensong services which opened the completely renovated cathedral; a mission on evangelism led by Lord Coggan, the 101st Archbishop of Canterbury; and the dedicatory recital on the new 62-rank Austin organ by Christopher Dearnley, organist and choir director of St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

In his greeting, the Very Rev. Don A. Wimberly, 14th rector and seventh dean of St. John's, said, "We mark this anniversary with deep feelings for all we have been, are, and can be, to witness for Christ in this community." The Rt. Rev. Frank Cerveny, Bishop of Florida, called the occasion "a great milestone in the history of St. John's and its mighty witness as a church and cathedral."

Bishop Allin commended the overflow crowd as "a congregation that has demonstrated its care for the poor, the alienated, the aged, and infirm. There is divine appreciation for those who share the love of Christ, that life may be more abundant for others."

St. John's long and illustrious history, first as a parish church and for the last 33 years as a cathedral, has encompassed five wars, three major epidemics, fire, and depression. It has produced eight bishops, four deans of five different cathedrals, and a multitude of clergy and laypeople serving myriad aspects of the church's mission.

As early as 1764, missionary priests had been sent out from England to Florida by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, but Anglican worship ceased when the territory was ceded to Spain in 1783. It was not restored until Florida became part of the U.S. in 1821. In the spring of 1829, the first Episcopal services in the Jacksonville area were held, and five years later, on April 14, 1834, St. John's Parish was chartered. The first of three successive churches was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Stephen Elliott, first Bishop of Georgia, the following year.

ground — the first time by Federal troops in 1863 and again in 1901, when the entire city was destroyed by fire. The third and present church was consecrated in 1911.

In 1951, St. John's became the cathedral of the Diocese of Florida, which had been separated from South Florida in 1892. The first of its seven deans was the Very Rev. Arnold M. Lewis, later Missionary Bishop of Salina and then Bishop for the Armed Forces. Two other deans were elevated to the episcopate: Roger W. Blanchard of Southern Ohio, and Frank Cerveny of Florida.

Under Robert Ray Parks, who resigned in 1972 to become rector of Trinity Church in New York, St. John's outreach in the community was begun with the erection of three retirement residences, the Cathedral Health Center, and the establishment of the East Jacksonville Clinic and the Episcopal High School.

Bishop Maurice Benitez, now Bishop of Texas, once was a canon at St. John's, and the new Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia, the Rt. Rev. Peter Lee, began his ministry there as a deacon. Two other canons became cathedral deans.

Under the present dean, the cathedral's outreach has been expanded greatly, and the work of restoration and restructuring of the cathedral's fabric inaugurated and completed. The magnificent Gothic church has had several major additions made to it since becoming a cathedral: the north transept Chapel of the Holy Communion; the circular Cummings Memorial Chapel; and two cloisters which connect the church to the Taliaferro education building and the adjacent church house.

The primary change in the current renovation was relocating the high altar from the east wall of the sanctuary to the crossing. The old high altar has been moved to the newly created Chapel of the Ascension in the south transept, and the choir and organ console located behind a carved wooden screen in the chancel.

The Cathedral Foundation owns and operates three retirement residences, a high school, and various other facilities. It also administers Urban Jacksonville, a non-profit corporation serving the old and infirm, with the goal of providing "the difference between living and merely surviving."

Thus St. John's continues its long witness to Christ in the community — in its concern for the present, its veneration for the past, and its vision for the future — truly a cathedral for today, yesterday, and tomorrow.

DOROTHY MILLS PARKER

Mrs. Parker's family has been associated with St. John's for six generations. She grew up there, and a memorial to her parents was dedicated at the anniversary service.

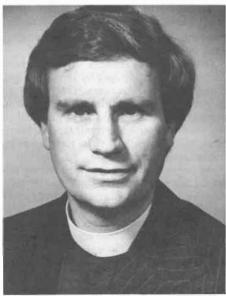
The Rev. Frederic B. Burnham, currently president of the Association of Episcopal Colleges, has been named to head the Trinity Institute. His appointment was announced recently in New York by the Rev. Robert Ray Parks, rector of the Parish of Trinity Church, the institute's parent organization.

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Dr. Burnham was educated at Harvard College, Cambridge University, Johns Hopkins, and the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass. He holds degrees in literature, divinity, philosophy, and a Ph.D. degree in the history of science. He has been a Fellow of the Church Society for College Work, the Episcopal Church Foundation, and the Society for Values in Higher Education, and an associate of the Danforth Foundation, as well as the recipient of research grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Philosophical Society.

The new director, who is associate rector of the Church of St. Joseph of Arimathea in Elmsford, N.Y., and rector of the Memorial Church of All Angels, a summer chapel in the Catskill Mountains, has published, taught, and lectured widely on the relationship between science and religion. In addition, he serves on the executive committee of the education in society program unit of the National Council of Churches and as a trustee of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia. He is a past trustee of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer.

Dr. Burnham will be the third director to serve the widely regarded institute when he takes up his new post in September. He succeeds the Very Rev. Durstan R McDonald, who became dean of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in January, and the founding director, the Rt. Rev. Ro-



Dr. Burnham: New post in September.

of Dallas.

Trinity Institute was founded in to further theological renewal in Episcopal Church through the coning education of its clergy. The tute's annual conference, which feat addresses by major figures in contarary church life, usually attracts the cent or more of Episcopal clergy.

Hymnal Update

The Church Hymnal Corpora publisher of the Episcopal Chu Book of Common Prayer, has annot that publication of the *Hymnal Is* scheduled for mid-fall, 1985. Earl the revision process, it had been I that the new volume would be ava by Pentecost, 1985.

In a brief statement, the firm affiliate of the Church Pension Fu said the revised schedule became r sary because of the amount of worl to do in obtaining harmonization the music edition. Frank Hemlin, nal Corporation vice president, s that in spite of the revised time s ule, he still is confident of 1985 del of the book to Episcopal congrega

Commenting on the decision to the publication, Raymond Glover, eral editor of the *Hymnal*, stated "although the vast majority of the monizations have been selected standing commission on church mustill in the process of perfecting the terial to complete its work."

The Pentecost publication was a pated when the General Conve gave its enthusiastic endorsement if Hymnal in September of 1982 church law, the convention has at ity over the texts of the church's nal. However, the same conveurged a process of wide testing o commission, especially with regathe Hymnal's potential for small cogations, which may have been a fac making that date unrealistic.

Actual production of the book cluding design — cannot be started the harmonization work is comp Nevertheless, in confirming the 1985 date, Mr. Hemlin added tha order information packet, containing the details on prices, editions, sizes colors will be mailed in late 1984 so parishes will be able to plan their budgets to include the new Hymna

Dual Effort Toward Peace i **Virginia**

The Rt. Rev. C. Charles Vaché, F of Southern Virginia, and Roman (lic Bishop Walter F. Sullivan of mond, in conjunction with their Anglican/Roman Catholic Comm on Moral Issues, published a stat on March 25 condemning the arm

Bishop Sullivan declared the

"These are the only two dioceses of in the country where the Anand Roman Catholic communities; otten together, studied the docuof both our churches, and have up with a common statement."

op Vaché said he hoped the docu-'will particularly serve to remind palians and Roman Catholics of ositions on peace that their les have taken."

bishops stressed that their 12peace statement was not based on ersonal opinions alone. It is, they nacknowledgement of the converof teaching within the two les, based on documents which been produced on the subject by

ommunions.

joint commission commended the s for their work and added a recadation that the two churches "minute for peace" on the major works' evening newscasts. Aware rony of a divided church speaking vided world, the commission pled ty: "Our present age sadly manihe legacy of division within the of Christ. Reconciliation within nong the historically separated es will provide a powerful witness orld so much in need of peace," the ssion's statement said in part. document notes the strong bibliis for the teachings on peace, conthe "false security" of the arms nd rejects the "just war theory"

oportionate allocation of federal for defense is noted, as is the r "the existence of supra-national ires which orchestrate human af-The last point gives recognition dedication and witness of men omen in the military.

levant in the nuclear age. The

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Episcopal Diocese of Olympia and man Catholic Archdiocese of Seave agreed to enter into a coverlationship, promising to work for pray for one another, and work er in western Washington State ial justice and the common good. Rt. Rev. Robert Cochrane, Bishop npia, and Roman Catholic Arch-Raymond G. Hunthausen agreed wording of the covenant on March e document was drafted by the nical commissions of the two ctions and is one of only a handful lar agreements in the U.S.

tie Lyle, former chair of the Epis-Ecumenical Commission, called renant "a step in the process of g the prayer of our Lord Jesus 'May they all be one.'... We will o know one another better, to unid one another better, and to love The sponsors hope the covenant will lead to similar agreements between individual parishes. Plans call for the covenant to be signed by Bishop Cochrane and Archbishop Hunthausen at a festive Evening Prayer service on Pentecost.

CHRISTINE DUBOIS

Beautiful Cold River

This is the fourth letter from Sr. Marjorie Raphael, SSM, who, with Sr. Gloria, SSM, is working to establish a mission base in the village of Mathieu in rural Haiti. Earlier letters told of the sisters' moving into the little house they named "Maison St. Paul," and how they began working and worshiping with their neighbors. Sr. Marjorie's last letter [TLC, Feb. 26] described Christmas in Mathieu.

It was still dark at 5 a.m. when we picked up Marianne Juste, a young woman of 23, in front of Notre Dame Church and drove off down the road that turns left at Carrefour. We passed houses and stores where, a few hours later, coffee beans will be weighed and sold and cacao prepared for export. Peasants, mostly women, already were arriving on foot from the mountains, carrying heavy produce on their heads for the city markets.

We drove until the car could go no farther. The horses were not there to meet us yet, so we decided to start on foot toward our destination, the Church of Ste. Croix in the village of Taifer. We were fortunate to meet Marianne's cousin, Vierge, who was returning home and willing to go with us.

We skirted the swift river as long as we dared, without being able to see the rocks and gullies in the dark. Vierge took Sr. Leslie Anne's hand and Marianne took mine, and we skipped over the rocks as quickly as we could. The river was about a foot deep. Our companions went barefoot, not minding the rocks. We kept on our sneakers, not minding that our socks and skirts were wet.

Before we had finished the river part of the trip, we were met by the two boys, riding a mule and a mare. The mare was followed by her 22 day-old baby, who nursed at intervals. We were grateful to see them, because the mounts, like Marianne and Vierge, knew the river and the mountain ahead.

As the sun neared the horizon, we admired the steep rock cliffs on either side of the river, more interesting and richer in plant life than the flatter bed of the Leogane River. The water was clearer and more forceful than any I have seen elsewhere in Haiti, and quite cold—hence, its name, "La Très Belle Rivière Froide."

Soon we were climbing a steep slope. The wooden saddles had been tied This type of saddle has no stirrups. Straw is placed between the horse's back and the saddle, and a blanket over the saddle. A halter of rope served as a bridle, and a boy led each animal. The long legs of the newborn baby horse struggled to keep up with us.

We climbed for over an hour before we came to the church and were welcomed by the seminarian and the lay reader. Coffee, coconut water, and hot milk were waiting for us at Marianne's house, which was not at the top, but over the other side of the mountain beside another river.

The priest was late, having had to take a service unexpectedly at 7 a.m. in another village. We climbed up again and joined the congregation for the dedication of a new medical clinic just achieved by local efforts. The baptism of four babies, and the Eucharist, took place mostly in Creole, but the French words of the old Prayer Book, set to music by Merbecke, were sung.

After the service, there was coffee, bananas and bread for the out-of-towners. Local businesswomen were busy, frying cakes and selling cola to the churchgoers. A few people were selling lottery tickets and some were playing cards. Marianne's mother had prepared dinner for us, so down the hill we went again, our enthusiasm for steep climbs wearing rather thin. The graciousness of her hospitality warmed our hearts, however.

It looked as if rain might descend before long, so up the hill we went on our beasts, climbed, and so down the mountains and through the water. In daylight, the river looked quite different, and we could see and greet the people going the opposite way, for in the afternoon, the women who sell near town return home.

Some children were swimming, and Marianne explained that if children are hungry in the seasons between crops, they swim and that eases their hunger pains until late afternoon. We learned that other children make the long route we were traversing five days a week to go to school in the town. It is hoped that one day, the village will have not only a clinic, but a school.

By the time we reached the car, our sneakers had dried. We thanked the boys, the mule, the mare and her colt, for their second long journey for us. We thanked God for Marianne's way of keeping in touch with her rural beginnings and for her love of her family in Taifer even though she has had opportunities to study and live in town. The integration of the several parts of her life seems to us to be extraordinarily beautiful.

We thanked God for being invited into the intimacy of this extended family, where an elderly uncle, a large and capa-

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The Anglican-Orthodox Dialogue

Hope in the Light of the Ascension

By HENRY HILL

The basis of our ecumenical hope lies in Jesus Christ. Because of our Lord's Incarnation, in taking the whole of our human life, sin excepted, into the Godhead without mixture or confusion—living in it, dying in it, and rising from death, he has carried us with him in his Ascension to the Father.

With his Spirit in our hearts, we are already united in a manner beyond all human comprehending. In this way, we can better understand the statement, made by a famous Orthodox thinker, that the unity of the separated Christian confessions is already given, while, at the same time, it is an end to be attained.

If we are men and women of prayer, living in the Spirit, there must necessarily be within us, at times, an almost irresistible drawing to the unity in which we all participate through our Incarnate Lord. We are also aware, with suffering, that for reasons beyond our control, we are unable to share the Eucharist with the Orthodox at the present time.

Allow me to speak of an event which occurred in the Dormition Cathedral, Odessa, in the Ukraine, at the most recent meeting of the Anglican/Orthodox Commission in September, 1983. The Anglican participants were invited behind the iconostasis during the consecration at the Holy Liturgy. At the end, before the whole congregation, Archbishop Methodios, the Orthodox cochairman, and I were presented by Metropolitan Sergei with beautiful icons; he, with the Theotokos (the Mother of God), and I, with an icon of Christ, bearing, in Slavonic, the words, "Come unto me. . . . ''

In accepting on behalf of the Anglican members, I said, "Here is a visible representation of the Presence we all hold within our hearts, and even though our churches have lost the fullness of eucharistic fellowship, we are truly united in a way which can never be undone."

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Our host, the Metropolitan Sergei, giving his own testimony, said that by our very act of being together in that place, at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and at our commission meetings, we had thereby set out on a road from which there is no turning back!

In response to these and similar words, the large congregation assented with ripples of gentle approval and hand-clapping. In those moments, we seemed to be aware that we were of one Spirit. Our Anglican secretary, Fr. Colin Davey, likened it to the gentle murmur of a Pentecostal assembly. This was further enhanced by the warm embraces of the faithful who thronged to us as we left the cathedral, and the heartwarming approval of the Orthodox hierarchs.

But when all is said and done, our sacramental unity is still an end to be attained. As Fr. George Florovsky used to say, "Patience is one of the most important ecumenical virtues."

At the same time, other conversations have started with the Roman Catholic and Lutheran Churches. The Orthodox seem to have discovered that the inroads of modern secularism have been greater in the Anglican Communion than in the more conservative and politically significant Roman Catholic Church and the more strongly theological Lutheran Church.

The speculations of Anglican theologians and the ordination of women to the priesthood, as well as the great varieties in our liturgical life, have seemed, to the Orthodox, not to express spiritual vitality, so much as St. Vitus' Dance; and for Anglicans, there is a sense that the Orthodox Church attempts to live in a world of absolute theological clarity, wholly divorced from the realities of intellectual ambiguity in the 20th century. (See The Archbishop of Canterbury at Home and Abroad, edited by James B. Simpson. Eerdmans.)

It would be the worst possible thing, in this situation, if we were to hide behind our barriers, looking at one another with enmity and suspicion; but, somehow, I do not believe that we shall. The

archbishop's words almost coinc with what we now call "a new sprin; our relationships. Anglicans and O dox seem to be in no way deterre these obstacles.

In fact, in the first week of A 1984, I was invited to work on the erial committee of AOJDD in Londo order to prepare the publication of labors of the last three years. We that this will be approved by the Commission next August.

We shall deal with such subjects a following: participation in the grathe Holy Trinity, the doctrine of Holy Spirit and the filioque, evanguand witness, primacy in the church the communion of saints.

We have fought shy, since the lefth Conference of 1978, of once a resuming our conversation on the nation of women as priests, because shock was so great among the East Orthodox that we feared that it whing an end to our dialogue.

It was with this in mind, that B Robert Runcie, then of St. Albandertook in 1979 to visit all the Ea Orthodox patriarchates, in order to serve the dialogue. The experien these visits was truly remarkable cause with one accord, the Patri expressed their desire to continudialogue, while deploring the actisome Anglican provinces, namely American and Canadian Churches, daining women as priests.

In 1980, the meetings of the int tional commission were resumed, we have been trying to lay a new en sis on theological issues of pastora practical concern.

It was at this time, while still B of Ontario, that I was appointed as lican co-chairman, in successio Bishop Runcie, who had been trans to the See of Canterbury. Archb Methodios of Thyateira and Great ain, on the death of Archbishop At goras, became the Orthodox chairman.

A further step has recently taken, in that I have been appoint

erbury, the Anglican Consultative cil, and the Primate of Canada — to establish 'living contact'' with the edonian and Oriental Orthodox ches, through visits and a life of ct with these churches on behalf of nglican Communion.

s a matter of absolute importance our theological findings be made able for the consensus of our reve churches; and such friendships eing formed at every level. It is when there is a growing atmosof love and trust that one can bediscuss matters which are nearest 's heart.

se of us who have traveled widely cause of peace and unity have this to be undeniably true. Pery, I would find it difficult to think isit to any Eastern or Oriental Orac Church, undertaken in friendand prayer, where loving undering and response have not been oming.

is true in varying degrees of any ue in Christ. In our theological sions, we often suffer from "onenship" — Anglicans versus Lus, Roman Catholics, and Orthotc. We are too often insufficiently d with the success of Christian reships other than our own.

re are two types of ecumenism, oth are absolutely essential. The sour relationship with those who cound us, whoever they may be; anyone who does not love his er, whom he has seen, cannot love whom he has not seen" (I John The second type of ecumenism lies the relationships of the churches erent parts of the world. Both are utmost importance and continue rrently.

we turn our thoughts again to the sion and the glorification of our In all our theological dialogue, we continually to focus our attention, on ourselves, but on the life, death tesurrection of Jesus Christ, God atte. In this context, I quote from two Louth, OUP, Discerning the try, a review of the work by Father try, CSWG, Fairacres Chronicle, le 16, No. Three:

e culmination of this saving act is sturn of the Son to the Father, becomes from thenceforth the sulcous for theology, since it is from lace that the Son prays the Father d the Holy Spirit of truth upon the 1.

who have been called to abide thrist in this place of the return of on to the Father must ensure that theology we remain in the place of , while also embracing the place of wn historical circumstances. Such the nature of our baptismal/ristic life."

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and the Ascension

It is up to Christians to offer the entire world

to God the Father through Jesus his Son,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

By ROBERT J. BRYAN

of the four great interconnected events of salvation — Christ's death, his Resurrection, his Ascension, and the bestowal of the Spirit — the least emphasized and understood is the Ascension.

I contend that the principal cause of relegating the Ascension to what amounts in practice to a secondary feast stems from the impossibility we all have—as space-age inhabitants—of integrating the image of an "up-there-Christ-seated-at-the-right-hand-of-the-Father" into our modern worldview.

Until recent history with its great scientific breakthrough, this image of a powerful Christ seated on a throne in heaven above made a lot of sense. Indeed, for most of the Christian era it has dramatically dovetailed with a taken for granted perception of reality.

For thousands of years everyone looked at the world as it is described in Genesis; the earth, basically flat, center of the universe, surrounded by water; above this, the first heaven, shared by scudding clouds and swooping birds, and overarched by a blue dome called the firmament, which held back the upper waters of the second heaven, except when God sent them forth in the form of rain, sleet, or snow; the two great lights of sun and moon, and the lesser lights of the stars, endlessly gliding across the firmament, as on fixed tracks; and

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above everything, in the third heaven, God himself, enthroned in omnipotence.

What better way to describe that our Savior Jesus now fully participated in the power of God than to envisage him seated at his Father's right hand? For, in the ancient East, he who sat at the right hand of the king shared the full power of the kingdom: "But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth, and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father' (Philippians 2:9-11).

Jesus is Lord. No Christian doubts the truth of this statement, the fundamental and original confession of faith mandated for those wishing to be baptized. The point I am making here is that what truly happened theologically to the humanity of Jesus is so pictured and portrayed as to cause the modern mind problems.

The theology of what is called "the Ascension" is, simply stated, that the humanity of Jesus Christ entered completely into the divinity. The resurrected Christ as "first fruits" of the new creation has been given full power over the entire cosmos, and thus reigns as Lord of lords and King of kings. All things are subject to this "Son of Man." What a magnificent picture used to portray this: Jesus Christ seated imperially next to his Father for all eternity.

But we now know of a vast expanse of interstellar space in which the earth is but that our solar system is not even the center of our galaxy, nor our galaxy of one hundred billion stars the center of the universe. All this makes this primitive picture of Christ eternally seated on a throne over our heads a confusing and disconcerting image. No wonder the mystery and feast of the Ascension gets such short shrift.

How do we make this important event more meaningful to the modern mind? Perhaps we should begin with the basic truth: Christ, not only as God, but also as man, eternally shares God's control over creation, and, therefore, the humanity of Christ is completely with God ("seated at his right hand"). But where is God? Up there somewhere? Yes, but also "down there" and "across there" and "beyond there," that is, everywhere.

To me, the best way of picturing the ubiquity of God for our space-age generation is to see him at the *center* of all that exists ("the throne of God"). In this way, no matter which direction one looks on the universe — toward the sun, or the planet Pluto, or the Big Dipper constellation, or the Andromeda Galaxy — that person can grasp God's absolute power as intimately and truly present: at the very center, giving existence, constantly holding in being.

Accordingly, if Jesus Christ went to God ("ascended into heaven"), he thereby went to the center of all that is.

Doesn't localizing Christ in this way make more sense than the outmoded "up-there" way? Doesn't it even fit better with Christ's own paradoxical assertions: "It is good for you that I go away" (John 16:7) and "I will be with you always" (Matthew 28:20)?

The kingdom of God is within us; indeed, it is within everything that exists because Jesus Christ is within everything that exists: "he holds all things in unity... because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him" (Colossians 1:17 and 19-20).

I like to call this centered ("Ascension") presence of Christ through whom all things exist, the "Christic" presence of Christ. All things are "Christic" (i.e., are held in existence through the hidden "internal" presence of Christ), but not all things are "Christian" (i.e., manifesting his acknowledged "external" presence).

It is up to us Christians to make that which is Christic, Christian: to proclaim the good news of Christ's active presence everywhere; to claim the world for Christ; to bless and consecrate and baptize the Christic and thus transform it into the Christian; "recalling his death, Resurrection, and Ascension" (Eucharistic Prayer A), to offer the entire world to God the Father through Jesus his Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Christian Hope

By VINCENT ADKINS

The Christian is not immune from prevailing cultural attitudes and ethos, and thus may not be any less "death-denying" than the rest of the nation. The dead are camouflaged with makeup and dressed in business suits and evening gowns that would suggest that they are going off to do business or host a cocktail party, rather than to be returned to the earth or made into ashes.

Traditionally, Christianity has taught that, far from being regarded negatively or accepted begrudgingly, death is something to look forward to with hope. Indeed, at least one of the motives that animated the first century Christian martyrs was the belief that such a death was the certain way through the gates of heaven. Death was not looked upon as annihilation, but a higher phase of development! "Death, where is thy sting; grave, where is thy victory?"

Five phases of the dying process are commonly present: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. Throughout all of these phases, one attitude is latently present — hope. The Christian goes a step further, and asserts that even for the person who is dead there is still hope.

Mystery is perhaps the largest dynamic fueling the fear of death. Mystery, however, is something the Christian is no stranger to. The doctrines of the Incarnation and the Trinity — as well as the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist — are all mysteries the Christian has embraced. Death, too, has a sacramental quality in that it brings us closer to God.

Death is, in a significant way, the beginning of Christianity. God walked in the walls of our humanity through the Incarnation, but ended that life through a horrible death in the Atonement. Jesus overcame death by his Resurrection and ascended to the Father, thus mak-

Vincent Adkins, a member of St. Mary's Church, Edmond, Okla., wrote this article while working for his master's degree in gerontology. ing death the channel through v God breaks down the barrier that perates us from him.

"If any man sin," St. Paul reminc "we have an advocate with the Fa Jesus Christ the righteous." Just a crucifix summarizes in one culmin image all the brutality and cruelty being human entails, so does the va cross signify our liberation from de

Our culture refuses to accept pa part of the living process, but dea the final argument against this atti-We will die. Those we love will die. itself is a dying process. As we a high school, we die to our childhood when we leave high school, we d that period of our life; when we m we die to being single; when we re we die to our professional life.

Paul Tillich speaks of the death resurrection cycle inherent in religexperience. If we are to mature in faith, then old attitudes once approate to our level of spiritual development die as more mature attitude brought to light.

"Of what value am I now?" is a caption the terminally ill person musswer if his or her life is to remain a factory. This question, answered in context of the Christian faith, is cap of yielding insights, not only into dying process, but into the living ess as well.

There are benefits for the Chri who knows he is dying. It is, for thing, a time for putting one's hou order. Suddenly, one is not so much servant who does not know when Master will return. The terminal person will return to the Master month to six months. This is a tim making peace with those he has si against and those who have si against him.

In the final analysis, when all means of preserving life have bee hausted, death is the natural end a man existence. Jesus, in his darkes ment, concluded that most critical prayers saying, "not my will, but the done."

Ascension of Our Lord

he Ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven is something we celebrate at a particular time, this sday, May 31; at a secondary time, next Sunday; n a more general way, during the Easter Season as ole. Indeed the glorification of Jesus and his conng presence with his followers "to the end of the " are integral parts of the whole Easter message. are magnificently expressed in that most distinc-Anglican hymn "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

other theme of the Ascension is the lordship of 3. He is not only our Teacher, Healer, Good Shepand the Savior of our souls, but also he is our . He claims our obedience. His wishes need not, at many points probably do not, conform to our Yet he is to be obeyed as Lord and King.

is is unfamiliar talk in today's world. It is widely ned nowadays that we can and should do whatwe want, and that we can and should want whatfeels good — whether it be indulgence in drugs, alcohol, gluttony, sadism, or whatever. Freedom out accountability or responsibility is the earmark r era. The seashores of the modern world are ed with the wreckage of shipwrecked lives which paid the penalty.

e fact is that unbridled freedom, or license, as our ears called it, is no more healthy than slavery et it easily turns into some form of slavery. It nes degrading, dehumanizing, and destructive.

e lordship of Jesus Christ, our ascended Savior, des that regulation, direction, and focus for life in i our fullest and best capacities can be developed. scension raises us up too, beginning right now, in

ife, in this world which he had redeemed.

er Day

he final illness and death of Peter Day [p. 6] brought to a close the earthly life of one of the distinguished lay leaders of the Episcopal Church g the present century. His friendship, his wisdom, iis vision are sincerely missed.

e professional life of Peter Day was, narrowly ring, divided between his work with THE LIVING сн in Milwaukee, and his work with the national :h in New York — about two-thirds of his adult life with the first, and one-third with the second. In a sense, however, his entire work was with the e church, from the local parishes (Christ Church, efish Bay, in suburban Milwaukee and St. John's e Village in New York) where he and his wife line were active members, and on to the diocesan. nal, and international church affairs in which he responsible and important participant. Whether is at his desk in Milwaukee or in New York, hé was itact with a variety of people everywhere and his t or indirect influence touched every diocese. ir present editor first came to know him in the

3, the busy years in which he established THE IG CHURCH as an independent non-profit enter-

tipo, mientous ento priorecting puppers or ento Morehouse-Gorham Company as it then was. This was also a time of active growth and expansion in the Episcopal Church, and he made The Living Church essential reading for anyone wishing to keep up with the rapid course of events.

Peter Day was an articulate spokesman for the Episcopal Church as a whole, and was an enthusiastic advocate of many good causes. He was also in a particular way a wise and constructive spokesman for the many churchpeople committed to the catholic heritage of the Episcopal Church.

The 1950s were a time of change, as well as of growth, within our church. In the previous generation, catholicminded Episcopalians in many parts of the country were ghettoized, isolated, and cut off from many aspects of church affairs. The 1950s saw a shift as more and more parishes adopted the Holy Eucharist as the norm of worship on Sunday, as the religious orders came to be more widely recognized, and as catholic churchmen began to express themselves more forcefully in regard to social questions, missionary policies, and other matters. Catholic churchmanship began to move from the outer perimeters toward the inner circle of the Episcopal Church.

Peter Day was a leader among Anglo-Catholics who began to assume positions of wider responsibility.

His appointment as the first ecumenical officer of the Episcopal Church dramatically expressed a new influence of high churchmanship in national church affairs. The ecumenical movement itself was moving from Pan-Protestantism to a new stance in which there was greater appreciation of Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and high Anglicanism. When the great shift in interchurch relations occurred after the Second Vatican Council, in the person of Peter Day the Episcopal Church had an ecumenical officer who was prepared and ready.

Those who know him remember all of this and much else. As we gratefully commend his soul to God, we also remember that he was above all a devout Christian, a man of prayer, and a constant worshiper at the altar.

> "Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.'

The Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32)

Common Meter

Lord, let your servant go in peace As scripture long foretold For I have seen your saving act Which all may now behold.

This is the light the nations seek And Israel's glory, too; To Father, Son, and Spirit now All praise is ever due.

C. L. Webber

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ble mother, cousins, and aunts all play their parts, and where a small cemetery plot near the house indicates the memory of Marianne's father and other forebears.

Sr. Marjorie Raphael, SSM.

Decision Reversed

Last November, the Church of England's General Synod decided that women priests ordained abroad could not officiate in England unless the approval of a majority of all of the church's dioceses and two-thirds of each of the synod's three houses was obtained [TLC, Dec. 25].

This decision has been overturned by the synod's standing committee, which ruled recently that the proposal was one for which simple majorities would suffice.

The church's Anglo-Catholic wing was credited with making the passage of the Women Ordained Abroad measure difficult, using a provision under standing orders of synod to persuade the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and others in the synod's so-called "inner cabinet" to classify the change as one proposing a permanent change in the service of Holy Communion.

The synod's standing committee now regards the measure as a temporary one, effective over a given number of years, according to the Church Times, which predicted that the proposal would have no difficulty in obtaining the simple majorities necessary. However, the Anglican weekly said that its "smooth passage is by no means certain even yet, since members of the synod's catholic group are likely to continue their endeavors to defeat the measure."

In a related matter, more than 700 priests, bishops, and theologians of the Church of England sent an open letter to the two archbishops in March, urging them to take the lead in hastening the ordination of women within that church. The signatories said they believe they represent the majority of priests in the Church of England, and that on this issue "the House of Clergy of General Synod is out of step with the church's thinking."

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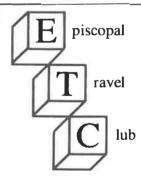
Drug traffic has moved to the block in Washington, D.C., where St. Stephen and the Incarnation Church is located, according to an account by Jane Lincoln in the church's publication, Bread. On Good Friday, as part of the neighborhood Stations of the Cross, the procession stopped in front of a group of men idling in a doorway. The procession was being televised, and St. Stephen's rector, the Rev. Jack Woodward, declared, "We're going to run the drug pushers out." An article that appeared in the Washington Post said in part, "One by one, the men on the steps found urgent business elsewhere. By the time Fr. Woodward finished the brief litany, only one remained, and he stirred uneasily at the priest's fervent prayer for divine help in redeeming 'neighborhoods and people from evil, as in the drug trade.' '

Holy Cross Mission in Stockton, Calif., which serves the largest concentration of Filipino people outside the Philippine Islands, was established in July, 1983, by the Diocese of San Joaquin. Under the leadership of its first vicar, the Rev. Justo Andres, the mission also has attracted a number of Cambodian and Laotian people. Parts of the service are read in Cambodian as well as two major Filipino dialects. Under the direction of Nancy Andres, the mission is developing Filipino cultural programs, including drama, music, and dance. The mission currently shares the facilities of St. John's Parish, Stockton, and the

John's Church School. San Joa County, where Stockton is located, i timated to have a Filipino population over 25,000 people.

Novelist Elizabeth Goudge, w gentle, luminous books attracted t sands of devotees during her writin reer, died April 1 at her home near ley, England. She was three weeks & of her 84th birthday. Miss Goudge the daughter of an eminent theological the Rev. Canon Henry Leigl Goudge, who was principal of both \ and Ely Theological Colleges befor became Regius Professor of Divinit Oxford, Several of Miss Goudge's 1 loved novels were set in the cathe cities where she spent her youth.

"Decision Making in the Era of M Trends" was the topic explored wh number of bishops of Province III along with their wives at Virginia T logical Seminary for three days rece Bishop David Richards, who heads Executive Council committee on pa ral development, and Holly Rich served as enablers together with Rev. Richard Busch, director of the ter for continuing education at the s nary. Under the leadership of Bishor man Ogilby of Pennsylvania, Province III bishops and their wive plored their needs for ongoing educa and building provincial relations! The conference was modeled after years of such activity in Province at the Church Divinity School of Pacific.



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t Giving

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author sees the Old Testament as about giving, receiving, using, iving back, and the New Testato the laws on giving, but not replacing them. Giving as God has given is seen as being at its heart.

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I commend this study to the clergy and their stewardship committees without reservation.

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No Way Back

THE POLITICS AT GOD'S FU-NERAL: The Spiritual Crisis of Western Civilization. By Michael Harrington. Holt, Rinehart & Winston. Pp. 308. \$16.95.

Michael Harrington, one of the most important intellectual figures of the American left, discusses the relation between religion and politics in western society in his latest book. He describes himself as a democratic Marxist and a "cultural catholic" whose purpose is to forge a coalition between all people concerned with the survival of humanistic values in the contemporary world.

Harrington writes well, and his argument is coherent and compelling: God may not be dead in the ontological sense, but God is certainly dead as the final referent and justification of the social order.

ous moral vacuum. The principal cause of the dissociation between religion and public life is "late capitalism," and the only solution is democratic socialism, the author says.

Few would disagree with his description of the problems of holding together a complex modern society, but this is where Harrington's argument breaks down. Like many intellectuals, Harrington misses the point that our advanced capitalist societies are no longer industrial, but post-industrial communities.

Another defect in Harrington's argument is that he attributes problems to advanced capitalism, as if such problems do not exist in advanced socialist countries.

On one point, however, Harrington is right: there is no way back — or forward — to a religious integration of society on the model of Judeo-Christianity in any of its previous forms. He is also right in stressing the need for the transcendental in society.

But his solution — democratic socialism — is inadequate for such a task. For that matter, so is democratic capitalism. The book provides a controversial discussion of humanity's current spiritual crisis.

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The Rt. Rev. Stanley Atkins, retired Bishop of Eau Claire, is one of the most brilliant, articulate, and saintly leaders of the Episcopal Church. For several years I have been attending his lectures and sermons with a tape recorder. Last year the bishop spent two weeks at St. Anne's Parish in Tifton, Ga., and the recordings made during the visit are now available to everyone on cassette.

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Professor Thomas C. Reeves of Racine, Wisc., is the historiographer of the Diocese of Milwaukee.

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The Rev. Robert A. Hufford has for some time been rector of St. Stephen's Church, Covington, Ky. Add: 39th and Decoursey St., Covington 41015.

The Rev. DeWitt Loomis is rector of Varina Church, Richmond, Va. Add: R.D. 5, Box 318-A, Varina, Va. 23231.

The Rev. Steven Mues is rector of Holy Trinity Church, Lincoln, Neb. Add: 6001 "A", Lincoln 68510.

The Rev. David L. Mustian is rector of St. Aidan's Church, Boulder, Colo.

Armed Forces

The Rev. Carl M. Andrews has left his work as vicar at St. Mark's Church, Craig, Colo., and may now be addressed as Chaplain/Capt. Carl M. Andrews, PSC, Box 2221, Malmstrom AFB, Mont. 59402.

The Rev. George Anders Porthan has resigned as rector of Holy Trinity Church, Peru, Ind.

Retirements

The Very Rev. David B. Collins, dean of the Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta, Ga., will retire on July 1. He and his wife, Virginia, will make their home at Shellman Bluff. near Darien. Ga.

Deaths

The Rev. Jones Stewart Hamilton, 80, died suddenly on February 10 at his home in Greenwood. Miss.

A native Mississippian, he spent his entire ministry of more than 53 years in the diocese, retiring at the end of 1968, after serving as rector of the Church of the Nativity, Greenwood, for 25 years. He was chairman of the department of finance for 18 years, a member of the executive committee of the diocese for 30 years, and an examining chaplain for 33 years. After being an alternate deputy to the General Conventions of 1937 and 1940, he was a deputy to every meeting from 1943 to 1955. He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Stockton Mounger, four daughters, two sons, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

The Rev. Kenneth A.B. Hinds, 74, retired priest of the Diocese of Texas, died on April 5 in Houston three months before he would

ordination to the priesthood.

From 1933 to 1953, Fr. Hinds served in Bar and Puerto Rico. He then began work for the delphia City Mission Society, worked as assist St. Luke's Church, Germantown, Pa., and as of Holy Cross Church, Kingston, N.Y. Then years he taught Latin and Greek in Fort V Texas, Orlando, Fla., and in Houston, where hassistant at St. Thomas Episcopal Schoo Church. He was married in 1937 to Joan Freand in 1963 to Nancy Seelye. His wife and schildren survive him.

The Ven. Stephen B. Mackey, rector e tus of Calvary Church, Charleston, S.C., on April 16 at the age of 82.

A graduate of Lincoln University of Pennsy and the Philadelphia Divinity School, he spe entire parochial ministry in the Diocese of Carolina and was also engaged in work as Exe Secretary for Negro Work and later as archd. He is survived by his wife, the former Nichardson, a sister, and two brothers.

The Rev. James L. Whitcomb, 94, di April 20 in a Florida nursing home.

A graduate of Trinity School, New York, an eral Theological Seminary, he was at one time and headmaster of Hoosac School, Hoosick, chaplain of St. Mary's School, Peekskill, N.Y. rector of St. Barnabas' Church, Troy, N.Y., Grace Church, New York City. He is survived t sons, David and Francis; a daughter, Priscilla and five grandchildren.

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