

# Religion and Life

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## ABRAHAM'S ACHIEVEMENT

Three world-religions trace their spiritual history back to Abraham. It is the vital element in their faith that found its origin in his experience of God. Abraham's life was one prolonged experiment with God, and the results of that experiment have enriched the religious treasures of mankind.

It is, therefore, of great interest to the Bible student to read Sir Leonard Woolley's accounts of the excavations of the site of "Ur of the Chaldees", Abraham's birthplace, and the city where the years of his childhood and youth were spent. In Genesis 11:31 we read:—"And Terah took Abram, his son, and Lot, the son of Haran, his son's son, and Sarai, his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees to go into the land of Canaan."

Here we find the situation of Abraham's early life, a situation that enables us to realize the sharpness of the break caused by God's call to this young city-dweller:—"Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto the land that I will show thee."

splendid victories. It was through John Bunyan, the tinker of Bedford, and not through the church that persecuted him, that God sent the spiritual message to the 17th century to all mankind. These experiences are a perpetual warning to the church.

There is no human claim that has been so discredited by the Spirit of God as the one that insists that a particular church is the sole channel of God's grace. God wants to enter into fellowship with men, to speak through them and to make them His instruments of action, and it is the soul that is open to Him personally that He honors with His presence and endows with His power. He comes in even richer measure to the Christian community, but that community must depend, not on the externals of religion, but on God's direct action in and through them if they are to continue to represent Him in the world.

## Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Sir Leonard Woolley writes:—"We had been accustomed to think of Abraham as a simple dweller in tents, and find him a possible occupant of a sophisticated brick house in a city." In another connection he writes:—"We discovered that in Abraham's time men lived in houses built with walls of burnt brick...two stories high and containing as many as 13 or 14 rooms."

These were houses of the middle class. Some of them had private chapels with "an altar, and a shallow niche in a wall-face for the sacred pictures or figurines of the god." Under the floor of the nave there would be a vaulted brick tomb in which each member of the family was laid when his turn came to die.

Their kings claimed to be divinely called to build their great temples of rebuild those erected by their ancestors. In those shrines provision was made for worship on a grand scale. The tombs of their kings proclaim their belief in immortality and contained ample provision for their occupant's future life. The writer adds:—"We must revise considerably our ideas of the Hebrew patriarch when we learn that his earlier years were spent in such sophisticated surroundings; he was the citizen of a great city and inherited the tradition of an ancient and highly organized civilization."

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." It was out of a civilization then older than our own by nearly 1,000 years that God called this young man to lead a nomad life on the hills of Palestine and there to prepare for an environment favorable to purely spiritual religion. The city that Abraham left had an established religion which touched every side of the people's private and public life, but it lacked the creative quality that made men new. Ceremonies and sacrifices surrounded, and some of the ideas behind them, Abraham carried with him into his new environment. But he was called into a new relationship with God, and he had to leave behind a heritage outwardly splendid in order to continue in it.

Now what was the new factor that this man brought into religion? It was the idea of direct, personal intercourse with God. His discovery was of a living God who wanted to enter into fellowship with men. Imagine this young man whose memory was filled with stories of the gods of paganism and whose early life was surrounded with the outward forms of their worship, suddenly awakening to the reality of a spiritual Being behind all that is. Who wanted to enter into Abraham's life. Not only so, but this purely spiritual Being wanted Abraham to Himself, and in order to that, directed Abraham's whole career.

Abraham felt that God called him into partnership with Himself, and pledged His faith to Abraham's future and his family's future. Listen:—"The Lord said unto Abram: 'I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee I will curse; and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.'" (Genesis 12:3). These assurances were repeated to Abraham after every act of faith.

Often in history God has thus revealed Himself to men outside of the regular religious organization of their time, and given them His message to their generation. He did this with Amos, the rugged prophet of the wilderness, in the language is derived directly from days of Jeroboam the Second's Latin.

When a baby is born in a harem in the Far East a new wife is presented to the Master of Fragrance. He looks over her carefully then prepares a scent for her which he thinks will not only exude her qualities but forever distinguish her from all other women.

All members of the House of Commons, England must take off their hats on entering or leaving, or making a speech. In other words, when they are on their feet. But when seated, the hats remain on their own heads.

Did you know that Canada has a Jordan River? It is some forty miles from Victoria on the West Coast. The orafish, or ghost fish, used to scare the daylight out of sailors. Why? Because it resembles a sea serpent, and all sea-faring men of old stood in awe of the sea serpent. Nature has equipped this frail and delicate creature with a cockcomb. In other words, its head is topped by a comb resembling that of a rooster.

Flying fish have their large wing-like fins attached to the back of their heads. When they decide to leave the water for a short journey through the air, they twist their tails in propeller fashion and when they strike the air the large wings or fins begin to whirl. The force they gather at the whirl helps them to keep going.

Persons who die in Japan are buried with their heads facing north. The living, therefore, consider this position unlucky and will, if at all possible, sleep with their heads toward either the east or the south. When on journeys they usually carry a compass so they can get their proper bearings at bed time.

Among the strange customs of this strange world is this one: In Syria every Druse bride gives her husband a dagger which is to be thrust into her body if she proves unfaithful. Recently a smart crook had been "hiding" on the detective force of Philadelphia where for a number of years he had been detailed to search for himself.

The ocean's acrobats are the salmon and the tarpon. Both can climb and leap 15 or 20 feet into the air. To accomplish this amazing feat they bend their bodies into a solid spring and then relax them, much as one would bend a bow to release the arrow. As swimmers they are par excellence and we are not able with our swiftest motorboats to match their speed through the water.

Now I must tell you of the swordfish which figured strongly in a suit for damages in London, England, many years ago. The suit was brought by a ship-owner against an insurance company. The vessel, Dreadnaught, arrived in port with an injured hull, and she was insured against injuries at sea, her owner sought pay for the damage. The company refused to pay and the strange case was taken to court. In this particular case the damage results from a swordfish running his blade through the ship's bottom.

The insurance agents tried to prove that if the fish had attacked the vessel it would not have been able to withdraw its sword. But the court decided in favor of the ship's owners and the insurance company had to fork out \$3,000—just because a swordfish took revenge on a crew who tried to hook it.

## LATIN ORIGIN

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# Islander at Churchill's Residence



A group of Canadian Air Cadets presently touring the United Kingdom repaid Sir Winston Churchill's visit to Canada when they visited the Prime Minister's residence at Chartwell. Pictured here with Sir Winston's favourite cat are, left to right: Marcel Bastien, of St. Rose de Laval, P.Q.; John Henry Gallant of Summerside, P. E. I. and Kenneth Sinclair of Ottawa. The overseas trip is part of a goodwill exchange plan sponsored by the Air Cadet League of Canada.

## York

Mr. and Mrs. William Vessey, Dunstaffnage, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brown last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Peter Blanchard of U. S. A. was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett, on July 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Murray, Marshfield, have taken up residence in York.

Miss Lauretta Vessey, York, spent Saturday at Dunstaffnage, the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Vessey.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Swan, York, have taken up residence in Charlottetown.

Rev. Mr. J. M. Sproule left recently for a short holiday. He was accompanied by his son, Robert of the R.C.A.F., who was home on a holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson of Murray River, were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Willard Murray and Mr. Murray recently.

Mrs. Peter Proud, York, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Geo. Bearisto, Covehead, last week-end.

Mrs. Alex Beaton was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Albert Proud for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Watts, Halifax, spent the week-end in York, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watts.

Mr. Edison Hardy, Halifax, is spending his holidays with his wife and family in York.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vessey and family York, spent a holiday in Sydney, the guest of their uncle, Mr. John Granger.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scott, Sydney, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis, York.

Dr. Harrington and Mrs. Harrington and family of Maine, U. S. A., have returned to their home after spending a holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lewis, York.

Mrs. Elby Hardy, York is visiting with her niece, Mrs. George Shaw, Brackley Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rodd and son, Bill, City, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett, York on Sunday evening. B.O.

MONTREAL (CP)—Max Macon, manager of the International League Montreal Royals, has been fined and suspended indefinitely for "abusing" umpire C. P. Burch in Thursday night's game here, IL president Frank Shaughnessy announced Friday.

Amount of the fine was not made known. Macon will be advised of his reinstatement by the IL executive. The argument developed when Macon objected to one of Burch's rulings behind the plate. He leaped from the dugout and engaged in a heated, chin-to-chin argument for some five minutes.

## Girl Guides Pass Red Cross Tests

The Girl Guides who camped at the Knights of Columbus Camp at North Rustico were enthusiastic about the Red Cross swimming and water safety tests conducted by Kent Ellis on Friday, July 30th.

Mr. Dick Noonan of Summerside directed the waterfront program for this camp and presented classes for each of the four different tests. The results were good for a course of only one week. The following campers received Red Cross awards: Beginners: Phyllis Thompson, Myria Clay, Genevieve Mooney, Elaine Wood. Juniors: Cassy McLeod, Ann Affleck, Carol Ann MacCormack. Intermediates: Alena Pierce, Pat Gaudet, Mary McCabe. Seniors: Frances Goring, Audrey Roach.

## Girl Severely Mauled By Bear

EDMONTON (CP)—Hospital officials say they are considering amputation of one of six-year-old Lorraine Kirk's legs, severely mauled by a 500-pound black bear at the Edmonton zoo yesterday. Her condition was reported serious Friday.

The youngster wandered away from her teen-aged baby sitter, scampered over a three-foot wire fence which had been knocked down, scaled a rock pile to the roof of the bear den, then slipped or had her legs pulled through the six-inch spaces between the cage bars.

Vancouver tourist Louis McQueen came to the rescue when he saw one of the bears stand on its hind legs and begin clawing and gnawing the child's legs. He dropped three 40-pound rocks down on the animal, stunning it long enough for him to pull Lorraine out of reach.

She suffered severe shock and multiple leg lacerations. Lorraine had been left in care of a 17-year-old baby sitter while her mother was shopping. The family lives near the zoo. Police said footprints in the mud atop the dens indicated several children had recently been playing there.

## BIRDS CRIPPLE PLANE

LONDON (AP)—A BOAC Stratocruiser bound for Montreal with 50 passengers was damaged when it ran into a flock of birds on takeoff from London airport Friday night. The airliner jettisoned fuel and landed for repairs to a wing flap and an oil cooler.

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ENGAGEMENT. — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Slewert announces the engagement of their daughter Ivy Karin Marie to Eric Francis Pollabauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pollabauer, Weinberg, Austria. Marriage to take place at Church of the Holy Redeemer, August 18th, at 10 a. m.

Personals  
Miss Genevieve McKenna, Lynn Mass., and Mrs. John Trainor, Somerville, Mass., are visiting their sister, Mrs. Susan Higgins, 246 Kent St., Charlottetown.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Britton have returned to Providence, Rhode Island, after a pleasant visit to the Island. While here, they were the guests of Emma and Elizabeth Brazel of Johnston's River. They were accompanied by their two children, Patty Lou and Billy, Jr., also Mr. Kingston of Vermont. They toured the Island and were delighted with the scenery.

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