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Both Sides of the Coin

“No one knows what is good who knows not what is evil.”

Edgar Lee Masters

“No one knows what is good who knows not what is evil.” To make it a little simpler, no one knows what is good who does not know what evil is. It is interesting with man, he never seems to be able to accept something as it is. He seems to always need comparisons. It is almost like saying, “Show me, show me, show me.”

This attitude or this way of thinking most often is the cause of our own woes. Man seems to think that he cannot judge something, determine a quality, or accept a gift without a comparison.

Therefore, we have put ourselves in a position where in order to appreciate and accept the goodness in all of creation, we have deemed it necessary to compare it to something that is less. The problem here is that when we deal with something less than the best, it often appears to be more intriguing, more tempting, more enticing, and the

nature of man being what it is, he finds himself drawn to that which is less, from the good and positive, to the ugly and negative. Unfortunately, we cannot lie with dogs and not expect to be polluted with fleas. In the very beginning we were created in a state of great happiness and joy, all needs totally fulfilled. One could say we lived in a state of ecstasy. Unfortunately, the nature of man posed the question, “Is this all there is?” This is what condemned us to live with comparisons.

The need to live with comparisons puts us in a situation where we must see both sides of the coin. We do not seem to be able to look at the good in life and accept it as good. We have deemed it necessary to look at the bad in order to realize what is good, how good it is, and hope for the desire of that good. As I said earlier, the negative is very seductive. Many times it appears to be the source of great light, great satisfaction, great fulfillment, only to lure us into a trap that is the equivalent of a spiritual spider’s web.

Today man finds himself in a situation where he truly does not appreciate the good he has in life. He must always experience according to his choice what is less than that. Because of this inquisitive nature, he places himself in jeopardy, the jeopardy of his own happiness and fulfillment. Because of this he also takes a path that

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was once laid level for ease of travel, to a path that is plagued with steep grades, great crevices, and many stumbling blocks. In other words, a relatively easy and joyful path we traded for a path of trial and tribulation, forcing us to always work for the good that was once given to us and thereby became our inheritance.

Was the life of man created with the intention of it being consumed with tests of all kinds? Or was it created to exist in a state of bliss? Man's existence was created to be in a state of bliss, but he chose to search for something even more, only to realize that it became necessary for him to learn to appreciate the good that existed. Today, for us to see and know what is good, we must have a comparison of the opposite, that which is evil. In order to appreciate joy and happiness, we must experience pain and suffering in the hopes that we are able to make the choices that will lead us back to that state of happiness. Are we condemned to this situation? No. It is simply a matter of accepting what you know to be good. Learn to be happy with what you have so that your inquisitive nature doesn't take you down the path of sorrows.

Whatever measure of good you have, accept it, appreciate it, and be happy with that measure. There are times in our life when we must accept what little happiness we have and learn to understand and accept that that is all that there is for us at this point in time. Once we have appreciated what we have, it opens the door for more bounty to come to us. It opens the door for a life filled with satisfaction and fulfillment and makes our future much brighter.

We can break this cycle of the need to experience both sides of the coin. What good you know seize it. Hold it close to your heart and cherish it. In doing this, the nature that forces you to make a comparison will begin to wane and eventually leave you free to experience only the good and happiness that life will give you and will provide for you. Accept the good for what it is.



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Newsletter Archives 1996 No. 06–95

This File encompasses many different aspects of the nature of man. Mr. LePar shares some simple secrets to spiritual growth that he learned from his near-death experience. Also discussed is the speculation that prayers were responsible for the conversion of Russia and the collapse of Communism. Find out why physical scars can actually be karmic badges indicating some spiritual work is needed. Mr. LePar gives insightful definitions of atheists, agnostics and those who do not even think about God.

Newsletter Archives 1997 No. 06–96

This File is comprised of four Newsletters from 1997. Varied topics include: The Healing Power of Herbs, an explanation of the Trance process, an in-depth explanation of discipline and its importance in raising children. Also included is an article on the importance of safe drinking water. The File also presents two touching and inspirational Christmas stories.

Belief Systems - Part 2 No. 06–97

Here we continue the examination of the world's beliefs. The File describes in great detail the civilization of Atlantis and the events leading to its demise. Also included is the Cain and Abel story. The Council explains how this story poetically reflects the inner division which exists within man. Discover the dual meaning of the Tower of Babel event. The confusion of language indicates the moving away from the Divine Source. We also find a thorough discussion of the Trance state and the criteria required to achieve a proper trance state.

Secrets of Spiritual Growth No. 06–98

For the first time a two disk audio CD recording from the Spiritual Dialogue Series of LePar lectures is being offered as a Trance Lending Library File. This fascinating discussion covers Mr. LePar's recounting of a near-death experience he had several years ago, starting with the often cited passage through the tunnel into the light. He documents the complete feeling of freedom and peace to the meeting of the relatives and loved ones. Then he comes to the immensely detailed and intensely painful review of his life. It is the little things that we fail to do that count more than the big things. The big things are what you do, but the little things contain your spirituality.

The Crow's Nest

Scanning the horizon. . .

The more things change, the more they stay the same. . .

Eighty years ago, the proponents of evolution were fighting to get their beliefs into the public school curriculum, challenging the ages-old Creation Story. Eighty years later, proponents of evolution are fighting to keep the Creation Story out of the public school curriculum. In 1925, it was the Scopes "Monkey Trial" of Dayton, Tennessee.

In 2005, the "Intelligent Design" trial kept evolution unchallenged in Dover, Pa.

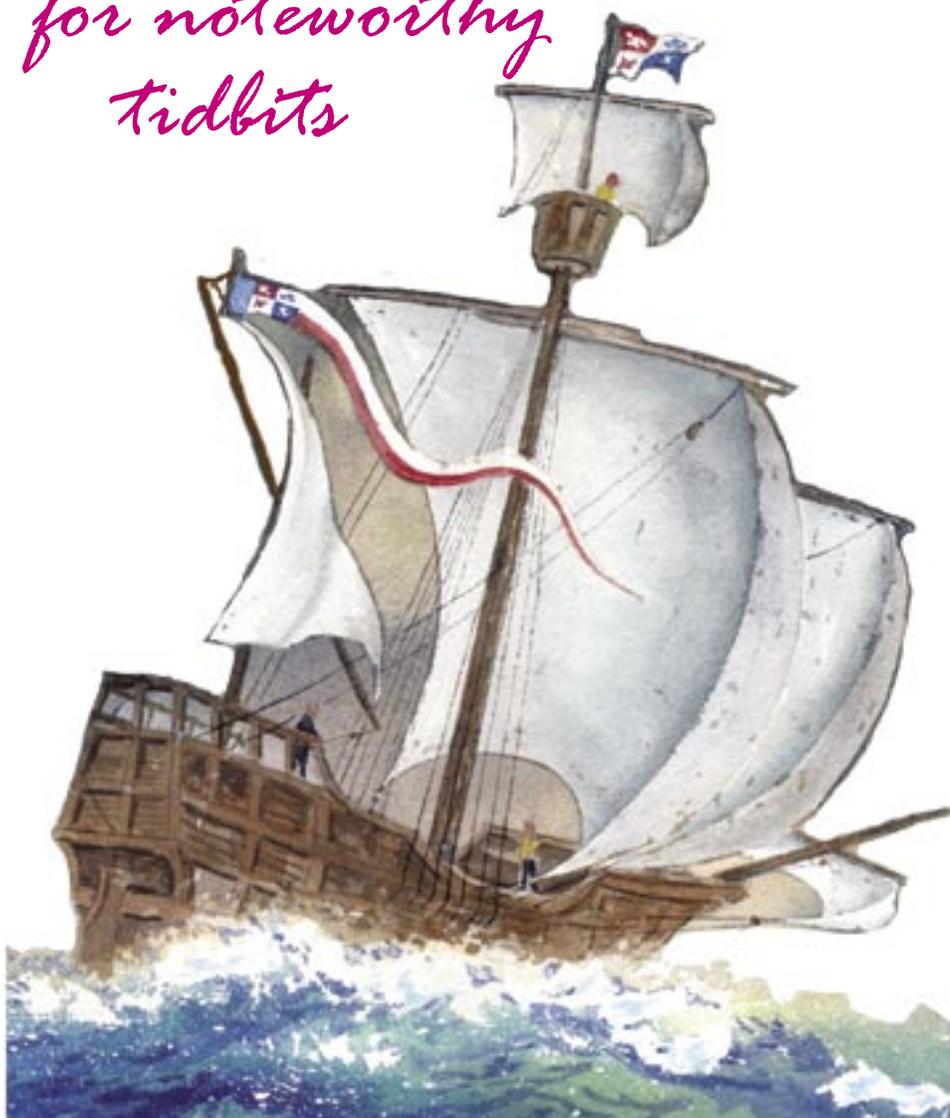
It doesn't matter that evolutionists were assailing the ivory tower first and are now defending it. Because, from this perch, it seems that the ivory tower and its occupants are not what really matters to either side. The tower is that place, that time, that environment, where young minds are

shielded from the serpents of uncertainty and heresy, from false paths and false prophets, enabling the preferred foundations to be laid with minimal interference. It can be formal education, the first months on a job, or any period of introduction to a new phase of life. The knights of certitude do not don their armor for the sake of those who are the blank slates. They don their armor to hear their own clanging and banging. Reassuring themselves of their own superiority is the true mission.

From my perch, there seems to be a 10-80-10 rule for much of what fuels social action. It's a loose measurement, but it's serviceable: 10 percent of the population is sufficiently dedicated to one side or the other of an issue to make a difference. The 80 percent in the middle are a muddle of awareness, interest, and motivation. The hearts and minds of some of those folks need to be temporarily recruited to a cause—or at least routed away from joining the opposition. If that means deception, oppression, or elimination, it's all the same. In other words, your freedom to believe the way you choose is a threat to my security, because the very existence of your belief implies I may be wrong. So my 10 percent must overcome your 10 percent, and 80 percent of the population just happens to be mulling around the battlefield and frequently gets caught in the crossfire.

But, back to Evolution versus The Creation: Neither side would be overly thrilled with the perspective on this

for noteworthy tidbits



issue from The Council. In the case of evolution, the short answer (very short) from The Council is yes for some animals, but no for man. Man is not an animal. At that pronouncement, the creationists would no doubt say, Hallelulah! But not so fast. Mankind wasn't whipped up near the end of the Supreme Workweek, either. Could the underlying message of The Council, and maybe even science and religion, too, be that there is *waaay* too much complexity in life for anyone to be a know-it-all?

The very mention of complexity may seem like a wink-and-nod to the defenders of creationism – that is, religious fundamentalism. After all, the complexity of life is the cornerstone upon which they have constructed the “intelligent design” argument. That, however, is not the intent. The intent is to remind those on both sides that humility is a good thing. We have certainly seen, throughout the evolution of the scientific process, how science has had to eat crow time and again – usually after the ridicule and/or persecution of someone eventually proven right. That very scenario played out again in recent years with the question about ulcers being caused by living organisms. And the know-it-alls of science have nothing on the know-it-alls of religious fundamentalism. They wrote the book on the persecution of dissenting beliefs.

There is little hope that these opposing forces would adopt a “live-and-let-live” attitude. Tolerance is not in the vocabulary of folks who align themselves with the 10 percent of either extreme. It's too bad they can't work together to discover what both profess is their ultimate goal: the truth. The Council tells us that the truth is simple, and it ultimately boils down to this—we are our brothers' keepers.

Sherilyn Highben



The Christmas Blues

The Christmas presents have been opened. The Christmas decorations are packed away. The Christmas lights are taken down. The house seems so bare. I really enjoy the days before Christmas—the decorating, the shopping, the baking. I really dislike the days after Christmas—the undecorating, returning gifts, regular cooking. It seems like a sad time of year. I've spoken to many people who have the same reaction. I've often wondered why. I finally found the answer!

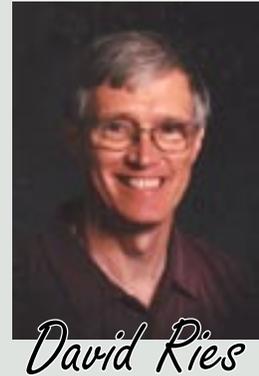
The Council has given information many times before the Christmas holidays, and they always include a special Christmas message. The gist of these messages is to enjoy the peace, the love and the joy that are the essence of the gift of the young babe throughout the year. Many of us do this during the Christmas season: that's what makes it so special. People are kinder, more generous, more tolerant. The Salvation Army conducts the Red Kettle drive during this time of year because they know this is the best time to collect money for their various programs. Christmas seals and stamps are received in the mail for the same reason. More people attend church during this time of year. Christmas seems to bring out the best of human behavior in people in general.

And then we pack all these good traits away just as we do the Christmas decorations. We get involved in our daily lives and forget to be conscious of our neighbor's plight. We forget to be tolerant of the person who cuts in front of us as we head for a parking spot. We forget to say kind words to our spouses, our children, our friends. We forget the peace, love and joy that the young babe represents. That's why the end of the Christmas season creates sadness for so many people. It's not the putting away of Christmas decorations, but the putting away of the Christmas spirit.

I've always wondered why The Council's blessing always had the same theme. Now, I know. It's because we constantly need to be reminded that we need to keep that special attitude that we have during Christmas throughout the year. We need to keep that attitude in the forefront of our consciousness and display it on a daily basis just as we do during the Christmas season. So instead of making New Year's resolutions to lose weight, to exercise, to work less, or whatever, decide to keep and use that special Christmas attitude throughout the new year. Think how wonderful our world would be if everyone kept the spirit of the Christ child alive throughout the year.

The wonders of our today were created from our yesterdays

“You do not leave the material manifestation without leaving your mark whether it be good or bad, positive or negative, so that if you were to do something that would have repercussions twenty years from now and you were to pass away to the other side tomorrow, those would be your responsibilities.” The Council



Let's look at an example from more than 200 years ago that left a positive mark on the future.

It is late at night and a single candle is burning. A man is sitting at his desk writing something. His concentration is intense. He is not writing a letter as you might think. He is writing a musical score. This is not your average man. He is world famous, if your world is Europe and America. He is more famous than his contemporaries; Johann Sebastian Bach or Antonio Vivaldi. His name is Tomaso Albinoni and the year is 1745. What was the piece of music that Albinoni completed? Was it performed? No one knows, history has not recorded that information for us. This Italian composer wrote more than 50 operas and hundreds of other pieces of music. Today, he is practically unknown except to those who truly love classical music. Actually, Albinoni is most well known for something that he had very little to do with. But sometimes something very minute survives in a manner far beyond what we could ever imagine at the beginning.

Let us move ahead 200 years

to another man. His name is Remo Giazotto. He was an Italian musicologist, mostly known for his systematic cataloging of the works of Tomaso Albinoni. He also wrote a biography of Albinoni. After World War 2 Giazotto was in Dresden searching the bombed out Dresden State Library. He was looking for archives that might have survived the terrible bombing that the city received during the war. Almost everything was completely destroyed. However, Giazotto discovered a fragment of music in Albinoni's hand writing. Actually the library was known to have a large collection of original copies of his work, but not much had survived. The fragments contained a base and six bars of a melody, that is all. Based on those fragments of music that he discovered, Giazotto reconstructed the musical score. It is believed to have been the slow movement of a trio sonata. At first Giazotto simply showed people the work as if it were a composition of Albinoni. When the adagio was played, it caused a tremendous stir in the musical world. Its fame grew at an astonishing rate. It was hailed as one of the finest pieces of music ever written. Soon it became

obvious to Giazotto that the illusion had to be corrected. He announced to the world that the adagio was not a completed work by Tomaso Albinoni but a reconstruction from a very small portion of his composition. Normally this would have been the "death knell" for such a piece of music. However, because of the respect that the musical world had for Giazotto and because of the obvious beauty of this piece of music, it has remained respected as one of the greatest pieces of classical music ever written.

What is the message in this story? It is this: no matter how insignificant our actions may seem, no matter how fruitless the effort appears on the surface, we never truly know what the future holds for those efforts. These few scraps of paper sat in a library for 200 years undiscovered. Its residence was bombed into oblivion, and yet it survived to be rediscovered by exactly the right person, at precisely the right time in history so that a masterpiece could be created for the enjoyment of all of mankind. Could some of our efforts produce something of significance for mankind's future? Yes, they absolutely could!



The Safety of Nonstick Coatings

Have you ever wondered about the safety of non-stick coatings? My question is why do we need a coating on our cookware in the first place? If you use stainless steel, it is very easy to clean and doesn't need to be coated with some carcinogenic product. The Council discussed this very topic in 1988. With tongue in cheek, they quipped, "Let's purchase a cooking product or a cooking utensil that possibly the cook will not have to spend an additional three minutes washing or scrubbing. Let's purchase one that we can just rinse out and it will be clean and ready to use the next time. Let's forget about that wonderful coating that eliminates the need for cleansing or scrubbing a cooking utensil. Oh yes, that modern technology that is so helpful and so deadly, so deadly. But we won't consider that, for we are saving two minutes in scrubbing the cooking utensil so that is what is really important. We are not going to consider that it is taking twenty years off our life, but that is beside the point."

They went on to explain that they would not recommend using it particularly in utensils which are bonded to aluminum. The coating tends to flake off, and even the newest, harder coatings eventually wear off. They suggested we return to the old ways and use steel or iron skillets: "There it would take a little bit of time to clean up afterwards because generally you might have to scrub it a little bit instead

of putting it into a self-washing contraption."

In 2005 the residents of Ohio and seven other states filed a five billion dollar class-action lawsuit against DuPont claiming the chemical company failed to warn consumers about the dangers of the Teflon chemical. The chemical has been used since World War II, but until now its long-term effects on people were unknown. A scientific review panel advised the Environmental Protection Agency that the chemical in Teflon is "likely" to be carcinogenic

to humans, but DuPont officials

disputed the report. The panel agreed to include more opposing viewpoints before submitting it to the EPA. DuPont has sold more than 40 billion dollars of Teflon cookware products in the past forty years. DuPont has known for over twenty years that Teflon causes cancer in laboratory animals but continues to sell it anyway. In December of 2005, DuPont agreed to pay \$10 million in fines for not reporting to the government safety data about one of the chemicals used to make Teflon.

The American public has been sold a bill of goods. The Council has warned us on numerous occasions that our society today is not being dealt with fairly and honestly. We are not being told all that we should know. They urged us to use our God-given wisdom and think: "Is this really so or is this just a tactic to move my attention away from something that is more important?"



CALENDAR

March 4, 2006. Spiritual Dialogues at 7:30 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church,
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April 1, 2006. Spiritual Dialogues.

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