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“Preach the Word.” (II Timothy 4:2)

“Feed the Flock.” (I Peter 5:2)

Survey Raps TV Violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Violence on television encourages violence in real life, the National Commission on Violence said today. It accused the television industry of “pandering to a public preoccupation with violence that television itself has helped to create.”

“It is reasonable to conclude,” the commission said, “that a constant diet of violent behavior on television has an adverse effect on human character and attitudes.”

“Violence on television en-

courages violent forms of behavior and fosters moral and social values about violence in daily life which are unacceptable in a civilized society.”

The commission said the industry’s self-imposed standards are inadequate and recommended:

—Abandonment of children’s cartoons containing serious, noncomic violence.

—Less time devoted to crime, western, and action-adventure programs containing violent episodes.

—A change in the basic context in which violence occurs in such programs so “resort to violence is depicted as an unusual and undesirable outcome” instead of the norm.

—More industry research into effects of violent TV programs —although meanwhile, “enough is known to make inexcusable any delay in taking action along the lines we have recommended.”

The commission also recommended presidential and congressional support and fi-

nancing for a corporation for public broadcasting “so that it may develop the kind of educational, cultural and dramatic programming not presently provided in sufficient measure by commercial broadcasting.”

The National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, headed by Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, was formed by former President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968 after the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

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PROVERBS of TODAY

Religion should not be preached in an irreligious way.

"The sure way to get a church on its feet is to first get it on its knees."

Many times people who cannot face their own faults try to make others the scapegoats for them.

"There is nothing too great for God to accomplish, and nothing too small for Him to attend too."

The man who merely lives for himself will die by himself.

"Knowledge is proud that he has learned so much; wisdom is humble that he knows no more."

Nothing works like work when it comes to getting the Lord's work done (no gimmicks, please).

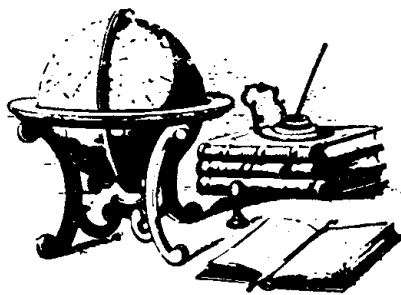
"I have never known a man and his wife to backslide without it proving utter ruin to their children."

There is no man any more foolish than a man who has fooled himself.

"Sorrow is a wound—but sorrow is a clean wound and unless something gets into sorrow like self-pity, bitterness, etc., the mind wounded by sorrow will heal" (and spiritual growth will result from it).

People respond better to warm truths than they do to cold facts.

"One of the things a child has to learn nowadays at his mother's knee is to look out for the hot cigarette ashes."



EDITORIAL

COMMENTS...

WHY I DO NOT HAVE A TELEVISION SET IN MY HOME

By David Kirk

MANY POTENTIAL blessings often prove a curse to mankind. The Word of God is perhaps the greatest gift God has given to man (excluding the sacrifice of His Son). In it alone may man learn to serve God acceptably. The Bible is the truth and Jesus said "...the truth shall set you free." Through faith and obedience to the Word, we find salvation and eternal life. But the message that is designed to save becomes a curse to all who pervert or change it. See Gal. 1:6-9; Rev. 22:18, 19.

Pure water is essential to life, but poisoned water will destroy instead of sustain life.

Grape juice is a wholesome and healthful drink, but when turned to wine it becomes a drug that is capable of destroying body, mind and soul.

Man has made many wonderful inventions. These, for the most part, may be used to either bless or curse.

Some inventions have an almost unlimited potential for good but often they become a curse rather than a blessing. It is the use rather than the invention itself that is evil, many times. Even tobacco, that is nicotine, may be used for a good purpose: to kill insects. But sad thing it is that human beings use tobacco to destroy their God-given bodies.

One of the latest inventions is the television telephone. It can be used to bring much pleasure. I can visualize talking to and seeing my grandchildren at the same time although separated from them by a thousand miles. But you can imagine how this same invention may be used for much evil as well as for good.

Television is perhaps one of the greatest inventions of the 20th century. But is it being used to bless or curse humanity?

The testimony is almost unanimous that its evil influence is helping to demoralize the whole world. It is denounced by society in general as an influence detrimental to mankind. From J. Edgar Hoover, from government investigating committees and from other sources both religious and non-religious have come strong warnings of the dangers of TV.

I have never owned a TV set. But having seen a little of it and having read and observed its effects on society, I have come to the conclusion that I will not allow a set in my home in the foreseeable future. My reasons for this decision follow.

I. Any benefits that may be gained from TV are not worth the danger of the temptation to watch programs that might prove detrimental to my family and me. But you say, "I control my TV." Perhaps you are stronger than I am. I know many who own TV do not "control" their set. I could very well be like one of them. Why bring this temptation before my children? Why risk the spiritual life of my own flesh and blood?

II. To bring TV into my home would likely weaken my influence when opposing other evils. How could I seriously raise my voice

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SYSTEMATIC

Scriptural Studies

REPENTANCE

Introduction:

1. All men have sinned (Romans 3:10, 23).
2. All men must face the Judgement (Hebrews 9:27; II Cor. 5:10).
3. All men need to repent now of their sins or perish (Acts 17:30, 31; Luke 13:3, 5).

I. WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

A. This word has a variety of usages.

1. It is used of God.
 - (1) Genesis 6:6, 7.
 - (2) Exodus 32:12, 14.
 - (3) Jonah 3:10.
2. Non-religious use (Exodus 13:17).
3. Religious use of the word (Ezekiel 14:6).

B. There are two parallel words for REPENT in the O. T. and the N. T.

1. One signifies a remorse for sin which may or may not lead to a changed life.
 - (1) Matthew 21:28-32.
 - (2) Matthew 27:3-5 (Acts 1:25; John 17:12).
2. The other literally means a change of mind.
 - (1) General definition of *metanoeo* (Liddell and Scott): "to perceive afterwards or too late. 2. to change one's mind or opinion. 3. to repent."
 - (2) Religious repentance involves a change of mind about sin (right and wrong), and one's relationship to it (Luke 15:7; II Cor. 12:21).
 - (3) Repentance has to do with the intellect, but since sin relates to the conscience, it also involves the emotions, thus changing the will.

C. Repentance is not necessarily—

1. Sorrow for sin alone (II Cor. 7:10).
2. Praying.
 - (1) If so, who did God pray to? (Exodus 32:14).
 - (2) If so, what about the children of Israel? (Exodus 13:17).
 - (3) Repentance and prayer are listed as two separate and distinct things (Acts 8:22).

II. HOW IS REPENTANCE RELATED TO BECOMING A CHRISTIAN?

A. First, notice that God has demanded repentance in every age.

1. The Patriarchal age.
2. The preaching and burden of the O. T. prophets.
3. The preaching of John the Baptist (Matthew 3:1-8).
4. The Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 13:3, 5).
5. The Great Commission of the N. T. (Luke 24:47).
6. The day of Pentecost—beginning of the church (Acts 2:38).
7. All men must repent (Acts 17:30).

B. There must be a change of mind about sin.

1. Notice Matthew 5:3-5.

2. From I. S. B. E. in reference to repentance: "A consciousness of spiritual poverty dethroning pride, a sense of personal unworthiness producing grief, a willingness to surrender to God in genuine humility, and a strong spiritual desire developing into hunger and thirst, enter into the experience of one who wholly abandons sin and heartily turns to Him who grants repentance unto life."

3. If one has never experienced these things he has never repented.

C. Repentance must be expressed to be real.

1. Notice what John said (Matthew 3:8).
2. Repent AND be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).
3. It is from something to something (Hebrews 6:1; 9:14).
4. Notice Acts 26:20.

III. HOW IS REPENTANCE CONNECTED WITH REMAINING A CHRISTIAN?

A. Repentance is part of the very nature of the Christian.

1. He is ever humble and teachable—that is how he entered the kingdom (Matthew 18:1-4).
2. He is ever open to the Bible to learn and obey (James 1:18-24).
3. From Z. P. B. D. in reference to repentance: "There are two aspects to repentance: the act of repenting, and the state of penitence. The act of repenting involves sorrow for both the fact of sin and the acts of sin in the life of the sinner. It precipitates decisive conviction of sin and resolution to change. The act of repentance, however, leads to the state of penitence in which the whole nature of man is changed so that he becomes identified with the grace of God, living in abhorrence of sin, with continual renunciation of it in his life."
4. A continual rebellion to God's Word is evidence that one has never originally repented nor is in a state of penitence.

B. Repentance is needed at specific times.

1. It is needed when one falls into sin.
 - (1) Acts 8:22.
 - (2) II Corinthians 7:9-11.
 - (3) Revelation 2:5 (3:19).
2. We can try to excuse ourselves and others by saying people are just weak church members (we are compromising the truth)—BUT unless "CHURCH MEMBERS" repent of specific sins as they are made aware of them, they cannot be right with God.
3. The very nature of the real Christian will make it easy for him to repent when he learns his specific sins.
4. Repentance is the only answer for sinning church members.

ALL ETERNITY TO REST IN

Don't become too concerned if you become very tired and weary in much working for the Lord—you will have all eternity to rest in.

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Here and There

THE SENECA INDIANS MADE SENSE

The six nations of the Seneca Indians (in the persons of their principle chiefs and warriors) met in council at Buffalo Creek, New York, in the summer of 1805.

In the presence of the agent of the United States for Indian affairs, a Mr. Cram ("missionary" from Massachusetts) addressed the Indians, "I am come to enlighten your minds and to instruct you how to worship the Great Spirit agreeably to his will, and to preach to you the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. There is but one way to serve God, and if you do not embrace the right way, you cannot be happy hereafter."

To this the Senecas replied: "Brother, we understand that your religion is written in a book. You say that there is but one way to worship and serve the Great Spirit. If there be but one religion, why do you white people differ so much about it? Why not all agree as you can read the book? Brother, we do not understand these things. We are told your religion was given to your forefathers; we, also, have a religion which was given to our forefathers; it teaches us to be thankful for all the favors we receive; to love one another, and to be united. We never quarrel about religion. We are told you have been preaching to the white people of this place. Those people are our neighbors; we are acquainted with them. We will wait a little to see what effect your preaching has upon them. If we find it does them good, makes them honest, and less disposed to cheat Indians, we will then consider again what you have said."

Thus closed the conference.

GETTING NOWHERE

ONCE TWO MEN, who were under the influence of liquor, came down one night to where their boat was tied. They wanted to return home, so they got in the boat and began to row. They pulled away hard all night, wondering why they hadn't reached the other side. When the dawn of morning began to break, behold, they had never loosed the mooringline or raised the anchor! They had gotten nowhere!

And, beloved, that is just the way many supposed Christians are with God. They are under the false illusion that they are on the way to heaven, but they have never really gotten started. In their lukewarmness they are intoxicated and tied to this world by sinful pleasures.

Beloved, set yourself free from the encumbrances of this ungodly world, and really move out to God and for God. Don't let the love of this world hold you back (I John 2:15-17).

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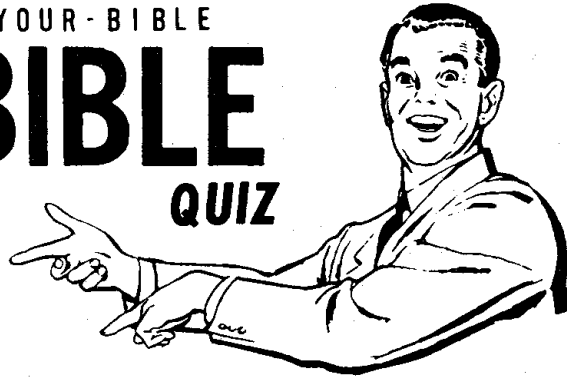
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KNOW-YOUR-BIBLE

BIBLE QUIZ



1. On what "day" does the sun and moon appear in the order of creation?
2. What place in Canaan appears to have been Abram's (Abraham's) favorite residing place?
3. What covenant did God establish with Abraham when he was 99 years of age?
4. What three books in the Old Testament Scriptures are mostly attributed to Solomon?
5. What prophet had a secretary by the name of Baruch to write some of his prophecies in a book?
6. The diet of John the Baptist in the wilderness consisted of what?
7. What happened in reference to Jesus during the period immediately following his baptism?
8. Where did Philip the evangelist finally reside after his early preaching efforts as recorded in the book of Acts?
9. Who was Paul's first convert in Europe, and where did it take place?
10. In Paul's imprisonment mentioned in II Timothy all others had left or forsaken Paul except what man?

(Answers found elsewhere in this issue)

EVOLUTION: DARWIN'S OTHER BOOK

SOME TIME AGO, when I was in High School the assignment for the next day's science class was to look up as much as we could about a man named Charles Darwin. As soon as my Dad came I asked him if he had any books or articles about Darwin. He smiled a knowing smile and went into his room and brought back a book written by Charles Darwin. I was so pleased with the book that I asked if I might take it to school with me and show to the teacher.

The book was entitled *My Apology for My Unformed Ideas*. It amazed the science teacher. He was thoroughly confused after reading a few pages of this "Apology." In it Darwin denied everything he had ever written concerning his "Origin of the Species."

The teacher had a book called *The Origin of Species* by Darwin. It was an accepted book by scientists all over the world. The teacher had planned to inform his class about the teachings of Charles Darwin and his evolution theory. I did not know at the time very much concerning evolution and Darwin theories. In fact I asked my Dad many questions that night and was enlightened considerably by him. He smiled and said, "I have writings of Darwin which he wrote before and after his conversion. But the scientists do not want to accept Darwin's writings where he recants his evolution ideas."

The "Apology" of Darwin was written right after he came to his senses while in a sanitarium where he had been placed for losing his faculties. Darwin writes: "I became like King Nebuchadnezzar, of the Book of Daniel, a wild and insane creature. God punished me by making me senseless and when I came to I realized I must write and correct the wrongs I had committed."

These thoughts came back to me concerning my school days when I received an article recently written by Oswald J. Smith and entitled, *The Untold Story of Charles Darwin*.

It may surprise students of Evolution who do not know, to learn that in the closing days of his life, Darwin returned to the truth of the Bible. Many a man, as he approaches the end and



consequently becomes more conscious concerning eternity, has regretted both his views and his conduct. Such a one was Charles Darwin.

The story is told by Lady Hope, of Northfield England, a wonderful religious woman who was often at his bedside before he died. She herself wrote it, and not only is it interesting, it is most enlightening. Here it is in her own words:

"It was on one of those glorious autumn afternoons that we sometimes enjoy in England, when I was asked to go in and sit with the well known professor, Charles Darwin. He was almost bedridden for some time before he died. I used to feel when I saw him that his fine presence would have made a grand picture for our Royal Academy; but never did I think more so strongly than on this particular occasion.

"He was sitting up in bed, wearing a soft embroidered dressing gown of rather a rich purple shade. Propped up by pillows, he was gazing out on a far-stretching scene of woods and cornfields, which glowed in the fine features seemed to be lit with pleasure as I entered his room.

"He waved his hand toward the window as he pointed out the scene beyond, while in the other hand he held an open Bible, which he was always studying.

"What are you reading now?" I asked, as I was seated by his bedside. 'Hebrews!' he answered—'still Hebrews the Royal Book, I call it.' Then pacing his finger on certain passages, he commented on them.

"I made some allusions to the strong opinions expressed by many persons on this history of the Creation, its grandeur, and then their treatment of the earliest chapters of the Book of Genesis.

"He seemed greatly distressed, his fingers twitched nervously and a look of agony came over his face as he said, 'I WAS A YOUNG MAN WITH UNFORMED IDEAS. I threw out queries, suggestions, wondering all the time over everything; and to my astonishment the ideas took like wildfire. People made a religion of them.'

"Then he paused, and after a few more sentences on the 'holiness of God' and 'the grandeur of this Book,' looking at the Bible which he was holding tenderly all the time, he suddenly said, 'I have a summer house in the garden which holds about thirty people. It is over there,' pointing through the open window. 'I want you very much to speak there. I know you read the Bible in villages. Tomorrow afternoon I should like the servants on the place, some tenants and a few of the neighbors to gather there. Will you speak to them?'

"What shall I speak about?' I asked.

"Christ Jesus!' he replied, 'and His salvation. Is not this the best theme? And then I want you to sing some hymns with them.

"The wonderful look of brightness and animation on his face as he said this, I shall never forget, for he added, 'If you take the meeting at three o'clock this window will be open, and you will know that I am joining in with the singing.

"How I wished that I could have made a picture of the fine old man and his beautiful surroundings on that memorable day!"

Was there ever a more dramatic scene? The very soul of tragedy is here exposed to us! Darwin enthusiastic for the Bible, speaking with glowing enthusiasm about the Holy Bible.

This picture of Darwin is a challenge to every Modernist. What an overwhelming criticism! The "unformed ideas" of the young man Darwin are the basis of modern evolutionary theory.

—From: *The Advocate of Truth*

(NOTE: The editor of *The Advocate of Truth* says, "As to the book (by Darwin), it is out of print. It can be found only in second hand book stores. I believe the enemy of truth has tried his best to destroy this information. My father brought a copy with him from Seminary in Germany and has kept it as a rare treasure.")—Via: *The Truth—*

DR. HAYAKAWA SPEAKS OUT

In his first 18 years on earth, the average U.S. child spends 22,000 hours watching television.

Since the end of World War II, American children have logged more time watching video than they have in reading, writing, playing outdoors, or talking to their parents.

What sort of mark does this early and constant TV exposure leave on today's young people? Is this why they differ so radically from their parents?

Fighting Sam Hayakawa, the semanticist and highly publicized pepper pot president of San Francisco State College, feels that television helped set the stage for youth's contemporary rebellion and behavior pattern.

Hayakawa notes in a speech to the American Psychological Association that impersonality is television's most singular quality. The viewer need only sit, silent and passive, while the little box spews out a fountain of entertainment, commercials, and information. You never interact with your TV set. You needn't relate to it. You simply turn it on.

As acting president of San Francisco State, Dr. Hayakawa witnessed in action a younger generation unable to relate to the older generation which currently runs the Establishment. Hayakawa feels that young people who spent so much time passively watching TV could not relate effectively to people around them. Eventually they became incapable of relating reasonably to anyone but themselves.

TV further warped its non-stop viewers, he maintains, because it taught

them a falsely simplistic technique of problem solving. Children learn that if you're sick you take a pill. If you're unpopular,

you buy a car. If you're funny-looking, you employ a cosmetician. If you want to marry a beautiful girl.

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TV Violence Influences Real Life, Study Says

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It is publishing a series of reports on various aspects of violence in American life.

The 11-page report on TV violence focused primarily on its effects on the young.

"Television is one of our significant national resources," it said, "but our greatest resource is our children. Children begin to absorb the lessons of television before they can read or write. In a fundamental way, television helps to create what children expect of themselves and of others, and of what constitutes the standards of civilized society.

"Yet . . . we daily permit our children during their formative years to enter a world of police interrogations, of gangsters beating enemies, of spies performing fatal brain surgery and of routine demonstrations of all kinds of killing and maiming."

"The producers of television programs have access to the imagination and knowledge of the best talents of our time to display the full range of human behavior and to present prominently and regularly what is possible and laudable in the human spirit . . ." it added.

"Television entertainment based on violence may be effective merchandising, but it is an appalling way to serve a civilization—an appalling way to serve the requirements of the law that broadcasting serve 'the public interest, convenience and necessity.' The recent hopeful trend toward less violent programs is a hopeful sign that the nation's broadcasters share this view."

In mitigation of its criticism, the report said the three major television networks "have effected substantial improvements in the cartoon programs offered this season."

And it noted the networks' 1969-70 program schedule "seems to indicate the begin-

ning of a favorable trend along the lines recommended here."

Some of the commission's findings:

—Children and adolescents are the heaviest viewers of television, with some children in lower income families watching their sets five to seven hours each weekday.

—Children's cartoons, concentrated on Saturday mornings, "almost all . . . contained violence" in 1967 and 1968 surveys, "and the rate of violent episodes was quite high in both years—more than 20 per hour."

—Eight of 10 violent episodes "occurred in a serious or sinister context" as opposed to slapstick and satire.

—Violent encounters in television drama, "unlike violent encounters in real life, are rarely between intimates. They generally occur at close range between young to middle-aged single males who, half the time, are strangers to each other. Six times out of 10, the violent acts involve the use of weapons . . ."

—"Those who commit acts of violence more often perceive them to be in their self-interest than in the service of some other cause. Nearly half of all the leading characters who kill and more than half of all leading characters who are violent achieve a clearly happy ending in the programs.

"To this extent, violence is portrayed as a successful means of attaining a desired end."

This article was clipped directly from the local Winston-Salem newspaper. Remember: As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. Consider—Philippians 4:8; Col. 3:10; Rom. 12:2; 16:19; Eph. 5:11, 12.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS . . .

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against the Movies if I have a TV set setting in my living room? It is a well known fact that the Movies have become more and more corrupt in an effort to compete with the home movies seen on TV.

III. I do not have TV because I believe that "evil companions corrupt good morals" (I Cor. 15:33). Who will deny that TV hasn't worked to corrupt the morals of our nation? Has it not in part been the influence of the evil characters and the evils seen on TV that has brought this about? Do not the characters you see regularly, and laugh and hate and cry with, come to have an influence upon your life?

IV. I do not have a TV set because I think my example would be weakened, and that I might prove a stumbling block to the weak. I Cor. 8:1-13 teaches that I am responsible for my example and that when I sin against weak brethren I sin against Christ. Suppose I had a set and watched only the "good" programs. How would the weak brother for whom Christ also died know that I did this? Would my liberty become a stumbling block to him?

V. I do not have a TV in my home because it promotes the very evils that I, as a Christian, must oppose and hate with all my heart. Are not all the sins listed in Galatians 5:19-21 furthered by TV? Is a constant diet of violence, hate, cruelty, murder, drunkenness, false religion, greed, covetousness, sex perversion, fornication, incest, gambling, revelling and such like influences for righteousness? Are these influences that will cause men to turn to God and the church?

VI. I do not own a TV set because it might cause me to neglect family devotions, Bible study, meditation, prayer, soul winning, church attendance and other righteous pursuits. Some have neglected spiritual things as a result of TV. Why should I think that I would be any stronger than they?

These six reasons have been briefly stated. I invite you to think on these things. If TV is a hindrance to the spiritual life of you or your family or if it is a stumbling block to others, you should not lightly consider your responsibility in this matter as a Christian.

Has TV contributed to your spiritual decline, your lack of interest in the services of the church? Have you actually stayed home to watch television in preference to coming to church? Have you had time for TV but not for prayer? For TV but not for Bible study? For TV but not for Sunday night and Wednesday night services? For TV but not for prayer and Bible reading with your family? For TV but not to speak to someone about his soul? For TV but not time to comfort the sorrowing and to help those in need?

Which is first in your life: Christ and his church or TV? If it is TV, then for your soul's sake get rid of that which may destroy not only your soul but others over whom you have influence. □

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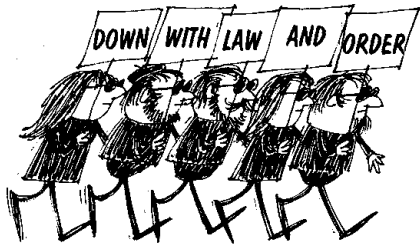
THE LEAF THAT WANTED TO BE FREE

THERE is a Jewish legend that has to do with a leaf on a tree that wanted to be free—free to fly like a bird. He wiggled free at last from the branch he was attached to and went floating through the air. "I'm free! I'm free!" he called to the other leaves. As time passed the hot sun came out. The leaf began to lose his color, as his life was oozing out. He cried out to the other leaves: "Don't do as I have done! This is not freedom—it is death!" And maybe there is a lesson for human beings here.

—ADAPTED.

DR. HAYAKAWA SPEAKS OUT...

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use a deodorant. The rebels have rejected these huckster teachings, but not without some bitterness.

Unfortunately, according to Hayakawa, even though they rejected the words, they became imbued with TV's infantile process of thinking. One they had been exposed to for 22,000 hours.

Kids often expect problems to have one-step, one-word, 30-minute solutions. They do not tolerate the notion that change requires time, thought, and industry.

"The world makes all sorts of demands the television set never told you about," Hayakawa declares, "such as study, patience, hard work, and a long apprenticeship in a trade or profession before you may enjoy what the world has to offer."

Drugs are the natural refuge of a child nurtured on television. "The kinship of the LSD and other drug experiences with television is glaringly obvious: both depend upon turning on and passively waiting for something beautiful to happen."

Since 1948, when the little screen gradually began edging its way into most of America's homes, parents have been plunking their children in front of the tube to keep them quiet and out of the way.

If fighting Sam Hayakawa is right, the super-baby-sitter has backfired.

—Parade Magazine

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