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CHANGE

It is the time of the year when everything seems to be in constant movement and change. The wind has a new briskness, the leaves are turning from green to beautiful shades of gold, red, and orange. Nature seems to be the perfect example of change and its usefulness.

I think we really need to take a look at nature and ourselves and compare the two in regards to the dynamic of change. We as humans tend to resist, hide, or ignore the possibility as our fear of the unknown overwhelms us. Nature has no fear of the unknown, in fact it seems to go, ready to explore and experiment with the new world. And whatever occurs is used, but we humans are a slow group and seem to be satisfied with the way things are and, of course, nobody wants to "rock the boat". I think it is time we understand change and use it effectively in our total lives so existence becomes life.

1976 SEMINAR ABROAD

Planning for 1976 Seminar Abroad has begun in earnest with the appointment of a student-faculty committee to study alternative seminar plans. Doug Dandridge, a middler, will serve as chairman of the group, which will continue discussion of the seminar program's goals and will begin inquiries into possible destinations for the trip abroad. Three other middlemen, Dan Hamlin, Dennis Hartman,

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and Doug Turner, have been named to the committee. Dr. Loyde Hartley and Dr. Francis Ringer, who prepared the initial seminar study proposal, will serve as faculty members.

The committee is an outgrowth of a series of meetings, involving both the faculty's study proposal for the 1976 seminar and several student-initiated alternatives have been considered.

Dave Wetmiller

ORDER OF ST. LUKE

Dr. Ringer wishes to meet with persons interested in learning about the Order of St. Luke the Physician. To set a time and place, we will meet briefly in the front of the chapel Monday, October 20, at the close of the chapel service.

F.R.

BOOKS

The students who attended the Seminar Abroad and are interested in buying or donating english story books for people in Neuenstadt for Christmas, should contact Dana Schlegel or Nancy Lilly. More information to follow in the next issue of the Seminarian.

HERETIC IN THE HUB

"Did God make man or did man make God?" asks the agnostic. Of course man made God! All concepts of God are culturally biased projections of mankind's highest values, at least in monotheism. Just because man creatively expresses his sense of the Divine thru the construction of idols--be they graven gold or abstract concept--does not mean there is no God.

All worship is idolatry. Since we can never fathom the limitless depths of the Divine, we worship whatever image of Him (Her or It) we are able to conjure up. We are all idol worshippers in the truest sense, for men need gods which speak to them in human symbolic language organic to the individual's daily experiences. Thus the Hebrew people kept lusting after fertility gods like Baal and female figures like the Queen of Heaven because those twin images answered a need not satisfied by the invisible Yahweh.

But even Yahweh, abstract and unknowable, is an idol, as are Jesus, the Holy Spirit, God the Father, and God-the-Ground-of-Ou Being. The concept of "God the God Beyond God" is an idol. The thought of God as pure Divinity, aloof from all human conceptions, is itself a human conception, hence an idol.

We must anthropomorphize and anthropopathize, for we mortals cannot conceive of a God apart from human terms and conceptions. As soon as we begin to express the inexpressible, we have fallen short and have created an idol.

The question is not shall we worship the true God or an idol? but rather which idol shall we worship? What concept of the utterly inconceivable best puts a handle on the unknowable for our finite minds?

Western man, exclusive of Judaism, has seen this concept personified in Jesus Christ. And even for us heretics, He makes a pretty convincing god.

--Tom Schreck

REPLY TO TOM

Dear Tom,

I find it hard to understand that you cannot see the reasoning in your recent article. What you are doing essentially is complaining because others have agreed on a common definition of a word. Those who have traditionally been identified, and identified themselves, as

Christians, have in fact historically been those who do believe in the divinity of Christ, the Resurrection and Atonement, and accept Christ as Lord and Savior.

You seem to be surprised that when you say you believe none of these things, (and then some) others question your right to call yourself a Christian. You proceed to redefine Christianity as simply religiousity of people minus beliefs, and Christ as a concept defined by each individual. Your illustration of follower and leader. (Lutheran and Luther) not having to buy lock stock and barrel hardly apply to your case. You seem to have for all practical purposes rejected Christ and Christainity lock, stock, and barrel. Yet for some odd reason (I suppose because you like clerics) you want to claim the name Christian. A person who rejects the major portion of what Lutherans believe and stand for, is hardly honest in continuing to refer to himself as a Lutheran by redefining the term Lutheran. Your blanket statement that there is no external authority is a personal presupposition of your own as you admit all of your statements are.

The point you miss is that the definitions we give to words must be commonly agreed upon or there will ultimately be no communication. If each of us followed your example we would all be walking around talking to ourselves, because no one would know what anyone else meant by any particular word. Common definition is crucial to communication. Of course you can redefine any word to make it mean what you want it too and call yourself anything by that method, but are you really saying anything? If I redefine "army chaplain" simply as a religious person who is interested in men in the army, I can call myself a "army chaplain". But I doubt whether you or any other army chaplain would recognize me as one just because I choose that label

REPLY CONTINUED

"army chaplain". after I divest it of its commonly understood meaning..

Ross Reider

This letter is in reply to Tom Schreck's article of October 9, 1975.

TENPIN CHATTER

The seminary bowling team is in its second week of play. If anyone would like to bowl, come out to Leisure Lanes on Tuesday nights at 9:00 P.M.

Standings for the week of 10/14
A. Mann - 173, D. Englert- 134.5,
D. Bechard- 132.5, and D. Serfass-
131.25. The high game- A.Mann -188,
High series- A.Mann-346.

LETTERS TO LUCY



Dear Lucy,

You'll never guess what happened today at the football game. I hiked the ball and you were suppose to throw it to Patty who went out for the pass while the men blocked. I think that Sunday School lesson on sharing has had a detrimental affect on your sense of competition. You turned around and handed the ball

to one of our opponents. Snoopy jumped up and grabbed the ball with his teeth and then passed it to Schroeder who was afraid to catch it for fear that the shock to his fingers would impair his piano playing. So one of our opponents tried to grab it, but Linus threw his blanket over her head and Snoopy pulled her knee socks down and made her cry. Patty got the ball and tried to pass it to Linus who was still brushing off his blanket. The pass was intercepted and you tripped that player and he released the ball with a mighty thrust. I ran to catch it; it landed securely in my arms and I rushed wildly--amid thunderous cheers to cross the goal line with members of both teams trailing far behind me down the field. I made it! I actually made it! And I proudly set the ball down to score a touch down--for the other team. Dear Lucy, what affect might it have on my team's moral if they see their manager cry?

Your Friend,
C.B.

Dear C.B..

I think you should go to Sunday School too! And see the virtues of a Christian Education Program, they are tremendous and if you are lucky--you can even become involved, active, and excited. I guess it's just my optimistic state of mind that keeps me looking for the future, so cheer up C.B. There is always a tomorrow!

Your Friend,

Lucy

Dear Lucy,

The other night as I was researching my book report on "The role of women in the Writings of St. Paul" I came across his well known passage on women covering their heads and remaining silent. Somehow I immediately thought of you and wondered what your thoughts on this were. Oh, yes today some man delivered a set of saucepans which he said you'd billed to me. Are you nuts? I am not selling my piano to pay for them.

Signed me
Fragel Schroeder

Dear Schroeder,

First of all Paul never knew me and I'm sure he would have changed his mind. He would have been so overwhelmed with my beauty, intelligence, and personality. And as for the saucepans, I'm sure St. Paul would have bought me saucepans, I don't think he would have liked Beethoven either.

I Love You,
Lucy

Dear Lucy,

Last night I was fooling around in my room, and I made a wonderful discovery, I had nothing to do so I thought I would spray some mouth wash in my ears. It was really neat. I saw all the colors of the rainbow, danced like I never have before and I thought I saw Grover Cleveland. Tell me something Lucy, is this something

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that has commercial potential.
If so, who do I write to tell of
my discovery.

Your Friend,
Linus

Dear Linus,

I think with your creative
potential you should broaden
your horizons and think BIG ! I
can't stand it when people don't
think BIG. I think you should see
the new committee for the Seminar
Abroad.

Your Concerned Friend
LUCY

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CROP WALK

I intend to participate in this
Sunday's walk against hunger and
remain in need of several sponsors:
If you would be willing to support
me and to contribute to this vital
concern, please contact me as soon as
possible.

Thank you
David Wetmiller

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S.C.C. MEETING

The S.C.C. will have its first
meeting of the year on Oct. 17....
at 8:00 P.M. in the Hub. The entire
community is invited to attend.

Lee Jessup

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SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

The Spiritual Life Committee
will meet on Monday, Oct. 20 at 10:00
A.M. in Mike Iski's Apartment. Any-
one interested in the spiritual needs
of the community is invited to attend.

Mike Iski

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CHOIR

The Seminary Choir meets on Wednesdays
from 3-4, in the chapel. We really

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need your voices. This will be the
regular meeting time of the choir
and it would be appreciated if no
other meetings would be scheduled
at this time. Thank you.

The Choir

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THE BOOK NOOK

The Hub has become a center for
a book exchange and at this time,
everyone is invited to exchange, read,
and share books. The Book Nook was
established in order that the students
could share in each others "wealth".

If you have any extra books
that are of some value, remembering
that the Book Nook is not an attic,
please bring them to the Hub. The
center is located right inside the
Hub door. Come and Enjoy!

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HUB NEWS

If you have any ideas or
suggestions about making the Hub
warmer - more of a place you enjoy
being - let me know --

Bulletin boards, activities of
the week, thoughts for the day, curtains
tables, etc.

Our coffee service is run on
donations; it can continue only as
long as you continue to make donations.
Please do and don't forget to return
all bottles.

Thanks
Alice

PS. Thanks to all who have been
helping to keep the Hub clean -
Deni Bechard, Paul Thomas, Charlie
Hull, etc. etc. etc.

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Seminar Office.

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Numbers in parentheses refer to announcements which follow.

CALENDAR

Monday, October 20

*9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	- Service of Worship	Chapel
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	- CEU (Continuing Education Unit) "The Pastor as Spiritual Leader" - Dr. Glasse	L200

Tuesday, October 21

*9:30 - 9:50 a.m.	- Morning Prayers	Chapel
12:00 noon	- Partners in Educational Ministries	L200
*9:00 p.m.	- Bowling	Leisure Lanes

Wednesday, October 22

*9:30 - 9:50 a.m.	- Morning Prayers	Chapel
*9:30 - 12:00 noon	- Jack Toner, Ministers Life Regional Representative in Hub	
10:00 - 4:30 p.m.	- CEU - "Sexuality, Sexism and the Sexual Person" - Dr. Ringer	L105
a.m. - noon	- Partners in Educational Ministries	L200
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	- Senior Seminar	L200

Thursday, October 23

*9:30 - 9:50 a.m.	- Morning Prayers	
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	- CEU - "Sexuality, Sexism and the Sexual Person" - Dr. Ringer	L105
10:30 a.m.	- Executive Cabinet	

Friday, October 24

*9:30 - 9:50 a.m.	- Morning Prayers	
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	- CEU - "Sexuality, Sexism and the Sexual Person" - Dr. Ringer	L105

DATES AHEAD

October 19 - 1:15 p.m. - March for Hunger (will begin and end at the Hellenic Orthodox Church)
November 16- 20 - United Church Board for World Ministries meeting in Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communicator 151:4

From the Office of the President

Opportunities for LTS folk at the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth, Wernersville, Pennsylvania: Some who were not at the Retreat in September have asked about other opportunities for retreats and prayer experiences at Wernersville. At the present time, these are the options open. Please see me if you are interested, or leave a note with Edna Hafer if I'm not in when you stop by.

The Prayer Experience Weekend in October would be an opportunity for Seniors, Juniors, and some spouses. The Center offers a prayer experience weekend from Friday evening 5:00 p.m. October 24th to Sunday afternoon October 26, 1975. Participants will be invited to experience meditative and contemplative prayer, prayer over Scripture, liturgical prayer, body prayer and other forms that can broaden their understanding of the richness and varieties of prayer forms. The schedule will provide time for personal, private prayer as well.

The Center staff will conduct the weekend. The cost is \$35.00. Some financial assistance is available on request. Openings are limited.

Retreat Opportunities in January

1. Father Walsh will devote his "teaching time" during January to directing retreats for LTS seminarians. These carry no academic credit, but could be part of special study projects. It might also be possible to have a group retreat for spouses. Details to be worked out during the Fall Semester.
2. A Week's Program in Personal and Communal Discernment - Jan. 11-17, 1976: From Sunday evening January 11 at 5:00 p.m. to Saturday noon, January 17, the Center will offer a program in personal and communal discernment.

The week long program in discernment will provide time and opportunity for learning the theory, methodology and practice of discernment in the spirit of Ignatian spirituality. The program will divide attention between personal and communal or group discernment. The program will be helpful to groups wanting assistance in integrating group methods and discernment spirituality.

Since the program is aimed at the functioning of a group as a group, they cannot accept individual applications. A minimum of four persons should register from any one organization. The cost is \$100.

If you would like to be part of a group of 4-6 from the Seminary, get a group together and let me know. Some financial assistance will be available. More details later.

James D. Glasse

March for Hunger: This Sunday, October 19th is the March for Hunger. If you haven't already done so, sign up with Ross Reider or the other marchers for your contribution.

Donald M.C. Englert

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Counseling Services at CPDM(Re Services to Students): By action of the Board of Trustees, the following policy will be in effect, beginning November 1, 1975, regarding counseling services provided to seminarians by CPDM:

1. Counseling hours provided full time M.Div. or M.A.R. candidates are free through the fifth hour used in an academic year (September 1 - May 15), after which a charge of \$25.00 per hour must be billed. (We will work with you to obtain payment for this from your Conference, Association, etc. No person will be denied help for lack of cash but we must bill you after the fifth hour.)
2. All persons who are not qualified under the above provision for free time will be billed \$25.00 an hour. This eliminates free services to family members, et.al. (Again, we shall assist in finding money to cover bills if you request such assistance.)
3. These provisions, of course, apply only to counseling time; they do not apply to administrative interviews (e.g. regarding collegium) for which there is never a charge.

Explanation: This provision is necessary due to the fact the CPDM is provided with only one-half its budget from LTS. The other half must come from consulting fees, mainly off-campus, and from group work done on campus and elsewhere. As much as I enjoy working with students (and I do very much enjoy it), if I go beyond a certain load on that, then I still must work for fee elsewhere to make up the budget. Last year this meant many hours of night and weekend work. This is not good for me or those with whom I consult (including seminarians), so we are trying to correct it in as equitable a way as possible. At the same time, I hope this new policy does not prevent anyone who really needs and wants our help from seeking it.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Tom Brown, CPDM

Last spring LTS organized an Explorer Post. The special interest for the Post is the church and church vocations. The Post needs some leadership! Any seminarian interested in helping, please contact Allen Kroehler or Dorothy Book immediately.

Dorothy Book