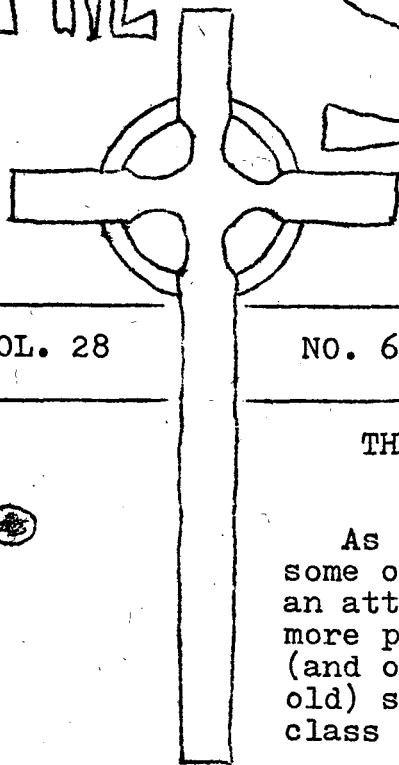


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THEOLOGICAL (and other) WORD DICTIONARY... FOR LTS STUDENTS

As time passes, new words come into usage and some old words change in meaning. The following is an attempt to make clear the meaning of some of the more popular (and unpopular) words and phrases in (and out) of usage at LTS, and thus assist new (and old) students in understanding conversations and class discussions here.

1. caring - loving, concern.
2. Christian - a nice person, or anyone who refers to her/his self by that name. (Why not make up your own definition?)
3. community - New Ideal (replaces heaven).
4. conservative - See fundamentalist, no distinction is made between the two here. (Do not identify yourself with either group if acceptance is your goal.)
5. conversion, converted, convert - process of becoming a Christian, having become a Christian, persuading to change and become a Christian. (With current definition of Christian, has faded into obscurity and is looked on as a nasty word. Associated with fundamentalism.)
6. dialogue - a word meaning talk.
7. enable - current fad word for help.
8. enabler - substitute minister or helper.
9. evangelism - anything that could possibly be interpreted as a Christian act is considered evangelism. (Formerly meant, seeking in direct ways to confront people with the Gospel and convert them to the Christian faith.)
10. fundamentalism - One who believes the Bible is true and actually swallows those stories as historical events.
11. feeling - e.g. I'm feeling _____, How do you feel about that?, Getting in touch with your feelings. (very popular word, Generally think, or thinking is the real meaning.)
12. God - love, loving heavenly Father, Ground of Being, etc. (Do your own thing with this one. Few distinctions are made here and the word can mean whatever you want it to.) Formerly seen also as judge, demanding repentance, holy living, personal purity, etc. (This part of definition no longer in current usage)
13. guilt - outmoded condition and feeling associated with sin.
14. head trip - derogatory for thinking as opposed to feeling. (To effectively shoot someone down in an argument at LTS, accuse them of being on a head trip.)

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15. Heaven - archaic term referring to place of eternal life of blessing in God's presence. (Seldom used.)
16. Hell - likewise archaic reference to place of punishment and eternal separation from God in the afterlife. (used even less than #15.)
17. judgment - God's reckoning, His discernment and decision as to the good or evil of a person, group, or nation's life. (not in current usage.)
18. Judgment Day - A theological cussword. (Avoid using if at all possible.)
19. non-directive - self-explanatory, accepted style of functioning in pastoral relationships. (being directive - unforgivable sin.)
20. non judgmental - see #19. (being judgmental, ditto)
21. persons - jargon for people.
22. preacher - derogatory term for minister shunned by most modern clergy.
23. share, sharing - e.g., I'd like to share this with you, share these thoughts, etc. According to a leading authority, (Whatever it is !) President Glasse, can be interpreted as meaning, Now I'm gonna lay it on you, tell you how it is etc. Also preach, talk to, tell you what's on my mind.
24. salvation - little used word referring to deliverance Christ offers from sin and death, and the resultant blessings of God. (declining in use, since sin, Christian, etc. changed meanings.)
25. sin - being judgmental in any way, or implying that anyone in the world might not be a Christian. (Formerly included much more, breaking ten commandments, etc.) Close race between this word, hell, and judgment as least used words at LTS. (Scratch hell, frequently heard as exclamatory remark.)
26. Word of God - those parts of the Bible I accept.
27. truth - subjective interpretation, very vague. (Formerly, that which is reality or fact as opposed to what is not.)

This special supplement, prepunched for your convenience and easy notebook reference should be of great assistance in deciphering the verbal barrage at LTS and throughout the church hierarchy.

(Hint: for good grades, spice papers liberally with words #1,3, 6,7,8,11,12,19,20,21, and 23; avoid #5,10,13,15,16,17,18,24, and 25. The balance are fairly neutral.)



- Ross Reider

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BIRDWATCHERS, ECOLOGISTS,
FISHERMEN, HUNTERS, NATURE
LOVERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, RESPON-
SIBLE STEWARDS, AND SQUIRREL
FEEDERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

(Anyone concerned about our environment) I'd like to get together with others who would be willing to put some time and effort into getting a recycling project going here at LTS to cut down our waste of natural resources. Please contact Ross Reider



"Perhaps I lack real spiritual dedication, but there are certain things about visitation work that drive me crazy!"

SUFFERING IN SOUTH AFRICA

June Chabaku, from Johannesburg, South Africa, will share with us about the present situation in that troubled part of the world, on Tuesday afternoon, November 9, at 3:30 p.m. in the Hafer Center. June has more than once put her life on the line for Social Justice in a part of the world which threatens to blow up momentarily. Her story and the story of suffering in South Africa will be shared with us. Please set aside that hour or so to be present, listen and participate in a CONVERSATION WITH JUNE CHABAKU.

- Robert Duke

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THE CONTINUING SAGA OF "DOC" TRINE... D.MIN. OF THE OLD WEST

As I closed the safe gleefully, I noticed fancy gold lettering on its coal-black door. It read thusly: "Lanchester School of Divinity, Inc." It so happens that the pupils at this institution are well known for their abilities as part-time safe makers.

The school held a very good reputation with the inhabitants of my native Buckinghamshire...in fact, quite an unusual, quite a queer reputation.

Most felt that it did, indeed, provide an excellent educational atmosphere, especially for the brave souls who were pondering a ministry in the newly opening wilderness of the wild, wild west...for the statement of purpose of the school read thusly: "Lanchester School of Divinity is a graduate professional academy, specializing in the preparation of persons for the prairie-land ministry."

A sketch contained within the institution's portfolio (for which I had sent) showed two dashing young fellows with boots

and with the sort of hat which is identified as "of the sort which is thusly worn by those persons rightly called cowboys."

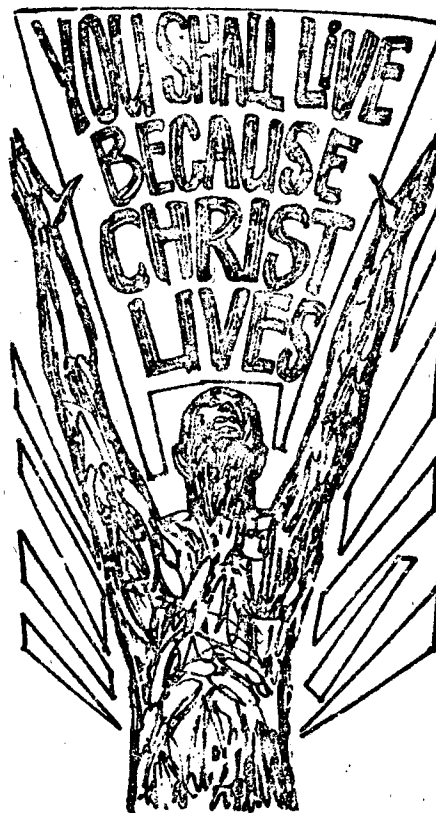
I knew this was, indeed, the place for me. I sent in an application, and then awaited patiently for a period of two weeks prior to its subsequent arrival.

Then, one day, a letter arrived at my door step...

(to be continued)

- E.Winford
Valentine
Scofield

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PRAISE HIM!

Dear Seminarian,
Just why aren't we folks like everyone else? For several months, there have been "Honor Snacks" in the 2nd floor kit-

chen of the library. Would you believe that the cashbox is 37 -some dollars in the hole?

I don't know if there are just so many folks here that can't read like everyone else (the "coffee donations" are in the black - aren't people reading the signs that tell them coffee money and snack money is separate?), or if we, the clergy and prospective clergy, are so used to being catered to in the form of "freebies" that we simply forgot to pay.

I, for one, really appreciate the snacks, and would hate to see them go, which they will if we don't get on the stick about paying at the time of selection (yes, some people have been "going now and paying later").

If you see yourself here - student or faculty, alike - please give the rest of us a break.

Sign me,

a concerned member of the LTS community

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"TRAVELING MAKES THE TRIP GROW FONDER"

The trip through Pennsylvania,
Was quick and smooth and fine.
In the luxury liner,
On chicken we did dine.
But then at Puerto Rico,
We made our big mistake:
We boarded on two busses,
The red and yellow crates!
A mirror broken from the stand,
And a tire that lost its air,
A broken seat inside the van,
There's more if you can bear.
A battery that won't start,
A tire that had a bump,
And all these crazy lomos,
That made the busses jump.

We tried to rent a Datsun,
It guzzled up the gas.
We traveled all the miles we
should,
But not so very fast.
Pcorto forget his papers,
The Datsun, it went back.
The timing was just perfect,
And so we're back on track.
Then the Dan of Hamlin
Said, "Nothing more go wrong."
As the yellow van's transmission,
Joined the breakdown song!

We missed more turns and corners,
The numbers we'll never know.
All the wrong directions,
Sure makes a trip go slow.

- Dale Miller
(Seminar Abroad returnee)

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SPANISH INTEREST GROUP

There will be a meeting of
the Spanish interest group at
10:00 a.m. Monday, November 8th
in the apartment of Dilca
Lebron, Apt. H-202. Come, you
are welcome to join us.

- David Kirk

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CPD: A REFUGE FOR...?

Contrary to the reports of
a reliable source, the Center
for Parish Development has not
become a refuge for frogs, toads
and others with croaking disor-
ders.
- Elmer

SONNET - SERMON TO KNOX, CALVIN, AND A REPENTANT ZWINGLI

Text - "For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

- Mark 8:36 (KJV)

I

Dear Lord, how long must I contend with these
Unfortunates, who never seek to paint
Their souls' terms but in blacks and browns; to taint
Their lives' progressing canvas as they please
With brushes holding only wailing shades
Of sorrowing umbers, deadly mourning blacks.
I sorrow for the jadd one who lacks
"Soul Color Sense." Black painted canvas fades
Into godless, manless gray
When exposed for long to light of day.

II

'Tis true that blacks and browns we need
To frame man's colors, man whom god has souled.
Does not black lead the bright hued glass panes hold
In the stained glass window, for indeed,
We need the dark shades to offset the light
The fire red, the living breathing green
Experiential blues; man has never seen
The colors possible for God's delight.
Then what man (or fool) could place
Here only black, so dark, so base?

III

What for this poor foolish one can I
Do, to help him see the spectrum there
Within himself, within his soul, I wear
No theologian's mark, his brand the tie
Between Geneva, Zurich, and who knows
Where else. Some "Black Search Double P" has cast
The blueprint for his present, future, past...
And it might save his soul, this course he chose.
I'll keep my colors. Who could miss
Any soul as black as this?

- "Armen Dichter"

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