



Courtesy
 ● Not a man on the bus rose to give the bundle-laden woman a seat. However, one middle-aged male seemed to be a bit more thoughtful than the others. He nudged her furtively and whispered, "Be sure to be on your toes when we get to Sunken Heights Terrace, lady. That's where I get off."

Better Cars
 ● The most respected automobile manufactured in America today is still the police car.

And English
 ● An Englishman, touring the U. S. in a borrowed car, turned a tire. A gas attendant replaced it with a new one, remarking, "Mister, you'll get better service from this tire if you don't keep over 24 pounds in it."
 "Not over 24 pounds!" exclaimed the Englishman. "But my dear fellow, what a dashed odd place to keep any money!"

Ten Commandments

The most important thing about the Ten Commandments is how to keep them. This article tells why and how.

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Ten Commandments given by God to Moses at Mt. Sinai over 3,000 years ago are laws of love for all God's human creatures. Photo is from current movie. Article tells why of keeping commandments.

AT FIRST sight it may seem strange to place the words "love" and "law" side by side. It is a very popular impression that law represents something forbidding, restricting, joy-killing and severe; while love represents that which is appealing, carefree, pleasant and sweet.

Law suggests fear of punishment, while love suggests the anticipation of delight. This is especially true when the two words are applied to religion. There are thousands of people who say that they want a religion of love, not of fear.

When they are pressed to explain what they mean, they say that a religion of love is a religion of freedom, and specifically, freedom from restrictive laws.

Where Do Laws Come from?

Millions of people would answer the above question by saying that all laws are merely agreements on a certain mode of conduct by a majority of men, or customs and conventions handed down from generation to generation, or the arbitrary decisions of someone who happened to be in authority and to have the power to impose his will on others.

For all who hold these or similar views, and there are internationally "famous" men to be found among them, there is little to prevent any individual from asserting his freedom from any law if he has the "courage" to do so, and a reason that appeals to himself. The truth may be found in a simple definition of a law.

A law is an order or directive addressed to the reason of an individual, by one who has rightful authority over him, on the observance of which his good and the common good of all who are associated with him under the same authority depend.

This definition may be best understood by an explanation of its parts. A law is a directive addressed to reason. Every true law is a necessary measure or rule of action.

The observance of a law requires the action of the will, but whether one observes or does not observe a certain law, the law remains as the norm known to his reason of what he should do.

A law can be made only by one who has authority over those for whom the law is intended.

This authority means the right to provide for the goods of the individual and of all individuals subject to the same authority. All such authority comes from God, not in the sense that every individual who holds authority must be appointed directly by God, but in the sense that the authority he holds is, from the nature of certain relationships between human beings, evidently the extension and manifestation of the Will of God.

There can be no true authority in the world that cannot be recognized by human reason—as the Will of God for the right governing of human beings.

A law can be made only for the common good of all who are bound together under the same authority.

Since laws are addressed to human reason, and since reason is the same in all human beings, and since all have the same destinies, any true law must be related, not merely to the good of one or a few, but to the good of all.

Observance of true laws leads any individual toward his proper goals in life; but it must at the same time be a means of attaining their destiny for all.

Divine Laws

The first, the highest, the most necessary and all-embracing authority in the world is that of God.

This authority arises from the very fact of creation; all the things that God made He made out of nothing.

THE INTERNAL LAW is defined as the Will of God commanding that the order He Himself set up in all creation be observed and forbidding

FATHER SHEERIN Atomic Saturation

Adlai Stevenson had the American people stirred up for a time over the issue of H-bomb tests. During his campaign he insisted that the American Government must put an end to these nuclear explosions. He was supported in his stand by many physicists and other scientists.

They said that large-scale explosions of H-bombs are dangerous to national health because of the contamination they toss into the atmosphere. This contamination or radiation of fallout, or whatever else you might call it, might cause bone cancer or leukemia now. It might also cause deformities in children not yet born.

THE VOTERS were alarmed but confused. They were impressed by the testimony of the scientists. On the other hand, the Soviets had been urging an end to H-bomb tests. The American voters had no desire to help the Soviet propaganda machine. They knew the Soviet talk about ending the arms race was phony. They also knew that if the U.S. stopped testing the bombs, the Reds would get ahead in nuclear development.

So, I suppose, most Americans decided to leave the matter up to the judgment of a military man, President Eisenhower.

The issue however is far from dead. It becomes more urgent every day. It comes down to this: has any nation a right to condemn civilians to death for the sake of nuclear explosions?

Has the Soviet Union the right to condemn a Japanese to death by contaminating the atmosphere over Japan? Has Britain the right to condemn an Eskimo to death as a result of the blast it will soon release at Christmas Island in the Pacific? Has the U.S. the right to condemn American citizens to death as a result of nuclear blasts in May at the Nevada proving grounds?

The human body has a quota of radiation. It can take just so much and no more. When the quota is used up, death is at the door.

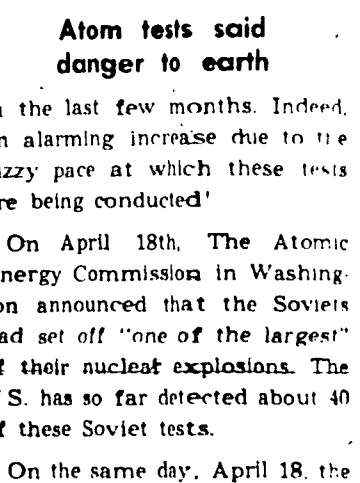
The first danger is from X-rays. Months ago the National Academy of Sciences protested against doctors and dentists who use the X-ray too freely. Some months later, the American College of Radiology politely told the National Academy to mind its own business.

The College did, however, recommend that medical authorities reduce radiation exposure from X-rays to the lowest possible amount. And it did admit that out of 125,000 professional users of X-ray apparatus, only about 1,000 have the special training that is needed for a competent radiologist.

Now it is true that the National Academy, in its report, did say that careless use of X-rays was more of a danger than fall-out from H-bomb tests.

STRONTIUM-90 is the most dangerous type of radiation from the explosion of an H-bomb. It is this that causes cancer and possibly leukemia, and perhaps even sterility in the victim or deformity in his children.

There has been a substantial increase in contamination with



Atom tests said danger to earth

In the last few months, indeed, an alarming increase due to the dizzy pace at which these tests are being conducted.

On April 18th, The Atomic Energy Commission in Washington announced that the Soviets had set off "one of the largest" of their nuclear explosions. The U.S. has so far detected about 40 of these Soviet tests.

On the same day, April 18th, the Japanese Government warned its people that the atmosphere over Japan was gradually becoming contaminated from Soviet blasts.

One spokesman said that the amount of recorded radioactivity was greater than that recorded after the Bikini blast by the U.S. in 1954.

The Premier of Japan recently sent Dr. Matsushita to Britain to request a cancellation of the first British H-bomb test, scheduled for this spring. The request was rejected.

From London the Japanese representative went to visit Pope Plus. According to press reports, the Holy Father assured him that he intends to keep up his fight for control of nuclear weapons.

In his Easter (1956) Message, Pope Plus called this nuclear race "suicidal madness" and in his Christmas (1956) Message, he looked hopefully to the U.N. for a means of controlling armament production. His Easter Message of this year was on the optimistic side regarding nuclear energy and yet he did foreshadow the catastrophe that would come upon the world through misuse of nuclear energy.

Control of the H-bomb is a practical question to be solved by international politics. The politicians however seem to be sidestepping the whole issue.

— Francesca Gull

At Worship

At the St. Pius X Church, parish of St. Ann, Worcester, Mass., the priest, Fr. Donald J. Murphy, has decided that the best way to pray the Mass is by taking the ritual and the Mass with the priest.

When their suburban church was dedicated, the priest reverently and impressively recited the Mass while their pastor, Father Donald J. Murphy, ministered to the holy sacrifice at the altar.

Last year, Father Murphy has not only prayed the Mass, but he has also worked shoulder with them in actually building the church with the men of his parish.

The history of the last fifty years has seen a striking change in the Church's way of worship. At the turn of the century, say, people were silent spectators at church ceremonies. The priest said private prayers which had little to do with the rite at the altar, and few approached the Communion.

When Pope Pius X was elected to be Vicar of Christ, the Holy Pontiff immediately called for "active participation" in frequent Communion.

Pope Pius XI in his turn said it was "most necessary" to leave the people as "silent spectators."

In our own time, Pope Pius XII has introduced radical changes to put the program of his predecessors into actual practice.

We have seen the introduction of afternoon and evening Masses, the relaxation of the fast before Holy Communion, drastic changes in the rites of Holy Week, extensive use of modern sacraments, the administration of the sacraments—all of these things waded out centuries-old and obsolete ritual customs which hinder the people of God from taking their full share in the worship of God.

Despite fifty years of prompting from Rome, there are still some unresponsive Catholics who won't make the effort to go to "pray the Mass" or receive Holy Communion frequently. Silent, detached, they stand through Mass as if to comprehend the treasures of grace they ignore through their neglect.

Pastor and parishioners at St. Pius X Church prove it can be done, that you can mix work and worship in a thoroughly Catholic "do it yourself" program.

Love, Children — Goals Of Marriage

By MRS. IRVING A. DORRANCE (Director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)

Several magazines have recently carried the opinion that "going steady" will promote "monogamy." If a boy and girl continue to go together from early youth, it is said, they will never marry anyone else.

"Going steady" is also believed to be a main factor in the increased size of families. It is so similar to marriage that college students away from their beloved are expected to have a "going steady" relationship, monogamy. If, for some reason, their "going steady" relationship is broken, it is then thought proper to go into "morning" and to wait a decent interval before seeking another steady.

This idea of monogamy is possibly true if the father before the couples were engaged. I disagree heartily if he is talking about ninth and tenth graders "going steady." But if he is not talking of the ninth graders, his whole thesis is insane and almost!

In the Christian concept of marriage, the family revolves on two poles. One is love, the other is the continuation of the race. As soon as we leave in Christian world, marriage is almost everywhere centered only on the continuation of the race.

Daily Mass

- Sunday, May 26 — Fifth Sunday after Easter (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Philip Neri, Creed, Easter Preface.
- Monday, May 27 — 1. Rogation Day (purple), Mass as in missal; 2. St. Bede, confessor (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of Rogation Day, 3rd of St. John.
- Tuesday, May 28 — 1. Rogation Day (purple); 2. St. Augustine, confessor (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of Rogation Day.
- Wednesday, May 29 — 1. Rogation Day (purple); 2. Vigil of Ascension (white), each with commemoration of the other and 3rd prayer of St. Mary de Pazzi.
- Thursday, May 30 — Ascension of Our Lord (white), Gloria, Creed, Ascension and Canon prayers.
- Friday, May 31 — Our Lady Queen of the World (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Petronilla, Creed, Preface of Our Lady.
- Saturday, June 1 — St. Angela Merici, virgin (white), Gloria, no Creed, Ascension Preface; First Saturday Mass in honor of Mary's Immaculate Heart permitted.

— omitted at High Mass.

"Just tell me, son, is there anything really interesting in this town?" inquired the guest. "Well," the clerk replied, "we have the only hellum plank in the world."
 "Your don't say," murmured the guest with some show of enthusiasm. "And is it in bloom now?"

QUEEN

In my house I am queen, and I rule there
 Sovereign of service, charity and care.
 I but wave my hand (the toil is sweet!)
 And darknesses dipel at my command!
 And when a crown of daises, a paper wand,
 Are laid at thies of love upon my throne
 I know a happiness akin to that
 Which must be part of Heaven's habit.
 I go my daily rounds and while I keep
 Eternal vigilance, though I would tire —
 The lamp in my hand is a heart on fire!
 And when the house is quiet at evening-time,
 And all my loyal subjects are asleep,
 The peace in my heart is wide and long and deep.
 — Francesca Gull

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