

Seekers: Look Inside Yourself

By THE MISSION SINGERS

"They call me the seeker." The Who, on their Decca recording, have described the way of life of a lot of young people today. "I've been searching low and high." How many of us know friends or acquaintances who've "dropped out" just to continue that search?

Our house is often a stopping-off place for kids from the East who think they're going to find their answer somewhere in California, and for kids from the West who think that all happiness resides in Boston.

What are you looking for, we ask them. What do you think you're going to find? They all have the answers — different ways of saying why they think the grass is greener over the fence. But in the end they reveal their attitude: because they don't have the answer in their own minds, it must be somewhere else.

But they could learn from this song: "I asked Bobby Dylan, I asked the Beatles, I asked Timothy Leary but he couldn't

help me either." None of them ever will. The answer will not be found outside.

"People tend to hate me, cause I never smile . . . I'm a seeker, I'm a really desperate man." But listen, that's just a description. It's a true description, all right; we're all seekers, but should we be that way? Should anyone ever feel right in saying, "I won't get to get what I'm after 'til the day I die"?

After all, should we be spending our whole lives searching for something we don't believe we're going to get 'til we die? Is life supposed to be a death march?

And just what is it we're supposed to be seeking? Isn't it for the thing or things that can make us happy? Do we have to go through a lifetime of torture and uncertainty to be happy? That's a contradiction.

Can you picture what life would be like if most of us knew what it was we wanted, and were willing to work to get it? We'd still not know everything there is to know. We'd

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"The Seeker"

I looked down the chair, I looked down the table; I tried to find the key to fit familiar fables. They call me the seeker, I've been searching low and high; I won't get to get what I'm after 'til the day I die. I asked Bobby Dylan, I asked the Beatles, I asked Timothy Leary but he couldn't help me either. They call me the seeker, I've been searching low and high; I won't get to get what I'm after 'til the day I die. People tend to hate me, cause I never smile. As I ransack their homes they want to shake my hand. So I pretend I know where, investigating miles; I'm a seeker, I'm a really desperate man. I learned how to raise my voice in anger But, look at my face: ain't this a smile? I'm happy when life's good, and when it's sad I cry. I've got values but I don't know how or why. I'm looking for me, you're looking for you. We're looking at each other and we don't know what to do. They call me the seeker, I've been searching low and high; I won't get to get what I'm after 'til the day I die.

(Written by Peter Townshend)

still laugh "when life's good, and when it's sad," we'd cry.

But we wouldn't be desperate men; we wouldn't constantly be wondering how and why we got our values. We'd have time to do the things we believe in. We'd have time to be happy before — not only when — we die. We'd have the time to enjoy life.

Impossible? No, all we have to do is look inside ourselves. Only we know ourselves. Who's better qualified than us to find

out what's best for us? Face it: nobody.

"They call me the seeker, I've been searching low and high." If that's you singing those words, you've been searching in the wrong places. The right place is in your mind; you've got to decide for yourself what you want and then go after it. As a famous person once said: "The kingdom of God is within you." That's the only advice that will help you.

(Catholic Press Features)

New York — "Civilisation," one of the most highly acclaimed series ever produced by the British Broadcasting Corporation, will be seen by U.S. television audiences for the first time this fall.

A Xerox grant to National Educational Television, largest in NET's history for the purpose, will enable NET to show one of the 13 hour-long programs each week in prime time, beginning in October. Some 180 stations now affiliated with NET reach a potential audience of 140 million persons; Channel 21 is the local outlet.

This is the first time the Xerox name will have been exposed to television audiences over so long a period at regular weekly intervals, although there will be no product or corporate commercials as such to interrupt the programs.

Created, written and narrated by the famous British art historian, Lord Clark of Saltwood (Kenneth Clark), the specials are a tour through the great ideas and events of Western history as illustrated by man's most magnificent paintings, architecture, sculpture and music over a 1600-year span.



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