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GUEST EDITORIAL

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Solemnly the doctor declared the case incurable, and added the reminder that had treatment commenced weeks earlier, recovery could have been effected.

Socially and morally our world is sick. The Great Physician solemnly warns of the results of this moral malady, "Sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14:34. This reference applies to society as a whole. A whole family: A whole city: A whole nation The whole world. Psa. 9:17 Warns that national corruption will bring national death and retribution.

According to one social scientist there are seven public sins as follows: "Worship without sacrifice. Wealth without work. Politics without principle. Knowledge without character. Pleasure without conscience. Business without morality. Science without humanity"

Current conditions reveal that our society is seriously sick with a combination of all seven. Treatment must begin at once or putrefaction will spread and destroy the body politic. It is inspiring to learn that God has prescribed a cure for these ills.

The only antidote for, "Worship without sacrifice," is found in the words of Jesus, "If any man will come after me let him deny himself take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34 Too many of us want comfortable cushions and non-scintillating sermonettes instead. When the pioneer push is lost we become clock conscious rather than Christ conscious.

The second sin would cure itself according to 11 Thess. 3:10 if those who could work would work, and those who won't work would stop eating we would soon have a community of workers. Robbing the workers to feed the drones is akin to feeding the

flock to fatten the ticks that infest the sheep.

The third sin of unprincipled politics has its roots in the people. Our government can never rise above those who have elected it. Parliament is a picture of the people it represents. When John Public has a high regard for ethics he will vote for men of moral reputation.

The sin of, "Knowledge without character", seems to be spreading swiftly through society, and will, perhaps, do more to ruin public morals than any of the other six. God has something to say on this. Hear Him! "The fear of the Lord is the BEGINNING of Knowledge." Prov. 1:7 Without moral discipline education is a dangerous tool in the hands of irresponsible fools. We must have Christ in the classroom or we will have chaos in the concourse.

"Pleasure without conscience," is apparent on every level of society. We have removed the governor of conscience and the appetites of men have run to all sorts of excesses. Illegitimacy, and extra marital sex have reached epidemic proportions. All this because men are seeking pleasure without counting the consequences. Petting in public is now a social sore that will know no mollification but the fear of God. The church must remind the world of men that we will meet God. "At the end of the road;" and as Heb. 9:27 reminds us, "After death the judgment."

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The day to day fluctuating prices in the market reveals that business operates on the principle of how much will the market stand rather than how much is the product worth? The only morality business in general knows is, "Profits." God says, "A false balance is an abomination."

The sin of, "Science without humanity," is surely upon us. Men of science have invented machines of destruction too horrible to contemplate. There is now held in store the equivalent of ten tons of T.N.T. for every person on earth. Surely much less would do to destroy us all.

In spite of the pleas of frightened humanity atom devices are still being exploded poisoning the air and sea with radio active dust.

The words of 1 Cor. 1:20, "Hath God not made foolish the wisdom of this world," surely apply to this awful display of, "Man's inhumanity to man."

As a navigator needs a compass: As a builder needs a blue-print: As a crusader needs a creed: So society needs a standard. The only tested and proved moral standard is found in the Word of God. Our only salvation here and hereafter, is to be found in the application of these standards to our moral conduct. This application will bring a sense of God's Holy Presence and a confession of our need. The situation is critical. It is now time to, "Repent or Perish."

"If the foundation be destroyed what can the righteous do? Psa. 11:3