

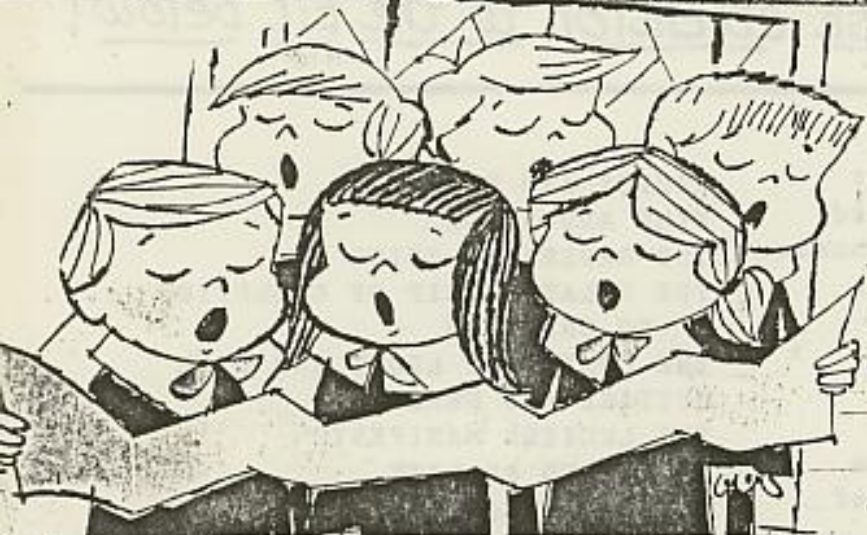
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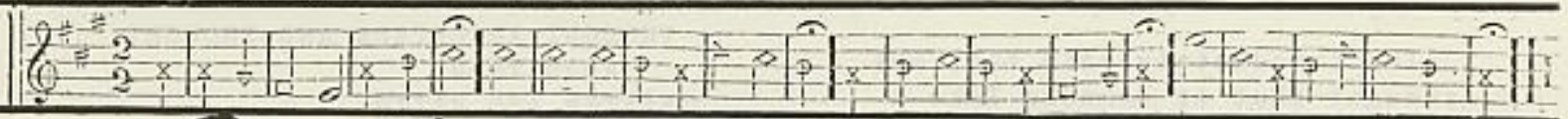
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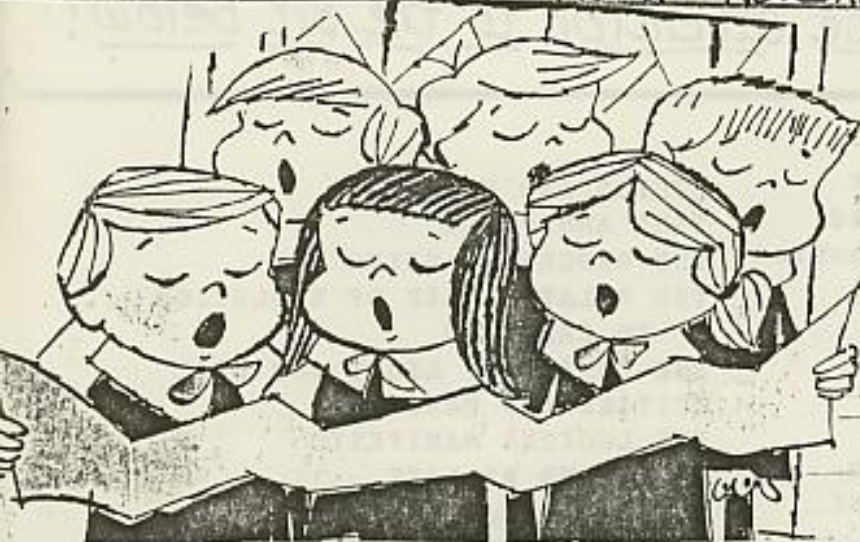
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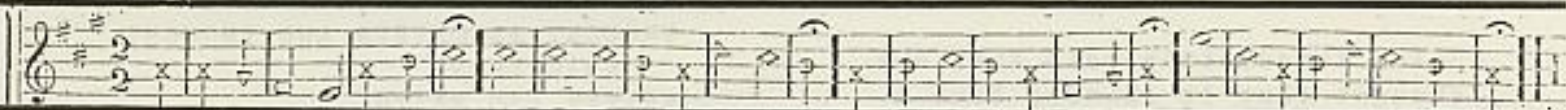
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And do you know what the discovery was that I made?

Gratitude feels just like joy!

Joy!

Helen Hutchinson



(over)

ATTENTION!

All you Fort Sanders Faith Sons!

And Faith Daughters, too. Did you ever hear of a Daughter of God? Of course we're all Children of God, but we like to be called Faith Sons so our newsletter name will be alliterative - Fort Sanders Faith Sons. Also because the U-Book calls us that. But all this chatter is irrelevant. Just Pay Close attention to the bit below!

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FREE WILL AND THE LUCIFER REBELLION
TRUTH, BEAUTY, AND GOODNESS
EUGENICS AND SOCIETY

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To get things rolling, I will propose a time. Since December 22 falls on a near holiday and most people will be away, I suggest that we try the vernal equinox. We might start our session on March 17 and go through March 21 and end with some special occasion on the evening of March 22. Comment please.

PRAYER - The Most Potent Force



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house on Forest Ave. and buy one closer to U.T. so I could temporarily rent rooms to make ends meet. My real estate agent had been trying to sell it through June to no effect. I began to get uneasy. I needed to have all that done before school started. So I had less than two months. Then is when I said, "God, I think you want me to keep this family together and provide a home for them. But you're going to have to show me what to do."

A thought immediately came into my mind: "Reduce the price and sell the house."

Whereas, I immediately went to the phone and called the agent.

"Mr. Moore, if you reduce the price of the house, can you sell it?"

"Yes, I can sell it to a speculator."
"Reduce it and sell it."

And you know what? He sold it the next day and the day after that found me this dear old house I now live in, and by July 10 we were in it, and by the end of the summer we had rooms rented to U.T. students.

But also remember. On page 1002 it says we "must make a wholehearted choice of the divine will."

That is the most important thing.

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We have to be industrious. We have to try to solve our problems. We can't just sit and say, "God will take care of me."

Many times when I've been confronted with a knotty problem, after doing all I knew, I'd say, "God help me. I don't know what to do !."

And he does. One instance: In 1958 I was a teacher with 4 children at home. One ready for college, one in high school, one in elementary school, and one in private kindergarten. My husband (an alcoholic) had finally left, and I needed to sell the

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Bruce McCoy,
who is the
founder of
the
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JUDGE NOT

That you Be Not Judged
Was Spoken of the Soul - not of actions

You've heard your friends say, "Don't judge", and "you shouldn't be judgmental" and "If you can't say something good about someone don't say anything", and on and on ad nauseam.

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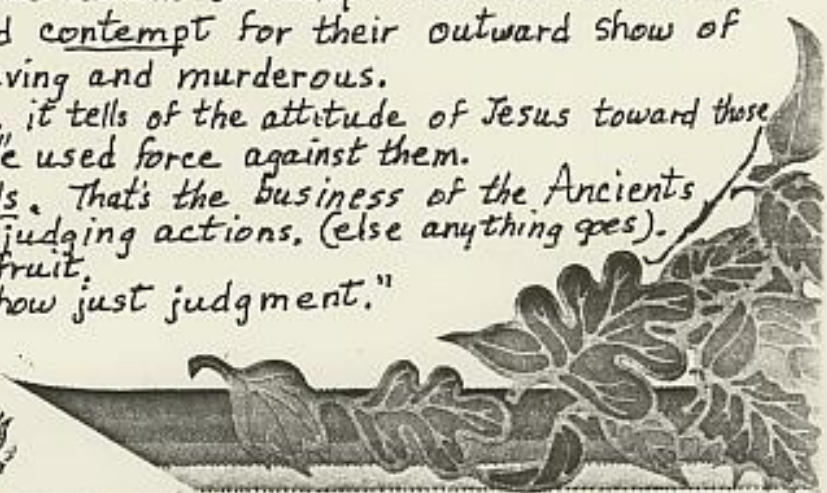
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Of course we can't judge souls. That's the business of the Ancients of Days. But we darn well better be judging actions. (else anything goes).
A corrupt tree cannot produce good fruit.

And let's pray that we can "show just judgment."



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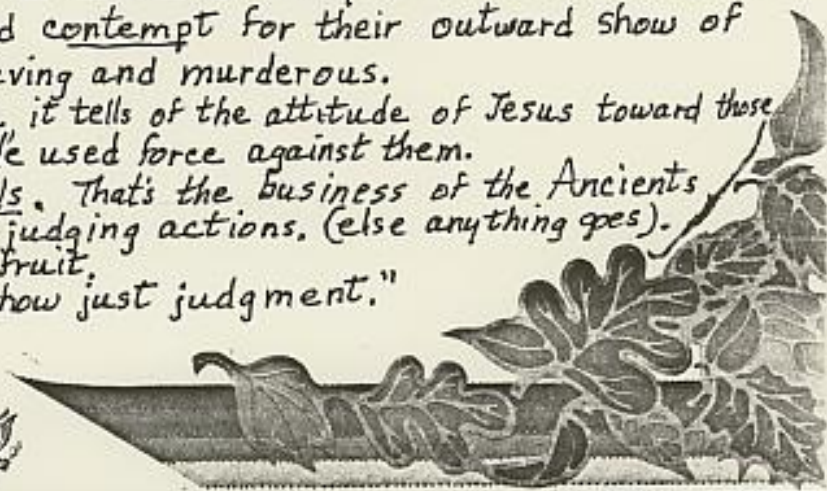
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Anger seems to be a sort of seething, unreasoning hate in one's heart that can do nothing but harm.

Righteous indignation does good! Look at Jesus!

Let me hear from you.

L.H.H.

