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The Lame Excuse Department

Many times when people have done something foolish, evil, or wicked, they'll excuse themselves by saying:

"Don't blame me. I'm only human, you know."

What they should say is:
"Don't blame me. I'm not fully human yet, you know!"

... fully human — the norm.



COMMENCEMENT!

(Or Reflections at Melanie's graduation.)

I'm about to attend the high school commencement exercises for a dear granddaughter.

Commencement?

Why do they use that word for the finishing exercises of high school life?

Well, maybe their growing up is over, and they're commencing to be an adult. Maybe it signifies the end of their parents' responsibility for them, and the commencing of taking responsibility for themselves.

All these 18 years they've been slowly and steadily learning to be trustworthy.

On page 315 our Book tells us: "Trust is the crucial test of will creatures. Trustworthiness is the true measure of self-mastery, character."

And on page 316 it states: "It is the plan of your superiors to advance you by augmented trusts just as fast as your character is sufficiently developed to gracefully bear these added responsibilities."

So, if Melanie does as well as an adult as she has as a child — she'll continue to make us very happy! *J.A.H.*

Beware of False Modesty — False Humility

To me it is more irritating than arrogance.

It's dishonest, too. (Remember, I'm talking about false modesty.)

Of course it is not right for a person "to think of himself more highly than he ought to think" (Romans:12:3) But it is also not right to think of himself more lowly than he ought, either.

It's vital that he have a healthy self respect. On page 1740 Jesus tells us: "Spiritual living mightily increases true self respect. But self-respect is not self-admiration. Self-respect is always co-ordinate with the love and service of one's fellows. It is not possible to respect yourself more than you love your neighbors; the one is the measure of the capacity for the other." See also page 1582-B.

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Of course we should recognize our weaknesses and try to improve, but on page 1676 Jesus says, "Out of your wrong concepts of the Father in heaven grows your false ideas of humility and springs much of your hypocrisy. Man may be a worm of the dust by nature and origin but when he becomes indwelt by my Father's spirit, that man becomes divine in his destiny." (emphasis mine)

If you say you are like Judas, you're actually saying that you're deliberately re-



Don't be a
Uriah Heep!

The POWER of an IDEA

I've just come across an amazing - but obviously true - sentence in the U-Book.

On page 961 A Brilliant Evening Star of Nebadon tells us: "Influencing the expanding evolutionary mind, the power of an idea lies not in its reality or reasonableness but rather in its vividness and the universality of its ready and simple application."

Then, on page 1005 a Melchizedek of Nebadon tells us to recall it. He says: "And further recall that the power of any idea lies, not in its certainty or truth, but rather in the vividness of its human appeal."

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Therefore, I take it that that concept is important for us U-Book readers to remember in whatever crusade we're involved in.

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An imaginary conversation:

ME: What do you consider the most cruel thing that could happen to a child?

FRIEND: (Names several things) What do you consider the most cruel?

ME: To be forced to occupy a defective body or live in a degenerate home.

FRIEND: But how can that be helped?

ME: Did you ever think about the idea that natural parents should have to pass the same tests that adoptive parents do?

FRIEND: That's an idea, all right.

ME: And think of all those terrible child-abuse cases that would be avoided. The poor things! It breaks your heart to read about them. And to see those poor vacant faces in a special education class. And the millions of dollars spent for medical care that at best can do very little good. That money could go for education, art, beautification and many more things. And just think! In a few decades we might not need any prisons!

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During lively Philosophical discussions I sometimes hear people say things like:

1- "Helen, you don't really believe that! You just don't want to admit you're wrong!"

Damnation! That's calling me dishonest! Don't they realize a truth-seeker is after truth - not just being right.

2- "Helen, you think you're right."

Of course I think I'm right, given the insight I now have! I don't expound something I think is wrong!