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Her view is that high school is too late to begin worrying about basic skills. "You can't wait until ninth grade and say, 'Hey, these kids can't spell,'" she says.

Du Pont is one of the nation's more technologically advanced corporations. "We can cherry pick. We can skim. We can select the very best," Du Pont Chairman Richard Heckert says.

However, the Du Pont experience with office hiring is a good indication of how poorly prepared many young people are for the

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Heckert suggests that young Hispanics should be immersed "right off the bat" in English and not be allowed to limp along in Spanish.

His own experience as manager of a Du Pont plant in Circleville, Ohio, convinced him that functional illiteracy is a difficult handicap to overcome. "Sometimes we were able to train them to a level of literacy. Sometimes we simply had to give up."

Du Pont is not alone in its problems.

"I am appalled by the extent of the problem of illiteracy in this country and by our apparent inability to stem its growth and its size," says William Woodside.

Woodside says companies are spending hundreds of millions of dollars each year to operate basic skills and literacy programs for their workers and trainees.

He says the cost of illiteracy is reflected in "low productivity, workplace accidents, poor product quality and lost management and supervisory time."

The above are excerpts from one of our local papers about Illiteracy in America.

What nobody seems to understand is the real reason why the problem is worsening.

The U-Book tells us on pg. 771 about the enormous increase of the subnormal.

And that was in 1934!





EGO — What is it?



Actually ego is the Latin word for I.
As high school freshmen, we'd go around saying "Ego amo te" to our friends.

But in our present reading groups we've had many heated discussions about it. Some say it's necessary for us to work toward destroying-killing-the ego. In an article in this morning's paper about Lillian

Gish the reporter said, "She seems to have absolutely no ego." But if that were true there would be no Lillian Gish!

It seems to me that what people are doing is confusing ego with egotism, egocentrism, or egoism.

Why do we do that? We don't confuse self with selfish or selfishness. And that is what the ego is — the self.

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So you don't need to be trying to kill your ego (self). Nobody can do that but the Ancients of Days if you decide you don't want God.

Just think. If you succeeded in killing your ego there would be nothing left to fuse with your Mystery Monitor! (Any flak?)



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"But when a mortal breaks through the inertia of animal legacy and attains the third circle of human intellectuality and acquired spirituality, a personal angel (in reality two) will henceforth be wholly and exclusively devoted to this ascending mortal" Pg. 1242

On the other hand, the stupider and more disruptive the pupils in our schools are the smaller the classes, and the more money spent on them. And, in spite of the tall tales you hear, very little is accomplished.

They tell me that 98% of the money spent for special education is spent on the retarded, and only 2% on the gifted. What a waste!

It seems as if the angels don't intend to do this.



A change of address:

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I Used to Feel Guilty When I Felt Contempt + Disdain

But I find that much better people than I am feel the same for certain types of people.

In all good fiction well-meaning, Godly people feel contempt and disdain for the deliberate perpetrators of evil, wickedness, iniquity.

But what I find most enlightening is the attitude of Jesus toward them.

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Jesus resented hypocrisy!

I don't enjoy feeling contempt and disdain. I'm much happier when there's no occasion for it.

What we should all strive for is to acquire a Jesus-like character. On page 1999 it tells us: "Jesus had acquired that type of human character which could preserve its composure and assert its dignity in the face of continued and gratuitous insult. He could not be intimidated."

No matter how much contempt he was feeling, he was in control of himself. And, as he said on page 1907 when he was telling them how wicked they were: "Mistake not my words. I bear no malice toward these chief priests and rulers, who even now seek my destruction. I have no ill will for those scribes and Pharisees who reject my teachings."

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But they wouldn't accept his "good", so — "your house is left to you desolate." 1908
(Emphasis mine)



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