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And on page 435 it tells us that "Even the work of this world, paramount though it is, is not nearly so important as the way in which you do this work." It's the attitude that counts! For ourselves, that is. But it's the work itself that's important for the on-going evolution of the planet toward light and life.

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And now a word about our urgent task that needs to be done. Away back when Adam + Eve looked at the work they had cut out for them the Book says: "But when they addressed themselves to the all-important work of eliminating the defectives and degenerates from among the human strains, they were quite dismayed. They could see no way out of the dilemma" ---

If it was hard for Adam and Eve, think what a job it will be for us! But we have the Spirit of Truth to guide us into the right path.

And in many places the Book says We must do it.



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"America's Childcare Crisis"

Mourned a Sunday Paper Article

And guess what? Nobody, it seems, just what has caused it — Mother has taken on a "career."

The article in the paper says: "It's a national problem that has reached crisis proportions... The victims range from

babies who suffer neglect because of too few caretakers in infant-care centers and elementary school children who face hours alone at home after school to parents whose careers suffer and employers who lose valuable man-hours (what! they didn't say person-hours!?) because of child-care problems."

It's sickening. Mother's career might suffer!

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At the bottom of page 937 we read:

"Today, in the twentieth century, woman is undergoing the crucial test of her long world existence."

(No, this wasn't written by a man)



A Day of Joy

With a moment for Weeping

Christmas 1986

As the rooster crows strongly and gay,
Our eyes open with no delay,
Melanie exclaims "Wake up! It's Christmas day!"
While she pulls me out of bed like a sack of hay.

Still we are excited like two little kids,
If you could see us you'd flip your lids!
For Christmas is more than receiving,
It's the joy of merely being!

That morning we are anxious to see our kin;
As we feast on that big roast hen,
Then we here knock! knock! on the door,
When Grandmama comes in with food galore!

Aunt Judy brings spirit and much laughter,
As Uncle Johnny's head almost hit the rafter.
Uncle David arrives with the sound of bells,
And his unique personality which never fails.

Never fear, Aunt Penny is here!
She is definitely a hug full of cheer!
Uncle Jim enters with much grace,
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The day is fun with my cousins in lead,
Shannon, Eric, Burch, and Reed.
All of whom bring an innocent love,
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Oh, but Mark!
We can't forget Mark!
Loved very much are Colleen and he,
Happiness in their home shall always be.

Our dear Grandmama brought us all to life,
She is certainly made of pure and sweet spice.
Mom and Dad, whom we all know,
Are the brains behind the show.

Everyone around the world would love to be
Here, on Christmas Day, in Tennessee.



Jennifer Moyers
age 16

The poem at the right was written by my 16 year old grand-daughter to read at our family Christmas dinner. She mentions us all. Grandmama (me) is mentioned twice. But you notice there is no mention of Grandpapa. He has been gone from our home for over a quarter of a century. She doesn't know him. He has missed all of this wonderful family joy she is making poetry about.

And why? He let a drugg deprive him of it.

Heroin? No. Cocaine? No. Not even marijuana. Alcohol. The most devastating one of them all.

Why is it the most devastating? Because it is accepted among decent people. Some people can't entertain without it. Therefore it takes young people unawares.

Sometime in the future we will look back on the time when we served alcohol (a narcotic) at parties as a barbaric age.

I'm sure many people will disagree with me. Even C.S. Lewis would if he were alive. But that's one of the few places I disagree with him.

Alcohol, unlike coffee, doesn't lend itself to moderation. The first drink begins to numb the higher part of your brain.

After an accident a friend asked a boy, "Why did you drive when you were that drunk?"

He replied, "I was too drunk to know that I was too drunk to drive!" We needn't expect drunks to use good judgement.

People say, "But Jesus drank wine!"

Yes, but their wine was usually watered down and there wasn't too much of it. Any way grapes were an important item of food in that climate, and then there was no other way to preserve them.

Also, there were no powerful motor cars that, with drunks at the wheel, kill about 50,000 people per year. More than in the total Vietnam War.

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His life full of joy.

When he was in anguish at Gethsemene a
mighty angel came down by his side and
speaking to him, touched him and strength-
ened him.

He said "Happy are they who mourn, for they
shall be comforted." Pg. 1575.

He wept. He was comforted by angels.

I'm sure we are, too.

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St. Paul says, "Whatsoever
you sow that shall you also
reap. If you sow to the flesh you'll
reap corruption (death). If you sow to
the Spirit you'll reap life everlasting.

He also says for us not to be
weary in well-doing. In due season
we shall reap —

if we faint not!

Galatians
6:7-9