

Perhaps I, not that informed of the circumstances in your area in particular and not associated in the training of youth, but a struggling businessman, view things somewhat differently. When you seek a good dependable employee, you seldom look at the amount of knowledge of an individual. What is most important are such characteristics as honesty, dependability, cheerfulness, zeal, enthusiasm, diligence, energy, ambition, loyalty. These are all expressions of attitude. As a student obtains knowledge it is the desire of everyone that the student obtain a good attitude and thereby lead a more productive life as a Christian. For that is the Christian's responsibility.

It appears to me the biggest problem is with parents' involvement. Because someone may become obese, you don't condemn all food and put the blame on the abundant supply of food. Until a Christian perspective of sports and its value is understood, it's impossible to reprove parents or other Christians for acting foolishly. Through good school spirit and the development of Christian character, organized sports can be a very good factor. For even Scripture refers us to the race and prize which the Christian must run and pursue.

ton. Peter Brummel was the administrator there at the time, and he wrote the article we'd like to borrow for this issue. This year Mr. Brummel is in Hull, Iowa, having assumed the position left vacant by Ron Koole, who is now in our school in Loveland, Colorado, serving there as teacher/administrator. The latter came about as the result of a decision by John Hilton to sign a contract with Covenant Christian School in Lynden, Washington, and a subsequent decision by Tom DeVries, Loveland's administrator, to move into Mr. Hilton's classroom. It's quite remarkable how a chain reaction can be effected by a single decision. It all started with the opening created in Lynden as a result of Peter Adams' intention to serve only as a one-year interim administrator in our school there. And it ended with Lim Kok Eng's move to Edgerton to take Pete Brummel's place.

But... enough of that. Mr. Brummel, in that "Northern Lights" article which we mentioned a moment ago, reflected briefly on the spiritual dimension involved in the study of astronomy. No subject matter is studied by the child of God merely to gain knowledge of bare facts. The question is always, what does this tell us of our God? That's most emphatically true of a discipline like astronomy, in which the data studied must stagger the imagination of mere men, and, when viewed through the spectacles of Scripture, lead the child of God to exclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

That Mr. Brummel's students are gaining also in this kind of spiritual perception is evident from "excerpts from an assigned composition on the ways we can be reminded of God in the created world," which excerpts were appended to Mr. Brummel's lead article. We will include a few of them in this space.

When I Consider Thy Heavens

Pete Brummel

As we delve into the various areas of knowledge available to us, we are amazed how much more we learn to appreciate how great our God is. We can see more of

His power, wisdom, majesty, and greatness in whatever we study as long as we are studying to praise and glorify God.

In our science class, we are

studying astronomy, the study of the heavenly bodies. As we go through this area of knowledge, we can only stand in awe before the Almighty Creator of the universe. When we gaze up at the heavens and see the hosts of heaven, many of the truths of Jehovah are so very clear to us that we cannot help but have a greater appreciation of Him.

As we look into the starry sky and consider the size of the universe, we think of God's infinity. The universe is so large that our minds cannot comprehend it. To get some idea of the size of the heavens we could use this example. Imagine that the sun and all the planets (the solar system) could fit on your kitchen table. If we did this, one inch would equal one hundred million miles and the sun would be the size of a period. If we use this scale, the nearest star would be four miles away. The edge of the Milky Way (our galaxy) would be fifty thousand miles away. The constellation Andromeda would be ten times the distance of the moon to the earth away from the center of the table. The farthest galaxy would be sixty times the actual distance of the sun to the earth from the center of the table.

We cannot imagine the vastness of space. Our terms of distance used to express the largeness of the universe are really meaningless to our finite minds. We can only

think of the infinity of God. We know that we have a God Who is not limited by infinite dimensions and boundless space.

We can see the orderliness of God when we look at the stars in the sky. The heavenly bodies move in orderly, predictable paths. Their motions are all governed by the laws that were established by God. We need not study the stars and the planets and the constellations. They move across the sky in their perfect and orderly courses. They appear and disappear at the appointed time every year without ceasing. Day by day, night by night, season by season, and year by year the motion of the universe continues and will continue until the end of time. Only the Hand of Almighty God could have created such a wonder of orderliness. The god of chance of the evolutionists becomes extremely silly indeed when we study the movement of the heavenly bodies.

We see the providence of God when we consider the universe and its great number of stars. It has been said that if everyone on this earth could see all the stars, each person could count more than fifty million of them without the same star being counted more than once. Tucked away in this immensity of space is our insignificant little planet. But this planet which contains God's

chosen people is the center of God's love and attention. His people are the apple of His eye. We are not lost in the vastness of space. The universe exists and continues to exist only because of God's children and for His glory.

The universe also reveals to us in a wonderful truth the glory of God. Psalm 19:1 says: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." Let me quote the great English preacher, Charles H. Spurgeon, on this verse:

Any part of creation has more instruction in it than human mind will ever exhaust, but the celestial realm is peculiarly rich in spiritual lore. The heavens declare, or are declaring, for the continuance of their testimony is intended by the participles employed: every moment God's existence, power, wisdom, and goodness, are being sounded abroad by the heavenly heralds which shine on us from above.

... It is not merely glory that the heavens declare, but the "glory of God," for they deliver to us such unanswerable arguments for a conscious, intelligent, planning, controlling and presiding Creator, that no unprejudiced person can

be unconvinced by them.

As you can see, when we consider the heavens, we can but stand in awe before the wonder and glory of God. We can only say with the Psalmist David:

"O Lord our Lord, How excellent is Thy Name in all the Earth! Who hast set Thy glory above the Heavens.

"When I consider Thy Heavens, the work of Thy Fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained:

"What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that Thou visitest him?

"O Lord our Lord, How excellent is Thy name in all the Earth!" Psalm 8:1, 3, 4, 9

Excerpts

"... When I see the sun, I think of the Son of God Who died on the cross for our sin. When I see the sun I know we should let our light shine and not be afraid to talk about Jesus Christ."

"... How snow is made is wonderful. It is wonderful how God makes them and how He can get so much beauty into one small thing."

"... The size of the mountains is the beauty of God and the power of God by making it. The greatness of a volcano is like the voice of God talking to the wicked people."

"... The raging clear blue waters of a river is as God's

righteous anger. The snow makes pure whiteness and is clear as Jesus Who was pure and without sin. The snow does not have a spot on it. This is just like Jesus."

"... The farmers will cultivate the rows to pluck out the weeds as God will pluck out the wicked from His elect. . . . Then in the fall the farmers will harvest their

crops as God will harvest His elect in due season."

"... A garden of vegetables reminds me of God. People plant it and feed it with water. God has us born and feeds us with His Word through our years. The garden grows slowly. We grow slowly in the Word of the Lord."



Book Review

"The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness,

*not false accusers,
not given to much wine,
teachers of good things;*

That they may teach the young women

*to be sober,
to love their husbands,
to love their children,
to be discreet,
chaste,
keepers at home,
good,
obedient to their own husbands,*

that the Word of God be not blasphemed. Titus 2:3-5

THE WAY HOME, by Mary Pride; Crossway Books; Westchester, Illinois 60153, 1985, 234 pages.
(Reviewed by Carol Brands)

We live in an age when it is highly difficult to be a consis-

tent Biblical Christian woman. We are so surrounded with the godless, self-centered, unBiblical thinking of feminism and this thinking has so affected the church world also that Biblical views about the woman and her role are practically non-existent.

In this situation, a new book copyrighted in 1985 comes as a blast of fresh air. The author, Mary Pride, was herself a radical feminist, which shows in her schooling: she earned a B.S. in Electronic Engineering, a Master's degree in Computer Systems, and then studied theology at Covenant Seminary. But in 1977 she was converted and became a real Christian. . . and real Christians try to live by the Bible. This caused her to study the Bible passages on femininity, to reject feminism, but also to gain clear insight into problems facing women today and into the insidious ef-