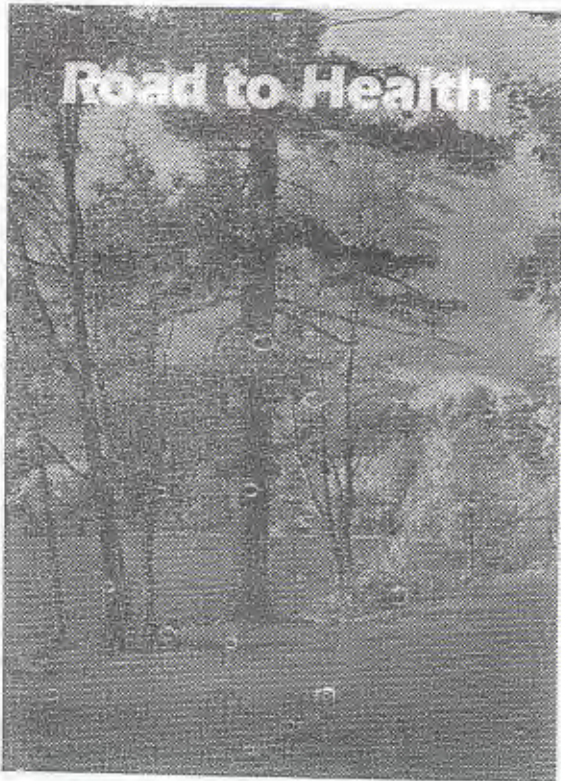


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The long awaited Vegetarian Cookbook is finally off the press, and also our new magazine Road to Health

Editorial

Another year has rolled into eternity. We are another year closer to the coming of the Lord. Many are sighing, come Lord Jesus, come soon. As the world is growing more evil and sin has reached the limits as never before, and at the same time the people of God are reaching perfection of Christ in their character. The battle is fierce and as in any war there are casualties. Many are giving up the struggle and falling into the snares of Satan; back into the world or into Babylon, the fallen churches, and others into deceptive self-righteousness. The foolish virgins were sleeping the sleep of death. They woke up suddenly but sadly it was too late.

As Sister White thought about this condition in the church, tears came to her eyes as she wrote: "The patience of God has an object, but you are defeating it. He is allowing a state of things to come that you would fain see counteracted by and by, but it will be too late... I seldom weep, but now I find my eyes blinded with tears; they are falling upon my paper as I write. It may be that ere long all prophesying among us will be at an end, and the voice which has stirred the people may no longer disturb their carnal slumber" Test Vol. #5 Pg. 77.

This is the very time to which the following testimony of Sister White applies. "Now is the time for God's people to show themselves true to principle. When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when His law is most despised; then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage and firmness the most unflinching. To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battle of the Lord when the champions are few—this will be our test. At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason." Test Vol. #5:136.

It is during our idle time that Satan attacks us the most. The remedy for it is missionary work. Get involved in soul saving and by so doing you may save your own soul. For this reason IMS Publishers have finished printing the Vegetarian Cookbook, Steps to Christ and Road to Health and soon two other books will be off the press. Put some time aside every week for canvassing with these books, or giving out flyers and even Bible Studies. You have the promise of Jesus that He will be with you and also the angels of God will accompany you in this blessed work.

If you have not done so as yet, remember to renew your subscription for the Messenger for the upcoming year of 1996. Try to make the Messenger a gift subscription for your friends also. May the Lord bless you all richly in the coming year. Let us call it a "Year of Reformation" not only in the church but also in your personal life. Work out a thorough reformation, who knows, this may be your last chance.

The Editors

CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

(PART 4)

The Wedding Garment:

The righteousness of Christ is compared to a Wedding Garment. Pure and white. Our garments are the most visible part of us. People cannot read our thoughts nor see into our heart but our garments they do see and judge us according to them. "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: For the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." Rev. 19:8

In the living Bible we read, "Fine linen represents the good deeds done by the people of God." Although the wedding garment represents the good deeds done by the people of God yet they themselves cannot produce it.

"The robe, woven in the loom of heaven, has in it not one thread of human devising. Christ wrought out a perfect character and this character he offers to impart us." *The Faith I live by* 113.

In the Loadicean message the true witness counsels us to buy of him the white remnant. Rev. 3:18

This is where the difficulty lies. Many are not willing to pay the price to buy it from the true witness and therefore they try to make their own garment which is called self-righteousness.

In the parable Jesus spoke of a man who had come into the wedding without a wedding garment.

"And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he said unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Math. 22:11-13

The inspection of the guests represents the judgment; a judgment of which there is no appeal. That time it is too late to seek righteousness; it must be acquired earlier. After the judgment all who are without the wedding garment will be cast into outer darkness. When the Holy Spirit leaves a person not even one ray of light will penetrate into his soul anymore. This will cause a shaking among God's people. All self-righteous members who are satisfied with their own achievements will be separated from those who are covered with Christ Righteousness.

Some try to cover their sins with the garment of righteousness, but this is not possible. "The righteousness of Christ will not cover one cherished sin." C.O.L. 316

"Christ can never put this robe of righteousness upon a sinner to hide his deformity. Every impurity of thought, every lustful passion, separates the soul from God." *Our High Calling* 214

"No repentance is genuine that does not work reformation. The righteousness of Christ is not a cloak to cover unconfessed and unforsaken sin; it is a principle of life that transforms the character and controls the conduct." D.A. 555

When the prodigal son returned home his Father called his servants to bring the best robe and put it on him.
Luke 15:22

This way done immediately after the confession which the prodigal son made. Gladly and freely our heavenly Father offers to us this garment of righteousness, yet it is marveled that so few will accept it and wear it. "The righteousness of Christ is to them as a robe unworn, a fountain untouched."

D.A. 280

A professed Christian without the wedding garment is in a lost condition as much as unbelievers, but his disappointment will be greater. He expected to have eternal life, yet in the end he will be outside.

Apostle Paul gives us a counsel. "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." Rom. 13:14

When we put on Christ, how do we look then? Certainly then we look like Christ. Our love will be equal to Christ's love. Our missionary spirit will be equal to Christ's missionary spirit. Our faithfulness will be equal to Christ's faithfulness. Our sacrifice will be equal to Christ's sacrifice. We will reflect the image of Jesus fully.

Christ righteousness casts mans glory into dust while self-righteousness puts him on the pedestal for others to admire. Therefore there are very few who are hungering and thirsting after Christ's righteousness. They find their own righteousness good enough, not realizing that they will be disappointed in the end.

Christ has only one kind of Righteousness to offer and if we do not like it we will not have the wedding garment. "He has invited us to the wedding feast, and has provided for everyone of us the wedding garment. The robe of righteousness has been purchased at infinite cost; and how daring is the insult to Heaven when one presents himself as a candidate for entrance at the wedding feast, when wearing his own citizen's dress of self-righteousness! How greatly he dishonors God, openly showing contempt for the sacrifice made on Calvary!" Youth Instructor Jan. 16, 1896

After the inspection and separation of the guests how does the church of God then look. "That he might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Ef. 5:27

"Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners? Song of Sal. 6:10

The heavenly Merchant Man is still offering us the white raiment. The price is high; it costs all our idols and all our sins. He who is hesitating to pay this price does not understand the value of the hidden treasures or the goodly pearl. It is an insult to God to refuse it and to hold on to our own filthy rags. May the Holy Spirit open our eyes to see the value of this offer before it is too late.

AN AIMLESS LIFE- A LIVING DEATH

BY JERRY EATON

An Adventist minister and his family were taking their vacation on a boat down the mighty Amazon river in Brazil. They had travelled for some weeks down the river admiring the sights and sounds of the tropical jungle. Every night, they would tie up their 24 foot boat at some village or settlement where they could get provisions and have some protection from the elements and wild beasts on the river. Finally, they reached the spot where the Amazon river starts to widen out to a width of many miles before it finally reaches the sea. There was a sizable town where they put in for the night-quite late-after the darkness of night had fallen some hours before. There was only one problem. Someone forgot to tie up the boat to its mooring. So when they woke up the next morning they found that they had drifted several miles away from where they started. In writing about this experience later, this minister asked, "isn't that how our spiritual lives in this world are? Always drifting-and aimlessly depending on the grace of God for his protection"?

Is that how your spiritual life is? Aimlessly drifting-waiting for something to happen-waiting to reach some destination-only to have a shipwreck?

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

Unless we can say this with the Apostle Paul-we're drifting without chart or compass and are bound aimlessly for the fires of hell. All we need do to get to the wrong place spiritually is allow ourselves to drift; our minds to wander-and we wake up on Satan's enchanted ground.

The reason that so many of us lack spiritual push, direction or any aim is simply because of pride. When we hold on to our pride, which so many confuse with self-respect, we build walls around ourselves and dare God to break through those walls somehow. We leave God out of the picture altogether when we look to people to answer our prayers. It is only ego and selfish individuality that can insist on having its own way to the exclusion of finding the Lord's goals in our lives. Just as there is a difference between pride and self-respect so there is difference between individuality and personality.

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36 If there is any remnant of individual conceit left, it always says "I can't." Personality never says "I can't", but simply absorbs and absorbs. Personality always wants more and more. It is the way we are built. We are designed with a great capacity for God; and sin and our individuality are the things that keep us from getting at God. God delivers us from sin: we have to deliver ourselves from individuality; to present our natural life to God and sacrifice it until it is transformed into a spiritual life by obedience.

God does not pay any attention to our natural individuality in the development of our spiritual life. His order runs right across the natural life, and we have to see that we aid and abet God, not stand against Him and say-"I can't

do that." God will not discipline us, we must discipline ourselves. God will not bring every thought and imagination into captivity; we have to do it. Do not say-"O lord, I suffer from wandering thoughts." Don't suffer from wandering thoughts. Stop listening to the tyranny of your individuality and get emancipated out into personality.

What is this mysterious thing called faith? Simple abiding trust or a deep confidence in God's ability to bring light out of darkness. What faith is not-nor ever can be is presumption. You see, faith will claim the promises of God in obedience. But what does presumption do? Seek to claim the promises of God in disobedience. Presumption seeks to divorce the conscience from the voice of duty, the voice of the Bible, the voice of God, (they're all actually one and the same thing.)

Jesus was the most goal-oriented man the world had ever seen. Even though He knew the cross was before Him from an early age, he never became morose or despondent. He never was elated by applause nor dejected by censure or abuse-but He went straight on having the aim of doing God's will-no matter what the consequences.

How is your faith today? Can it rise above the disapproval of the world? Or is it dependent upon some outward circumstance or approval for being maintained? If your faith is that way at all-you can be sure it is not faith but presumption. Think about it: As the world becomes a darker place-there will be less and less for ego and pride to go on. More and more we will have to be children of faith.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19,20 How much of His teaching did Jesus say we were to teach to others? And let me suggest to you that if this isn't your main purpose, your main aim as a Christian then you're not really a Christian. Jesus said, its more blessed to give than receive. When I think of that statement I think that we are the ones really receiving the blessing when we share the truth. What do you expect will come from you sharing the gospel? Someone shouting at you? Or being mean to you?

There's a true story about an Arkansas share-cropper back in the 1930's who had 17 children. He was a simple man of faith. He found his wife after the Lord showed him in a dream exactly what she looked like-what she'd be wearing, when they met and all. And why did he find his wife? Because he **expected** he would find her. He expected a blessing and he got one. (This is what he instilled into his children also-that they had to pray and expect God to do great things and they would receive them. And fully 15 out of his 17 children ended up graduating from University and went on to be Doctors, Lawyers, Engineers, businessmen and so on.)

Our aim must be right-our focus on the glory of God and then he will work for us. "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that

are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing." II Thess. 3:10-13 It is a law of nature that we need to develop by work and exercise, everything that is worthwhile within us. This is not only body and mind, but spirit as well. Even the conscience needs exercise in order to discern good from evil.

"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself." Matt. 16:24 Individuality is the husk of the personal life. Individuality is all elbows, it separates and isolates. It is the characteristic of the child and rightly so; but if we mistake individuality for the personal life, we will remain isolated. The shell of individuality is God's created natural covering for the protection of the personal life; but individuality must go in order that the personal life may come out and be brought into fellowship with God. Individuality counterfeits personality as lust counterfeits love. God designed human nature for Himself; individuality debases human nature for itself.

The characteristics of individuality are independence and self-assertiveness. It is the continual assertion of individuality that hinders our spiritual life more than anything else. If you say-"I cannot believe;" it is because individuality is in the road; individuality never can believe. Personality cannot help believing. Watch yourself when the Spirit of God is at work. He pushes you to the margins of your individuality, and you have either to say-"I won't," or to surrender, to break the husk of individuality and let the personal life emerge. The Holy Spirit narrows it down every time to one thing, (please see Matt. 5:23-24). The thing in you that will not be reconciled to your brother is your individuality. God wants to bring you into union with Himself, but unless you are willing to give up your right to yourself He cannot. "Let him deny himself"-deny his independent right to himself, then the real life has a chance to grow.

It is said that man's will is his heaven. But there is never a time when man or woman is more miserable spiritually than when they have all their own way. Aimlessness and hopelessness come from individuality demanding its own way and leaving God's way behind. Personality-or personhood through Christ can afford to be gracious and kind because personality is cooperative-not manipulative.

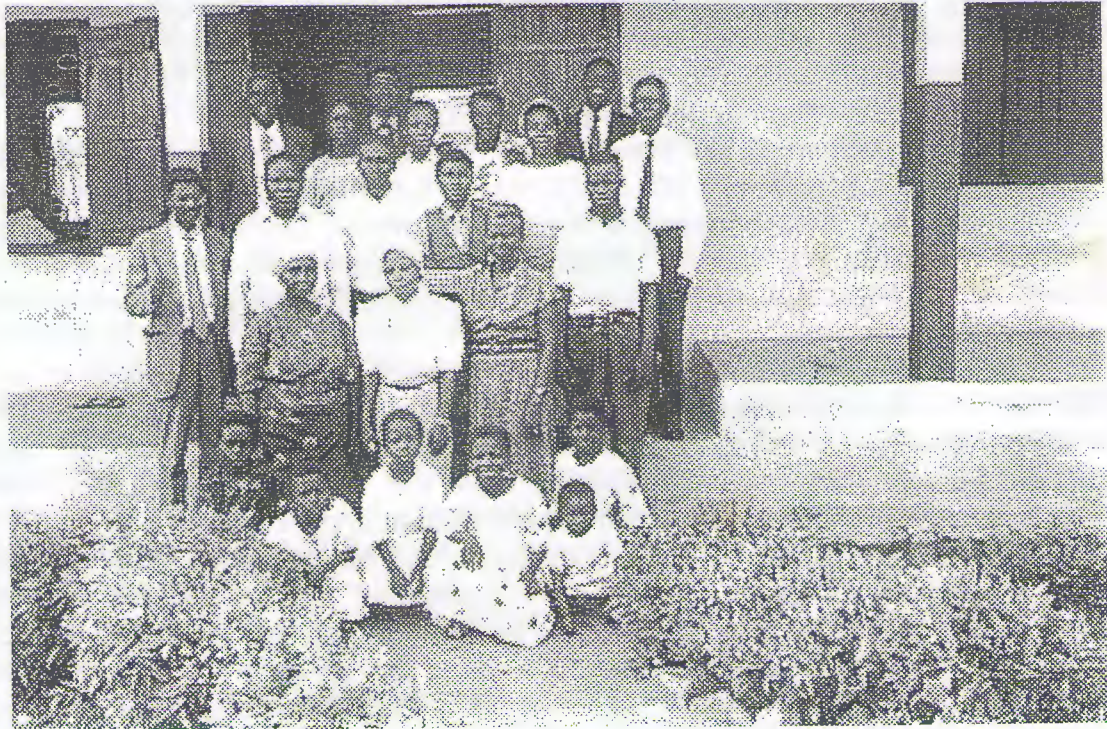
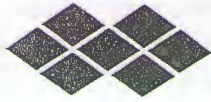
Jesus always motivated the people through His own example of self-sacrifice and self-denial for their sakes. His aim was the vindication of God's character through restoring man to what he would have been had sin never entered his existence. We also need to have that as our aim-don't we? And then the Lord will give the peace that passes human understanding.

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rearward." Is. 58:6-8

There were four ministers of the gospel some years ago who decided to spend a pleasant holiday in the highlands of Switzerland. One day they thought to have a nice outing on the broad and rapid river Aar which ran near their Hotel. When they got into the middle of the current there arose a discussion amongst them about what point they should head for on the opposite shore. As they spoke they did not row for they didn't know for which spot they were rowing. But as they spoke, the swiftly flowing current was deciding the case for them, for they were heading quickly for very dangerous rapids. Thus it is often in our spiritual lives, isn't it?

We imagine that no harm comes from our indecision, while in fact the undertow of fashion, or worldly interest or inclination is bearing us away with it; and when we awake to our danger, it may be too late to ensure our safety.

Hence, no matter how small the thing appear to be in front of us, if it involves a principle we should settle at once what our duty in the case is, and do that promptly and with all our might. So may the Lord help us to clearly see that repentance, restoration and right living can be the only aim for the Christian in these days of evil. Amen.



*The first 16 of the 18 souls in
Ghana, Africa*

Independence or Dependence?

Certainly it is true today that we are living in an amazing and very critical time. Especially when we see people so busy in the mere routine of the machinery of life. There is no real rest, peace or satisfaction in most people's daily life. It seems that every man, woman or child is hunting for something in this life...It may be food, clothing or shelter in the Developing Countries and here in the more Developed World it seems everyone is trying their utmost to advance their own position, career and rank in this uncertain world. They are daily very much worried about their family, job, and only seem concerned about improving their standard of living in the material world. But it seems that 99 percent of the people of this present age do not like to exercise themselves in a spiritual way at all. Of course, they don't want to practice any kind of self-restraint in a physical way either. So we don't see much forbearance, deep understanding or thinking even, the keeping of promises, steady determination, health reform or dress reform.

We may well know that in these troublesome days, every person is greedy for money and only loving themselves. They are fully proud and boastful of their materialistic life. Thus people are very hard-minded and will never even consider giving their money, clothing shelter or food to needy people who have nothing. Do you think that most people today would open their beautiful home's door to a servant of God? Or would they only open their door to someone such as themselves? Someone who could return the favor to them? Truly the word of God found in 2 Timothy 3:1-5 is true now more than ever before. They are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, boastful, proud, unthankful, unholy.... What a funny kind of life-living around a glowing box, letting it dictate our thoughts? Being manipulated by nicotine, caffeine, alcohol-for what? To what end?

These people are daily very rough and cruel in their moods if everything doesn't go their way. Their children are also following their parent's example-living for today in this present fast world. Most of the children are always wasting their precious time and energy watching television. They like to see violent movies, lustful movies, crazy and miserable movies-anything to fill their emptiness. They may feel free and independent but are actually slaves to "that box". At the same time, we can see some children are liking to play with plastic guns of every description. And there is no one to control them or say, "Don't play with that-here is something better to do with your time." Why? Because their family has left God out of their daily life-style.

Or perhaps they will go to church, Temple or Mosque but they would not really believe anything they hear-at least not enough to make any change in their present materialistic life-style. So they create their own doctrines and principles for their daily life-style. They cannot understand the truth because truth looks like bitter and hateful stuff-as it always will to the carnal, human mind.

"When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?" That's what He asked and now it seems that society has come to such a place that we can ask that

question without any compromise: Is there a genuine faith that will bring forth the good fruit of obedience? Is there anyone that will declare themselves dependent on Christ-or will they just keep their own independence? We are truly living in a very dark age when God's mercy still waits and pleads with those in the darkness to come to the light of dependence on Christ.

"Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: Proverbs 1:24-28

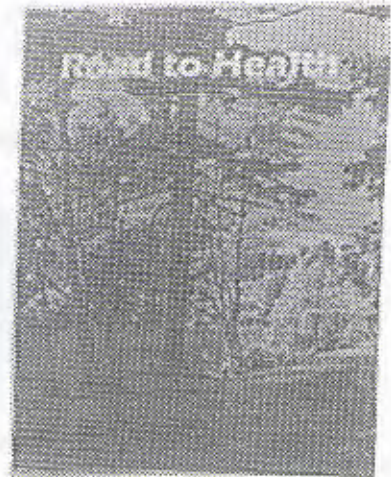
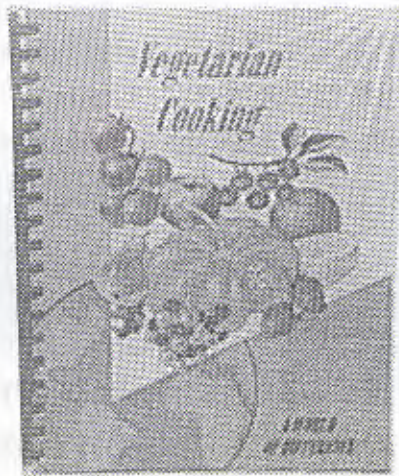
As I was knocking at a door to give the "Good News" to the people yesterday why were they reluctant even to look at me? And these were people who professed to be followers of God? After listening to my speech, many would simply close the door. Some people who claim to know God, by their actions completely deny Him. Through some of the conversations that I had with the people I found out that many of them believe they have already obtained all this "Good News" and have been made perfect and are truly "Born Again". Where is the humility or obedience? Truly the word of God is their judge when it says, "Their god is their stomach and their glory is in their own shame." Where is the good fruit of obedience from their "Born Again" experience? Being "Born Again" must mean making some kind of change in the life....

King Josiah, the youngest king of Israel began his reign at the age of 8 and led a major reform movement in Judah. Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the Lord as he did-with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his soul and with all his full strength in accordance with all the law of Moses. Please see 2 Kings 23:24, 25.

If I am going to speak about the real meaning of the born again experience to people at the door today many of them will think that I am merely a fool-but hasn't God chosen the foolish things to confound the wise? And the weak, despised ones to confound the highly educated people? Those whom God has called for His purpose are any people who will know dependence on Christ-the power of God and the wisdom of God. At this time our message of reformation is really foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the mighty power of God. If we are not surrendering totally at His feet, our life will be wasted. We cannot achieve our goal of everlasting life in independence-because Satan is the "god of this world". If our own choice determines our eternal destiny, then it is 100 percent sure that we have no assurance of tomorrow. We need to allow the Lord of righteousness, the world's Redeemer to reign in our hearts and then we can truly be independent.

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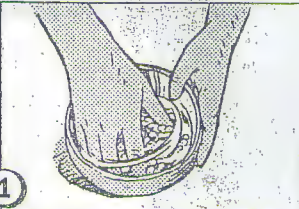
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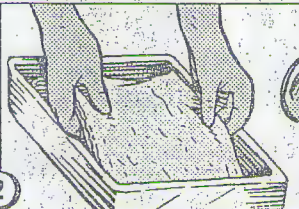
HOW to grow bean sprouts

BY McNEIL & BUI

BEAN SPROUTS USED IN VEGETARIAN AND ORIENTAL CUISINES ARE GROWN FROM MUNG BEANS. IN FACT THIS GERMINATING METHOD IS QUITE SIMILAR TO THAT FOR ALL TYPES OF BEANS LIKE ALFALFA OR SOYBEAN.



1 SUBMERGE 1/2 CUP OF MUNG BEANS IN 2 CUPS OF WATER. LET BEANS SOAK OVERNIGHT.



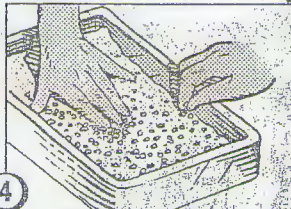
2 LAYER A GLASS BAKING DISH WITH A COUPLE OF SHEETS OF SOAKING WET PAPER TOWELS.




3 STRAIN THE SOAKED BEANS A FEW TIMES WITH FRESH COLD WATER. DRAIN WELL.



5 RINSE BEANS TWICE DAILY. DRAIN WELL AND REPEAT STEP 4. KEEP PAPER TOWELS DAMP AND THE GLASS DISH IN A DARK, WARM PLACE.



4 SPREAD BEANS IN A THIN LAYER IN GLASS DISH. COVER TOP WITH MORE DAMPENED PAPER TOWELS.



6 BEAN SPROUTS MATURE AFTER FOUR DAYS; DETACH THE GREEN CASINGS BY REPEATED RINSING. SPROUTS ARE NOW READY FOR EATING.

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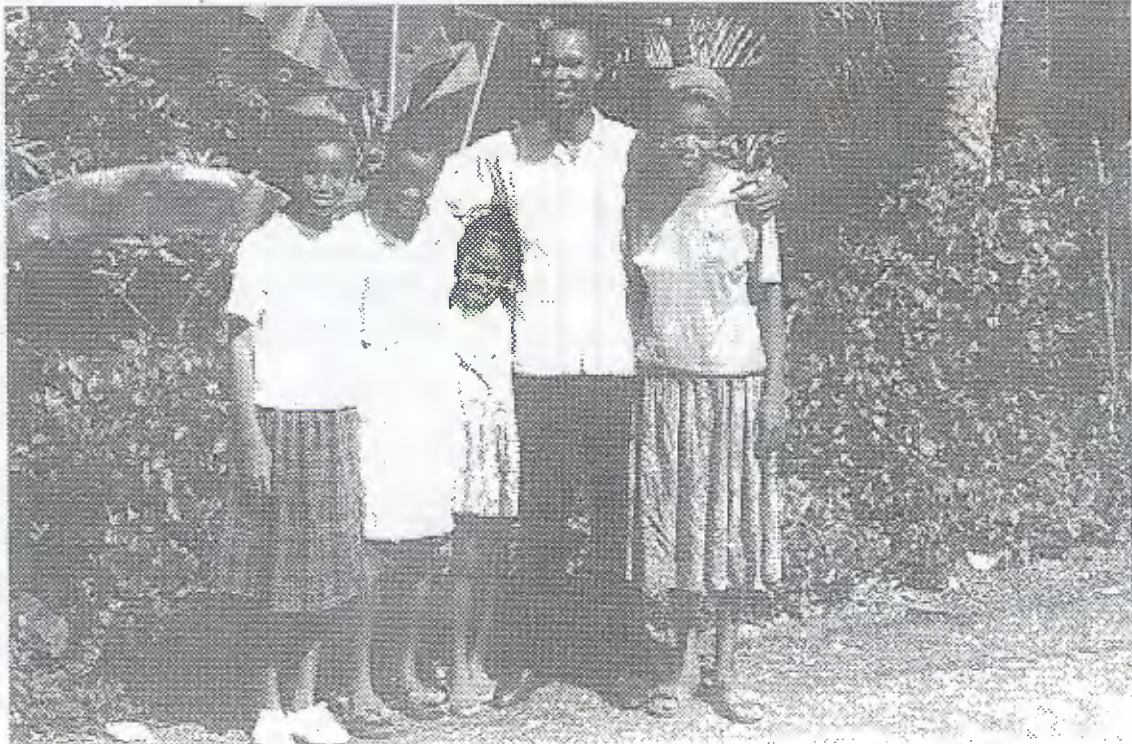
Money is always invested in saving banks,
With currencies such as pound, shilling, pence and even francs,
They all are taken and in the bank they go,
For next month or next year some interest they will grow.

You may have a checking account or some lodgment books,
To stow away your money and hide it from crooks,
Or a fixed deposit that can last from six months to a year,
For money is always lodged with faith, trust and care.

But faith, trust and care need a bank of their own,
A bank that's trustworthy and never lets you down,
A bank where interest grows from day to day,
Where faith, trust and care are safely laid away.

Such a bank my friend on earth cannot be found,
For men are robbers of everything on the ground,
But save faith, trust and care in the heavens above,
Where Jesus is the Banker in the Bank of Love.

by Suzan Gowie



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