

moral perspectives

Rev. Robert Schaden

Yoke of materialism thwarts true freedom

If your kind of movie carries a cast of thousands, you should be enthralled with "Ghandi." If you are impressed by actors who lose themselves in the roles they play, you will find Ben Kingsley as a Ghandi to be a real treat.

"But if you do not harken to movies that have the ability to kick an audience in their collective gut, then "Ghandi" is one movie that you will want to avoid.

Even for those of us who feel the pinch of an uncertain economy, Ghandi's life speaks of the futility of materialism. In a world which plays dangerously with disaster, this man of non-violence challenges the very meaning of life.

We may choose to believe that we are not under the yoke of materialism. Perhaps we would suggest that difficult times, such as we are presently experiencing, do not go hand in hand with materialism. However, this "head in the sand" view of the commodity-oriented world of which we are a part does not spare us.

IN A SOCIETY where human worth is measured in goods acquired and money accumulated the haves and the have-nots are victims together.

The only difference is that the one group scratches to get while the other scratches to hang on. In either instance, scratching becomes a kind of slavery in which persons are owned by things, the things they desire as well as the things they have already acquired.

In such a society the thing is king and the consumer is the pawn. And, of course, pawns are expendable where kings are not. At about the same time we think we have avoided the game, the latest commercial does its thing on us and we buy something else which is guaranteed to make us happy, enhance

gerontology

A. Jolayne Farrell

Pessimism prevents her enjoyment of life

Dear Jo: My mother (age 63) has such a poor outlook on life that she is almost as much as little time as possible living to her. When we encourage her to be interested in something/someone/anything, she says, "Why should I bother, I'll probably not be around to enjoy it." She is quite well, and I don't know where she gets the idea that she's going to die soon.

We have given her everything we give up.

M.M.

Many older people seem to use this as an excuse for not planning for the future.

As to your mother's health — has she had recent physical or mental exam? She may be suffering from a mild form of depression.

Perhaps your mother needs some straight talk from a strong family member or a professional, letting her know that "dying tomorrow" is no excuse as she may be around for another 20 or 30 years.

You mentioned that you had given your mother everything. Have you encouraged her to give? She may get great satisfaction out of making a batch of some good old-fashioned cookies for her children/grandchildren, or doing other chores for her loved ones.

Don't give up on her; be patient, keep on trying and maybe her attitude will change.

Dear Jo: I am an asthmatic and have been on 15 mg. cortisone daily for 15 years. I am on no other drugs. When I get severe attacks I have to go on 40 mg. of cortisone daily. My question is how much time should it take (after an attack) for me to get back down to 15 mg. and what would the effects be if I go back to 15 mg. too quickly? Also, can cortisone cause the stomach bleeding and does alcohol interfere with the actions of my medications.

J.R.D., age 50 Dear J.R.D.:

I really think your questions would be best answered by your family doctor. I do not know your past and present medical history, nor do I know what other medications you are taking. Your doctor can evaluate the severity of your attacks and advise you on decreasing dosage to your comfort.

As to your question of whether cortisone can cause stomach bleeding, the answer is yes, but rarely, when the use of the medication is closely watched by a doctor.

Alcohol can interfere with the actions of many medications. If you plan to consume alcohol, I suggest you discuss the amount with your doctor or your local pharmacist.

Dear Jo: My skin is very itchy and dry. The older I get the drier my skin becomes. Oil in the bath water does wonders, but when I try to get out of the tub I find it so slippery that I'm afraid I'll have a fall. What would you suggest I do?

Mrs. A.E.

I am pleased to learn that the oil in the bath water relieved the itching and dryness of your skin. I agree, an oily tub can be dangerous. One safety precaution you can take is to let the water out of the tub before you attempt to get out and place a large towel in the tub for you to stand on while stepping out.

To avoid the problem altogether, according to many labels that I have read, bath oils can be applied to moisten the skin after bathing, and the results are just as effective.

O.L. to host 2 seminars

The center for pastoral studies at St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, will hold two seminars this month.

"Nuclear War and the Scandal of Christ" will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 22. "Holistic Meditation: Dynamic Path to Holiness" will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 26.

The seminars will be in the Dom-bergh Fieldhouse on the campus of Orchard Lake Schools, at Commerce and Orchard Lake Avenues. A registration fee of \$10 covers materials.

Rev. Paul Conen, S.J., a staff member of the University of Detroit's Romero Center for Spirituality and Justice,

will direct the seminar on "Nuclear War and the Scandal of Christ." He will examine the gradual attitudinal change within the church toward war and armaments.

Rev. Jay Samone, pastor of the Most Holy Trinity Parish, will direct the seminar on "Holistic Meditation." It will focus on the Silva Method of Dynamic Meditation and explain how the method can aid one's growth in the spiritual life. Participants will learn about various meditative levels, the interrelationship of body, mind and spirit and the uniqueness and advantages of this particular method.

For more information, call 682-4124.

That Blessings May Shine on You...Come to Church

For Church Directory Advertising Information PLEASE CALL 644-1100 Ext. 217

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
165 E. Square Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills
12 South of West of Woodward
8:30 Church School
10:45 Church School
Nursery Provided
Dr. David Turan, Pastor

EVANGELICAL FREE
Grace Evangelical
1000 E. 12th Ave.
Bloomfield Hills
8:30 am. Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am. Morning Service
Pastor: Rick Hargrave
244-1111 - Nursery Provided

HOPE LUTHERAN
3922 W. 12 Mile Road
Farmington Hills
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15
WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30
V.H. Massingale, Pastor

St. Paul's Lutheran Missouri Synod
2005 Middlebelt at 8 Mile
Farmington Hills - 474-0675
The Rev. John E. Unger, Pastor
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:30 & 11 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30 AM
CLASSES: 10 AM
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: 10:30 AM
Wayne C. Derksen, Principal
474-2488

Orchard United Methodist
30450 FARMINGTON ROAD
Bloomfield Hills - 474-1677
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:30-10 AM
NURSERY: 10:30 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL & NURSERY: 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM
MINISTERS: Robert L. S. Brown, Nancy A. Woycik

BEVERLY HILLS UNITED METHODIST
20000 W. 12 Mile at Evergreen
Bloomfield Hills - 474-8477
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL: 10 AM
(Nursery thru High School)
Minister: John W. Bray

THE COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH
8800 W. Major Rd. at Bloomfield Hills
973-9191
9:45 a.m.: CHURCH SCHOOL, 11:00 a.m.: WORSHIP SERVICE
6:30 p.m.: EVENING SERVICE
Wednesday Evening Family Night
5:45 Dinner
6:45 Family Activities
8:00 Adult Choir

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3112 Grandview
Farmington Hills - 474-6573
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL: 10 AM
Nursery Provided
Minister: Charles H. Brandon

The Congregational Church of Birmingham U.C.C.
Woodward at Cranbrook
Bloomfield Hills
Family Church Worship: 9:30
Worship and Church School: 11 AM
Nursery Care Both Hours
Barter-Free MINISTERS: The Rev. Charles O. Erickson, Carol D. Orm

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST
2000 Midland Avenue
474-3444
Pastor Gerald Fisher
8:45 am. First Worship Service
10:00 am. Second Worship Service
11:15 am. Second Worship Service
Nursery Provided at All Services

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
35500 West Eleven Mile
Farmington Hills - 477-5003
BIBLE SCHOOL: 10 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10 AM
WED. BIBLE CLASS: 7:30 PM
Nursery Provided at All Services

HOLY REBURRECTION ORTHODOX CHURCH
36015 West 11 Mile - Livonia
775-3432
SUNDAY LITURGY: 10:00 AM
(All Services in English)

ST. ANDREW
Lutheran Church - C.A.
6255 Telegraph - North of Maple
BIRMINGHAM
9:15-10:30 Sunday Church School
Sunday Worship
The Rev. C.W. Richter, Pastor
648-2297 - 648-1118

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN ALC - FARMINGTON
3275 Old Road
Bloomfield Hills
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Thurs. 8 P.M. - 9 P.M. - 10 P.M.
Envy John Crampton

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL
3061 N. Adams (N. of Big Beaver)
Bloomfield Hills - 474-2290
Sunday School: 9:45
Worship Service: 11:00
N.P. (Jack) Brown, Pastor

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
1500 West Maple at Pleasant
Ministers: Robert P. Ward, Douglas W. Vernon
Eva C. Bentley
WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30, 10 and 11:00 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:30 and 11:00 AM
Nursery Care All Services

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
American Baptist
Bates and White
Bloomfield Hills
Pastor: Robert C. Wooten
MINISTERS: CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 AM
WORSHIP: 10:00 AM
Nursery: 10:30 AM
474-0556

CENTRAL WOODWARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
2115 S. Telegraph
Bloomfield Hills
CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:30 AM
WORSHIP: 11:00 AM
Minister: Robert H. Boyte
644-0512

Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church
16925 W. 14 Mile Road
Bloomfield Hills
Family Learning Hour: 8:15 AM
Worship Service: 10:30 AM
The Rev. W.E. Walsh, Pastor

SALVATION ARMY
27500 Shreveport
at Lakewood
SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Sunday School: 10 AM
Morning Worship: 11 AM
Evening Worship: 7 PM
Prayer Meeting: Thurs. 8 P.M.
Envy John Crampton

Northbrook Presbyterian
14 Mile & Lakewood Road
WORSHIP SERVICE: 9:30 & 11:00 AM
- Nursery Provided -
Pastors: M.L. Dunkleberger, Peter Moore
642-0200

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BIRMINGHAM
1600 West Maple Road
Ministers: F. Morgan Roberts, Charles A. Sammons, D. William McIvor, Dennis F. Barger, Gerald S. Crawford
Morning Worship and Church School: 9:30 and 11:15 AM
Nursery Provided

THE LORD'S HOUSE
A Full Gospel Church
36924 Ann Arbor Trail
& Newburgh
522-8463
Pastor Carl J. Forsyth
Sunday School: 10:00 AM
Morning Worship: 11:00 AM
Evening Service: 7:00 PM
Wednesday Service: 7:00 PM
Open Every Day 9:00 AM
Until 11:00 PM
Children's Ministry at Every Service
24 Hour Prayer Line: 522-8410

Rock in the Hills PRESBYTERIAN
1340 W. Long Lake Rd
MINISTERS: James F. Anderson, Robert L. Lindsey
Worship Service and Church School
Valliation of the Church
Sunday, March 20 - 3-5 PM

Cross of Christ LUTHERAN
Corner Lone Pine & Telegraph
Bloomfield Hills
WORSHIP: 8:15 - 9:45 - 11:15
EDUCATIONAL HOUR: 9:45
Nursery - 6th Grade
Junior-Senior High and Adult Bible Classes

CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL
LONE PINE AT CRANBROOK
8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM - Holy Eucharist and Sermon (Morning Prayer 2nd and 4th Sundays)
11:15 AM - Morning Prayer and Sermon (Eucharist First Sundays)
Weekday Eucharist: Tuesday 10:00 AM, Wednesday 7:00 AM

CHRIST CHURCH
29887 West Eleven Mile Road
Just West of Middlebelt
Farmington Hills
Worship Service: 9:15 & 11:00 AM
"THE GOD WHO HIDES HIMSELF"
Dr. William Ritter
Rev. William A. Ritter, Pastor
Rev. Jeffrey D. Ritter, Assoc. Min.
Judy May, Director of C.E.
Mr. Steven Phillips, Dr. Music

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN
Missouri Synod
12 Mile and Farmington Roads
Denning Crowley's
Worship: 8:15 and 10:45
Sunday School & Bible Class: 9:30
Pastor: Rev. T. Richard Maris
Church Phone: 553-3380

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Pastor: James Conner, Youth: Robert Anderson, Music: Rod Butcher
Located at 275 & 8 Mile with entrance at 21200 Nagsburg Road
Church Office: 248-7600

OTHER ACTIVITIES:
Ladies Bible Study
Christian Education
Youth Program
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
A Nursery is Provided For All Services

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8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM - Holy Eucharist and Sermon (Morning Prayer 2nd and 4th Sundays)
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Brightmoor Tabernacle
26555 Franklin Rd. • Southfield MI
at 696 & Telegraph - Just West of Holiday Inn
Sunday School: 9:45 AM - Morning Worship: 11:00 AM
Celebration of Praise: 6:30 PM
Wed. Adult Prayer & Praise - Youth Service: 7:30 PM
"A Charismatic Church where people of many denominations worship together"
Thomas E. Trask, Pastor

WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA
Farmington and Six Mile Roads
422-1150
Worship and Sunday School: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM
"A PATTERN OF GOOD WORKS"
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
7:00 PM Holy Communion
"LIVING INTO RIGHTNESS"
Rev. W. Wallace Hostetter
Reception of New Members
Wednesday 7 PM School of Christian Education (Activities for All Ages)
Nursery Provided at all Services

FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN
26325 Halstead Road
at Eleven Mile
FARMINGTON HILLS
11:00 AM Every Sunday
7:30 PM First & Third Sunday Each Month
9:30 AM Sunday School
7:45 PM Tuesday Bible Class
7:00 PM Sunday Song Service
Last Sunday Each Month

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30 AM
MORNING WORSHIP: 10:45 AM
SUNDAY EVENING: 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT: 6:15 PM

DETROIT LAESTADIAN CONGREGATION
250 Fairground at Ann Arbor Trail - Plymouth
Donald W. Lantz, Pastor
471-1518
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 8:30 PM
WORSHIP: 8:00 PM
All scheduled services in English
Finnish language services available

How does anybody know there's God?
Why not find out more about how real God is? Visit our public Reading Room. Come to a church service. Or let your children attend Sunday School.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BIRMINGHAM
101 Chester at Writts
Sunday Service and Sunday School: 10:30 AM
Wednesday Testimony Meeting: 8:00 PM
Reading Room at 355 E. Maple
Opens Daily at 9:30 AM - 644-7935

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST FRANKLIN-MEADOWLAKE
Made Road at Inter-
Sunday Service and Sunday School: 10:30 AM
Wednesday Testimony Meeting: 8:15 PM
Reading Room at 4301 Orchard Lake Road in Pine Lake Mall
Opens Daily at 10:00 AM - 651-7440