

moral perspectives

Rev. Lloyd Buss

We live with illusion that we are in control

A couple of weeks ago in this space the Rev. David Strong suggested that the true believers in our society are those who can admit to their vulnerability. He even dared to say that the pathways to peace require such an admission. It's a great thought, Strong, but how does one sell it in a society that has so much to lose if they dare to buy it?

We don't like to admit to our vulnerability. We take pride in the illusion that we can control our lives, our nations and indeed the universe. When other nations do not do things our way we operate as if we have every right to move in as savior and king. Where the government in a given place suits our purposes we supply help to put down the insurgents.

Where, on the other hand, the insurgents serve our purpose we support their efforts against those in power. This is why we can proceed in one way in El Salvador and another in Nicaragua. Of course, it is all done in the name of "right." You must remember, Strong, that it is difficult to admit to our weakness or vulnerability and not attempt to play God, a role to which we have grown accustomed.

AND CAN YOU imagine, my good man, where our economy would be if we were to allow the peddlers of peace to dictate our policies in regard to national vulnerability? Where would the builders of bombs find work if we decided that we have enough to last for a while?

Look at the corporations that would go under because they do not have the imagination to turn their efforts in other directions.

You also dare to fly in the face of a cow even more sacred than national "security" (translated defense, revenge, national pride, moral impera-

live, or whatever term fits the occasion and pleases the listener) this other sacred cow is that of self-defense at any level.

One of the things we learned very early in life is that we must stand up to those who run against our grain. That Bible talk about turning the other cheek is not only for people who admit to their vulnerability. It is for suckers. Jesus could not have been serious — or he did not know much about life. What would happen to make pride if we began to buy this human vulnerability stuff?

You see, Strong, there are just too many reasons why this less than god-like approach to life is in trouble. Why even our latest game crase, one that promises to be around for a while — I speak of video games, of course — is against you.

THE OBJECT in most of them is to zap, to kill, to eliminate or to blast into oblivion. These games thus hold the promise of carrying our values of invulnerability into the next generation unless we teach them to kill off each other.

As for your ideas on pain, just remember that we have extra strength just about anything. Pain is bad, and discomfort is for idiots. We have instant sprays to get rid of just about any annoyance that nature can manufacture.

You mention the story of the tree in the Garden of Eden. Well, Strong, we still are chewing away looking for that magic cure-all of the human condition. You may have some marvelous ideas, but you tread on some sacred territory. Just ask Madison Avenue, Wall Street or Pac Man. But keep plugging, friend. Just because your thoughts may be unpopular does not mean they are without merit.

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A. Jolayne Farrell

Elderhostels can be enjoyable for seniors

Dear Jo: What is Elderhostel?

Dear Mrs. McK: Elderhostel is a program that combines both travel and education for persons over age 60 and their spouses. The idea, inspired by youth hostels and folk schools of Europe, is made up of a network of over 500 universities, colleges, independent schools and other educational institutions in the United States, Canada and a number of countries overseas.

The aim is to offer special low-cost, short-term residential educational programs for older adults. Most programs last one week and are limited to 35 to 45 older persons. Courses are run throughout the entire year (not just during the summer).

For more information and a catalog of their courses you can write to either their Canadian or U.S. office. In the United States the address is: Elderhostel, 100 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 and in Canada, the address is: Elderhostel Canada, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5A4.

When packing lay out all the things you plan to take on the bed and then go carefully through them to see what you can leave behind often you can cut out as much as one-third of the items. At this time, pack your suitcase and check its weight remember it is you who will be carrying it.

Make out two checklists one of the items you are taking with you; the other a list of last minutes things that must be done before you leave, such as checking stove, lights, etc.

Carry one piece of hand luggage and one suitcase. Carrying anything more burdens you down and your chances of leaving something behind are greater.

In your hand luggage (or large purse for women) carry your passport, tickets, travelers checks, identification, credit cards, medication, eye glasses, and a small amount of money. The hand luggage should be the type that zips or snaps securely shut, not the open "tote-bag" type, for safety reasons.

Bringing a camera is a must. If you are purchasing one consider its size and weight, as you will be carrying it with you most of the time. For those who do not want to bring a camera, postcards are a pretty good supplement.

If you are planning to travel to someplace that is sunny and hot, remember to wear a sun block or a hat, as the sun often more powerful than you think. Dehydration can be a problem, so be sure to drink plenty of liquids.

If you would like to travel, but are hesitant about going alone, talk to your local travel agent about traveling with a group. The people are usually friendly and adventuresome, just as you are.

Interpreting for persons who are both deaf and blind will be the subject of a workshop at Madonna College, Livonia, on Friday evening and all day Saturday, June 24 and 25.

"This will be an orientation and overview of tactile methods of communication," said Madonna Rust, chairman of Madonna's sign language studies department. He recommends that people who attend have some experience in interpreting or have experience interacting with the deaf/blind.

Featured presenters will be Paul Glaze, superintendent of the Michigan Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, Kalamazoo; Art Roebig, director of Deaf/Blind Services, Oakland Col-

College workshop is set on helping the blind, deaf

lege, Washington, D.C.; and Nancy Moher, instructor of interpreting, Madonna College.

FURTHER INFORMATION about the workshop may be obtained by calling the sign language studies department at Madonna College, 591-5123, or TTY 591-1203. The fee is \$45 for persons earning college credit and \$15 for non-credit enrollment.

Madonna College is located at Schoolcraft (I-94) and Levan in Livonia. It offers a bachelor's degree program in sign language interpreting and has barrier-free facilities for handicapped persons.

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