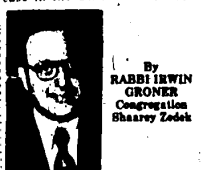


Moral perspectives

Today's youth will grow old

Thirty-four per cent of the population of the United States is between the ages of 18 and 30. That is a very large percentage and a very small age span. This compressed density gives to that age group a weight that makes it a center of gravity.



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Moreover, this will probably not recur again as a result of the effect of family planning and the promotion of Zero Population Growth. We will probably never again witness such a disproportionate mass of people in one age group, the young moving together along the path of life.

This youthful group has had a powerful impact on the entire population. Our attention has been riveted on the 18-38 span as though it were the center of life itself.

Popular songs, amusements, tastes in literature and the arts, the media and prevalent lifestyles have all reflected the qualities of this group. It may not be an exaggeration to state that the whole population has taken on many of the qualities characteristic of these years — mobility, flamboyance, sexual experimentation, restlessness. Some older people even imitate the dress, hairstyles and distinctive language of the young.

WE VIEW with concern the effect of this outlook on our attitude towards life itself. We see youth as a period characterized by a great burst of growth and energy, overflowing with strength, vitality, imagination and enjoyment.

Once this is over, life loses its originality and freshness (or so it seems). Gray hairs and deepening lines become the outer signs of diminishing enthusiasm, quickened apprehension and growing weariness.

What will happen when this large group of our young becomes

middle-aged? Perhaps they will be challenged to come to grips with the meaning of life, a meaning based more on the value of the person than on externals. Perhaps they will value enduring commitments more than the scramble for success and the pursuit of pleasure.

What should be remembered is that each of us has a thirst for life that never ends and is capable of growth that never ceases.

A well-known engraving of the 16th century represents an old

man sitting in a child's wheelchair with the Latin inscription over it, *Accora Impore, "I still learn."*

Martin Buber once said, "To be old is a glorious thing when one has not unlearned what it means to begin." Life can be rich if we keep our minds open and alert, if we are willing to try a new skill, entertain a new thought, surrender an old prejudice and bless the lives of others.

It is not too soon, even for the young, to plan ahead for the best years of their lives.

Cancer unit seeks helpers

Concerned adults are needed to serve their community as Michigan Cancer Foundation volunteers.

"Promoting greeting cards and serving cancer patients and their families is the emphasis of our summertime program," said Gloria Hutchings, North Oakland unit coordinator. "We are willing to train persons in office work and community involvement."

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Respectfully, Edward J. Lynch

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