

We must be very cautious at the crossroads



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Wherever we look these days, we seem to find distressing evidence of the unraveling of America's moral fabric. Moral values have become blurred, immoral behavior has proliferated. We are living in a time of widespread cynicism, where very little trust is reposed in leaders of government, business, the academic world and even religion. It is not easy to call upon the individual citizen to follow the moral preachment when he observes the wrongdoing of those who wear the mantle of authority. The most serious aspect of all this is that the capacity to be shocked by corruption or wrongdoing has been progressively diminishing. "If everybody's doing it, then maybe there's nothing wrong with it after all."

In an age of uncertain guideposts and disappearing landmarks, I submit three questions that we ought to ask ourselves before we make a moral decision.

The first is: Can the decision I make stand the test of public knowledge? What if everyone knew what I was going to do? The decision about which I am uncertain, does it need secrecy? Does it require cover-up? Could I tell my mother or my child what I did? A golfing friend pointed out that nothing increases your golf score like a witness.

The second question: Will my best self approve the action I am contemplating? Does it satisfy my own highest standard of behavior? Is it compatible with my conscience? Will it leave me with guilt or pride?

The last question: What if everybody did what we are contemplating? What kind of society would it be? Would we like to have our action become a universal law? Is it right to tell a lie? What would happen if all persons

told lies whenever it was their advantage to do so? Do you believe that sexual promiscuity can be indulged in without harm? What do you think would become of our homes, our families, our children, our society, if promiscuity and not fidelity became the universally recognized standard?

An instructive story tells how a great sage invited the people of a legendary town to a banquet. He

told each guest to bring a flask of wine and informed each that his wine would be poured into a large vat. Each guest thought, "What will my small flask of wine mean? I will bring a flask of water, and no one will know the difference."

When the guests were assembled at the banquet, the sage summoned his servants to serve the guests with the contents of the barrel and out came water for

they had all said, "What will my small flask of wine mean?"

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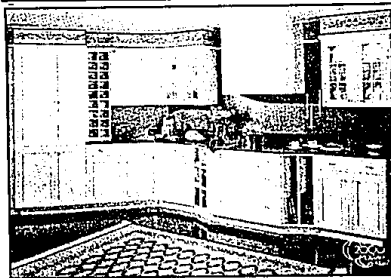
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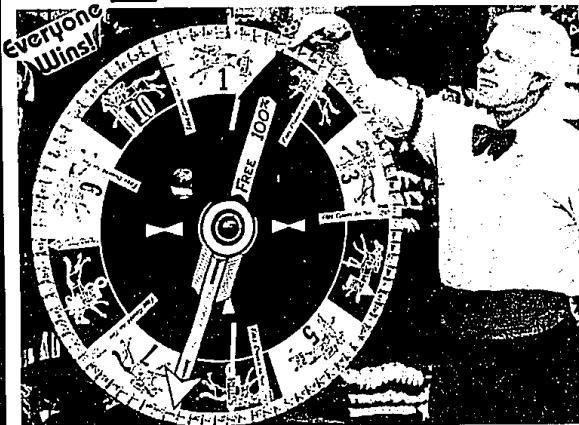
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