

Expand the land

One wild idea that has been hesitantly put forth as a general cure-all for the world's problems is a drastic reduction in population for the entire world, including the industrialized nations.

If world population was reduced to a ten or hundred thousandth of its present size, we would all have room to move to Tahiti or the Mediterranean or Jasper, without having to fight over who gets what piece of property.

Technology being what it is, enough food could be produced for all with a minimum of effort. Perhaps people could put in an hour or two farming instead of producing millions of cars in competition with people putting out other cars identical except in colour, shape and name.

This would entail a drastic reduction in the tranquilizer, pep pill, alcohol and ulcer industries, but one cannot expect perfection.

Less people means less pollution and waste, thus solving the main fault of man on the earth; the amount of pollutants which he produces rather than the type.

Unfortunately birth control goes against the religion, customs, or standards of most people, so that solution is out.

A more popular method is war, recently superseding nature's favourite: disease, which suffered a fairly generally negative public response following extensive marketing.

War, however, has been a favourite method of diplomats for almost all nations, states and followers of ideologies and religions. Since everybody is always on the defensive, war is thus justified.

People are very practised at war. It is an excellent field for mental and physical exercise for pathological soldiers and politicians. The phrase "war is good business" seems to have gone out of vogue, but nevertheless war employs makers of flags, bombs, guns, planes, etc.

It is a fairly versatile method, employed with equal enthusiasm by communists, fascists, bastions of democracy and free enterprise.

Unfortunately war appears recently to offer a fairly negative reward, in that people can kill you even after you have killed them. Although this would rid the world of a great pest, a lot of people are not overly enthusiastic about the annihilation of the human race. (Me, for one.)

The eventual solution may be much akin to the one following. An understanding of the

Global Drift theory, or Plate Tectonics, is somewhat important to the theory.

Plate Tectonics states simply that the earth's crust is composed of possibly up to 100 plates floating on the earth's semi molten mantle.

Movement of these plates causes earthquakes when they move away from one another or mountain ranges when they collide.

These mountain ranges block warm moist winds from reaching inland when they blow from warm southern seas.

Twenty million years ago, contrary to what your father may say he remembers, it was much warmer than today. Coal and oil grew in the form of trees in the far north. The climate was fairly uniformly temperate over the northern Northern Hemisphere because of warm winds carrying moisture from the south seas, unhindered by any mountain ranges.

In those days South America fit neatly into Africa as it looks like it should on the maps, and other present neighbour continents weren't separated then.

The continents tended to drift, though, and today's mountain ranges were thrown up. The resulting entrapment of winds bearing warmth and wetness caused the growth of the Gobi desert and other deserts and plains, such as the Arctic. The resulting cold caused the accumulation of snow and ice to enlarge the polar icecaps to their present sizes, and to ever greater extremities, such as the various Ice Ages.

My solution is simple: Collect the one or two atomic weapons present in the arsenals of the great powers and France and blow up the mountain ranges around the world.

The resulting increase in warm and wet areas would tremendously increase the amount of arable land giving people plenty of room to live and eat, giving man more time to develop other facets of his seemingly inexhaustible reservoir of ways to bring about destruction of all life on earth higher than the anaerobic bacteria.

The rubble could be used to build a causeway to the moon; a plan having the double benefit of providing a new tourist attraction for disappointed former mountain vacationers, and of annoying the U.S. and U.S.S.R. space programmers.

Grant Hurlburt

GSA ELECTION NOTICE

The Graduate Students' Association will be conducting elections for the following positions. All graduate students are eligible.

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| A) G.S.A. Positions | G.S.A. delegate to General Faculties Council |
| President | Editor of G.S.A. Newsletter |
| Vice-President, External | G.S.A. delegate to Senate |
| Vice-President, Internal | Plus: Assistant Editor of G.S.A. Newsletter |
| Secretary | 4 members of G.S.A. Housing Committee |
| Treasurer | |

Elections at March G.S.A. Council Meeting, March 12, 1974 at 7:30 p.m. in Tory 14-6. Nominations from the floor or by calling X1175 (G.S.A. office).

- B) General Faculties Council (G.F.C.) positions:
one representative from the following areas:

Agriculture	Engineering
Arts	Medicine & Nursing
Business Administration & Commerce	Pharmacy
Dentistry & Law	Physical Education
Education & Library Science	Science

Candidate must hand in a completed nomination form (available now from G.S.A. office, Room 232 Assiniboia Hall) to that office by Friday, March 22, 1974 at 4:00 p.m. Election will be held on Friday April 5, 1974.

G.F.C. has approved an at-large representation scheme, rather than drawing the graduate students from 10 different areas. Therefore, an at-large candidate procedure will be followed.

- C) Graduate Faculty Council positions:

In addition to the G.S.A. representatives, the following departments may elect one representative:

Chemistry	Computing Science
Educational Psychology	English
Business Administration & Commerce	Geography
Educational Administration	Physics
Zoology	Electrical Engineering

*For more information call the G.S.A. office (X1175 between 1:00 and 4:00 weekdays).

MR. X

The world can only be saved by the person(s) who created the world in the first place.

That person(s) Mr. X, created mankind in such a way that every man had possession of a will. This means (1) man could choose to exist in a manner that would be basically peaceful or, (2) he could choose to exist in a manner that would be basically unpeaceful. If man himself could not think of a solution for saving the world, he would have to resort to that higher being - Mr. X. This also means that Mr. X could not be blamed for any undesirable actions on the part of mankind.

Which of the two alternatives has man chosen? The latter one. I think it is foolish to believe that mankind can somehow find a way, solution, economic theory, religion - whatever - to save himself. Haven't we proven to ourselves yet that despite all the optimism, resources, intelligence, technology, and whatnot - we haven't in the past, cannot now and probably cannot in the future save ourselves?

Man needs some outside help - namely from his Creator. The incredible thing is this: God wants to save the world but the world has long ago willed or chosen to refuse His help.

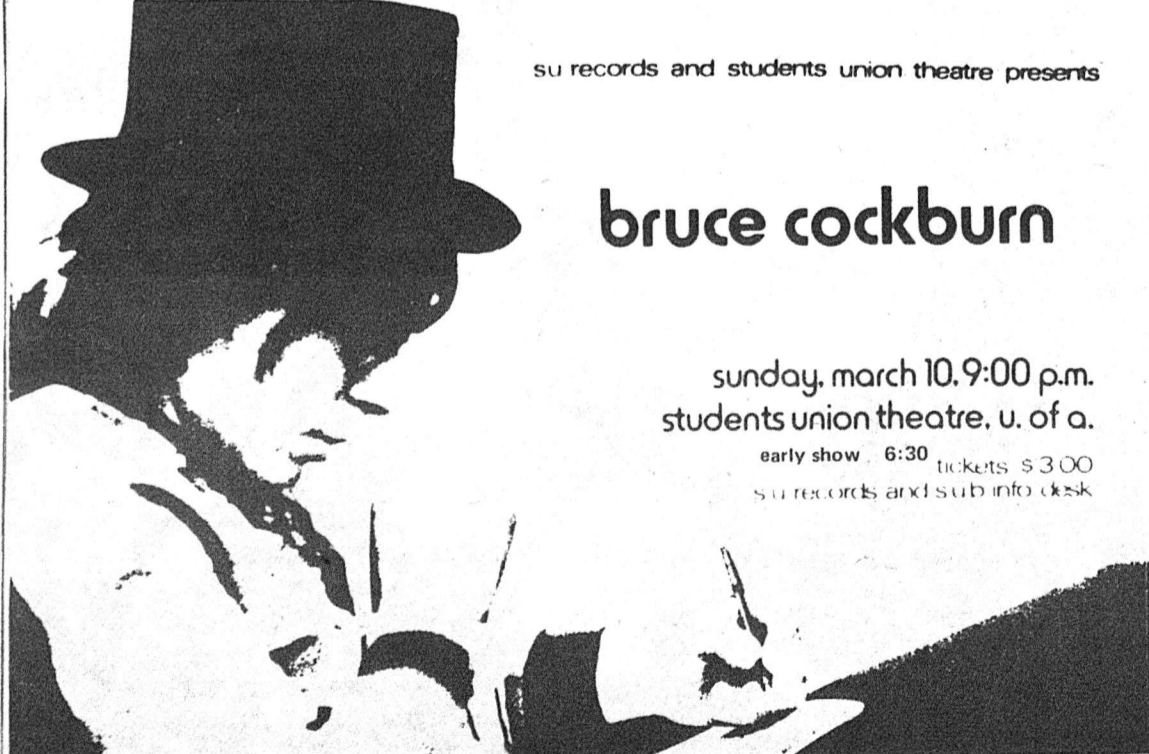
How would God (Mr. X) save the world? God aims to save mankind by starting with the individual. God wants to change the will of every person from willing his or her own highest good (selfishness) to willing God's and the rest of the universes' highest good (unselfishness love).

How does God do that? This happens when Christ takes over a man's will and replaces it with His own. Believe me - it's beautiful and it WORKS.

Meanwhile the world goes on - trying to figure out how it can save itself.

Peter Schalin

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