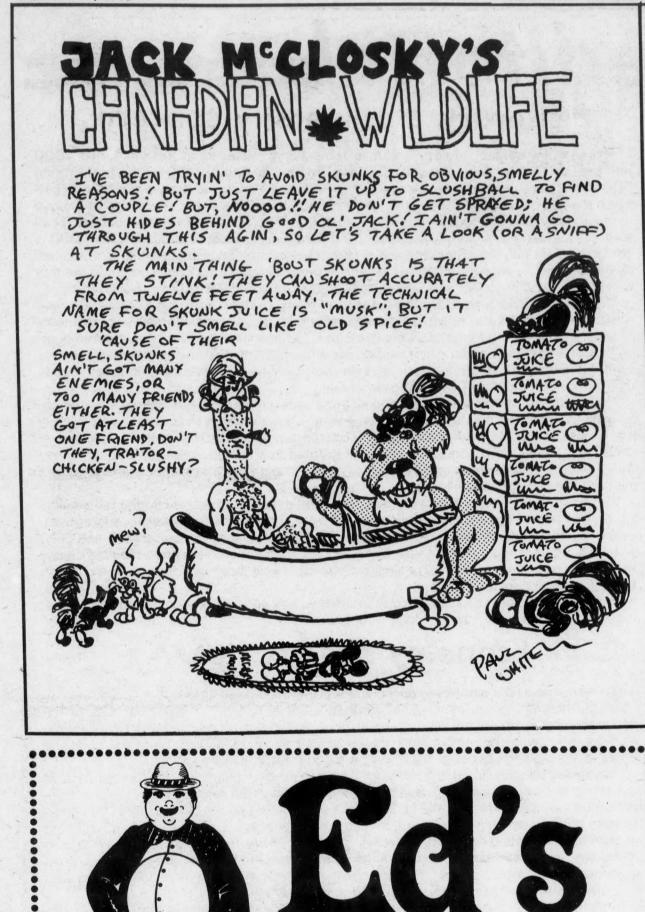
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THE SEARCH LITE

Jesus had a purpose in mind when he spoke about the rich man and Lazarus. That purpose was to pull back the curtain of time and let us see and learn about life, death and eternity.

We learn first that it is appointed unto men once to die. The wise, the educated, the poor, the black or white, the rich -- they will all face death.

You would think a man knowing that death will come, would prepare. But most will push the thought out of his mind and forget. A wise man in business, seeing that some problem lies ahead will prepare for it. He uses prudence and foresight to avert harm to his business. Yet so many neglect to prepare for death.

Death does not end all. The evolutionary concept may sr "Satisfy the physical appetite. Eat, drink, live it up.

Death is the end." Death is not the end. That eternal spirit will live on and on. There will be identity. Dives was still Dives. Lazarus was still Lazarus. Dives recognized Lazarus. He remembered. There was consciousness. He had all his mental faculties.

The last word of this rich man was -- repent. He begged father Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers lest they also come into the place of torment. "Abraham said unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent" (Luke 16:29-30)

These words reveal the heart of the rich man. He knew what to do to be saved. He knew that there is no salvation without repentance. Yet he refused to do so. He did not go to hell because he was a rich man. Neither did Lazarus go to heaven because he was poor. The rich man was lost because he rejected Christ.

There is a permanence to destiny. "the soul that sinneth, it shall die." When breath is gone, man's destiny is settled. There is no second chance -- no intermediate place to prepare. His destiny is fixed.

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