

Are you a SINNER?

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Anybody who is interested in saving his soul and who tries doing anything about it will know that he is under the severe handicap of being crammed full of sin. This article is intended to assist such floundering souls in gaining some understanding of the origin of that sin. Theologians and the Bible present a confusing picture of the situation and it is difficult to sift the bare bones from the theological miscellany. However, we submit that everything may be boiled down to a few quite simple theories.

The Experimentalist Theory
In the beginning the Almighty decided to perform an experiment. He created the universe as a kind of testing grounds and then placed a solitary man in one particular part of the world which was cordoned off and called the Garden of Eden. The object of the experiment, briefly put, was to see if the man could turn away from sin.

There were various stages of the experiment but Part I required only one apple, a snake, a fig leaf, a woman, and the man, Adam. The apple represented evil. As you probably know, the snake successfully presented it to Eve, and, unfortunately for us, Eve successfully presented it to Adam, the result was negative and man was capable of evil. (Whether man was actually evil or capable of evil is a point of vital significance to a theologically trained mind, but it is too complex to be further examined here) The Almighty wasn't present at the experiment (possibly because it would not have gone to completion in His proximity) so some indication or litmus paper was required to tell Him the experimental results. This was available in the form of a fig leaf, which must have been an early prototype for the bikini. In any case, the fig leaf manifested the experimental results to the Almighty and the experiment entered the second stage.

God was disgusted with the results of the first part so he kicked Adam out of the Garden of Eden

and kept an eye on developments. The Adam's family began to multiply like rabbits and things began to get out of hand; people worshipping wrong gods and sacrificing the wrong things, so he decided to flood the whole works and start again with nothing but good reliable Noah stock. This livestock science approach appeared to pre-occupy the Almighty's mind throughout the second stage; he repeatedly thinned out drastically his experimental colony (the chosen people) to try and obtain a pure strain.

After much bickering about with stone tablets, miracles, whales and other original but unsuccessful ideas He decided that a general shake down was required and the third stage of the experiment was entered. He divided Himself up into the Father, the son, and the Holy Ghost which roughly corresponded to General management, sales and maintenance.

If man were to turn away from sin it was necessary that sin be brought home to him afresh. He seemed to have forgotten his initial unforgivable failure in the apple experiment so it was arranged that he murder the sales manager. Though this didn't put an end to the sales manager (He now appears to be an invaluable assistant to the Holy Ghost in maintenance) it had a most salutary effect upon the consciences of many men who thereafter strove mightily to cast off their sin.

The eventual conclusion of the experiment will be when the Almighty personally winds it up, counts the scores of people reasonably free from sin, and we have strong evidence that He throws out or burns the duds. It shouldn't be forgotten as well as the final count up there is a similar running check made on all subjects when they die in the course of the experiment.

CHECKER GAME

There is an alternative theory which is somewhat similar to the first but which is being discarded

as being a little too naive - The checker game theory. The players are the Almighty and the devil and the checkers are, of course, men. The Almighty, as his name implies is quite free to sweep all the checkers off the board into his pocket, but, in the interest of good sportsmanship, he keeps playing. The devil is not thus privileged but compensates by dirty play. The game progresses exactly as outlined above only the Almighty is playing a lengthy game with the Devil instead of conducting a scientific experiment.

OTHER THEORIES

There are permutations and variations of the theories above which cannot be dealt with here for lack of space. Lest it be thought that the two interpretations discussed are frivolous, some mention should be made on a third theory that the Almighty created man to be a good friend. A friend is never really a good friend unless he is a slightly difficult individual - otherwise he would be very dull. For this reason the Almighty, possibly tired of the perfect agreeableness of the Holy Ghost and the angels created a difficult and sinful man.

ADVISED READING

If the student is really determined to get to the bottom of the sin festering within him, there is an excellent theological study of the subject from a slightly different angle written by Mark Twain on political events in heaven. His work was suppressed by his family until very recently on the grounds that he did not know what he was writing. Unfortunately there has been little further light thrown on the subject since his time. Contributions are sorely needed.

PRIVATE AVIATION

Why
and
Wherefore

By TOM GAUM as told to Andy White

When I was asked "why do you fly? What do I get from this hobby which is so demanding, both of time and money. Some, go in for flying as a means of livelihood; their ambitions include commercial airlines or something similar; others, like me, do it purely for the fun of it. So that brings me back to the question; why?"

FLYING UNIQUE

First of all, I would like to say that flying is an experience which is truly unique. It is a sensation that cannot be had from any other form of activity. It could be described as a tremendous thrill. When you're in the air, you're above everything and everyone. This might be why air-men have always considered themselves superior to soldiers and sailors.

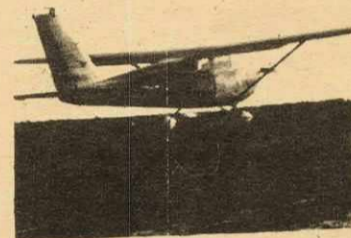
By "thrill" I do not mean the "kick" of the beatnik or the kickster. This is something entirely different, a sort of mastery of nature in one of her many forms. As far as I'm concerned, everything about flying has a strange attraction. Everything from the clothes I wear when I suit up for a flight, to the tools which one finds littered around the hangar gives me a sensation.

The big moment comes, of course when the plane is airborne when you know you've left the earth behind you and are actually flying, this is the minute that I really enjoy.

SPECIAL TOUCH REQUIRED

People often ask me whether or not it is difficult to fly; can anyone learn, they want to know. My answer to this is very simple. A certain type of person makes a good airman. Oh, yes, almost anyone can pass out but I mean really fly. To be able to "feel" the aircraft, to know what every current is doing at the crucial moment; to be able to fly a straight and level course without always having to look at the instruments - all this is real flying. I can't fly according to that definition yet myself, but I'm keeping on trying, and someday maybe I'll qualify.

other days too)? This is one problem that just does not exist in the air. You usually have all the space that you want to manoeuvre in. Not only that. The small private aircraft needs no airfield as such. A flat pasture would do the trick. A stretch of highway can also be used for landing. I myself have often flown onto and off of beaches. In Cape Breton, for instance, I know of an isolated but truly beautiful stretch of sandy beach where I have gone for picnics more than once, and I have used the beach for a landing strip.

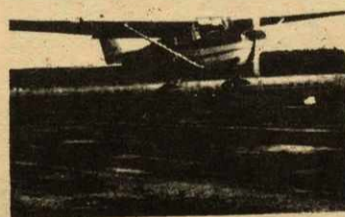


AN EXPENSIVE HOBBY

Of course, there are some disadvantages. It costs a fair amount to rent a plane. As much as \$17, an hour. Also, you're dependent upon the weather to an uncomfortable degree. Then again, there are some peculiar ideas about private aviation. Most people still think of the private plane as a noisy, flimsy, dangerous thing. This is completely untrue. The Cessna 172 is quite similar to a small 4-place automobile. It has 2 semi-bucket seats in front, and an upholstered bench seat in the rear. There is also some baggage space behind that again. Another example of the utility of the light plane is the following sort of thing. A four-seater like the one I've just described, can be rented for a round trip to Montreal. This would cost each of the four passengers \$50.00 for a return fare. Of course, while in Montreal, the aircraft would have to be flown for a minimum of 2 hours /day, or the equivalent rent would have to be paid, but still, when one considers the convenience, this is quite a thing.

As I've said, Private Aviation is not the cheapest of past-times, however it is not as expensive as some people think it is. As far as the purchase of an aircraft, the usual light planes used around here sell from \$10,000 up to \$15,000 although new planes can be had for about \$5,000 up to as much as \$500,000. Used planes are somewhat cheaper; they go from anywhere around \$3,000 up to about \$300,000.

I would like to say, though, that nowhere can one have the sense of mastery and freedom that is found in the air, and if anyone really pressed me for a reason as to why I fly, this would probably be it.



However, to learn to fly, to pass the "private license" of the Canadian Govt. Department of Transport, one has to have 35 hours of instruction in the air, plus considerable time on the ground. The cost of this program is about \$500. After a successful solo, the candidate receives his private license. After a further 115 hours, he receives a commercial ticket and this permits him to fly passengers in light aircraft for hire. After that, there are instrument ratings and finally, Commercial transport.

NO TRAFFIC JAMS ALOFT
There is a very practical side to all this, too. How often have car drivers cursed the endless lines of crawlers and other forms of highway idiot on Sundays (and

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