

Article #15a.

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A Man on a Hill

Scouter Shanie, 902nd Toronto Cubs

A time ago, a man on a hill had a thought. What could he do to help his country, his world? The thought became a plan, and 20 boys sailed off to Brownsea Island. By 1909, those 20 had become thousands of boys and girls, men and women. The plan was now a course of action.

Years later, in the midst of battle, a soldier spares his enemy and tends his wounds, because both are Scouts. The course of action is something more. Wells are dug, schools are built. Many people share, help without fanfare. because that thought is now a way of life.

From that one thought stretches a web of hands, young and not-so young, male and female, all faiths, all peoples. We are an important link in the encircling net. What will we do with our small share of the thought? Whose hand will we, in turn, grasp?

Only One

I am only one person, so I can't change everything in this world. But, I am one person and I can change some things.

Creator Spirit, Come

O God, Creator of lakes and dunes
Help us to feel your spirit
In the beauty of nature around us:
Make us calm and,
In the quiet, speak to us:
Help us to listen;
We have so much to learn from you
And also from one another:
Help us to share
Our plans and our decisions,
Our dreams and expectations:
Help us to celebrate
Your presence among us,
And to work together in your name.
*- Martha Koenig, from United Church
Camping, Spring '85*

A Grace a Day

When a Pack Scouter in the U.K. found his Cubs always mechanically repeated "For what we are about to receive...." before camp meals, he decided to try a different grace each meal. He prepared some cards with a short grace on each side and, at meals, placed a card on each table. The person asked to say grace picked up a card and chose the one he wanted. The Cubs were always eager to read the cards, he says.

You might ask each of your Cubs to create his own two graces and prepare such a card to bring to camp. These examples are some of the graces our Scouter used to start the idea.

This happy meal will happier be
If we, O God, remember Thee.

We thank you, God, for happy hearts,
For fine and sunny weather;
We thank you, God, for this our food,
And that we are together.

For every cup and plateful,
God make us truly grateful.

As we enjoy this earthly food
At this table you have spread,
We'll not forget to thank you, God,
For all our daily bread.

Zulu Farewell

Go well and safely, go well and safely,
Go well and safely, the Lord be ever with
you.
Stay well and safely, stay well and safely
Stay well and safely, the Lord be ever
with you.

Article # 15b.

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SuperScouter

Colin Wallace

The role of Scouter, regard less of rank, requires several qualities and skills: enthusiasm, effort, timeliness, competence, and communicativeness.

You've got all that, you say, and you want to move up in the Scouting hierarchy. But do you really have what it takes? How do you measure up against these characteristics?

National Commissioner

- leaps tall buildings in a single bound
- is more powerful than a locomotive
- is faster than a speeding bullet
- walks on water all the time
- talks with God.

Provincial Commissioner

- leaps short buildings in a single bound
- is more powerful than a bull elephant
- is just as fast as a speeding bullet
- walks on water occasionally
- talks with angels.

Regional Commissioner

- leaps short buildings with a running start and a tail wind
- is more powerful than a bull
- is almost as fast as a speeding bullet
- walks on water in emergencies
- talks with himself.

District/Area Commissioner

- crashes into short buildings when attempting to leap them
- shoots the bull
- is almost as fast as a slow bullet
- swims in water in emergencies
- argues with himself.

Troop Scouter

- doesn't know a building from a billfold
- smells like a bull
- should not be trusted with bullets

- barely stays afloat wearing a PFD in emergencies
- loses arguments with himself.

During your self-evaluation, remember that the whole raison d'etre of Scouting is:

The Scout, who

- lifts tall buildings out of his path
- kicks locomotives off the tracks
- catches speeding bullets in his teeth and eats them
- parts the water to keep his feet dry, and
- remembers to say his prayers every night

It's All Yours

Fall, the Hunting Moon of our predecessors. Leaves changing and last year's pine needles falling.... Nature's carpet springing up after each step, leaving no track. Shafts of sunlight striking through beech and birch, spruce and maple.

Smell it! Open your arms, throw out your chests. Drink it in. Help yourself; it's all yours. Did you ever smell anything so wonderful as the fragrance of the pines?

Open your eyes! See the sun on the river. See the eddies past the beaver dam. See that partridge dart off through the trees...

Open your hearts. God is here.

- from an outdoor investiture, published in the May 1949 Scout Leader.

Natures Wonders

As the wonders of nature are unfolded to the young mind, so, too, its beauties can be pointed out and gradually become recognized. When appreciation of beauty is once given a place in the mind, it grows automatically in the same way as observation, and brings joy in the greyest of surroundings. (B.-P.)

Article # 15c.*Scouter's 5 Cut-outs**Pages 641 & 642, The Leader, January 1990***A New Year**

A new year is unfolding
 Like a blossom with petals curled tightly
 Concealing the beauty within:
 Let this year be filled
 With the things that are truly good;
 With warmth in our relationships
 With strength to help those who need our help
 With humility and openness
 To accept help from others.

Rosh Hashanah Thoughts

We found this material in a local newspaper in the days leading to Sept. 30, Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year, which celebrates the creation of man. It opened with a quote from Rabbi Menachem M. Scheneerson: "Our sages teach us that the reason man was created single was to demonstrate how one person equals a whole world." The words that follow provide food for thought as we welcome 1990.

"The foundation of our faith (is) the belief that each one of us has it in his or her power, regardless of wealth or position, to turn the world into a better place, a force for good rather than evil...

"Each year, when we celebrate Rosh Hashanah, we are reminded of our ability. Each year Rosh Hashanah gives us a resurgence of the strength needed to fulfill these goals.

"This is a time for rejuvenation and commitment. A time to clarify our sense of purpose and fulfillment. Not just now, but forever."

Wolf Cub Prayer, Bolivia

Kind and good Lord, teach me to be humble and generous, to imitate your example, to love you with all my heart, and to follow your path.

Destiny

There is a destiny that makes us brothers
 None goes his way alone,
 All that we send into the lives of others
 Comes back into our own. (Edwin Markham)

We Begin

God, we begin a new year well fed and warmly clothed, among friends, and with more things than we need to keep us healthy and happy. We are the lucky ones. We pray for others who are not so fortunate and, more important, we want to work for them. Help show us the way to make our community, our country, and our world a place where all people enjoy good food and shelter, good friendships and peace--where all people have a fair share of the things they need to be healthy and happy and truly alive.

A Thought: Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned. (*Peter Marshall*)

Time

Thank you, God, for time:
 Time for talking and time for walking,
 Time for caring and time for sharing,
 Time for working and time for playing,
 Time for running and time for resting,
 You give us time, God;
 Help us make the most of it.
 --from *Scouting (U.K.) magazine*

New Year's Blessing

God bless thy year,
 Thy coming in, thy going out,
 Thy rest, thy travelling about,
 The rough, the smooth,
 The bright, the dear;
 God bless thy year.