

Scouter's Five Cut-outs Article #R63a*Pages 655 & 656 The Leader, November 1990***What is Fair?**

Dear God,

Whenever we say, "It's not fair",

We should remember those who have nothing to eat;

Whenever we say, "It's not fair",

We should remember those who sleep in the street;

Whenever we say, "It's not fair",

We should remember those in the middle of a war;

Whenever we say, "It's not fair",

We should remember those who are sick and poor.

Help us to remember how lucky we are

And not to say, "It's not fair."

*--written by British Cub Scout Owen Shadick for the 4th Barnehurst Pack Prayer Book. Thanks to Scouting (UK) magazine.***Thoughts to Ponder**I hear and I forget; I see and I remember; I do and I understand. (*Confucius*)

What you are is God's gift to you;

What you make of yourself is your gift to God.

Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

When you are sad, condemned, disappointed, and disillusioned, remember that it is the crushed grape that yields the wine.

*(Colin McKay, Scouting (UK) magazine)*One hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the car I drove. But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child. (*The Loop, S. Saskatchewan Region*)**To a Beaver Leader**

You're my leader, so please help me

To learn to treat everyone equally;

And if I make someone cry,

Please explain to me why;

You're my leader, so please help me.

You're my leader, so please teach me

To be the best Beaver I can be;

As we grow, we are sharing,

We are learning to be caring;

You're my leader, so please teach me.

You're my leader, so please learn with me,

And you'll be the best leader you can be;

When you think of all we've done,

Please remember all the fun;

You're my leader and you're important to me.

*--from the 1st Gibbons A Beavers, Alta.*The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches but to reveal to him his own. (*Benjamin Disraeli*)**Scout Prayer**

Dear God, help us to carry your spirit in our lives, that we may share it with others by living it ourselves. Help us to offer all that we have and are in your service. And help us to live the spirit of Scouting so the spirit will live on through us.

(From "A Memorial to a Scouter". by Laird Vanni)=====
Article #R63b *The Leader, March 1992.***The True Peace**

The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes within the souls of people when they realize their relationship, their oneness, with the universe and all its powers, and when they realize that, at the centre of the universe dwells God, and that this centre is really everywhere; it is within each of us. This is the real peace, and the others are but reflections of this.

The second peace is that which is made between two individuals, and the third is that which is made between two nations. (But) there can never be peace between nations until there is first known that true peace ... within the souls of people. - *Black Elk***Like a Spider's Web**

Peace is like a spider's web,

Vulnerable yet indestructible;

Tear it and it will be rewoven;

Peace does not despair.

Begin to weave a web of peace;

Start in the centre

And make peace with yourself

And your God;

Take the thread outwards

And build peace within your family,

Your community,

And in the circle of those you find hard to like;

Then stretch your concern into all the world.

Weave a web of peace and do not despair.

*- from Scouting (UK) magazine***Friendship**

I don't want to change you;

You know better than I what is best for you:

I don't want you to change me;

I only want you to accept me and respect my way;

Then our friendship will be rich,

Based on reality, not a dream.

*-13th century Chinese thought***People of God**

Dear God,

You made all the people of the world.

And you love them all;

Help me to see the real person

When I meet someone

And not just see the colour of skin

Or difference in eyes:

I look different to others,
Just like they look different to me
But really, we are all the same -
People of Cod
-Thanks to Australian Scout magazine

God is

over all things
under all things
outside all things
within but not enclosed
without, but not excluded
above, but not raised up
below, but not depressed
wholly above, presiding
wholly without, embracing
wholly within, filling.
--Hildevert of Lavardi, 11th century
Thanks to the Presbyterian Record

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If We Want

If we want, we can stay snug in bed every morning,
We can cover our heads and pretend we are
ostriches;
If we want, we can say to heck with everything.
But what if life is something else?
What if life is getting up, getting going, facing each
day?
Yes, we need to rest;
We need some space to be alone;
We need to unwind sometimes;
But we need all of these things just to keep strong,
To do more, leap higher, live better.
Why get up?
Because we want to live;
We want to move;
We want to change things!
--A liberal translation made from an extract titled
"Bof.", published in Pionnier magazine, Scouts
de France.

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over
if you just sit there. (Will Rogers)

The Part Scouts Have to Play

*(Message from Pope John Paul to the 17th World
Jamboree)*

The Scouts... have a special part to play in building
the future. The more conscious Scouts are of the
noble ideals of their movement and the more
united in friendship, the greater will be their
contribution to breaking down artificial barriers
and to creating a new civilization of solidarity,
service, and love.

Where there is no vision, people perish.
(Proverbs 29:18)

I'd Rather Be

I'd rather be a "Could Be"
If I couldn't be an "Are"
For a "Could Be" is a "May Be"
With a chance of reaching par.

I'd rather be a "Has Been"
Than a "Might Have Been" by far;
For a "Might Have Been" has never been,
But a "Has Been" was once an "Are"
--Thanks to Scouter Larry Hemeryck, Simcoe,
Ontario

Opportunity may knock, but you still have to get
up off your seat and open the door.

Challenge Me

Challenge me, and I'll achieve great heights;
Develop me socially, and I'll serve the community;
Help me to grow, and I'll be healthy and strong;
Encourage me spiritually to strengthen my soul,
And then I'll know that I can make a difference.

Help Us Remember

Help us remember; God,
That we are members of a world-wide
organization;
That every Beaver, Cub, Scout, Venturer, Rover
and leader has promised to love and serve you.
Great Teacher; teach us to be worthy of the
uniform,
To be strong about what is right;
Help us to do our best in your service,
And to be true to our Scouting promise.

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The More You Put In...

The chaplain and his young son were camping just
outside a small seaside town. Not far away was a
tiny church that had no minister, so the chaplain
offered his services for the Sunday. No fee was
payable.

As the chaplain and his son were passing out of the
door after the service, the son noticed a small box
which had on it the words "For Contributions".

"Father, don't you think you should put something
in the box?" the son asked.

"Certainly," the chaplain said. He dug into his
pocket, pulled out a dollar, and put it into the box.

The two had gone a little way back to the camp
when a man came running after them.

"It's our custom to give the minister whatever is
dropped into the box," he said when he caught up
with them. "I found this dollar and here it is." And
he handed back the money the chaplain had
donated.

After the man had left, the boy looked up at his
dad. "Father," he said, "if you had only put more
into the box, you would have got so much more
out."

And isn't that true about everything - Scouting,
living? The more you put in, the more you will get
out.

- by the Rev. Bill Sutherland, from Scottish Scout
News, with thanks.

Responsive Reading for Camp

Leader: Lord, we know that this world we live in doesn't belong to us: it is Your creation.

All: But sometimes we don't take care of it as well as we should.

Leader: We forget that animals and plants are living things that belong here too

All: And they also have a right to some space on this planet.

Leader: Help us to be wise in the use of our resources

All: by planting trees for those we cut down; by putting on a sweater instead of turning up the heat; by shutting off lights in empty rooms; by recycling instead of throwing away; by walking carefully through the woods to disturb as little as possible.

Leader: Help us, Lord, to respect nature and her needs, and to remember that what we take from nature was placed there by Your hand.

- from Anne Barbour, Essex, Ont.

To Open and Close a Campfire

Come, come, light up the fire,
Come, come, join in the ring,
Here find dreams to inspire,
Stories to tell, music to sing.

The stars shining over us,
Their light shines before us,
Oh God of nature,
Grant to us a perfect peace.

- from the campfire booklet put together by the
Odawa Service Team, National Capital Region,
Ont.

The Runners

We're hopeless at racing,
Me and my friend;
I'm slow at the start,
He's slow at the end:
He has the stitch,
I get sore feet,
And neither one of us,
Cares to compete:
But cooperation's
A different case;
You should just see us,
In the three-legged race!
- from Scouting (UK) magazine

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The Insignificant Pin

Scouter Anne Barbour, 1st McGregor Cubs,
Essex, Ont., shared this Scouts' Own yarn.
Let me show you something I have in my pocket.
It's not very big. In fact, I can almost lose it in my pocket.

Ah, here it is--a safety pin. It came from the bottom of the trinket box that sits on my counter and collects tiny things I can't find a use for at the moment, like paper clips and thumb tacks and screws. You'll find a pin like this one at home --

maybe in a sewing basket or dresser drawer or even in a trinket box like mine.

Now when you look at this tiny piece of metal, it seems very insignificant. And, sometimes, that is just the way we feel in this big bustling world. Right now, this pin and the pins you have tucked away at home don't have a purpose. One day that will change though.

Perhaps you will be rushing off somewhere and, at the very last minute, you will realize that there's a button missing from your coat. You won't have time to search for a matching button and sew it on, so your mother will say, "Go to my sewing basket (or dresser drawer or trinket box) and get a safety pin." The pin will be waiting and it will hold together your coat wonderfully until you can find a button and sew it on.

If you ever feel like this safety pin--as if you have no purpose--remember that, one day, when you least expect it, your time will come. You will have a chance to do something worthwhile, some little helpful thing that will be very important to someone.

Your job is to be prepared for that moment. Then, when your chance comes along, you will be ready to do your best to help out. I think you will be surprised to find how often those opportunities to help will pop up, if you are prepared to meet them.

The Devil's Sale

There is a story that the devil once announced he was going out of business and offered to sell his tools to anyone who would pay the price. On the night of the sale, the tools were all attractively displayed. They were a nasty looking lot-- malice, hatred, envy, jealousy, deceit--each marked with a price tag. A little off from the rest lay a harmless looking wedge-shaped tool, much worn, and priced higher than any of the others.

"What is it?" someone asked the devil.

"That's discouragement," he replied.

"Why is it priced so high?" the prospective customer asked.

"Because," said the devil, "it is more useful to me than any of the others.

I can pry open and get inside a person with it when I could never get near him with any of the others. Once inside, I can use the person in whatever way it suits me best.

That's why it is so worn, you see. I use it with nearly everybody, because few people yet know that it belongs to me."

It is probably not necessary to add that the devil's price for this tool was so high that there were no bidders. And he is still using it.

-told by Colin McKay in Scouting (U.K.)
magazine

Beaver Prayer

God is sharing;

Beavers are sharing;

God is loving;

Beavers share his love.

-from Scouter Susan Doucette, 1st Masstown Beavers, N.S.

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A Scouter

A Scouter is a person who, week after week, month after month, provides fun, adventure challenge, and learning for our active children;

A Scouter hurries home, eats a quick meal, puts on uniform while answering the phone five times, and arrives smiling to meet the youngsters, all in 30 minutes;

A Scouter gives up weekends and home comforts to teach children about woodcraft, nature, and camaraderie;

A Scouter is somebody who can put up a tent in the rain and dark, find lost boots, dry wet bedding, handle asthma, blisters, homesickness, and children's excitement on four hours sleep--and go home talking about the next camp;

A Scouter is a person who waits in the cold with the last kid, whose parent forgot the time;

A Scouter attends meetings to learn and plan, has an expandable basement and a head full of ideas;

A Scouter can lead a song, teach a skill, play a game, perform a ceremony, listen to a child, and say a prayer;

A Scouter willingly fills the gap so that a child will not be let down;

A Scouter is committed, caring, hardworking, sturdy, strong, reliable--with a wealth of knowledge, a store of skills, and a heart of gold;

A Scouter gets little spoken thanks, but knows the spirit is passed on.

--Jean Buydens, Victoria, B.C.

If I had to Live My Life Over

If I had to live my life over again,

I'd try to make more mistakes next time.

I would relax, I would limber up, I would be sillier than I have been this trip.

I know of very few things I would take seriously. I would take more trips. I would be crazier. I would climb mountains, swim more rivers, and watch more sunsets.

I would do more walking and looking.

I would eat more ice cream and less beans.

I would have more actual troubles and fewer imaginary ones..

I've been one of those people who never go anywhere without a thermometer, a hot-water bottle, a gargle, a raincoat, aspirin, and a parachute.

If I had to do it over again, I'd go places, do things and travel lighter than I have.

If I had my life to live over, I would start barefooted earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall.

I would play hookey more. I wouldn't make such good grades, except by accident.

I would ride on more merry-go-rounds.

I'd pick more daisies.

--by an anonymous friar in a Nebraska monastery, quoted in Three Steps Forward, Two Steps Back, by Charles Swindon, Thomas Nelson Publishing, Nashville 1987. Thanks to Scouter G. Mulder, Wainfleet, Ont.

Scouting will add years too your life and life to your years.