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## Pastor's Word

Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus our Lord! We give thanks to God that some of you are serving the Lord very faithfully in JCC. Some serve in leadership, some do not. Some serve up front, others support at the background. However all of you are important serving as different parts of the body. This month we have an important leadership training seminar on October 19th towards building our community here.

There are two important Greek words used for servants in the New Testament: *doulos* δούλος and *diakonos* διακόνος. The word *doulos* is a relational word, which means servant or slave. A slave belongs to someone else and has no right of his own. Paul often wrote of himself as a *doulos* of Christ e.g. Philippians 1:1. His relationship with Christ is one of total commitment.

*Diakonos* on the other hand is a functional one. It describes what one does for others. It can be translated as servant or minister or deacon.

Jesus himself is a servant king – two words in apposition, which seems contradicting but it is true. He is both the King of Kings (Rev 19:16) and the True Servant of Yahweh (Isaiah 42:1). In His own words, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). The "Son of Man" is a messianic phrase.

The story of Polish Pastor Maxmillian Kolbe is a good example of servant leadership. During the Second World War, in May 1941 Pastor

Kolbe was arrested by the Nazis (cf. Steven Spielberg's Schindler's List). He was sent to the dreaded Auschwitz



concentration camp where he was dressed in prisoner's garb and branded with the number 16670. When opportunities present themselves he spoke to other prisoners about the love of God and shared his meager ration of soup and bread with them. When asked about his sacrificial ways, he answered "Every man has an aim in life. For most men it is to return home to their wives, children and family. For my part, I want to give my life for the good of all men."

Then one day in July 1941, a prisoner supposedly broke out from the Auschwitz prison, and the camp authorities decided that at least ten prisoners must die as a reprisal. They are to be starved to death in a windowless underground bunker.

The prisoners were rounded up and made to parade under the hot noonday sun, and ten prisoners were randomly selected. One of the selected prisoner Franciszek Gajowniczek cried out in desperation, "My wife, my children, I shall never see them again." To everyone's astonishment, a man suddenly stepped out and offered to take Gajowniczek's place. It was Pastor Kolbe. The camp commandant agreed, and so prisoner no 16670 took the place of prisoner no 5659 in the death bunker. The presence of Pastor

Kolbe brought inspiration to the other nine prisoners who were dying with him. They sang hymns and have prayers in the death cells. Their guards were astounded. Like his master Jesus Christ, Kolbe laid down his life in service of others. Amen.

*Pastor Martin Yee*



It filling up space but by putting these 4 characters here, I'm sure I have captured the small audience.



# Chinese Mooncake Festival

## A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

### Introduction

The Mooncake Festival or Zhong Qiu Jie is a very important Chinese festival which is celebrated on 5th October this year. This festival is sometimes adapted and also celebrated by Chinese Christians in Singapore. Special parties with songs, lanterns, and of course mooncakes are often held. This article seeks to look at the origin, and practices of this festival. It need to be noted at the start that this festival has both a religious and also a non-religious origin, components and legend.



The festival probably originated as a mid-autumn harvest festival in

ancient China celebrated on the 15th day of the eighth moon. This is the harvest moon - the full moon closest to the Autumn Equinox, and so it must fall before or after 23 Sep. The religious worship of the moon goddess Chang Er or Chang O later became an important feature of this festival in the Tang Dynasty period (AD 618-907).

### The Legend

The legend of moon goddess Chang O is a fascinating one to the Chinese. The story goes like this. Once upon a time there was a superhuman archer in China named Hao Yi. In those days there were 10 suns which scorched the earth. Yi in an amazing feat shot down 9 of the suns and the earth was saved. The people proclaimed him as their hero and emperor. Later, he became oppressive and was hated by the people. He approached the goddess Xi Wang Mu and obtained the Elixir of Immortality which he drank and remained immortal. His wife Chang O however could not tolerate his oppressive ways. She stole the Elixir of immortality and drank it. She became lighter and lighter after that and soon found herself floating to the moon and was believed to be still staying there in the moon palace to this day.

Yi went again to Xi Wang Mu and she gave him a piece of cake and talisman. Upon eating the cake he became heat resistant and was able to enter the sun and remained there. In a romantic twist to the story, it was believed each year at Zhong Qiu Jie (Mooncake festival), Yi (the sun) is reunited with his wife Chang O (the moon), thus the moon is at its brightest and fullest in the year reflecting the sun.

### **Mooncakes and Lanterns**

The mooncake festival to the Chinese is not complete without mooncakes and colourful lanterns. From what I gather, they do not seem to have a religious origin. The practice of eating mooncake was said to have originated during the Yuan dynasty when the Chinese Han people were conquered and ruled by the Mongols. In an ingenious strategy, the rebel Chinese leaders distributed and circulated secret messages in slips of paper planted into special round cakes during the festival. These messages informed the people concerning the timing and tactics for a mass revolt against the Mongols. The revolt succeeded and the rebel leader Zhu Yuan Zhang became the first Ming emperor after the overthrow of the Yuan dynasty. It was also said that during the revolt, the Chinese people also placed special lanterns outside their houses so

that they can be identified and their homes will be spared from attack by the rebel forces.

### **Christian Perspective**

Chinese Christians should separate the religious and non-religious elements of the mooncake festival. The practice of having an altar with jossticks, plates of pomeloes, water rhubarb (*ling kok*), peanuts, mooncakes, yam etc as offerings to the moon goddess of course cannot be continued by Christians from a Chinese background.



However in my opinion, the practice of celebrating with mooncakes and lanterns in the family at home should be all right.

Christians cannot participate in communal celebrations involving moon worship. The Bible presents a strong warning against worship of the sun and moon. They are not to be worshipped as they are created by God. God who directs their course should alone be worshipped:

*Deuteronomy 4:19 - "And beware, lest you lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the Lord your God has allotted to*

all the peoples under the whole heaven."

Isaiah 47:13 - "You are wearied with your many counsels; Let now the astrologers, those who prophesy by the stars, those who predict by the new moons, stand up and save you from what will come upon you."



Job 31:26-28 - "If I have looked at the sun when it shone, or the moon going in splendor, and my heart became secretly enticed, and my hand threw a kiss from my mouth, that too would have been an iniquity calling for judgment, for I would have denied God."

The Mesopotamian cities of Ur and Haran which Abraham was told to leave behind, worshipped the moon-god Sin (Summerian Nanna). The Egyptian worshipped a moon-god called Thoth. Christians are forbidden to worship the moon or other heavenly bodies. We are to be separated from such worship and remain faithful to the one true Almighty God. Amen.

*Pastor Martin Yee*

Girl : When we get married, I want to share all your worries, troubles and lighten your burden.

Boy : It's very kind of you, darling. But I don't have any worries or troubles.

Girl : Well that's because we aren't married yet.



No this is not a movie review, it's just a catchy title about Mary of Bethany, the sister of Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead.

She was so grateful to Jesus for raising her brother from the dead that she "took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair." Nard was a very expensive perfume that cost a year's wages.

When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" Do you feel the same? Do you sometimes feel that money is better given for the poor rather than to beautify or build a church?

One thing we have got to learn from Mary is that she was very grateful. Are we as grateful to Jesus for saving us? Are we willing to give something that costs us a year's wages? It is easy to say I love Jesus but indeed very hard to prove it. Don't think that I don't struggle with this either.

We can all learn about love and gratefulness from this bible character.

read Matt 26:6; Mk 14:3; Lk 7:37 and Jn 12:1

# Visit to Farms

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1998

Three busloads filled with adults and children (over 100 persons) left JCC at about 2.30pm on a visit to various farms at Lim Chu Kang.



Organised by the LEGO Fellowship and assisted by Bro Thomas Tan, the event was highly successful and an eye-opener for many HDB dwellers amongst us.

The first farm was a quail farm. This farm specializes in quails and quail eggs but they also have pigeons, partridges and other game hens. Here we got to see the birds in their cages and also

sampled the deep-fried young quail, the herbal quail soup and the quail eggs.



Next, we visited the goat farm. The children were very excited

petting and feeding the animals in their enclosures. After a talk on the nutritional benefits of goat's milk, we were given a sample of it.



Our next stop was the

frog farm. Here, we went round the various tanks where the frogs are reared. We were allowed to touch the amphibian and most felt queasy.



There was no food tasting here.

The final stop was at the vegetable farm. Not your ordinary grown in the ground variety, these vegetables are grown in air. Cool air to be precise. All the

vegetables offered for sampling was gobbled up – surprise, surprise!



Needless to say, every farmer claimed that his product is efficacious for good health. Many of us bought their products to bring home for cooking. Well done LEGO, now your next plan has got to be better than this.

# Tambourine Dance

After weeks of training by Mrs Khoo, the Sunday School children were finally ready to perform a tambourine dance on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 1998.

Good Show, girls!



# Choir Time-Out

September 5, 1998 The English Choir took a well-deserved break at the Shell Recreation Club at Pulau Bukom. Bowling, Tennis, Badminton, Swimming, Dinner and Evening singing by the waterfront was the order of the day.

Organised by Bro Willy, it was a fun day and we even celebrated the birthday of choir member, Penny Ho.



Ministries with news to share, please submit your articles to the Editor.

# Care Group Profile

by Iris Lee

# Bethel Care Group

## Our Inaugural Meeting

The BCGers met for the first time at Ronnie Lim's residence on 11.7.98. We had Ronnie & Nancy, Thomas & Jenny, William and Sherine, Vivien and Chee Min, Young Kwang & Iris and also Humphrey. Pastor Yee was also there to guide and start us off.



We took care of our stomachs first by tucking into a sumptuous pot-luck dinner. The children were then shooed off to a well-insulated and equipped room so that we can carry on with peace and quiet. One of the first things we decided was to appoint members to the following roles:

## Why B-C-G?

As Ronnie explained, this idea came from the fact that quite a few Bethel Series students did not belong to a care group and it seems a shame that the bonding engendered during the one year study period should just dissipate after they graduate. So he thought it would be a good idea to start off a care group. Of course the group is not only confined to Bethel Series students. It will also include other members who live in the vicinity.

## Our Mission & Objectives

The group agreed with Ronnie that it is not the main objective of this care group to be a bible study group. Instead we want to emphasise a more personal relationship within the group. Often in church we may not even know where we work, what we do. At the care group, we want to treat each other as family, supporting each other in prayer, in physical and even financial needs. Our motto is "Blessed to Be A Blessing", a blessing to each of the BCG member and in turn a blessing to the church.

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Group Representative</b> | Ronnie      |
| Asst Group Representative   | Thomas      |
| Secretary                   | Iris        |
| Treasurer                   | William     |
| Prayer Coordinator          | Nancy       |
| Recreational Coordinator    | Young Kwang |



## Our Activities

There is no limit to what we want to do as a group. We will generally be committed to participate in church outings, mission trips and other activities. We may even contribute a group item in the church concert.

### Format of Meetings

The group will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month with the following general agenda from 6.00 to 7.15 pm:

- a) Hymn of Praise - "I Love You, Lord" is adopted as our group's hymn
- b) Prayer of Thanksgiving – free for any member to contribute
- c) Reading of Scripture
- d) Review of last week's sermon
- e) Today's Topic – Could be based on some materials or on certain topics members want to discuss. Speakers could also be invited to give insights.
- f) Prayer time – members to submit items to Nancy. Also to pray for items on church's prayer list
- g) Closing Hymn

The meeting will start and end promptly. After the meeting, we will proceed with dinner.

### Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

Time flew by quickly and before we knew it, we were meeting again for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time at Ronnie's place on 25.7.98.

We proceeded according to the agreed format. The topical discussion was entitled "Work Relationships" with focus on Luke 12 – the washing of the disciples' feet. We had a fruitful time discussing and understanding the rich teachings of this chapter. An important lesson is seen in Jesus humbling himself to wash his disciples' feet. The meeting agreed that this showed clearly that any person of authority should show love and compassion for his subordinates, irrespective of how high an authority he is. All levels of your subordinates are important. Jesus, the Most High authority demonstrated this unequivocally.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

This wasn't a meeting. We took advantage of the National Day long weekend and made a short trip to Kukup, Malaysia. Almost all our members and families made it and we also invited other JCC members like Jim, Kim Keong, Roy, Soon Eong and their families. We packed into 5 cars, about 30 adults and kids in all. We had a wonderful time at Kukup Golf Resort with durian and seafood feasts thrown in. The kids had a roaring time at the swimming pool and theme park while the men had their fling on the green. The group got to know each other much better with all the personal interactions that came about naturally. The Lord really blessed us with good weather and a smooth journey.



#### 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

For this meeting on 22 Aug 98, the group invited Bukit Panjang Care Group members. Peter Cheong, James & Susan, and some other members joined us for this meeting. We had the meeting at the Parc Oasis Clubhouse. Brother Thomas shared with us on the topic "Money and the End Times" touching on the region's financial crisis.

#### What Next?

We have plans for outings, trips and other gatherings. The group has also committed to be part of Brother Thomas' committee for JCC's Church Retreat for next year. Recently, 3 families took a short break over at Bintan enjoying the facilities at the Sedona Beach Resort. So there's plenty to keep us on our toes.

#### ☺ Church Announcements ☺

The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy"

The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession



Sebastian & Feche,

When we met you in September as you joined our Worship Service, we knew that it was our first meeting but not the last.

We are glad to note that you are continuing in fellowship with us as part of the growing community of Jurong Christian Church.

May you know the peace and joy of Jesus Christ in your life.

Pontius Puddle



# God's Mysterious Ways

It was an ordinary Monday morning. I woke up, cleaned myself and went to the study to read the Bible. After reading the verses for the day, I picked up an article circulated to all the council and as I started to read it, I felt a pain in my abdomen. I thought it was a call of nature and so went to the toilet.

Nothing moved and the pain became worse. By the time Joo See woke up, I was in a very bad state. I had been praying all the time but the pain just got worse. She hurried Debra to school and then came back to take care of me.

I was getting desperate. I had watched Alien Resurrection on VCD recently and I began to feel like something inside me was bursting to get out. After many attempts in the toilet, I finally agreed to go to the A&E.

In this condition, I could not drive and so we waited for a taxi. It was that time of the morning when taxis are usually hard to come by so I prayed and the Lord provided one. On the way to the hospital, I prayed for smooth traffic and that too was provided.

Knowing that doctors do not have all the answers, I prayed that the Lord grant me a doctor who could relieve my pain and so He did. The doctor

diagnosed my case as a kidney stone and prescribed some pain killer. Soon the pain subsided. I was on pain killer the whole of Monday but by Tuesday, the pain was almost completely gone.

How or when the stone was flushed out, I do not know. But this I know, the pain is not there anymore.

From this experience, I was forced to drink more water everyday. But this is not the end of the story. A few days later, my company doctor wanted to test me for further symptoms and at the same time he took a test of my cholesterol, which was high.

When the results came out, I was very surprised to find that my cholesterol had dropped. It had not gone down even after 2 years of dieting but now it has. My only explanation is that I now drink more water than previously.

Could it be that the Lord use the incident of the kidney stone to reduce my cholesterol? Indeed, if He had taken away the pain immediately, I would have continued with my poor drinking habit that my other illnesses would not have been healed. He works in mysteriously ways and we must always remember "that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him". Praise God! Amen.

*Martin Cheah*

# SOARING LIKE EAGLES



## 6 Lessons From Eagles

**"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."**

(Isaiah 40:31)

1. *Have you ever wondered why Isaiah 40:31 is written the way it is?*
2. *Why is the Eagle mentioned specifically?*
3. *What is so special about Eagles that they have a place in the bible?*
4. *What is the linkage between waiting upon the Lord and renewal of strength?*
5. *Why is it that when you mount up with wings like eagles, you do not get tired?*

Read on and you will find the answer.

The eagle is a creation of God. It is the most majestic of all birds and is mentioned many times in the bible. In fact, the eagle is mentioned 38 times, much more than the dove or other birds.

An eagle is around 90 cm tall and reaches over 2 m between the wings.

She builds her nest on the cliff or in a high tree. The nest is so large that a human can sleep in it. It can weigh 700 kg and is also comfortable.

## LESSON 1: All Baby Eagles Must Learn To Fly

High in the mountains, a baby eagle is born. Like all other babies, there are two things that baby eagles, known as eaglets, love to do: eat and sleep. The baby eagle would spend its initial life in the comfort of the nest. Everyday, mama eagle would find food and drop it directly into the open mouths of the hungry eaglet. With a satisfied stomach, the eaglet then goes to sleep and the cycle continues when it becomes hungry again.

This goes on for a few weeks, until one day, mama eagle would just hover over the nest. This time, there is no food. After hovering a few rounds, mama eagle would make a dive into the nest and begins to shake it violently. She then takes one of her babies in her mouth and starts soaring into the skies. The baby eaglet begins to tremble, "Mama is mad! Mama is mad!" Suddenly, she drops the baby eaglet who starts to struggle.

Just before the eaglet smashes against the rocks, mama eagle would sweep down and pick it up. This goes on for about five to eight times.

The eaglet starts to wonder why mama is doing this. Every time it is being dropped from the sky, the

eaglet would struggle by flapping its wings.

"Mama can fly. I want to fly like her too!", the eaglet says to itself. What beautiful picture! Mama is teaching her young to fly. At about the fourteenth to fifteenth try, the eaglet begins to fly.

Christians are like baby eagles, comfortable in the nest. They come to church once a week for food. They would wait for pastor to drop "spiritual" food into their mouths. When service is over, they would go home, "sleep" for a few days and the cycle continues, until one day, something happens and they struggle. The nest gets shaken and they don't know what to do.

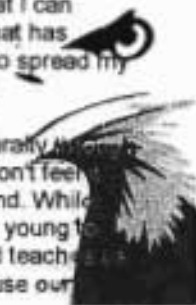
"It's the devil! It's the devil!" they exclaim. No, it's not! It's just our loving Father who allows our nest to be shaken because He wants us to grow into maturity, so that we can fly. It's no point being an eagle that cannot fly.

The Word of God says in Exodus 19:4 that God bare the children of Israel on eagles' wings. Here we see the eagle symbolise God. The way mama eagle treats her young shows us how God treats His children. Just when it seems like we're going under ... SWISH ... mama eagle, God, comes and picks us up. In the world, they push people upward when they are going up. But God lets us fall down to get us up.

Hard times come, but after a couple of times I start to pray a little bit more. I start to read God's word a little bit more. And suddenly I realise that the

answers to my prayers are coming. Hard times always come but I find I'm not helpless, no, I see that I can stand on God's word. What has happened? I've learned to spread my wings! I've learned to fly.

God carries us supernaturally through all our trials, even if we don't feel it. Yea, who can see the wind. While mama eagle teaches her young to use their own wings, God teaches us to believe His word and use our Faith.



## LESSON 2: Eagles Are Made For The High Places

Unlike other birds that fly in the lowlands, eagles are made to fly in the high places, out of sight of the naked human eye and out of range of the hunter's rifle.

God made us to fly in the high places, free from the world's control. A tourist to the Jurong Bird Park once commented that the eagles there looked very clean. In reply, the bird-keeper said: "When eagles are in freedom, they are the cleanest birds. But when they are in captivity, they are the dirtiest."

God made us pure and holy to conform to the image of His Son. If Christians are in captivity, that is, subjected to the ways of the world, we can be the "dirtiest" of all creatures. Unless we "fly" in the high places, out of the world's control, and according to how God has made us, we'll remain the dirtiest of creatures.

## LESSON 3: Eagles Do Not Fly, They Soar

Eagles do not fly like other birds, flapping their wings profusely and using their own strength. Instead, eagles SOAR majestically, making use of the wind currents to gain height. What makes the eagle so special is that she sits on the rock and reads the wind and when the time is perfect she takes off and soars upward with her great wings. There is a special up going wind where the eagle rides the wind and circle higher and higher toward the sky, without effort. She just spreads her wings.

The wind is referred many times in the bible as the Holy Spirit. We can learn to cooperate with the Holy Spirit and let Him lift us closer to Jesus. The eagle in this case is the Christian who is being lifted by the Holy Spirit up and closer to Jesus. Like eagles, we should learn to ride on the current of the Holy Spirit, instead of relying on our own strength.

Only then can we "gain height" to "fly" in the high places. Isaiah 40:31 talks about growing in Christ, that happens when we have fellowship with Him in the Spirit.

#### **LESSON 4:** Eagles Go Through Specific Periods Of Renewal

When they are about 60 years old, eagles go through a period of renewal. An eagle would find a secret place up in the mountains. It would start to claw at its face and tear out the feathers that have been damaged over the years. As a result, it would bleed badly. The eagle would then wait patiently for the rays of the sun to heal it. Through this, the eagle

renews its strength by getting rid of the unnecessary things otherwise it would not be able to live till 120 years that it normally does.

Like eagles, Christians need to go through a renewal period sometime in our lives, to rid ourselves of unnecessary things and to wait upon the Lord. Renewal is a divine principle where God cuts off the unfruitful things in us so as to bring out the fruitful.

#### **LESSON 5:** Eagles Get Sick, Just Like Humans

When an eagle gets sick, it does not go to the doctor. It simply finds a favourite spot in the mountains and await the rays of the sun to heal it. The sun plays a major role in the life of an eagle and as such, is a major source of healing too.

When we get sick, besides going to the doctor, do we also look to the Lord who plays a major role in our lives as our source of healing?

#### **LESSON 6:** Every Eagle Has To Die

When an eagle is about to die, it will fly to its favourite spot in the mountains, wraps its wings round itself, looks at the sun's rays and dies.

Ideally, all Christians should die looking towards Jesus as our source of hope and comfort.

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Editor's note : article came from an e-mail. No verification on the habits of eagles was done but the lessons seem sound.



from an e-mail received.

A man who was sleeping at night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light and the Savior appeared. The Lord told the man he had work for him to do, and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to push against the rock with all his might. This the man did, day after day. For many years he toiled from sun up to sun down, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all his might. Each night the man returned to his cabin sore, and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain.

Seeing that the man was showing signs of discouragement, Satan decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into the man's mind such as: "You have been pushing against that rock for a long time, and it hasn't budged. Why kill yourself over this? You are never going to move it." Thus giving the man the impression that the task was impossible and that he was a failure, these thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man even more.

"Why kill myself over this?" he thought. "I'll just put in my time, giving just the minimum effort and that will be good enough." And that he planned to do until one day he decided to make it

a matter of prayer and take his troubled thoughts to the Lord. "Lord", he said, "I have labored long and hard in your service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked. Yet, after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by half a millimeter. What is wrong? Why am I failing?"

To this the Lord responded compassionately, "My friend, when I asked you to serve me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all your strength, which you have done. Never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. Your task was to push. And now you come to me, with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed. But, is that really so? Look at yourself. Your arms are strong and muscled, your back sinewed and brown, your hands are callused from constant pressure, and your legs have become massive and hard. Through opposition you have grown much and your abilities now surpass that which you used to have. Yet you haven't moved the rock. But your calling was to be obedient and to push and to exercise your faith and trust in My wisdom. This you have done. I, my friend, will now move the rock."

At times when we hear a word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what he wants, when actually what God wants is just simple obedience and faith in him ..... By all means, exercise the faith that move mountains but it is still God who moves the mountains

# Inventors Trivia

When Alexander Graham Bell

invented the telephone in 1876, it did not ring off the hook with calls from potential backers.

After making a demonstration call, President Rutherford Hayes said, "That's an amazing invention, but who would ever want to use one of them?"



the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved. You gain strength, experience and confidence by every experience where you really stop to look fear in the face....

You must do the thing you cannot do. And remember, the finest steel gets sent through the hottest furnace.

When Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, he tried over 2000 experiments before he got it to work. A young reporter asked him how it felt to fail so many times. He said, "I never failed once. I invented the light bulb. It just happened to be a 2000-step process."



**"A Champion is not one who never fails, but one who never quits."**

Editor's note : articles were received through e-mail without verification of source. It is the lessons taught that are sound and deemed fit for publication.

In the 1940s, another young inventor named Chester Carlson took his idea to 20 corporations, including some of the biggest in the country. They all turned him down. In 1947 - after seven long years of rejections! He finally got a tiny company in Rochester, New York, the Haloid Company, to purchase the rights to his invention - an electrostatic paper-copying process. Haloid became Xerox Corporation we know today.

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can

Wife to husband : "What's your excuse for coming home at this time of the night?"  
Husband to Wife : Golfing with friends , my dear."  
Wife to Husband : "What?! At 2 a.m.?"  
Husband to Wife : "Yes . We used night clubs."

A newly married man asked his wife, "Would you have married me if my father hadn't left me a fortune?"  
"Honey," the woman replied sweetly, "I'd have married you NO MATTER WHO LEFT YOU A FORTUNE"

Father to son after the exam." Let me see your report card."  
Son:" My friend just borrowed it. He wants to scare his father."