

Morals Paper: If I Were The Devil – By Paul Harvey, 12/1967

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If I were the Prince of Darkness, I would engulf the whole world in darkness. I'd have a third of its real estate and four-fifths its population, but I would not be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree. I would begin with a campaign of whispers.

- With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve, *'Do as you please.'*
- To the young I would whisper, *'The Bible is a myth.'* I would convince them that *'man created God.'* instead of the other way around. I'd confide that *'what is bad is good and what is good is square.'*
- In the ears of the young married, I would whisper that work is debasing, that cocktail parties are good for you. I would caution them not to be 'extreme' in religion, in patriotism, in moral conduct
- And the old I would teach to pray - *'Our father which art in Washington...'*

Then I'd get organized. I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull, uninteresting. I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies, and visa versa. I'd infiltrate unions and urge more loafing, less work. Idle hands usually work for me. I'd peddle narcotics to whom I could, I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the devil. I would encourage schools to refine intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions; let those run wild. I'd get an atheist to front for me before the highest courts and I'd get preachers to say 'she's right'. With promises of power, I would get the courts to do what I construe as against God and in favor of pornography.

Thus, I would evict God from the courthouse, then the schoolhouse, then from the houses of Congress. Then in His own churches, I'd substitute psychology for religion and deify science. That way, men would become smart enough to create super weapons but not wise enough to control it.

I'd make the symbol of Easter an egg.... and the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

If I were the devil, I'd take from those who have and give to those who wanted until I had killed the initiative of the ambitious. Then my police state would force everybody back to work. Then I could separate families, putting children in uniforms, women in coalmines and objectors in slave-labor camps.

If I were Satan, I'd just keep doing what he's doing.

This commentary from over FIFTY years ago still has thought-provoking freshness. ... And now, you know the REST of the news. - - *"Always distinguish between warning and threatening. God never threatens, the devil never warns."* - Oswald Chambers