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LET CHRISTMAS LINGER WITH US

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Christmas Day What does it mean for us? Commemorating the bitted of the world's Greatest Man, the 25th of December object to remind; up of the life-and of His death, for us. Jesus Christ really CAVE; not a few mere dollars from a well-filled pocketbook, not just a new necktic or string of beads done up in a color-splashed pakage—rather, we are taught. He suffered crucifixion that the world might be redeemed through this death. He gave Life's most precious possession—LIFE ITSELF!

If we, who have just passed through this Christmas time, do not allow the spirit of Christmas to linger with us for the other 364 days of each year, then Christmas is but a myth. Every adult in and near Birmingham probably tried his and her beet to make every child within reach happy and joyful; this was easily accomplished by giving to the children various toys, etc.

Wouldn't, it he an easy thing for each adult to let a bit of love and kindnessenter into life's more prosaic transactions—for all normal people respond to kindness shown them.

Jesus Christ tost, this life, yet regained it by giving it

them.

Jesus Christ lost His life, yet regained it by giving it
on the cross. All then or women today may regain a newlife of consummate by and happiness by losing themselves on the cross so clearly set forth in the simple tenets of the

GIVING might well be civilization's business 365 days each year! "I WILL GIVE WELL AND WISELY" might well become our New Year's Resolution.

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We are accustored to speak of death, especially violent or accidental death, as a tragedy. Doubtless some causes of death are more horrible than others. But the real tragedy, after all is in life. Death is death, whether by "fatural causes" or by violence, and for all we know to the contrary it is the end of, our worldly existence. All of the suffering, such as it is, occurs before death, and, in this perspective, death itself cannot well be termed a tragedy except to those who mount.

Neither can tragely be limited to designate purely physical troubles. It is as much a tragedy—perhaps a greater one—for a living wife to be bound to a brutal drunkard husband, and to feel that she can neither enjoy life nor accomplish anythiging in it, as it is for the same woman to be cut to pieces by a railroad train. These is more trouble and pain in the region of the infellect, when all is said and done, than there is in the region of the flesh. If it is a great trial to be bedfast, it is also a trial to be misunderstood at every turn. If it is painful to be cut with a knife, it is also painful to be cut with a knife, it is also painful to be cut with a braish word from one you love. There are things that hurb more than physical bruises: they are mental and spiritual bruises.

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We sometimes hear it said contemptuously, "All his troubles are in his mind," the inference being that he has no troubles. But this is a mistake. It may be safely said that ALL troubles are in the mind, and to remedy some of them is like removing the brain itself. A broken leg is no trouble at allief you do not think it so, whereas a broken ideal is a tremendous tragedy if you feel it in that way. One man in perfect physical health may feel life as a tremendous burden, and another who is gradually dying of a painful disease may be always in good spirits. It is not fair to condemn one and laud the other. Men have widely different viewpoints and capacities. What is very painful to one may seem a mere nothing to another. Our tragedy lis all in life and in the way we look at it.

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By CHARLES S. KINNISON of Bir "LIVE AND LET LIVE"

lthough we may not be agreed Although we may not be agreed Regarding our religious creed, It seems to me that you and I Can still be friends—if we but try. I see no cause why I should care What you believe—that's your affair. We're both entitled, I should say, To worship God howe'er we may.

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And though our creeds be far apart. So long as we are true of heart, and try to live the way we should. The prayers of both are understood. Our creeds preas something, it is true. The live of the li

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