

## OUR ADOLESCENT SOCIETY

Narcissus, son of river god, handsome youth, proud of his own beauty. Many girls loved him but he paid no attention. The nymph Echo, one who loved him, was so hurt by his coldness she faded away all but her voice. Gods were angered by this so they made him fall in love with his own reflection in a pool of clear water. He was so much in love he could not leave pool. Pined away and died, was changed into flower called narcissus. The Culture of Nar by Lasch says society sees world as mirror rather than wilderness to be shaped by man. Or society is like adolescent. Suddenly bathrooms not enough, <sup>back it up to childhood. Children not wanting to</sup> getting up hr. earlier. <sup>Some char. grow up.</sup> Changes of adol not wrong unless never grow out of them.

## 1. Want our own way.

Soc--Govt pressure groups, minorities. Patronage.

Ch. Pious existentialism. Making choices on basis of man's freedom. Scorn Tillich, hippie, but veneer of peity in fund. "Recd such a blessing." Others blessed".

"Lord led me". "I'M sure Lord is pleased." Shallow and foolish. <sup>God</sup> Like parent putting up with foolishness of adol. Col. 1:9-10 fruitful, increased know, power to be patient, long suffering, giving thanks. Gear exp to Word.

## 2. Want to be entertained.

Soc. 225 mill for TV Rts to Olympics. Superbowl.

Ch--Concert vs Bible conference. Music thin and light.

Entertains. Xn disco. Media entertains bec that's what sells. *Junk books*

## 3. Resists authority

Soc. 60's Penn Sta. 70's more subtle. 100 bill underground economy. 25 bill taxes lost.

Ch. Women's lib. Divorce. Ch discipline.

"Please feel no obligatn to give twd our ministry"

4. Demand attention. Restless and bored if not pd att to and rewarded. Soc--Unfulfilled. Ch--Giving stimulate 2 letters, 2 books this week. "In this advertising age in which a man hardly need to sound his own trumpet, bec there are so many who are ready to sound it for him, the danger is greatly increased" 1911. Admiration sought.

Cure is growth thru Word. All these char are bec anti-bib.

1. Col 1:10; Jn 8:29. 2. 1<sup>st</sup> Pet 5:8 not on stage, in battl

3. Heb 13:17, ch, govt, home. 4. Gal 6:9-10