

if i were the devil

if i were the devil ... if i were the prince of darkness, i'd want to engulf the whole world in darkness. and i'd have a third of its real estate, and four-fifths of its population, but i wouldn't be happy until i had seized the ripest apple on the tree – thee. so i'd set about however necessary to take over the united states. i'd subvert the churches first – i'd 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 that 'the bible is a myth.' i would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. i would confide that what's bad is good, and what's good is 'square.' and the old, i would teach to pray, after me, 'our Father, which art in washington...'

and then i'd get organized. i'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting, so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. i'd threaten tv with dirtier movies and vice versa. i'd pedal 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'd soon have families that war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves; until each in its turn was consumed. and with promises of higher ratings i'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames. if i were the devil i would encourage schools to refine young

intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions – just let those run wild, until before you knew it, you'd have to have drug sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

within a decade i'd have prisons overflowing, i'd have judges promoting pornography – soon i could evict God from the courthouse, then from the schoolhouse, and then from the houses of congress. and in His own churches i would substitute psychology for religion, and deify science. i would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls, and church money. if i were the devil i'd make the symbols 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 want until i had killed the incentive of the ambitious.

and what do you bet i could get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich? i would caution against extremes and hard work in patriotism, in moral conduct. i would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on the tv is the way to be. and thus, i could undress you in public, and i could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure. in other words, if i were the devil i'd just keep right on doing what he's doing.

paul harvey, good day - 1965

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mr harvey delivered this years ago to a world descending into darkness and confusion. i think even

he would be shocked at far we have advanced from his visioning. all his statements seem as a child's reader compare to a book on calculus. and our senses remain deadened all the while because the process was gradually - just like a frog will remain still and be cooked because the body adapts to the increase until it is suddenly too late.

many are now like that frog. "for when they say, 'peace and safety!' then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. and they shall not escape." 2 thes 5:3

but satan is busy at his job and he is good at it. "he has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them." john 12:40 God does not take pleasure in the loss of any soul.

if you are unsure of your standing with the Lord today, in any way, call upon the name of Jesus - "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." luke 23:42