

CHILDREN When the disciples, overearnest as ever, asked Jesus who was the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus pulled a child out of the crowd and said the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven were people like this. (Matthew 18:1-4) Two thousand years of homiletic sentimentalizing to the contrary notwithstanding, Jesus was not playing Captain Kangaroo. He was saying that the people who get into Heaven are people who, like children, don't worry about it too much. They are people who, like children, have their hands open more than with their fists clenched. They are people who, like children, are so relatively unburdened by preconceptions that if somebody says there's a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, they are perfectly willing to go take a look for themselves.

Children aren't necessarily better than other people. Like the child in "The Emperor's New Clothes," they are just apt to be better at telling the difference between a put-up-job and the real thing.

"WE SHALL not have fulfilled our obligation as a people unless our children, regardless of the circumstances of their birth, regardless of geography, regardless of their color, have the opportunity to grow to wholesome, selfsustaining adulthood, and make something of their lives."

"THE FUTURE PROMISE of any nation can be directly measured by the present prospects of its youth...Such attributes as energy, a readiness to question, imagination and creativity are all attributes of youth that are also essential to our total national character."

"WHAT really matters is the children."

**Childhood as a country
with its own life style,
own language and culture,
hasn't disappeared**

**Have you
seen Jesus...
in the eyes
of a child?**

**i ALWAYS
WANTED TO BE
A KID WHEN
i GREW UP**

Youth is a quality, not a matter of circumstances.
-Frank Lloyd Wright

Youth measures in only one direction....from things as they are to an ideal of what things ought to be, while the old measure things as they are against the past the old remember.
-Archibald Cox

The good still die young. Eternal Youth - that's what you need.
Nothing improves with age.
-Lauren Bacall

The hardest job kids face today is learning good manners without seeing any.
-Fred Astaire

"Young people frequently feel elated, son. This is perfectly healthy as long as they keep in mind that there isn't any valid reason for it."