

To Grow Is To Change

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As a child becomes an adult, many ideas, habits, and prejudices plant and expand themselves in a new way in his mind. Any school of thought that does not grow with the changes of our time becomes stagnant, for to grow is to change. Isolationism, for example, is such a school of thought. It seems to be far behind our transportation system, which takes us to all parts of the world in the course of a few hours. A person who restrains himself from growing with the times soon becomes disillusioned and misinformed because he closes his mind to progressive ideas or because he fails to interpret these ideas against the background of changing times. This disregard for progress can be illustrated by the Chinese religion of ancestral worship: anything that was good enough for father is good enough for son. The Chinese failed to understand that new ideas and new methods would make for them a better country and that these new ways would not bring them fear and evil. This theory of ancestral worship, not confined to the Chinese, takes all the ambition, the zeal and the initiative from our lives. To be able to grow we must realize and accept new mores, better ways to govern ourselves, new scientific developments, and progressive ideas for the social improvement of our world. In accepting these betterments for society we stop stagnation, we grow in harmony with the times, and we promote ourselves to a better nation and a better world.

The Answer

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THE neat white envelope addressed in the equally neat handwriting had lain untouched all day on the top of a pile of assorted bills, circulars, and letters. Ever since the mailman had delivered the letter, it had not been disturbed; and as the clock struck three, its contents were still locked in the sealed envelope.

It was not destined, however, to long remain unopened; for the Virginia Hansen to whom it was addressed discovered it on the top of the pile of mail and excitedly slit it open.

Eagerly she took in the meaning of the note: "Q.T. Club of Lincoln High School requests the presence of Miss Virginia Hansen at its formal spring rush next Sunday at 5555 Morningview Drive. RSVP, Patty Nelson."

Carelessly letting the letter drop to the floor, she ran to the phone and dialed with the letter opener. As soon as she heard the answering