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Christ Church

December 28, 1947

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evaluation

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INTRODUCTION

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Lloyd George was once playing golf
when his companion forgot to shut a gate thro' which they

He went back and after latching the gate, told his friend
of an old physician, who when dying was asked if he
had a message for his friends ---

which he replied he had no special message, save that
"I always close the gates behind me...."

At the close of a year, that is probably good counsel ---
to close the gates behind us --- and move on ---

for it is a law of the life process -- to move on...

And yet, in that moving along process

we need points of rest; to replenish inner resources;

--- points of retrospection and evaluation; -- To

help us on road ahead
We might put the question this way --

If life just a passing of time?

Is it just a collection of experiences -- and nothing more?

OR IT THERE SOMETHING CUMULATIVE ABOUT IT ALL?

Is it a progressive thing? An unfolding thing?

---ARE THERE SIGNIFICANT VALUES WHICH CAN COME
ONLY OUT OF THE HEART OF EXPERIENCE? --- + only from experience.

so that at the end of 1947 *if it can be said we can we are*
BE REAL PERSONS -- in a larger, more mature sense

than we were at the end of 1946 ---

If so, there is real meaning To
This Time Process --

Centuries ago the Psalmist prayed the prayer ----

"So teach us to number our days, that we may
apply our hearts unto wisdom....."

The close of the year reminds us ^{of the swift} ~~that THE DAYS OF~~
~~HUMAN LIFE ARE NUMBERED~~ ^{— passage of time}

There is a wisdom in ~~realistically recognizing that fact~~

and reflecting on those values which make a
HUMAN LIFE -- REALLY SIGNIFICANT.....

On the richest possible harvest
^{of the years —}

We

You recall that same Psalmist came to the ^{desire that} ~~conclusion~~
~~that his days were to be numbered along in length~~
from the passing years - He might glean something of
and then prayed: ^{enduring worth}

He

~~"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us..."~~

He prayed:

"Establish thou the work of our hands; and
let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us."

As we look back over the year, then, ---

indeed, back over the years -----

WHAT CONSTITUTES A REALLY MEANINGFUL HARVEST OF LIVING

What are some of the spiritual things which ^{can} grow out of living -- at its best?

Someone once observed that THAT PERSON IS TO BE PITIED WHO HAS NOTHING BUT YEARS TO PROVE HIS AGE ---

Rather -- life is to be measured BY THE HARVEST WE GATHER OUT OF EXPERIENCE ---

Time alone is not life --- but life requires time....

Insofar as we live by a Christian philosophy of life ---

there are some values WHICH WE WOULD ESPECIALLY STRESS in talking about the harvest of the years.

They are all quite intangible ---

they are available ^{always} in varying degrees -
to most people....

THEY ARE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT OUTWARDLY SEEN
they are INWARDLY EXPERIENCES....

I.
For one thing -- THE PASSING YEARS CAN ENLARGE OUR TREASURY OF ENRICHING MEMORIES -----

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Recently a very capable person - a specialist in human relationships -- addressed the Sunday evening meeting of our youth fellowship -----

And although he was talking to a young people's group HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF Building RICH AND FINE MEMORIES -----

----- over the years they progressively become a source of satisfaction and of stability....

B

It has been well said that GOD GAVE US MEMORY THAT WE MIGHT HAVE ROSES IN DECEMBER -----

-----In the winters of human experience -- fine memories are rich blessings.....

And in the spring and summer of experience --- THOSE SAME MEMORIES GIVE LIFE DEPTH and FULLNESS.

C

The life we live in our minds is quite as important as the life we live which is more visible to the outside world

AND SO, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE HARVEST OF THE YEARS -----

we do well to include the treasury of memory.

If 1947 - at some point - has brought an enrichment of our treasury of memory at that point, a happy year

II.

Again, one of the most meaningful harvests of the year is to be found IN TERMS OF FRIENDSHIP.

Most people have numerous acquaintances -- but deep and true friendship -- is a much rarer thing -- and a much more precious thing.

What is friendship? Aristotle once gave a fine definition- He said: **"A true friend is one soul in two bodies..."**

And someone else spoke of **"a fellowship of kindred minds..."** And somehow, it takes varied experience to discover and experience real friendship...
grow into *there is a time element involved*

Someone has put it this way:

"Friends are like melons - shall I tell you why?"

To find one good, you must a hundred try."

George Washington once wrote a letter in which he said this:

"True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the friendship name."

Surely, maturity involves a growing recognition of the importance of the inner life ---

and with that growing stress upon the inner life -- THERE COMES A DEEPENING APPRECIATION OF FRIENDSHIP AT ITS BEST..... not mere acquaintance --

but friendship on the level of mutual appreciation --

BLESSED IS THAT PERSON WHO OUT OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE YEARS ----- HAS GLEANED THE HARVEST OF A FRIEND - or friends.

→ And if 1947 has meant the finding or the deepening of some worthful friendship it has been a happy year, in that sense.

III.

Again, the harvest of the years CAN BE MEASURED IN TERMS OF
PERSONAL GROWTH or PERSONAL PROGRESS

And any year in which we do some growing
in our thinking
in the quality of our work;
in overcoming some handicap
in dealing with some difficult probl
in wrestling with some fear

ANY YEAR IN WHICH WE MAKE SOME PROGRESS IN
THE KIND OF PERSON WE ARE ----

THAT IS TRULY A GOOD YEAR AND A HAPPY YEAR....

And this kind of growth is not ^{always} confined to people of
a certain age....

A number of years ago, Professor Thorndike, the educator
took 465 adults -- and separated them into three age-group
groups -- TO TEST THEIR ABILITY TO LEARN --

first there were the really young people - in their 20's
and then, the somewhat older folk - in their 30's
AND THEN FINALLY --- the old, decrepit folks
in their 40's -- and a bit over....

We gave them all the same tests -- and how do you suppose
it came out --

In every instance -- IT WAS THE THIRD GROUP THAT CAME OUT FIRST

So he wrote: "We have discovered that mature people can learn
practically anything that they want to.

In every mental function they are thoroughly
plastic and teachable. In fact, the learning ability of
older people is nearly as great as the learning ability of
young people at the highly favorable ages of 17, 18, and 19.

What is it that gives the passing years the STAMP
OF MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE ----

Among other things --- PERSONAL GROWTH AND PERSONAL
PROGRESS --- in dealing with varied experiences
in the kind of persons we are ---

---AND THAT IS SOMETHING WHICH IS POSSIBLE -- AS THE
YEARS UNFOLD.

1/18/1947 he brought that
a good year

IV.

Now again, as we look within --- and try to evaluate
the things which matter most

WE WOULD ALL AGREE THAT ONE OF THE RICHEST
POSSIBLE ~~harvests~~ ^{fruits} OF THE YEARS ---
IS A GROWING SENSE OF SERVING and CONTRIBUTING.

to feel that some person or persons are finding life
somewhat richer ---

because of our work or influence..

is indeed a rich harvest -- of experience

And old man going a lone highway

Came in the evening cold and gray

To a chasm, vast and deep and wide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim

The sullen stream had no fears for him,

But he stopped when safe on the other side

AND BUILT A BRIDGE TO SPAN THE TIDE.

"Old man", said a fellow pilgrim near,

You are wasting your strength with building here;

Your journey will end with the ending day,

You never again will pass this way --

You've crossed the chasm deep and wide

Why build you this bridge at evening tide?

The builder lifted his old gray head,

Good friend, in the path I have come he said -

There followeth after me today

A youth whose feet must pass this way.

This chasm which has been naught to me

To that fair-haired youth might a pitfall be.

He too must cross in the twilight dim -

Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

There are so many bridges which need building
in this world ----

bridges of service -- of understanding --

To feel, somehow, that we have had a part --

or are having a part -- IN BUILDING THESE

BRIDGES ---- is one of the richest harvests of life.

If 1947 has brought that satisfaction
in some measure

to that extent it has been a happy year.

V.

I am sure that the Psalmist thought of all these things -
GROWING OUT OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PASSING YEARS:

fine memories --

abiding friendships;

the sense of personal growth;

the satisfaction of service.....

but with all of these -- THERE WAS SOMETHING MORE WHICH
HE SOUGHT out of the experience of the years --

Deep in his heart was a yearning for THE ASSURANCE THAT
SOMEHOW HIS LITTLE LIFE

WAS A PART OF SOMETHING GREATER THAN HIMSELF
something abiding and eternal ---

So he said:

"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations
Before the mountains were brought forth
Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world..
Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God...

And then he prayed: "Let the beauty of the Lord
our God be upon us."

A GROWING AND A DEEPENING SENSE OF GOD

surely this is the richest -- harvest of the years

2/19/40

In 1940 -- during dark days for England --
King George VI -- broadcast a message to his
people -----

and quoted these words from ~~an obscure~~ the
introduction TO AN OBSCURE BOOK OF VERSE:

"I said to a man who stood at the gate of the
year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into

the unknown, and he replied:

Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into
the hand of God. That shall be to you better than

a light, a safer than a known way."

Across the centuries -- THE SENSE OF GOD
HAS BEEN MAN'S GREATEST LIGHT -- IN DARKNESS

MAN'S GREATEST INSPIRATION ---- IN ALL TIMES OF LIFE

"O God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come."

May 1948 be a happy new year for all of us
in those things which matter most.

Direct us O God, in all our doings by thy most gracious
favor, and further us with thy continual help, that
in all our works, begun, continued and ended in thee, we
may glorify thy holy name.

Harvest Of Our
years

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The Book of Ecclesiastes opens with a pointed question:

WHAT DOES A MAN GAIN
BY ALL THE TOIL AT WHICH HE TOILS
UNDER THE SUN?

*This ancient writer
was asking*

~~It is the author's way of looking at
life and asking: "So what?"~~

~~Since then, as a question relevant
to our own experience~~

~~People, of course, have answered this
question in a variety of ways...~~

~~A novelist says of one of his characters:
It was said of a certain character in a
novel:~~

~~He knew all the little answers,
but he never asked the large questions..~~

~~Is not this one of the large questions:~~

~~X What does it mean to live? - is that what it is?~~

~~X What is the significance of the work
we do? - The line we live~~

~~X What is the harvest of our years?~~

Play - nothing even
hidden

People of course have answered that
question in a variety of ways.

For example, there is the answer which
says:

Vanity of vanities - all is vanity!

Life is a tale, told by an idiot,
full of sound and fury - signifying
nothing.

An American comedian recently wrote
of living -- and then winding up with
"nothing but the echo of forgotten laughter!"

But

There is another answer suggested in the 90th Psalm...

The Psalmist ~~has~~ contemplated the enduring CHARACTER OF GOD**
THE BREVITY OF HUMAN... LIFE:

Then prayed:

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon
AND ESTABLISH THOU THE WORK OF OUR HANDS.

He believed that IN THE MIDST OF LIFE ---
WE MAY BUILD:

We may ^{increasingly} ~~somehow~~ share in that which
which has enduring significance.

Establish them - Now
~~FOR A FEW MINUTES. THEN, LET US REFLECT~~
~~ON THE THOUGHT THAT~~

GOD IS NOT ONLY CREATOR OF VALUE,
BUT GOD IS ALSO CONSERVOR OF VALUE

In those processes by which

good grows;

value accumulates;

the worthwhile becomes enduring

GOD IS PRESENT in the

*May use as
claps for
questions*

*+ in the
midst of
life - we
may relate our
to Reality if we*

is conserved

~~In some such faith the Psalmist prayed:~~

ESTABLISH THOU THE WORK OF OUR HANDS..

There was a

LITTLE BOY: whose teacher told the children to bring their birth certificate to school on a certain day..

One little boy started out -- with this piece of paper -whci he didn^o, apple-tablet

I'VE LOST MY E~~C~~USE FOR BEING BORN.

In one form or other, life asks --

What are you making of it all?

What is your exbuse for being born?

(Bress Signs)

One possible reply is:

Vanity of vanities - all is vanity!

Another is: OUR LIVES ARE A PART OF THE LARGER, ~~MORE~~ ~~ALL~~ INCLUSIVE CREATIVE LIFE OF GOD ---

in whom we live and move and have

And in learning to live in oneness with G^d

LIFE TAKES ON ENDURING SIGNIFICANCE

ESTABLISH THOU THE WORK OF OUR HANDS.

But a deeper answer -
We may Breathe -
An ordinary day
may be used for that ^{which} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~is~~ (Flip over)

Schubert - Reverent Path

To move beyond the level of mere animal
existence;

to feel something of the divine discontent

TO ASK THE LARGER QUESTIONS

TO SENSE SOMETHING OF THE

DEPTH AND WONDER AND
MYSTERY

OF THAT OF WHICH WE ARE
A PART....

~~TO COME INCREASINGLY TO ~~THE~~ A SENSE
THROUGH~~

TO COME -- THROUGH EXPERIENCE ITSELF --

TO A GROWING SENSE OF PARTICIPATION
IN THAT WHICH IS DEEPEST IN THE
NATURE OF THINGS -----

is to reap a harvest of
the spirit....

AWARENESS --- and then appreciation..

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Briefly let us note some of the ways
IN WHICH OUR LIVES ~~MAY~~ ACHIEVE ~~THE~~
ENDURING SIGNIFICANCE. — *Can Build*

+ To put it ~~in the form of~~ in the form of
a question:

HOW MAY WE MEASURE THE HARVEST OF
OUR YEARS?

*along what lines may
we hope to achieve the duration of
enduring significance? Having to measure*

I. *What is the
productive use of a life?*

For one thing, the harvest of our
years is ~~to be~~ measured in OUR
GROWING CAPACITY FOR APPRECIATION.

William James +
William James once told the girls at
Radcliffe that the purpose of an education
IS TO TEACH YOU TO RECOGNIZE A GOOD MAN
WHEN YOU SEE ONE.

Is not one purpose of life
to teach us to recognize and appreciate
WORTH when we see it?

FOUL - LIVE

It has been said that some people yearn
for endless life who don't know what to do
with a rainy afternoon ---

At what point does ~~empty existence~~ empty existence
become transformed into REAL LIFE?

IS IT NOT AT THE POINT OF
APPRECIATION OF VALUE -- INTRINSIC VALUE?

How Good

We ~~wish~~ so feverishly after so many things?

But ~~Does~~ rushing define the meaning of life

Are there not points where we may be
inwardly still and know that God is God
APPRECIATE THE GOODNESS ~~which is ours?~~ *which is ours?*

A curve in the road, and a hill-side
Clearcut against the sky

A tall tree, tossed by the autumn wind
And a white cloud riding high.

Ten men went along that road
And all but one went by..

AND HE PUT THEM DOWN ON CANVAS
FOR THE OTHER NINE MEN TO BUY.

~~But here~~

just goes on 16-21 2/10
each "or" 1/2
waited 1/2
waited 1/2

Is not the harvest of the years

to be measured - in part -

by the growing capacity for
APPRECIATION

always

of goodness - beauty -- truth?

These things abide Thro' changing
external circumstance

THUS WE TRULY BECOME A PART OF THAT

(Thro' them we) WHICH ENDURES.

where
just born

1) actually to be
what it is
not what it
seems to be

Flip Over

At the beginning of almost every annual
conference of the Methodist Church,
Charles Wesley's hymn is sung:

And are we yet alive, and see each
other's face..

Then come the words:

WHAT TROUBES HAVE WE SEEN

WHAT CONFLICTS HAVE WE PASSED

FIGHTINGS WITHOUT AND FEARS WITHIN,
SINCE WE ASSEMBLES LAST.....

All this is a part of life ---

Is it in any sense -- a soil for
growth?

II.

Again, the harvest of the years is measured in terms of

THE SORT OF PERSONS WE TURN OUT TO BE
THE CHARACTER WE ACHIEVE.

we succeed at it

Browning thought of the world as a
"vale of soul-making."

Perhaps more important than MANY
EXTERNAL ACQUISITIONS --

X What sort of persons are we becoming
through the experiences of living?

What happens to us inwardly

X It has been said that that person is to
be pitied who HAS NOTHING BUT YEARS TO
PROVE HIS AGE.

*How
what time has made
best*

----- Hazel Kerr with joy upon a child

and then upon a youth

and finally turned to ONE
OF MATURER YEARS --

X YEARS WHICH HAD BROUGHT
SOMETHING DEEP WITHIN -----

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"a pair of tranquil eyes... deep within
them burned a steady light that youth
has never known..

the light of understanding and of grace

That quiet strength that comes when
soulg have grown full-statured.

So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom..

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon u
AND ESTABLISH THOU THE WORK OF OUR HANDS.

If life is made for living,

should not the harvest of the
years BE MEASURED BY THE
CHARACTER WE ACHIEVE

life keeps asking - What are you making of it?
~~OUR TODAYS AND YESTERDAYS UNFOLD..~~
~~OUR TODAYS AND YESTERDAYS ARE THE BLOCKS WITH~~
X And God is experienced

in those deep processes at the heart
of life (by what exp is ~~organized~~ & ~~reorg~~)

by which ~~character~~

work adds on work

attitude on attitude
by which character emerges
out of the soil of experience.

"TO MATURE MANHOOD.....

TO THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE
OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST."

Christian grows

III.

The Harvest of our years comes to
express in still another way ---

in the touch of life upon life;

Surely

One of the miracles of life

is the power of personal influence;

Use

Recognizing that George Eliot expressed
the wish that she might

be to other souls
the cup of strength in some great agony

Enkindle generous ardor
Feed pure love...

Beget the smiles that have no cruelty

Be the sweet presence of a good
diffused..

AND IN DIFFUSION EVER MORE INTENSE.

well to be

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Having heard George Whitefield preach
~~a / a / a / a~~ a listener said:

THAT MAN TEMPTS ME TO BE A CHRISTIAN.

Gratification to answer

IV.

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Let us go on to still another aspect of this theme.

has been said
It was William James who commented that
THE GREAT USE OF A LIFE IS TO SPEND IT
FOR SOMETHING THAT WILL OUTLAST IT.

The influence of a life sometimes *is moral*
~~comes~~ through direct association with
another;

But often it, *is commanded*
~~comes~~ more indirectly:

through some institution or organization

which we help to create
in which we invest ourselves.

let us try to apply this to the Church
Probably everybody associated with the Church

HAS HOURS OF AGGRAVATION WITH
THE machinery

the frustrations of the system;

Quite obviously, anybody who is going
to work in

organized religion or
organized education
or
organized anything else

must make his mental peace with
the ~~limitations~~ restrictions as well
as the opportunities --- ORGANIZATION
INVOLVES.

But on the other hand, IT IS THIS VERY FACT OF ORGANIZATION 11

which helps give continuity
to what we do;

Thru the institution

We build ourselves and our work
into something which outlasts us..

AND SO MULTIPLIES THE INFLUENCE
OF OUR EFFORTS.
individual

And so the harvest of the years is measured
not only in the personal character we achieve
the direct influence we exert --

BUT ALSO IN OUR CONTRIBUTION TO
INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS AND
CAUSES

which carry on from where we
leave off.

Community meeting of all 117
Ministry
~~Joshua Royce thought of the church as a
community of memory and of hope..~~

One of our modern poets has written:
Night and the quieting hour
And still so little done.

Surely every sensitive person feels he
FALLS SHORT OF WHAT HE SHOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH

~~YET ON THE OTHER HAND --- through work in
the church - through work in social agencies~~

~~OUR WORK IS MULTIPLIED IN INFLUENCE.~~

all this is a part of the harvest of our years

Whence comes the dimension of
~~significance in human life?~~

myself as
So often, from

~~the linking of life with life --~~

the linking of our purposes
with larger purposes;

the investment of self
in that which
outlasts self...

What am I busily
myself into -

That will outlast
me,

Our final report

v.

12

But who would be so presumptuous
as to hold that the harvest of
human life and work

is to be defined solely in
human terms or human perspectives.

Life is of God --

and life finds its ultimate fulfillment
in God...

Our little systems have their day
They have their day and cease to be
They are but broken lights of thee
And thou, O Lord, art more than they..

Would we not agree that THE SUPREME
HARVEST OF OUR YEARS

IS THE GROWING AWARENESS THAT IT IS
GOD in whom we live and move and have
our being --

That life is of God

a God we come to know more fully
and truly through Jesus Christ--

AND BECAUSE LIFE IS OF GOD
LIFE HAS MEANING *****

We may face our todays and tomorrow
with greater faith and hope and
joy --

Behind every great doctrine is
some experience

~~In the end~~ Behind the doctrine of immortality is
THE EXPERIENCE OF BUILDING...

Experiences do not simply come and go...

~~But~~ day builds on day;

God is not
only creator &
value
gives us new
values

Achievement builds on achievement;

Value builds on value...

AND WHEN THIS ~~EXPERIENCE~~ IS PUT IN
THE CONTEXT OF A ~~RELIGIOUS~~ Xian
INTERPRETATION OF LIFE AND THE UNIVERSE

We come to hope and believe in
God's more inclusive harvests
~~immortalities~~

IN WHICH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS
THE HARVEST OF OUR YEARS...

unusually

Our hope is within comes to a fitting fulfillment
infinite and ~~only there~~ *****

effort and
expectation and
desire - and
something ever ore
about to be...

is gathered up
Divine goods
Beyond The Veil
in ~~the~~ 1 man

~~Yes, to live creatively and usefully~~
IS TO BUILD --- ~~from day to day~~

> There is something cumulative about ~~the~~
the experience of living...
creation + appreciation

X God is in That

little
return

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WHAT DOES A MAN GAIN

BY ALL THE TOIL AT WHICH HE TOILS
UNDER THE SUN?

We

may enjoy these years
~~As long as~~ *Night & the*
~~God moves creatively through~~ *gentle hour*
~~his life across the years~~
over time

We may gain:

to ~~Recognize~~ *the Holy Cross*
on which we walk

an appreciation of goodness and beauty and
truth and love; - *are aware here*

We

use our strength
may gain: *A Christian character*
A CHARACTER OF STRENGTH and WORTH
out of the soil of experience;

We

may gain *The Privilege* +
THE SATISFACTION OF

EXERTING A PERSONAL INFLUENCE FOR GOOD

of ~~BUILDING HIMSELF~~ *ourselves into* ~~TO INSTITUTIONS~~ *on individual work*
AND MOVEMENTS WHICH CARRY ON
and multiply ~~his influence~~ *at*

We

MAY SHARE IN THE LARGER *harvest* ~~IS~~ OF GOD

who makes all things new ---

~~who can use even the work of our~~
~~hand ..~~

In the most
commemorative
day

~~for~~ *we are involved in something*
greater than
work

In this spirit we may all join with
the Psalmist in his prayer:

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SO TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS THAT WE
MAY GET A HEART OF WISDOM..
LET THE FAVOR OF THE LORD OUR GOD
BE UPON US:

Direct us
in our
work
that we may
not be
lost

AND ESTABLISH THOU THE WORK OF
OUR HANDS..