

At Gap when the gap has a purpose  
Sermon - According to Bro Richards WXRI - we now have The Skin Heads -  
Shaved Heads - Smoking, Dark clothes, Boots with hard stule toes - They can't  
stand a long haired hippie - THE GENERATION GAP  
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Adam & Eve - Cain & Abel

As long as there are older people and young people there will be a gap.

Would you believe this is happening now! Not yesterday, not tomorrow -- the  
problems concern our young people.

Many of today's ills are chalked up.

"There is a generation gap". This appears a simple explanation to all of  
the light-heartedness, flippancy, and carelessness of spirit. Moses Law - not  
leave way for disobedience! Take you in public and (stone) death - denounce you.  
Not too much rebellion if a child did not live right, he did not live long. They  
wanted no part with drugs, addicts, etc.

A nation without patriotism will go downgrade at lightning speeds.

A nation without christianity will tumble into the gap.

As the old Hebrew prophet cried - "if I forget Thee, O Jerusalem, Let my  
right hand forget its cunning, and my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth."  
*Many youth do not have hope, pride or direction.*

The gap is increased as Dr. Mayo once stated many are being "education  
beyond their intelligence". There is a lack of distinction. Schools are stand-  
ardized as the automobile now coming off the assembly lines! *Sending Boy off to College*  
*Today is like sending him to Vietnam - with all the protest etc.*

No longer interest in freedom of worship as Roger Williams sought in  
Rhode Island.

Or as Wm. Penn and the Quakers settling in Pennsylvania.

Or the covenanters, Scotch Irish Presbyterians in the Carolinas.

Generation Gap parts on religion, politics, social values - whole cultural  
setting.

A new class and kind of generation is developing. Some are rebellious,  
dominant in shaping the masses.

Something enormous is being born and something enormous is dying in the

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twentieth century" - Michael Harrington.

Whole culture is going through a transition.

Bonhoeffer wrote from the Gestapo concentration camp, as a political prisoner. He has been one of the idols of the young activists who see his civil resistance to the policies of Hitler as an ethical rationale for secular action and a basis for civil opposition to the injustices of race, poverty, and war.

Hence there has developed a slogan - "The adults are the bad guys"

*Mary youngsters picture adults as Phonies, Hypocrites - Many Fouled up youth at slightest provocation accuse adults - TO Them Hypocrite. The youth are the good guys".*  
*"Someone of whose opinions another is completely intolerant" Such labels used by simple minded youth often misapply the terms Hypocrite - they give no evidence of practicing Golden Rule.*  
*McCarthy Song - Disgrace man "Called a Communist".*  
no longer be needed by men as a working hypothesis or as a solver of human problems.

The new freedom would make it possible for youth to answer their own questions and meet his own needs without resorting to divine help!

Myth - man is not oriented to other worlds but to secular existence in this present world.

Temporal matters supersede religion.

Religious life is out dated - whatever is require of man can be found by embracing the world.

New Generation - man's increasing (confidence) in his ability to handle his own affairs without the assistance of religion.

E. G. Mesthene of Harvard wrote -- "Man no longer turns to God for the things he knows he can do himself. Life will be produced in a test tube or the laboratory and man will soon reveal what really makes men tick through personality drugs".

Scientific prediction is a far more promising guide to the future than religion.

Gap is broad - big gulf.

Some other facts that broaden the gap.

1. Society is changing.

History indicates all of society is moving toward secularity.

Modern times - new order - decline in religion. Population explosion.

Midst of unprecedented prosperity, educational opportunities, and technological developments. *The More They get The less they enjoy it.*

Men are influenced by space exploration, cold-wars, T. V. computers.

Young people become indicators of what is going on in society. They reflect what is happening. *Draft "Hell No We Won't Go" / Stop on flag - Reverse of Sacrifice -*

Youth has been overglamorized because of their number in the world. *Soldiers without shoes Valley Forge served in hope future generation live better. If they could speak to you from the grave, say there is history. Now Reserve U.S.*

Young people need to face the facts, the pitfalls in this complex age.

Cutting loose from traditional moorings will not solve all future issues.

The core problems of poverty, unemployment, war, racism, pollution, depersonalization, will not be erased by magic.

Eliminating the laws of the land, folding up all the old social structures, will not bring initiative to young or old. *Many men put their lives on the line to preserve this society - Sussolcanal or defunded from Nazi divisions.*  
Society never had it so good, while at the same time never had it so bad. *Grown-ups do not reject all schemes for altering -*

2. Community life is changing.

More than 3,000 acres per day are converted to urban settings.

Raw agricultural land - turned to streets - freeways - business districts - recreational areas.

Giant cities extend for miles - more and more land converted.

Increasing numbers of people live in limited land space.

This is world wide.

In migration of the young to the cities is so great countries such as Russia, African nations, permission of the government is now required before a person can move to the city.

Less than 10% of population is required for food production - predicted this will go down to 5%.

Need for personal service occupations - mechanics, repairmen account for many moving to cities.

This affords anonymity.

This increases the complexity of human life. This brings breakdown of traditional communities, crumbling of traditions.

Tensions between generations often lead to outbreaks of hostility.

Hence, Hippie communities are developing.

3. Technology is changing.

The mechanical age has been replaced by the new electrical age.

Even younger generation is electrified - adjectives describe the new as "cool" - "now" - "open" - "turned-on".

Search for new way of handling the world - protest - hostility.

1/2 Population in U. S. is under 25 years of age.

Young people have never been separated from society in such large numbers.

Machines become substitutes for men. Technology is searching for new and even threatening ways that man is finding to handle the world in which he lives and in space.

Lack of sensitivity. *College Degree - Common opinion "The Key to everything good in life."*

Nightmare is being created.

More like "science fiction" - as new generation to build interdependent communities and scrapping the neighborhood of today.

4. Family life is changing.

A segment of the generation gap has developed at this vital area.

Paternalism is coming to an end. *Speaker - High School Assembly - "How many of you really believe that in 20 yrs. from now you'll know a little more than you do today? Every hand shot up! - Concluded*

Traditionally adults ruled the household and this is according to the Bible. *Remember "That's where your parents are today!"*

Children dictate and determine the family policy in the new generation. Rebel against control or restrictions. *Use His own wings.*

Children dictate the family recreation, style of dress, and the church the family worships in - if they give thought to this phase.

They run the show!

This is the way the Hippies raise their children! Story in July 15, 1969  
Look Magazine - Hippies are parents. What kind of children are the New People  
raising? San Francisco - Man - rob (29) - wife, ex-wife of a college professor  
- 3 children.

Redefine what it means to be a family. What it means to be a parent -  
flower children raising their own children.

Each of them live free lives, unstructured life with no sense of authority  
by parents.

Robb - working on PhD. I have to unlearn more than learn.

"I just want the kids to dig, what they are doing here and now".

The children attend Huarthshire School where 30 or so turned on children  
go - create free setting, one teacher - I don't know who is learning the most -  
they may wrestle, read or write poems, or paint, or play cards, or go on field  
trips.

Liberating their imaginations and finding some alternatives to ways of  
living.

✓ Sign on wall "Adolph Hitler was a speed freak".

Parents rarely say No -- keep them free.

Robb and Pat are experimenting with alternative styles of family living  
and child raising.

The gap is broader.

Film - Mike Nichols - "The Graduate".

Symbol of success - highly entertaining and greatly exaggerated - general-  
ization all adults are bad guys and all young adults are good guys.

The myth popularizers of the generation gap.

Other things credited to G. G.

1. Break down of communications - (What ever that means) little continuity  
even in families. Mr. Hayabawa - youth 1st 18 yrs, spends 22,000 hrs. watching

T.V. More Time Than reading, writing or Talking with Parents, CAN'T even Relate to themselves.

sticks his tongue out at the teacher.  
Throws a Tantrum

Believes what evolved over centuries can be changed in instant, and they are the qualified people to do it!

2. The now - present - is emphasized. News given on the minute - impatient.

Rebel: Take over College President's office, join a ~~riot~~ riot, Touch torch to gymnasium.  
instant contact - nothing of the past.

Youth expect problems to have one step, one word, 30 seconds solutions.  
Happenings, rather than events of past or future.

3. A value gap on morals - practice of loose sex life. Freedom - Boring - Full life

Rush into circumstances - easier to get into than to get out -  
All guide lines are flexible - increasingly liberal.

has not matured by experience or anything resembling wisdom. They go off half cooked  
& plunge into projects to change America without learning anything about America.  
Tolerant of behavior in others. They are Not wise - They are stupid, Thin intelligence

Honesty requires the telling a teacher that his course is stupid!  
They are determined to turn things upside down before they examine them right side up.  
Love demands personal expression on a kind of fake romanticism.

Two other sides of this question.

Practical and Biblical.

1. Practical angle. Joel 2:28 - young men see visions + old men dreams.  
Some young are seeing visions alright - seeing Televisions! Some old men are dreaming - Better

Since man has been here we have had a gap, but it was never a dream when asleep!  
major theme. Some " " walk around

Early times men worried about traditions of elders.

Old folks say, they are not like I was when I was coming along.

Mother and daughter gap - she tells you what to cook, how to  
arrange the house and what clothes to purchase.

Something <sup>of mess</sup> with 2 women around the house...tells Mama how to cook and  
dress. You are too fat or look tackie.

Pray daughter finds husband and moves out.

Someday, she will look - gray hair. No longer a Queen

Mother-In-Law and Daughter-In-Law gap.

Who are you married to, me or your mother?

Everytime she cooks something he compares it with Mother.

Not long before she tells him his Mama's boy.

Boy comparing - cooking - working.

Told off - use to wash behind your ears, comb, your hair, get up be a  
man!

Nothing right or treatment for colds - old remedy.

Gap in the past and now.

Need patience - Nixon - "to a crisis of the spirit we need an answer of the spirit".

Youth Remember This - No Generation has yet rid the planet of poverty, war, nor ignorance!

✓ 2. Bible Angle

God does not classify things as we do.

V. 7 - "Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask Thy Father and he will shew Thee; they elders, and they will tell thee".

Search back into the mercies of God.

Parents must teach their children the word of God, the law of God. 6:7.

Children should desire the knowledge of those things that will be of use

to them. Harder Day by Day to preserve grandeur of Religion against small people,  
They want to bring it down, reduce it to own level saying Parents are Simpletons.

V. 5 - "They have corrupted themselves."

They are a perverse and crooked generation".

The Spot - used here in a moral sense.

These corrupt persons claimed to be children of God but they were not - they were rather stained.

Corrupted themselves.

Crooked - perverse - a spirit of contradiction, opposition to the will of God.

The New Generation (cannot hurt God), they hurt themselves - own work.

V. 17 - Sacrifice unto Devils - not God!

To new gods that came newly up. Reject the idea that God exists.

Find right way - must ask for good old way. Jer. 6:16.

V. 18 - Forgetting God. Rules Nice for old folks, (we need new guidelines).

V. 19 - Unworthy conduct - treachery - folly - ingratitude.

V. 20 - God himself comes forth to announce his resolution to withdraw his favour

from them and bring chastisement upon them.

A very (forward) generation - a generation of generations of perversities - utterly perverse and faithless.

Forward generation - a people that could not be pleased. A people - could not be trusted. Miss America - Michigan - Pamela Anne Eldred 21yr. "My Parents are great friends to me, we sit down & talk, I'm a firm believer in authority. Why should I defy my elders just for the sake of defying them."

V. (22) - The lowest Hell.

Divine wrath - lowest depths. Description of what will be poured out upon men in judgment.

V. (23) - Send my arrows.

Plague

Dispicable enemies - more base than they - more barbarous.

Trampled upon by the weak and foolish.

Sin insults God - brings to ruin.

Mountains will go, no fence against judgment. Damnation of Hell as our Saviour calls it, is fire of Gods wrath.

Nine times in this chapter Jehovah is compared to a rock.

Indicating stability - place of refuge.

Things are changing, a gap is developing, however, God is still the rock!

The happiest people I know are people who know God. It comes from knowing God and having a strong faith in him.

Conversion is needed - the new generation, the old generation, all need this. Dependence upon God.

Paul - endure hardship as a good soldier - Christian life is stand!

Col. 1:9 "We are asking God that you see things as it were, from his point of view".

v. 28 - Nation void of counsel, neither is there <sup>any</sup> understanding in them -

