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 down grade 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 standardized 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
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"...

Bonhoeffer believed that God was being edged out of the world and would 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.

Midst of unprecedented prosperity, educational opportunities, and technologial 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.

Youth has been overglamorized because of their number in the world.

Young people need to face the facts; the pitfalls in this complex age. Now realize.

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.

Society never had it so good, while at the same time never had it so bad.

2. Community life is changing.

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


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

Increasing numbers of people live in limited land space.

This is world wide.

Inmigration 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 - "Common opinion - The key to everything is 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. 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 - generalization 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. Hara - Youth 1st 8yr. Spends 24,000 hrs. Writing TV. Show time Than reading, writing or talking with parents, Can't even relate to themselves.
Believe what evolved over centuries can be changed in a instant. And they are the enlightened people to do it!

2. The now - present - is emphasized. News given on the minute - impatient
       Relish to open college president offices, join a protest, touch touch to gymnasiun.
       Instant contact - nothing of the past.
       Youth expect problems to have one step, one hand, 30 seconds solutions.
       Happenings, rather than events of past or future.

3. A value gap on morals - practice of loose sex life.
   Freedom - Full life.
   Rush into circumstances - easier to get into than to get out.
   All guidelines are flexible - increasingly liberal.

   Tolerant of behavior in others. They are Not like We are Stupid. Their intelligence
   has not matured by experience or anything resembling wisdom.
   They go off half cocked
   & plunge into projects to change America without learning anything about America.

   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

Since man has been here we have had a gap, but it was never a major theme.

   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 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".

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.

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 spurns.

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

V. 18 - Forgetting God.

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 21 yrs. "My Parents were great friends to me, we sit down tall, 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 God's 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 in thy understanding.
some how - along - the way - we lost contact with
My Mom & Dad - so maybe they know -
if we sorta heard about your missing quiet -
if we could find him - we would know -

Oh we felt bad - no luck -

Have you heard from him -

from Cal. New house -

1st Sept. 11, 1965

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