—Creator's universe

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closed-minded that we would think God selfish to rob other planets, which He has put in this universe, of the same life and opportunities and life we have.

"This may seem like wide theology, but this is my conviction."

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REV. WALTER WARNER, pastor of Holy Evangelistic Apostolic Church stated, "The first thing we must acknowledge is that God is Omnipresent (Psalm 139) and that He fills the whole universe. This means that, he fills Mars also.

"If there are people there, which is a possibility, and they have sinned, as we have, then there has to be a reconciliation (Col. 1:20) between them and God just as Jesus Christ, in his crucifixion, provided for us.

"Perhaps the True Stone (Jesus) was on Mars before he descended to earth."

The 69-year-old pastor continued, "As to the Creation Story, this God that we worship is so great that our little, frail minds could never fathom the happenings of Genesis (Psalm 139:6).

"There are a lot of things to consider, and I think we, as Christian leaders, would do best to wait until all the facts are in."

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REV. DONALD O. WILSON, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, told the AFRO, "I wasn't surprised that we got to Mars, but then I'm not surprised by anything we achieve scientifically. After all, God did endow us with intellect.

"I only hope that man doesn't go too far and forget about our needs here, neglecting the development of our own resources."

The Rev. Mr. Wilson is one who would look upon the discovery of life on the red planet as one to strengthen faith, instead of destroy it.

He explained, "If they find life there, I would laud the Creator who made a universe in which life exists on other planets besides our own. The discovery would tell us more about the nature of our Creator and His capabilities.

"I would even hope that there is life on Mars and on other planets."

As Episcopalians do not take the Creation Story literally, as do most other Christian denominations, the Rev. Mr. Wilson said that no changes in the book of Genesis would be necessary.

He also said, "I wouldn't interpret any Bible story as predicting that we would get to Mars."

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REV. ROOSEVELT A. LUNN, associate minister at Northeast Baptist Church, is "standing on the promises of God."

He told the AFRO, "If there is life on Mars, none of God's Word would be changed at all. I don't (like many) doubt that man, indeed, got to Mars.

"However, Scripture states that God gave man dominion over the earth and all that dwells therein (Psalm 8). That doesn't include the moon and that doesn't include Mars. We may get to these places, but we'll never have dominion (rule) over them.

"Man's technology is great, but only because God has given him the power. He can use it for good or evil."

The Rev. Mr. Lunn adequately summed up the views of all the ministers the AFRO spoke with when he stated, "No matter what, we must always remember that the Scriptures states that heaven and earth may pass away, but the Word of God shall never pass away." (Matt. 24.35).

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-Dr. Billingsley

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definitely Dr. Billingsley's inauguration until the charges can be investigated and to set the date as to when the event could be held.

A spokesman for the attorney general's office said Thursday that it would be inappropriate at this time for his office to make any comment concerning the decisions made by the Board.

John Oster, deputy attorney general, told the AFRO, "because our knowledge is limited to a news report published July 22 and in fairness to all parties, we must wait until we have had the opportunity to talk to Dr. Billingsley and to the president of the Board of Regents."

When asked what date the meeting would take place, Oster, whose office is the legal advisor for Morgan stated it would be sometime early next week.

Warren Webb, executive director of the National Alumni Association, whose group came out in support of Dr. Billingsley last week told the AFRO, "we understand and agree with the decision of the board to clear the air around the inauguration and to prove to the public that Dr. Billingsley is an outstanding educator and leader."

Webb went on to say that if hiring an outside group to handle the investigation is the best course of action for the Board to take then, "we are in complete agreement."

The decision by the Board was the result of a culmination of attack against Dr. Billingsley by several forms of the local media that began on June 23 with the hiring of Benjamin King as a fiscal consultant last November.

Billingsley pointed out that ever since the attacks on him and his office began, private contributions supporting the university which only totaled $80,000 last year, have increased rather than decreased.

Several board members went on record publicly remarking that while they are in support of Dr. Billingsley they did not want to see him inaugurated under a cloud of suspicion."

Francis W. Gates, the regent who introduced the motion to postpone the event pointed out, "as far as I am concerned it is because of my confidence in him that I acted."

Dr. Rebecca E. Carroll said, "Dr. Billingsley is doing a wonderful job. If by our actions we have taken out of perspective the positive nature of his leadership, I would say it has been inadvertent."

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—Vance quits

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of the school year and the implementation of the desegregation plan.

Dr. Vance explained he and Dr. John L. Crew, superintendent of schools, have discussed his leaving "off and on for months now."

He said while he has enjoyed a good solid professional and personal relationship with both Dr. Roland N. Patterson while he was superintendent and Dr. Crew, he felt any post labeled "superintendent" was not a career assignment because of the constant chances in education. when asked who would replace him, Dr. Vance refused to offer any speculation on the matter.

Several other school officials also refused to offer any comment on a logical replacement although one official stated he was sure someone would not be brought in from the outside.

Dr. Crew, who is on a two week vacation, could not be reached for comment on the subject.

Dr. Vance came to Baltimore as a Rockerfeller Intern with the Superintendent's Training Program of the Rockerfeller Foundation after 20 years of service and experience with the Philadelphia school system.

While serving his internship he was involved in the detailed planning which proceeded the present decentralized system. After his appointment he became involved in its implementation.

—Case closed

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cerned, the board considers the matter closed.

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Here is Mr. Wilson's full statement:

"Members of the news media and others have requested permission to examine the records of the Morgan State Foundation.

"Morgan State Foundation Inc. is a private, nonprofit corporation organized for the purpose of soliciting and monitoring funds that come to the university restricted to certain departments or activities, or unrestricted.

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"In that respect, the board of directors of the Foundation, in response to the requests of the news media, has taken the position that the records and accounts of the Foundation which was thoroughly reviewed and considered. The board was satisfied with the report of the auditor and the conclusions and recommendations made therein. At this time the board is satisfied that the funds of the Foundation are being properly monitored.

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"With regard to Dr. Billingsley, the directors of the Morgan State University Foundation have given President Billingsley a vote of confidence and all directors support his administration."

Mr. Wilson declared that there would be no further reason for the board to be concerned with recent events about Dr Billingsley's activities alleged in the media.

So far as these incidents are concerned the Board of Directors considers the matter closed," he states.

-10,000 names

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dents but it has not been enforced.

Just recently Mayor Schaefer urged department heads to limit middle-level promotions to city residents but the legality of this move is being questioned.

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For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

AMONG INVITATIONS this week is announcement of the Aug. 14, 5 p.m. wedding of Miss Cherie Diedre Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl DeWitt Williams. Bridegroom-to-be is Alfred Edgar Bryan, son of Mrs. Margaret E. Bryan of Reston, Va. and Alfred E. Bryan of New York.

THE ELEGANT AFFAIR is set for 5 p.m. at the Post Chapel, Fort Myers, Va. with reception to follow.

Knowing the mother of the bride, Mrs. Juanita Jones Williams of Baltimore, the wedding will be classy and truly beautiful. Father of the bride is William Welfred Jones of Danville, Va.

THE BEAUTEOUS Miss Jones is a graduate of Bennett College, N.C., has done further study at Ohio State and the University of Sussex, Brighton, England. She is supervisor of Designee Clothing at Woodward Lothrop in Montgomery County, Maryland. Miss Jones is the daughter of the former Juanita Da Lomba Jones, and William Welfred Jones, of Danville, Va.

A graduate of Howard University, Mr. Bryan has studied at George Washington University. He is the vice-president of Booz, Allen and Hamilton, Inc., management consultants of Washington.

The couple has arranged an August wedding at Fort Meyers, Va.

PLEASE, PLEASE HELP — Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, 40, 701 W. Mulberry St., a diabetic, is ill. This weather does not help her condition.

Can you get her an air conditioner? If so, call her at 385-0738 and let her know when you can bring it. She is mother of six children and has it very hard to exist on Social Service.

THE TALL SHIPS brought an unprecedented crowd to the Inner Harbor but the real story is that there has never been seen in Baltimore such a friendly, happy group. Numbering in the 10's of thousands, the people of every race imaginable strolled, chatted, laughed and walked together in a steady stream far into the night.

HOW DOES THE BEAUTIFUL INNER HARBOR come to be? You can credit Mayor Schaefer and his Baltimore promotion team for the most successful project in America today.

It all began when the Flower Mart turned people off in its stingy, small-minded way and started riots. It was not for everybody and citizens resented it. Everyone wants to belong, you know.

BUT, CITY HALL quietly cut around the whole mess and built up a bigger and better place to accommodate everyone. The result that I like is the fact that no matter how poor or forgotten or deprived, anyone who wishes to, can walk down there and enjoy the finest outdoor vacation in the world.

WE SAT THERE until 2 a.m. aboard the Nobska. Looking from the top deck, you see the Constellation backed by the jewel-box like Baltimore skyline, each building lit and sparkling. All the while the steady stream of jolly people strolled along. Most evident was an air of freedom, mothers with children; whole families, black, white, Chinese, Japanese, German, Polish, everyone, sitting on the benches together, chatting and enjoying just being there.

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