

Intersections: Christianity & Today

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Are Our Lives Too Safe?

1. “There is abroad today an *insurance mentality* that would make every aspect of our existence totally safe and secure. Every wild river would be tamed, every mountain trail fitted with guard rails, every adventure packaged and dispensed in amusement parks and guided tours.” from an article on running by George Leonard, Esquire magazine, May 1985, p. 142.

2. What’s the least safe thing you’ve done recently? Was it physically dangerous? Did you risk social disapproval?

3. Name an exception to: Every great life that has been lived has been a life where courage was exhibited in great degree in the face of potentially overwhelming adversity.

4. Some people cower and wince and shrink,
Owing to fear of what people may think.
There is one answer to worries like these:
People may think what the devil they please.

Piet Hein, *Grooks 2*



5. Have you EVER spoken up in a group of 10 or more where your opinion was shared by no one else?

Have you EVER spoken in a group of 10 or more where people have shouted hostile remarks that you?

Have you EVER confronted someone over whom you did not have power? (It’s not hard to confront children.)

6. Motto of Community Fellowship? We hold life in a way that says that it is not only our own.

7. “In matters of conscience, the law of the majority has no place.” —M. Gandhi

8. “If the truth is worth telling, it is worth making a fool of yourself to tell.”

—Frederick Buechner

Surgeon General’s Warning:
Living Causes Increased Chance of Death

(Bonus question is on the next page.)

Suppose you had ten times the dedication you now have to being the child of God that you are called to be.

What would you have more of in your life?

What would you have less of?