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Thought for the weak



with the Rev Preben Andersen

WHEN my Christmas message was published last month, it so 'happened' that TeenTalk was on the page directly opposite, and for me it was such a privilege to virtually share an 'old man's thought' with those of a teenager.

People have commented how much they appreciated the two columns in the one paper. As for me, I can never stop thanking the editor enough for allowing me space.

Most church denominations have their own magazines and newspapers, which is all well and good, but for me to be allowed to write in a "secular" paper like the *Free Press* is better still.

"Secular"? What do we really mean and think when we use that word?

Do we take it to mean anything and anyone who is not religious?

Probably yes, and in fact my on-line directory confirms that this is the main definition. Therefore I feel awkward in proposing another view.

Namely that we are all born with a spiritual dimension, which, when nurtured, can lead us to become Godly people, and, if it is not, can lie dormant and/or make some of us become non-believers.

Believe you me, secular people in a secular society can and do become inspired. I know. I used to be 'secular'.

And it took me until I was 21 and was invited into a church to feel my spiritual dimension truly nurtured.

A secular word in a spiritual home, no less. To someone who did not even know that he wanted or needed to know about God.

A recent survey suggests that a good three quarters of British people believe. Believe in something, if not all in Someone they can quite define and put a finger on. That is not bad.

Perhaps we shall share a few more of the ways in which our spiritual dimensions can be nurtured in future Thoughts together?