



## Monday Matters - May 28, 2012

### Something to Think About

In 1915, Leon Trotsky, noted leader of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution in Russia, attended Sunday School in Chicago with a friend. The teacher did not arrive to teach his class that morning and was absent. There was no substitute teacher. Trotsky walked away from that Sunday School class, and, as far as is known, never attended another one. Two years later he was engaged in the Russian Revolution which brought the Communist regime to power. One cannot help wonder what affect that Sunday School teacher might have had on world events had he fulfilled his responsibility by being present and teaching his class that Trotsky visited. Joseph Stalin, who caused so many millions of people to die, was sent to study to be a priest in the Russian church. It had become so worldly and corrupt that he rebelled and turned to Communism as a way of life.

Mahatma Gandhi, who was the leader of millions in India, studied Christianity when in England, but rejected it because Christians did not live up to the teachings of Jesus.

Two teenagers grew up in Dallas, Texas. Both were troublesome. A faithful Sunday School teacher contacted one of them every week of the year. Another teacher felt they did not need that type of boy in his class. The first young man came to know Christ and became the Florida Baptist Secretary of Evangelism. The other assassinated President John F. Kennedy.

As our paths cross with various types of individuals on a daily basis, one never knows who we might affect them positively or negatively. The words we say, the things we do, the way we act will affect the people we come in contact with at some point in their lives.

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*"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty." -- John F. Kennedy*

Have a safe Memorial Day and let's remember those who have

### Quote of the Week



"Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no help at all."

-- Dale Carnegie

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