One bitter day in deep Manchuria in 1935 a young American missioner came upon a withered old native woman, miserably dressed and hollow-eyed with hunger. He led her to shelter and warmed her with hot food.

She seemed deeply puzzled. Finally she blurted out what was in her mind. "Why do you bother with me when no one else cares?" she asked.

"Because God made you and God made me," the priest told her. "And He said we were to go out over the world and help all who are in need."

Deeply touched, she said, "What a beautiful idea! Where did it come from? Who started it?" The missioner patiently explained Christ's works among the poor and the afflicted and how He had left His followers the great command: Go out over the world and help all who suffer.

The old pagan woman pondered this a long time. Finally she said, "This Christ—He cannot be long dead?" The missioner told her He had lived on earth nineteen hundred years before.

With childlike simplicity, she said: "Nineteen hundred years ago He commanded His followers to spread this beautiful idea of love for man—then where have you Christians been all these nineteen hundred years? Why haven't they done what Christ said?"

The above story is told by Father James Keller, founder of THE CHRISTOPHERS, in his Permabook edition of "Careers That Change Your World." He uses this story along with two others to explain how the Christopher movement started. "When I first heard this story in 1935," he says, "it disturbed my conscience. . . The more I thought of it the more did it appear to me that the pitiful plight of humanity today might be due far more to our failure to play our part as followers of Christ than to the activities of all the evildoers combined."

At newstands and drugstores you can purchase the following three Christopher books: YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD, THREE MINUTES A DAY, CAREERS THAT CHANGE YOUR WORLD. If you want to find out where you have been and what you can do to change the world, read all three editions. Christopher Notes for March quotes a verse that will not knock you off your rocker but it might stop your rocking back and forth getting nowhere.

"I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything,
but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do.
And what I ought to do,
by God's grace, I will do."

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Student Asks For Advice.

Question: "My roommate is a backseat Catholic and like a backseat driver he tries to tell me what road to take and how to drive. But he can't drive and he doesn't know the road. . . In other words, he hasn't been to the Sacraments since New Year's."

Answer: In the final analysis it's the grace of God, not logic, that brings a convert into the Church; and once in the Church, up to the altar rail. Don't argue. Pray and give good example. Something else is wrong with him. If he has thrown away the map which will lead him back to Christ, if he calls any road the right road just because he takes it, then he is a subjectivist—and all "subjectivists" are potential heretics. Such backseat drivers are cowards at heart and too cowardly to give up "that something else that is wrong" to go along with you.