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SWEARING

There's a lot of it about. The barrier to the use of swearwords in films and television programmes and in British society was breached many years ago. But profane language still has the power to shock, and is a constant disappointment to those who prefer their entertainment and conversation couched in wholesome terms. Motion pictures frequently include profanity in the script in order to win an 'adult' rating, the better to market the film and attract a wider audience. But swear words are usually angry, and drip with misanthropy. More often than not they alienate speaker from hearer and bring down the quality of conversation by several notches.

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SHADOW AND SUBSTANCE: The Tabernacle in the Wilderness

First in an occasional series

Of all the allegories and word-pictures in the Bible, few are more interesting or more relevant to the Christian than the Tabernacle. It is a goldmine of types, of which the fulfilment, or antitypes, illuminate the salvific teachings of the New Testament, and help to fix in the mind the details of the Gospel message. Seen in this light, the Tabernacle is quite unlike the wilderness environment in which the literal Tabernacle was often situated – it need not be a dry and dusty study, but one alive with meaning for the present and the future of the Christian and will reward attention. We will start off with a quick overview of the structure and elaborate on related aspects in subsequent articles.

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In the Rear-View Mirror

'[C]hampions of an Arab Palestine have always argued that the Jews, by stealth, cunning, propaganda, and foreign help, took "their state" – as well as their homes and farmsteads – away from them. In reality, no such state ever existed, and part of the much buffeted, tyrannized, and misruled Palestinian population of 1948 deprived themselves of their homes by panic flight. The sufferings of these half-million Palestinian Arabs, and of their children, have been wretched in the extreme. So have the sufferings of myriad Jews during the past two thousand years. But there is little purpose in setting these sufferings off against each other; they are part of the aggregate of unhappiness of the peoples of the Middle East' – Terence Prittie, *Israel: Miracle in the Desert* (published 1968, Frederick A. Praeger, Inc.), p. 222.

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It's no longer affordable, according to think-tank

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