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ACTOR TURNS TO PRIESTHOOD

Desmond Wilson, a popular actor in television series Sanford and Son, left his career as an actor three years ago, said in interview with Nation, Nairobi, recently that he did not regret having left Hollywood, to give all his time to the Lord. Why?

He said life in Hollywood was immoral and comparable to perdition for breeding sin. "Have you ever wondered why the lives of those celebrities are so tragic?" He said it was not his decision to abandon his career as an actor. "It was not a decision of my own. It was a calling, a plan of God. It was an inevitable that I am where I am now".

So, despite the glamour and the pleasures of the lucrative career, there was not ultimate satisfaction to gain it. How truly did Ali b. Abi Talib A.S. warn that 'There is no goodness in a pleasure which causes repentance and lust which ends in misery'

PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT OF EARTHQUAKE

Recent Mexico city's earthquake is taking a psychological toll on people. Dizziness and feeling earthquakes that don't happen are common complaints.

The psychologists say the impact, feelings of loss, helplessness and the lack of anyone to blame are provoking depression and aggression, shown in problems ranging from loss of sleep and appetite to some suicidal attempts.

Insomnia, diminished or increased appetite, feeling of muscular weakness, respiratory problems, digestive and intestinal disorders are the outcome of stress and fears.

This world is a place of trials and tribulations. There is a divine test of faith in any disaster. It is the true fear and remembrance of Allah that wards off any worldly fear and feeling of helplessness. How truly had the Prophet said: "Whoever does not fear Allah, he would be made by Allah to fear everything"

THE 'AIDS' SYNDROME

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) which strips away the body's ability to fight off infection is sweeping the U.S.A. and other countries. People are changing their sexual habits for fear of contracting the disease, parents keep their children out of school for fear of contagion from infected classmates.

Surveys indicate alarm over AIDS is rising and no cure is so far known and scientists are not optimistic about the chances developing a vaccine soon.

According to World Health Organization, a total of 15131 people in 43 countries had AIDS as of June 30th this year. Of these 12932 victims are in the U.S.A. where this sexually transmitted virus was first recognized in 1981. Fatality rate so far is close to 50% and is expected to rise.

In San Francisco where homosexuals abound, studies show 75 to 80% of gay men have opted for less promiscuous, safer sex lives. The city has closed its bathhouses, where gays gathered and engaged in sex. But new AIDS cases are reported in the city at the rate of two a day, deaths are more than one daily.

Evangelical preachers use AIDS to preach morality, saying it is God's curse on homosexuals; it is God's way of punishing.