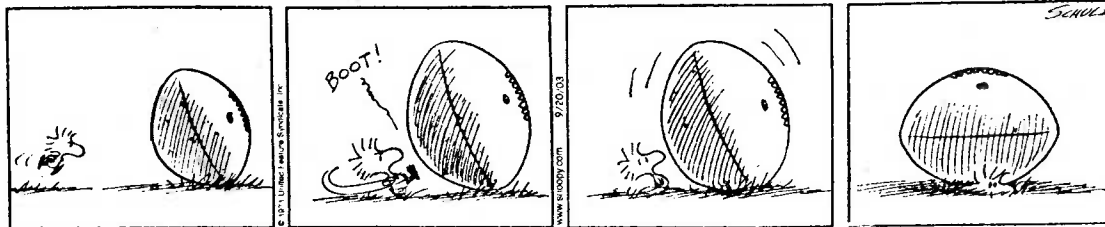


Christian conversation: cartoon #9

Maybe pagans can be content with talking about the weather, but Christians hunger for more than ephemera. Indeed, for the eternal beyond the ephemera.

PEANUTS

by Charles M. Schulz



WRITE your responses to these questions. You will be free NOT to read aloud what you've written: you will NOT be free to say anything you've not written until the leader opens the conversation.

1 In your life-story, what's the first story that popped into your mind when you read this (9.20.03) cartoon?

2 In that first story, was it you who got squashed? If so, why? If not, who & why?

3 Do you usually/sometimes/rarely think WWW (i.e., this is the way the world works)? Offer one support for your opinion.

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4 For you, does the cartoon shed any light on what happened to Jesus?

5 As a Christian, you've had access to the world's richest deposit of wisdom on how to live day by day. Of this wisdom, what is applicable to you/yours through this cartoon?

6 Does the cartoon say anything about our country's domestic & foreign policies? About our congregation? our denomination? the church in the world?

7 The gospel of triumph out of tragedy, resurrection trumping mortality, forbids us Christians to be pessimistic. How does the cartoon speak to Christian hope for us? for humanity? for the earth?

---NOTE TO THE LEADER: Ask for silence during the writing either of each question in succession (each followed by conversation) or of all before any conversation.