PRAYER. . .WHAT IS IT?

It is significant that "in early times...The Old Testament contains no general term for prayer...

However there are two classic definitions: "Speaking to God" (or Christ) has been a spontaneous definition since Apostolic times. Undue stress on "lifting up our hearts to God", may easily obscure the fact we meet God in the man Jesus Christ...

PRAYER IS...The great religious act. Listening is an integral part.

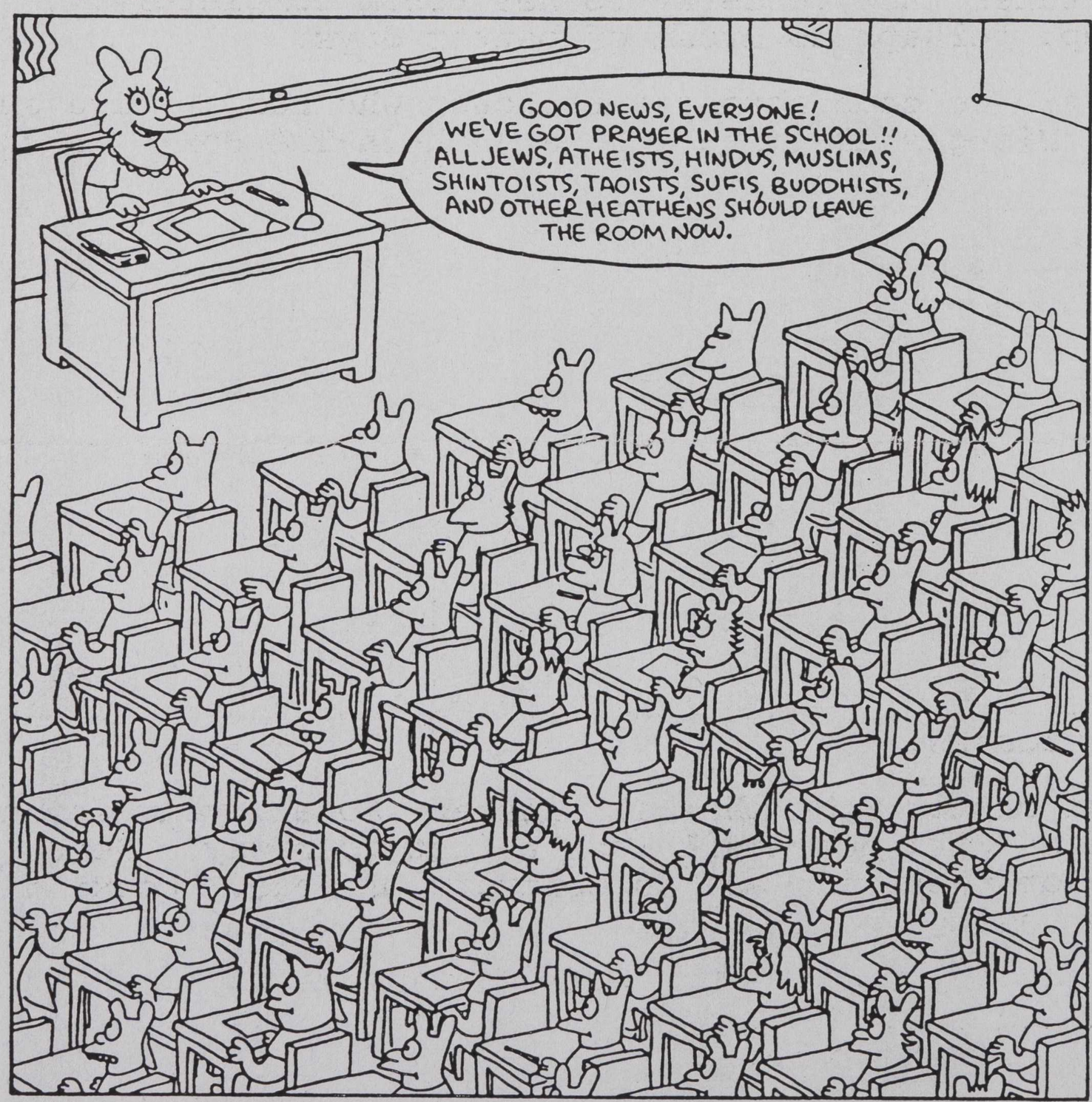
Prayer, constituting as it does the most direct expression of religious feeling and consciousness has been, from the very first, the principle means by which men and women created in the image of God, have evinced their attitude toward Him; from earliest times...*"men began to call upon the name of the Lord." Genesis 4:26*

Let not our prayers die while our Intercessor lives. *Anon.*

Prayer is much more difficult than saying words to God.

Our prayers must mean something to us if they are to mean anything to God. *Maltbie D. Babcock*

Prayer is the sweat of the soul. *Luther*



Prayer is something more than asking God to run errands for us. *Anon*

Prayer is not monologue, but dialogue; God's voice in response to mine is its most essential part. Listening to God's voice is the secret of the assurance that He will listen to mine.

I have lived to thank God that all my prayers have not been answered.
Jean Ingelow

God shapes the world by prayer.
E.M. Gounds

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