

# Signs of the Times

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Machine gun companies held in readiness during the first great general strike ever tried out in America. Seattle recently emerged from days of complete paralysis as a result of a strike of all the unions of the city. Mayor Ole Hanson armed ex-soldiers and increased the police force. As a consequence, there was no violence.

## Have War's Lessons Been in Vain?

*A Resumé of 1918, an Appraisal of Peace Plans, and the Outlook*

By ALBERT E. PLACE

**I**N the language of Scripture, 1918 was a year of calamity and casualty in the heavens above, in the earth beneath, and in the waters under the earth. It was a year of climaxes and paradoxes,—climaxes in loyalty and disloyalty, bravery and cowardice, justice and grossest injustice; but out of all the disloyalty, cowardice, and injustice, a divine hand has brought forth great blessings to humanity. Thrones have fallen, and crowns have been destroyed. The corner stone of imperialistic autocracy has been thrown down. During 1918, the call was heard for the gathering of the greatest conference of the greatest number of master minds ever called in the history of nations. President Wilson styles it "the supreme council in the history of mankind."

Never before in the history of nations were such weighty, deep, and far-reaching problems programmed, touching the relations between nations, as are being considered at the peace table. If these men shall accomplish what they plan, then the brightest light from The Hague will fade to the light of a toy candle before these results.

1918, together with its three preceding brothers in sorrow, manifested another climax in loyalty, bravery, and sacrifice on the part of army and navy "over there" and of men, women, and children in the homeland.

Never have forces of great nations worked more harmoniously and agreeably together, and never has the bond of

friendship and fraternalism been more seemingly manifested than to-day.

Perhaps never before have the evidences been clearer than now, that a divine providence has been over this great nation from its beginning, and in spite of all our mistakes and wrongs, we have been able not only to teach but to demonstrate to many nations of the world the value of democracy, or "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

We have been fitted to step in at the hour of the world's crisis and assist in turning the awful tide of imperialistic force, and to stretch out our hands filled with help to suffering, starving humanity; and to-day the word of this nation has weight in the world's council.

Last, but not least, during the childhood days of this new year, we have been able to say, with a nearly unanimous voice of the states in this Union, "John Barleycorn must go."

And what has been accomplished by the church in all lands? I answer, In spite of the supreme handicaps of this awful war, never has the work of Christian missions and world evangelism had such an impetus as during the past four years; and the cry to-day is, "Delay shall be no longer."

Never before has such a significant prophetic conference, for the emphasizing of the imminence of the personal coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, been held as that recently held in New York City. Never before have the significant Bible expressions "Armageddon" and "new heavens and new earth"



been so often on the pens and on the lips of editors and statesmen as during the past four years.

Never before has the world heard such a general and persistent demand for peace as it is hearing to-day.

Never before has humanity so often heard the significant question, "What do these things mean?"

I ask you to-day, What *do* they mean? I answer, They mean that the eternal God has commanded the angels to hold the winds of war for a time, that the citizens of His Coming Kingdom may be made up.

If this be true—and I most firmly believe it—then never has there been a more vital moment to the church of God than now, and never will there be another time so favorable for finishing the work of God in the world as during the days of this year. I repeat, The slogan of every child of God to-day should be, "Delay shall be no longer."

#### THE SAME OLD CRUTCHES

It would be agreeable to learn only this bright side for our consideration. But this is impossible; for there is another side, and every man should face it, and prepare to meet it.

The Peace Council aims to make war impossible. The great cry to-day is for peace; but what is the basis?—Organization, international agreement, and arbitrament. I certainly would not belittle the work or the plans of the great minds at the table; but in the language of another I say: "All these plans are based upon the fallacy that man can work out his own salvation through natural laws, and that sin and eternal peace can be coexistent. . . . We are endeavoring to heal the sore without destroying the germ."

Peace and unity in religion is also the cry; but again it is by organization, federation, and law.

Never has there been such a time for organizations, associations, federations, confederations, trusts, combines, as to-day. One author, speaking on this subject, says, "The word 'trust' should mean confidence; but perhaps never was it more true than to-day that every trust distrusts every other trust."

The prophet, looking to this day, testifies: "Associate yourselves, . . . and ye shall be broken in pieces; . . . gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. . . . Say ye *not*, A confederacy. . . . Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear. . . . And He shall be for a sanctuary." Isaiah 8: 9-14.

The whole history of the past is a continued testimony to the truth that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." And the only hope for the world or the church to-day is not more law, more organization, but more of the Spirit of God, which destroys the war spirit, and brings a lasting peace.

I repeat, The year 1918 was a year of awful calamity.

First, earthquakes. Great cities have fallen, and scores of persons are dead as a result.

Second, fires, uncontrollable and unquenchable. I refer, as illustration, to the great fire of the Northwest, which swept over great sections of forest and farm. Pastures, with horses, cattle, and sheep; great fields of grain; beautiful farm residences; men, and women, and children, were destroyed by the besom of devouring fire, which no power could control. Hundreds of lives were lost in the flames, in the rivers, in cellars and wells.

Third, plague. A calamitous plague has swept through our land and the world. More of our soldiers succumbed to it than to German bullets and gas bombs. The appalling statement is made that the number of fatalities in the United States alone is about 500,000. Think of it—half a million; and "the seven last plagues" have not yet begun.

Fourth, war, the climax of the most tragic war of history, a war in which practically ten million men, the flower of the century, paid the supreme sacrifice. Think of the "gold stars" in the sad homes to-day. And think of the sad hearts without homes and without a window or a star. Think of the many without even a star of hope.

Fifth, strikes. In spite of all the calls to loyalty, in the interests of national and world crisis, the old year has been a year of strikes and revolt, rapine and pillage, atrocities and animosities, beyond the power of tongue or pen to portray.

I ask you, Did all these die with the old year? Will they pass away with the signing of a league of nations?

A league will doubtless be formed that may repress war among nations for a time; and for that purpose, it should be lauded and upheld. But what league can control the spirit which to-day unfurls the red flag in the very face of the Peace Conference?

#### JUSTICE ON THE DISTANT HORIZON

What organization can put to silence the awful spirit of unrest and the sense of injustice extant to-day?

I speak of injustice through gross profiteering of rich men against the poor. I am not speaking against rich men or riches generally, but against that class of rich men who profiteer "when the world is bleeding." I speak of the injustice wrought by the strong against the weak. I refer to the injustice of courts of law, of long promised and long delayed legislation.

I have no "red flag," and I am not an alarmist. I stand with the apostle James, as recorded in his fifth chapter, when, after portraying these very last-day scenes, he writes, "Be patient therefore, . . . unto the coming of the Lord." But I can and will ask you, in the words of Jesus Christ, "Can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

A few nights ago the entire tramway in Denver was tied up for over four

hours. The *Post* came out next day with an editorial, the substance of which was: "Boys, this is not the way to get what you want. Let the courts settle this matter." The next day, scores of letters were sent to the editor, and the pith of those letters was, "Please look up the telephone legislation, and see how long we have been waiting for the courts to act." Next day, another editorial came out, acknowledging that the people had been waiting over six and one half years for the courts to settle a matter more vital to the people than the tramway's increase in fares. This is only a little side light; but I must leave this phase by referring you to words of the prophet Isaiah which seem to have a wonderful fulfillment to-day: "Judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off." Isaiah 59: 14, 15.

What do these things mean? Do they mean peace, and a glorious millennium? One hundred thirty-five thousand men are out of employment in twenty-one cities of this country now, and other thousands are returning from the trenches and the camps each month. I ask again, What do these things mean? Will you call me pessimistic if I say they are signals, trumpet calls for Armageddon not many years hence?

Never was there a company of people who needed to pray to the God who "ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will," more than the men who are now at the peace table in France. No men ever needed the prayers of Christian men and women more than those men need them at this time. Never was it more necessary for the church of God to cry to the Infinite One to "hold the winds of strife till the gospel shall be preached to every man. Do you have power with God? Then *pray*, and begin *now*."

But, I am asked, what is the hope for the future, if things are as you portray them? I answer, the hope of the future is the hope of the past. The only hope this old world ever had, or ever can have, is "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever." The only lasting peace this world can know is the peace in the soul of the individual who trusts for salvation not in the organizations of this world, but in the promise and power of this Prince of peace. It is a blessed peace, and a blessed hope. It is backed up by all the fulfilled pledges of the eternal God through all past ages, reinforced by the scenes of Gethsemane and Calvary.

This is the message that Jesus Christ desires us to carry to every man's door to-day. This is the message that all heaven is waiting for us to take to the ends of the earth as the balm of Gilead to a troubled, bleeding, dying world.

What will the answer of 1919 be to this call and this great responsibility?

A PROPENSITY to hope and joy is real riches; one to fear and sorrow, real poverty.—*Hume*.

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# No One Man Can Rule the Earth

*The successor of the present nations of earth is the kingdom of Jesus Christ.*

By ASA T. ROBINSON



*"From childhood, I have been under the influence of five men—Alexander, Julius Caesar, Theodoric Second, Frederick the Great, and Napoleon. Each of these men dreamed a dream of world empire—they failed. I am dreaming a dream of German world empire—and my mailed fist shall succeed."*

**T**HE German Thor dreamed of driving an indefinitely expanding wedge through the European-Asiatic continent. . . . The great Slav world was to be thrust back to the frozen north and the Yellow Sea; Great Britain, in Egypt, to be left isolated in the south for subsequent treatment at a more favorable moment. Meanwhile all the Balkan peoples were to be obliterated. It was to be the re-creation of Alexander's Empire."—*World's Work*, June, 1916.

"When England . . . loses India, then her world power will be broken. The ancient highroad of the world is the one which leads from Europe to India—the road used by Alexander—the highway which leads from the Danube by way of Constantinople to the valley of the Euphrates, and by northern Persia, Herat, and Kabul to the Ganges. Every yard of the Bagdad railway that is laid brings the owner of that railway nearer to India. What Alexander performed, and Napoleon undoubtedly planned, can

be achieved by a third, treading in their footsteps."—Herr Tramps (Stuttgart, 1915).

"The plans for the domination of Germany over the Turkish empire comprised the formation of an enormous German-Mussulman empire, extending from the Scheldt to the Persian Gulf. Such an empire, which appears in the dreams of Pan-Germans, as a new caliphate by which, by historic analogy, the name 'Caliphate of Berlin' would be adopted is, according to them, to strike a mortal blow at the historic existence of Russia and Great Britain. It is a terrifying dream, but God is merciful."—Speech in the Russian Duma, quoted in *World's Work*, June, 1916.

"Whatever else the German empire could rightfully claim, she would at all events insist, in any peace congress, on securing a counterpart of England's India. The coveted counterpart would be Asia Minor and Mesopotamia."—Herr H. Dulbrück, in "Legacies of Bismarck."

"If the kaiser had succeeded in organizing the 'holy war' which he dreamed of, aligning sixty-seven millions of Mohammedans in India with the Mohammedans of Turkey against the allies, he might have carried his scheme for world domination."—Bishop Warne, returned missionary from India, quoted in the *Boston Post*, Sunday, May 2, 1918.

"From childhood, I have been under the influence of five men—Alexander, Julius Caesar, Theodoric Second, Frederick the Great, and Napoleon. Each of these men dreamed a dream of world empire—they failed. I am dreaming a dream of German world empire—and my mailed fist shall succeed."—Kaiser Wilhelm.

Sifted of all side issues, as shown in the above quotations, and scores of others that might be cited, it is now clear to the whole world that the real cause of the recent great world war was a deep-laid scheme on the part of the German war lords to set up a world rulership. All such dreams have miserably failed, and the erstwhile powerful kaiser has

been suddenly awakened from his dreaming, to the realities of the situation, and finds himself an exile—exiled from his native land, exiled from the heart of the world.

## THE KAISER'S FAILURE PREDICTED FOUR MILLENNIUMS AGO

More than twenty-four hundred years before the birth of the former German kaiser, Nebuchadnezzar, king of the ancient Babylonian empire, had a remarkable dream, recorded in the second chapter of Daniel's prophecy. The dream itself, though leaving a vivid impression on his mind, entirely passed from his memory. The record states that "in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him." Daniel 2:1.

Living in Babylon at that time were various classes of so-called wise men, who pretended to be able, by various arts, to unveil the secrets of the future. In his anxiety, "the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to show the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king." Verse 2.

The king then told them of his perplexity concerning the dream. They said, "Tell thy servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation." But the king replied, "The thing is gone from me." He threatened these men with severe penalties if they failed to make known the dream and the interpretation, and gifts and rewards and great honor in case they did make known the dream and the interpretation. In reply to their further plea that the king tell them the dream, he told them that if they could tell the dream which had gone from his memory, this would be an assurance that they could tell the interpretation. He charged these men with duplicity, and that they were seeking to gain time, in order that they might palm off an answer that would



A view of Constantinople, the great crossroads of empires. It was through this gateway that the late kaiser sought to extend his kingdom of world domination. "The ancient highroad of the world is one that leads from the Danube by way of Constantinople to the valley of the Euphrates."



satisfy the king. He reminded them that he was only asking of them what their profession called for; and when they confessed their inability to show the king's matter, he was "angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon."

Daniel, one of the Hebrew captives, on passing his final examination in the school to which the king had appointed him, had been found to be "ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all the king's realm." When the king summoned the wise men of Babylon to make known his dream, it seems that Daniel was providentially overlooked. When the decree went forth to slay all the wise men of Babylon, the executioners "sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain." This apparently was the first knowledge Daniel had of the matter. At his request, he was brought before the king, after the king's dream had been miraculously revealed to him in answer to the prayers of Daniel and his companions.

#### THE FUTURE IN TWO PARAGRAPHS

"Thou, O king," said Daniel, "sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." Verses 31-35.

A remarkable dream, surely! What can be represented by this great image, composed of metals ranging in value from gold to iron, and then iron mixed with clay? Let Daniel, to whom God had revealed this dream and its meaning, answer.

"This is the dream," says Daniel; "and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And whosoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath He given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be

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## Assuming the Priesthood of Christ

*Are priests on earth, or intermediaries between man and God, justifiable?*

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THE New Testament forbids that any human being should stand as priest at an earthly sacrificial altar.

In the typical service of the Levitical order, men were called to priestly ministry. It was no longer so after the great antitypical Sacrifice was offered.

"The [Levitical] law appointeth men high priests, having infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was after the law, appointeth a Son, perfected forevermore." Hebrews 7:28.

Not any man, but the divine Son alone, is appointed of God to the priestly office. No human intermediaries have place in the divine plan.

"For there is one God, one Mediator also between God and men, Himself man, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all." 1 Timothy 2:5, 6.

No man on earth holds any key of access to this High Priest of ours. He knows every heart and its every need, and calls from heaven:

"I know thy works (behold, I have set before thee a door opened, which none can shut)." Revelation 3:8.

It is the same voice that cries through the Gospels, "Come unto Me." Every effort of Inspiration is to turn our eyes from the earthly to the heavenly. Discussing the whole range of the mediatorial system, the author of the epistle to the Hebrews says:

"Now in the things which we are saying the chief point is this: We have such a high priest, who sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man." Hebrews 8:1, 2.

"And now before His Father's face  
His precious blood He pleads;  
For those who seek the throne of grace  
His love still intercedes."

No place is found for any priestly service on earth. It is not in temples or at altars made with hands, but in the true tabernacle above, which the Lord pitched, and not man, that the availing ministry is performed. Man's hand cannot touch it.

#### A DAILY MINISTRATION ON EARTH SUPERFLUOUS

The Church of Rome has introduced the doctrine of earthly priests, serving at earthly altars, offering continual sacrifice, day by day, even as in the Levitical typical service. Thus one English writer, a Catholic, the Rev. W. J. Kelley, puts it:

"As there is never a moment of the day or night when the mass is not being offered in some part or other of the world, so there is never a moment when the divine Victim sacrificed on Calvary ceases to be in a state of immolation."—"The Veiled Majesty," page 272 (Washbourne, London).

This doctrine of the daily sacrifice on earthly altars is directly negated by the Scripture:

"Who needeth not daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first

for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people: for this He did once for all, when He offered up Himself." Hebrews 7:27.

There needed to be no repetition—"once for all" the divine sacrifice was made, "perfected forevermore."

The sacrificial service that must needs be repeated every day—as the Roman Catholic teaches it—is declared by Scripture as never availing to take away sin:

"Every priest indeed standeth day by day ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, the which can never take away sins: but He, when He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God." Hebrews 10:11, 12.

#### ANY OTHER PRIEST SPURIOUS

It is to this once-for-all sacrifice, and this one-Mediator ministry in heaven, that Inspiration continually turns our thoughts. At every point, Holy Scripture seems to be putting us on our guard, and forewarning us against the doctrine that was to come, introducing an earthly priesthood and an earthly altar between the sinner and his Saviour.

Paul and Peter and James and John, and all the apostles and evangelists of the New Testament story, were sent out to bear witness to this priesthood of Christ in heaven, not to act themselves as priests on earth. In fact, of Jesus Himself it was written:

"Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all." Hebrews 8:4.

The only place for a priestly service in the New Testament teaching is in heaven. It is to that altar above that we present ourselves day by day, remembering the Saviour's promise that he who comes to Him He would in no wise cast out. By faith we enter the open door that no man can shut. Unworthy we are; but in our need, we come boldly, with full assurance that no repentant sinner ever yet was refused the pardon that is offered there without price.

"Having then a great High Priest, who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but One that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need." Hebrews 4:14-16.

The exhortation to draw near directs attention to the High Priest in heaven and to the throne of the heavenly grace.





*"The trail of the serpent can be plainly discerned all the way along through the wicked and deceptive work of spiritualism."*

# THE TRAIL OF THE SERPENT

*The testimony of a spiritualist of thirty-six years' experience compared with the testimony of the Scriptures.*

By ARCHER V. COTTON

ventism. Either these dead men came and communicated with Jesus, or the Bible does not tell the truth."

This quotation assumes that Elijah, when taken to heaven in a chariot of fire, was "cremated"; which, to say the least, is assuming considerable, just as though the Lord had to make a martyr of him and put him to death before He could take him to heaven. From the plain statements of the Scriptures, there can be in the mind of any believer of the Bible no doubt that Moses and Elijah actually appeared to Jesus on the mount of transfiguration; but to assume that they were the "spirits" of Moses and Elijah is to disregard the explicit utterances of the Word.

## MOSES RESURRECTED BODILY—ELIJAH TRANSLATED

Elijah was taken to heaven in bodily form, and Elisha was a witness to the event. 2 Kings 2:11-13. Elijah is one of the few who have been translated.

"Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to

angel, when contending with the devil He disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee." Jude 9. This verse sets forth the fact that Moses was resurrected, and that the devil sought to prevent it, and in return received rebuke from God.

We may rightly conclude that Moses was taken to heaven in a bodily form, of the same sort that every resurrected righteous being will have. We are told that they "shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." 1 Corinthians 15:52, 53. Thus the Word of God plainly declares that it is at the resurrection, and only then, that we can have immortality; so when Moses was resurrected, he put on immortality. Elijah received his immortality when he was translated to heaven, just the same as will all the righteous living who are translated at the second coming of Christ. 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

The foregoing citations, I am sure, will convince any candid reader that Moses and Elijah appeared to Jesus on the mount in immortalized bodies.

## A TREMENDOUS DECEPTION

The most tremendous deception in heathenism, and in all the other false religions in this world, finds expression in the belief that when man dies, he enters a higher sphere and retains his consciousness. There are two great forces working in this world; namely, good and evil. The devil is at the head of all evil propaganda. He in person—for he is a person—opposes Christ, who is working for good.

With the devil are associated his colleagues, the evil angels (Revelation 12:9), who have great power. These angels were at one time perfect in character; but they chose the side of wrong, and with the devil, their leader, who before his fall was called Lucifer, were cast out of heaven. They still retain much of their former power, however, which is used by them to deceive; and in the form of dead friends or relatives, they appear to be ministers of righteousness. 2 Corinthians 11:14, 15. They are ever with us, seeking to destroy. Revelation 12:12-15. They are acquainted with us, and with our manner of living; and after we have died, they are able to impersonate us, as was done in the case of Samuel, through the witch of Endor, when Saul endeavored to communicate with the prophet after the Lord had rejected Saul. 1 Samuel 28:3-20. The Lord caused Saul to be slain for seeking counsel of a familiar spirit. 1 Chronicles 10:13. If anybody wants to know what the Lord thinks of spiritualism and those who follow it, let



*Buddha, the founder of Oriental heathenism, occupies a place in the celestial world much higher than that occupied by God's own Son, according to the revelators of spiritualism.*

THERE has been, during the past four years, a very pronounced revival of interest in what is commonly called spiritualism. Through its agency, there have been some truly remarkable manifestations, which have served to command the interest and thought of people in many walks of life. It is sweeping aside the old ideas of orthodoxy from the religiously inclined, and skepticism from the refined and learned. Much space is given to it by the public press, and thousands are investigating it in the hope of being able to communicate with those snatched away by death.

About a year ago the writer gave a lecture in the city of Detroit, in which spiritualism was discussed from the standpoint of the Holy Scriptures. That lecture called forth a reply in the form of a brochure written by a leader of the spiritualists in the city. According to his testimony, he has been thirty-six years a spiritualist teacher and leader. His interpretations of various portions of the Scripture is fairly representative of spiritualistic teaching; and in this article, it is my purpose to compare a few of their teachings with the Word of God.

"Matthew 17:1-10; Mark 9:1-14; and Luke 9:28-38, all three gospel writers, tell us that Moses and Elias, two men who had been dead for centuries, appeared, talked to Jesus, and were seen by Peter, James, and John, His three disciples. The Bible says so, and your religion says the Bible is true; but your religion also says, 'The dead know not anything.' So you, sir, cannot accept this Bible statement and be a good Adventist, and you cannot deny these Bible statements and be a good Christian. Isn't this true? And does it not place you in a peculiar and embarrassing position? You cannot accept both and remain consistent with reason. Both cannot conform with the teachings of Ad-

the word of the Lord. And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulcher unto this day." Deuteronomy 34:5, 6. Moses paid the penalty for his sin at the waters of Meribah (Numbers 20), and as a lesson for Israel, laid down his life, and the Lord buried him. God did not, however, allow His servant to remain in the grave indefinitely; for at a subsequent time, he was resurrected. "Yet Michael the Arch-



him read the following scriptures: Deuteronomy 18: 14; Leviticus 19: 31; Isaiah 8: 19.

Spiritualists deny, of course, that the devil is the author of their teaching, and that his is the unseen hand behind their wonders and miracles; and so they deny the existence of the devil.

#### SPIRITUALISTS DENY THEIR LEADER

"We spiritualists have great doubts about there being a personal devil. Our friend seems quite confident there is one and that he impersonates spirits to deceive us. Has he ever seen the devil? Has any one ever seen him with any but the eyes of imagination? In Sir Oliver Lodge's book 'Raymond,' page 353, a spirit message is recorded that was written through the hand of the Rev. Stainton Moses (M. A. Oxon, as known to spiritualists the world over), which says: 'Cease to be perplexed by thoughts of an imagined devil. For the truthful soul there is no devil nor Prince of evil such as theology has feigned. We think there is no devil but the one created in the minds of men.'"

"The Christian devil is a myth born of ignorance and superstition, bolstered up by witchcraft, nursed and nourished by credulity and fear. Consequently his supposed service has been of untold value in keeping the innocent victims of superstition under church dominance and control throughout the past ages. But Adventism will have to invent some newer scarecrow in order to frighten enlightened people of this twentieth century away from the greatest and most profound truth and spiritual revelation

the world has ever known, namely, modern spiritualism."

The devil of the Holy Scriptures is far from being a scarecrow, but is a real, tangible being; and if we believe that Jesus is the Christ, we are bound to believe there is a personal devil, for He testified of him.

"Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. . . . Then the devil taketh Him up into the holy city, and setteth Him upon a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto Him, If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth Him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto Him." Matthew 4: 1-11.

The following statement by Jesus will also reveal that Satan is the author of

deception: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8: 44.

The author of deception is by Jesus declared to be a murderer; and he, a murderer and deceiver, is the founder of spiritualism. For obvious reasons, it is easy to understand why the devil does not want people to believe in his personality, and least of all, those who are the pliant tools in his master deception—modern spiritualism.

#### AS OLD AS SIN

There is nothing new about spiritualism. It is as old as sin, and it has found a place in every varying form of heathenism. The only thing "modern" about it is its revival among many so-called Christian sects, and the readiness with which people of culture and learning have become its willing dupes. Those who are looking for proofs in the form of miracles and wonderful manifestations are good candidates for spiritualism. Hard-headed scientists are becoming its staunchest supporters.

He who has implicit faith in the Bible will take warning and not be deceived. "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Revelation 12: 12. "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the

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## DO YOU KNOW THAT

—Millions of people travel on the railways in India in the course of a year?

—Railway travel in India is ridiculously cheap when compared with fares in America and Europe?

—There are several thousand miles more of railway lines in India than there are in the United Kingdom?

—A great majority of the railway employees are Indians, and that you can travel sometimes hundreds of miles on the railway without seeing a European, and that a great many of the station masters, telegraph clerks, engine drivers, and guards are Indians?

—The postal system in India is excellent, and is about the cheapest in the world, and that you can send a letter to any part of India for one cent, and a post card for half a cent, and that the great majority of the officials of the postal system are Indians?

—There is an excellent V. P. P. (value payable post) system in India, whereby you can order goods by post, and pay for them when the postman sets them down at the door?

—The Indian telegraph system reaches out and connects even the thousands of little "jungle" villages in many cases?

—The British government has spent millions sterling on building canals to open up desert tracts of land to cultivation, and that India has had the benefit of the labors of some of Britain's best engineers?

—Thousands of "nomads" who were formerly cattle thieves, and sometimes something worse, are now well-to-do settlers on the land as a result of irrigation?

—The British government has established agricultural and other colleges to teach the people how to till their land properly?

—There is a post office savings bank in practically every fair sized village, and that the people can not only deposit their money, but can also borrow money at a two-per-cent interest from government, so as to save them from the clutches of the native money lenders?

—There are 1,500,000 Indians in the civil service, and only 10,000 Europeans, and that every one of these government servants, down to the humblest chuprassy that stands as doorkeeper before the office door, will receive a pension?

—All retired soldiers in India receive a pension, and that thousands of acres of land are now being set apart in the Punjab as grants to the Indian soldiers who have done their "bit" in the world war?

—The British government has spent vast sums on humanitarian work in India, and that quinine and other medicines are given free to the poor people, and that the government sends out doctors to vaccinate for smallpox and inoculate for plague?

—There are three Pasteur Institutes in India, so situated that people bitten by mad dogs may reach them before the disease develops?

—British justice in India has made it possible for all people, without distinction of caste or creed, to rise to good government positions?

—The government insures religious liberty to all men in the profession of their religion, in as far as it does not conflict with the liberties of others?

—The British government rightly considers that it is not her province to teach the people the principles of Christianity, and that as Christians, it is your duty and mine?

—It is a fact recognized by all leaders of nations, and by statesmen generally, that the work of Christian missions in heathen lands should now be pushed as never before, and that ample funds should be provided?

—As a professed Christian, you owe it to Christianity and to India to support Christian missions?

—The kingdom of Christ cannot be established until every man, woman, and child has heard the story of Jesus?

Punjab, India.

FRANK H. LOASBY.





# The Term "Israel" Signifies Character, Not Nationality



By CARLYLE B. HAYNES

**T**HE misapplication of the prophecies regarding the return of the Jews, which leads many to believe in a literal return of the Hebrews to literal Palestine before the second coming of Christ, as this theory is taught by the Prophetic Bible Conference movement, will be further apparent after a consideration of the meaning given in the Bible to the term "Israel."

The term "Israel" as used in the Scriptures is not the designation of a nation merely, but rather of a character. It has come to be applied to a race, but this is a misinterpretation. It is not so applied throughout the Scriptures. In the Bible, it is used to designate spiritual character rather than distinctive nationality or blood relationship. Any one who has that spiritual character is an Israelite, though by nationality he may be a Chinaman. This will be seen by consideration of the use of the term.

In the time of his greatest need, Jacob was met by an angel, who wrestled with him "until the breaking of the day." Genesis 32: 25-28. "And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed."

## "ISRAEL" DESCRIPTIVE OF CHARACTER

It is therefore plain that an Israelite is not a man of any certain nationality, but one who prevails with God and with men. It is a name applied not to nationality, but to character. Throughout the Bible, it is so used. In this way Paul uses the term. "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this

rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God." Galatians 6: 15, 16.

Here it seems clear that "the Israel of God" are those who have obtained the experience of becoming new creatures, the experience of conversion. Other passages support this. "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." Romans 2: 28, 29. "Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed." Romans 9: 6-8.

## NATURAL BRANCHES JEWS; GRAFTED BRANCHES CHRISTIANS

This latter passage becomes still plainer, if anything plainer should be required, when the wording of the Modern Speech New Testament is considered: "All who have sprung from Israel do not count as Israel, nor because they are Abraham's posterity do they all count as Abraham's true children; but the promise was 'Through Isaac shall that posterity be reckoned.' In other words, it is not the children by natural descent who count as God's children, but the children made such by the promise are recorded as Abraham's posterity."

The Scriptures illustrate this truth by comparing Israel to an olive tree. "The Lord called thy name, A green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult He hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken." Jeremiah 11: 16. This same comparison is used by Paul, who says: "If some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert

grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee." Romans 11: 17, 18.

"Israel" is the name of the olive tree. Some of its branches were broken off, and the branches of a wild olive tree have been grafted into the original stock, which stock is Israel. Therefore the branches that are grafted in become Israel. "Thou bearest not the root, but the root thee." The tree is Israel. And everything partaking of the root and fatness of the tree must become Israel. "Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear: for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest He also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again." Verses 19-23.

In these passages, it is made very clear that the one supreme condition upon which any one becomes an Israelite is faith, acceptance of Christ. The branches of the tree which is Israel were broken off "because of unbelief." The natural branches were the tribes of Israel. They have been broken off the stock of Israel "because of unbelief." The gentiles, those of other nationalities, have been grafted into their place "by faith," and have thus become Israel. The stock, however always remains Israel, and thus everything that is grafted into that stock becomes Israel. The branches that were broken off may be grafted back again, but this is done only as they manifest faith in Christ. The broken branches, the Jews, have ceased to be Israel, because they have



"The new Jerusalem will come down from God out of heaven and rest on the earth. At that time, an attempt will be made to take the city, by Satan."



lost their connection with the stock, which is Israel. Their place has been taken by all who have accepted Christ, who have faith in Him; and these now, no matter what their nationality may be, are Israel.

#### ISRAELITES PRODUCED BY SECOND BIRTH

The one thing, then, which makes any one an Israelite, is faith in Jesus Christ. A man may be born an Indian, a Japanese, a Chinaman, an African, or of any nation on earth; but if he has come to Christ, and has accepted Him as his personal Saviour, and has been born again, he is an Israelite. In this sense—and this is the sense of the Bible—an Israelite is a Christian, and a Christian is an Israelite. "Israel," and "the children of Christ" are synonymous. It is not the natural, the first birth, but the spiritual, the second birth, that makes one an Israelite. All who have experienced the second birth are Israelites in the true Scriptural sense.

Literal Israel, then, is only a symbol of spiritual Israel, just as literal Canaan is a symbol of the heavenly Canaan, the eternal home of the redeemed.

With this explanation which the Bible gives of true Israel, great light is thrown on the meaning of the prophecies that speak of the restoration of Israel in the last days. All these prophecies refer to spiritual Israel, not to literal Israel. They refer to the great gathering of the people of God in connection with the second coming of Christ, and their ultimate possession of the new earth, the heavenly Canaan. A literal restoration of literal Israel is not predicted in the prophecies of the Bible; and to believe in such a restoration is to be utterly led astray as to the true meaning of the prophecies.

#### SYMPATHY FOR ZIONISTS, BUT—

There may be some measure of seeming success in the Zionist movement, and in the attempts that are now being made to restore the land of Palestine to the Jewish people in order that they may once again establish a national government in their ancient land. The writer has a profound sympathy for such aspirations, just as he has for the aspirations of freedom and liberty of any oppressed people. But such a movement, even if it should fulfill the earnest hopes of the Zionists,—which is very doubtful,—would not fulfill any prophecy of the Word of God. It would not be the gathering of Israel spoken of in the prophecies of the Bible.

It is by the last message of the gospel that true Israel is now being gathered out of every nation in the world. This gathering call is sounding in all the nations of the world through the truth of this last message; and as men accept this gospel call, and are brought to Christ, they become true Israelites. And it is that Israel which is to be restored to the spiritual Canaan, the new earth.

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob received from God promises of future inheritance. These promises have not yet been fulfilled. "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say

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## "BE A MAN AND HAVE A SMOKE"

BY ANDREW C. GILBERT

HE was a doughty youth in glowing health. He had a manly step, a gentle eye, a discerning mind, a desire for learning—outstanding features prophetic of a successful career.

One day, he stopped to listen to honeyed words mingled with boyish ridicule. "Be a man, and have a smoke." To make a long, sad story short, this sincere, virtuous youth lost his grip on innocence, and yielded to temptation. He was persuaded by the siren voice of an archfiend masked in human form. He now had handled his first cigarette, and tasted a bait on a silver hook.

In a few minutes, he began to swerve under the vicious influence of the powerful poisons contained in cigarettes. His body lost its balance, his talk became rambling, he became sick. He was drunk, intoxicated by the strong narcotics found in every cigarette.

Two days later he listened to the tempter again, and indulged the presence of the "little white roll." Still later he repeated the act. Not many weeks from this, and the pernicious cigarette habit was formed and strengthened in the life of this once guileless youth. An opening bud is suddenly marred and stunted, a character is outraged. A hopeful boy enters voluntarily into ignominious slavery. Was he bound to the commands of a man, domineered by a mind capable of reason, sentiment, and feeling?—No. Were it thus, it would not be so strange. But he was bound, subjected, humiliated, by an ill looking, foul smelling weed. Day after day, he could be seen going down the street, shackled to this mighty tyrant, the cigarette.

Not many weeks passed by before his teacher saw an unfavorable change in his school work. He began to lose ground in his studies. His schoolmates, who were free boys and girls still, outdistanced him. Gradually he lost interest in his work, became discouraged, and finally he left school. What did it?—Cigarettes.

The cigarette habit deadened the finer sensibilities, and cast a cloud over his mind. Little by little, he lost the full appreciation of the politeness and refinement that surrounded his home life. A different class of social companions gradually displaced his former friends. The atmosphere of his presence was tainted with coarseness, immodesty, and impurity. What a change!

Not long after, the youth of my story fell deeper still into the wiles of temptation, dragged thither by the foul demon cigarettes, which pave the way to deepest depths of soul-destroying vices. The subtle power of strong drink secured a fatal hold upon him; and under the oppression of these two diabolic evils, cigarettes and whisky, which are under-

mining a large part of the present generation, he was carried fast down the incline leading to moral and physical degeneracy.

His step had lost its vigor, his eye its brilliance, his mind its alertness, his physical powers their endurance, his moral tone its purity and trueness. He struggled hard to be free from the bondage of evil habits and general wrongdoing; but he sadly failed, and went down in inglorious defeat, because he hoped for liberty in the promise of human help.

There is only one complete remedy in the world for such a condition of backsliding and depravity, and that is Jesus Christ, who is willing to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He who accepts Him as his helper may have full victory over every wrong habit or vice, however firmly it is seated in the individual life.

The young man of my story is sleeping now in a hopeless grave. He died a premature death, slain by a disease superinduced by a life of dissipation. He died as he lived, a victim—a slave—to cigarettes and strong drink, unholy passions, and selfish ambitions.

Any person who accepts the offers and favors of another in the form of cigarettes or tobacco in any manner is truly accepting an insult to his health and character; and the giver is assuming a



The youth of the country are being buried under drugs and narcotics; and it is truly said, "Of the many derelicts that meet our travel upon the sea of life, the most found their 'beginning of sorrows' in the cigarette."

heavy moral responsibility in bestowing gratuities of this nature. An offensive position should be maintained by every man and woman, against the cigarette evil, which is so enormous and deadly, and is working such havoc among the young men of to-day. Of the many derelicts that meet our travel upon the sea of life, the most found their "beginning of sorrows" in the cigarette.

THE church may not be perfect, many members may be faulty; but should that keep you out of the church, or prevent your doing your duty? Stay by it, and try with all your heart to make it what it ought to be, by yourself being what you ought to be.

M. A. HOLLISTER.





# EDITORIAL



## SUPREME EFFORTS FOR THE LEAGUE OF PEACE

**L**AST week we commented on the President's Boston speech as possibly marking a great epoch in American history. And may there not have been equal if not greater significance in the appearing of the President and Mr. Taft in New York on March 4 to speak from the same rostrum to an immense crowd on the subject of the League of Nations?

These two men, and many other world leaders associated with them, are possessed with supernormal intensity of sentiment concerning the establishment of a league to insure peace. It is incumbent upon us all, as well as interesting, to examine into the foundation principles of what they are doing, and the significance of what they propose.

Waiving to one side the question of politics and of purely political parties, and thinking of them as only Americans and statesmen, would there not be quite general agreement that no president has upheld the principles of American government more strongly than have Wilson and his distinguished predecessor, Mr. Taft? Their pronouncements from time to time have been based on the solid-rock principles of the American constitution, and again and again have they emphasized the importance of securing for the whole world the freedom for which this nation stands.

Speaking of the establishment of this country, the President, in his New York speech, declared: "It was set up for the benefit of mankind; it was set up to illustrate the highest ideals and to achieve the highest aspirations of men who wanted to be free; and the world—the world of to-day—believes that, and counts on us, and would be thrown back into the blackness of despair if we deserted it."

"Men who wanted to be free" were the ones who laid the foundation of this great republic; and so the President exhorted his New York audience to "stop thinking about the rival interests of nations, and think about men and women and children throughout the world."

If these principles of freedom cannot be vouchsafed to the peoples of Europe, the President said, in even more vivid sentiment than expressed in his Boston speech:

"I have felt the tragedy of the hope of those suffering peoples. It is tragedy because it is a hope which cannot be realized in its perfection. And yet I have felt besides its tragedy, its compulsion, its compulsion upon every living man to exercise every influence that he has to the utmost to see that as little as possible of that hope is disappointed; because if men cannot now, after this agony of bloody sweat, come to their self-possession and see how to regulate the affairs of the world, we will sink back into a period of struggle in which there will be no hope and therefore no mercy."

The President, without mentioning any names, held up to burning contempt those who, as he expressed it, were devoting themselves to the "setting up of a doctrine of careful selfishness." And concerning the much discussed "entangling alliances," the President affirmed for the proposed League of Nations that it was "an arrangement which will disentangle all the alliances in the world. Nothing entangles, nothing enmeshes a man except a selfish combination with somebody else. Nothing entangles a nation, hampers it, binds it, except to enter into a combination with some other nation against the other nations of the world. And this great disentanglement of all alliances is now to be accomplished by this covenant, because one of the covenants is that no nation shall enter into any relationship with another nation inconsistent with the covenants of the League of Nations. Nations promise not to have alliances. Nations promise not to make combinations against each other. Nations agree that there shall be but one combination, and that is the combination of all against the wrongdoers."

The faith the President has in the common people was presented as follows: "Men have at last perceived that the only permanent thing in the world is the right, and that a wrong settlement is bound to be a temporary settlement—bound to be a temporary settlement for the very best reason of all, that it ought to be a temporary settlement, and the spirits of men will rebel against it, and the spirits of men are now in the saddle."

The determined energy with which world leaders are taking hold of the proposition to secure perpetual peace is full of significance and encouragement. And not the least encouraging part of it is the fact that the present leaders of the movement are working upon the sound principle of making it purely a political matter; they are not combining with the state the church element, as so many are insisting upon having them do, and are therefore working to eliminate the great danger that comes from bigotry and oppression when church and state are united.

We are persuaded, however, from the study of such prophecies as the second chapter of Isaiah and the fourth of Micah, that before we are through with this matter, we shall have a League of Nations not only with a religious background, but with a religious sentiment all the way through. It is true that many have read these prophecies with the thought that they predict something God Himself will do. But if you will



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The living seal of the Eleventh Division, known as the Lafayette Division. Fifteen thousand men formed this great seal at Camp Meade, in Maryland. An idea of the size of the seal can be obtained when it is known that the Y in "Lafayette" is 225 feet, and all formed of men. Major General J. McI. Carter, commander, and his staff, are standing in the front row, in the bust of the seal.

take the pains to read the words closely, you will see that the prophet is not only foretelling things that God will do, but he is also announcing what many of the people themselves will be saying in the last days.

Men in this time are in such utter despair, and they are so horrified by what the modern war does in the way of destruction, that they are turning with determination toward some kind of international organization that will forever prevent the recurrence of the bloody scenes of the past four years. But we must not lose sight of the fact that while these present efforts are doubtless designed by the heavenly Father to give us a little time of peace in which to finish His great gospel message to the world, yet all such plans are dependent for their success upon no greater strength or assurance than that of finite, sinful man.

We are living in a period when society, is more broken up and turbulent than ever before in all the history of the world.



Numerous prophecies point to this very generation in which we are living as "the time of the end." And the prophet affirms that in this time, "many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but they that are wise shall understand." Daniel 12:10.

Many will be purified and made white with refinement. Hence the prophet foretells the strong characters that will stand for the right and for justice. But on the other hand, do not fail to note that he predicts that in the selfsame time, the wicked will be doing wickedly, and none of them will understand. Hence, while living in this time when mighty men of earth in whom we have confidence have done their utmost to still the stormy waves of revolution and anarchy, we must

not allow ourselves to sink in discouragement because they may appear to be unsuccessful.

God is always working with those who stand for right and justice and peace. And just when the forces of anarchy may appear for the time to be triumphant, the great God Himself will arise to settle the controversy forever, and then Jesus will be seen coming in the clouds of heaven.

Study the conditions of this time closely in the light of the inspired Word. That Word has thrown the illuminative rays of prophecy upon the present events that are filling so many brave hearts with distress; and if the things that are now threatening the world are seen through that light, instead of perplexity and sadness, the heart is filled with a joy and hope that no language can describe.

## People Say Peace; the Bible Says War

BY CALVIN P. BOLLMAN

THE Bible not only gives warning of universal war just before the second coming of Christ, but it tells likewise of the great peace movements of which we are now hearing so much, especially in connection with the League of Nations to prevent war.

Writing of conditions that were to prevail in the church just before the end of the world, the apostle says:

"Yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." 1 Thessalonians 5:2, 3.

In saying this, the apostle was simply putting into other phrase the words of Isaiah, who foretold the great modern peace movement in these words:

"It shall come to pass in the last days, that . . . many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Isaiah 2:2-4.

Observe that this is what "many people shall go and say." And it is just what many people were saying before the outbreak of the recent great war, and what many people are still saying, only in concrete and intensified form. "This," say they, "is the last war. Now we shall have no more war."

The prophet Micah not only foretells the words of the people, almost exactly as does Isaiah, but he tells something more. Not only do the people attribute to the Lord their own predictions of peace, and of good times generally, saying, "The mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it" (Micah 4:4), but they add also on their own account this significant statement:

"For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever." Verse 5.

What the Lord does say in this connection, as recorded by Micah, is:

"I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the Lord shall reign over them in Mount Zion from henceforth, even forever. And thou, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the



## Heralds of the King

By MRS. L. D. AVERY-STUTTLE

HERALDS of God, draw nigh!  
Shout till old earth shall ring!  
Come from the blazing sky,  
Ye heralds of the King!  
Chariots of God appear,  
With horsemen of the skies—  
Nearer and yet more near—  
Swift as the lightning flies.

"Caves of the hoary deep,  
Yield up that precious trust!"  
Quick from the billows sweep  
The resurrected just.  
Swift as on angel's wing,  
Up to the heavens they fly.  
"O death, where is thy sting?"  
Victorious they cry.

O mighty Conqueror, come,  
And end earth's din and strife!  
Thy children cry for home  
And life—eternal life.  
Oh, come! We wait for Thee  
To bid earth's wars to cease.  
We wait the jubilee,  
The glorious reign of peace.

daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem." Verses 7, 8.

Again, in another prophecy, the Lord tells in no uncertain tones what will be in the last days. At the very time when many nations are predicting lasting peace, and boasting of the good times coming, the Lord says:

"Proclaim ye this among the gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause Thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord. Let the heathen [gentiles] be weakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen [gentiles] round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." Joel 3:9-14.

And that is just what we are seeing to-day. The nations desire peace, seek peace, talk peace, but at the same time are either engaged in war or are preparing for it on a big scale.

Ex-president Taft says that the new League of Nations has no "bite," meaning, of course, that it is powerless to enforce its decrees. Admiral Mayo tells a committee of Congress that "the League of Nations is rapidly getting down to a sewing circle, with no means of enforcement and no international police force. Now is the time," he adds, "to go to the limit in expanding our navy." (Washington Post, January 31, 1919.)

### PEACE TALK DROWNED BY WAR'S ROAR

The truth is that while men desire peace, they do not trust one another, and no nation dares to disarm in the face of possible developments.

It was in 1899 that the first Peace Conference of the nations was called by the late Nicholas II of Russia. This conference failed to achieve any limitation of armaments, but made some apparent progress in other directions. The second conference was held in 1907. It was attended by representatives of forty-four states; but as "Nelson's Encyclopedia" (article "Hague Peace Conference") says, "Aside from the convention limiting the employment of force for the recovery of contract debts, the new conventions of 1907 seek to regulate war rather than to prevent it."

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# THERE IS RELIGION IN FOOD

IN THREE PARTS—PART THREE



*The question of vegetarianism and meat eating considered under six divisions.*

By H. S. ANDERSON

FROM the earliest impressions of childhood, many have received the idea that the most important article of diet is animal flesh, and that a person cannot possibly be vigorous without a moderate if not a liberal quantity of this sort of food. In the case of most of us, this idea has been accepted without question or thought, and probably it has never been challenged.

Living, as we are, in times of world food scarcity and soaring prices, times when "food conservation" is the watchword, and physical fitness the goal, it would seem an opportune moment for the sweeping away of the "camouflage" of mystery and superstition that has so long surrounded this question of "the right kind of food for the right man." The question is one that is worthy of our most serious consideration, for it is intimately connected not only with our own physical and spiritual welfare, but with that of our children and posterity.

While there is no want of evidence to prove that foods of vegetable origin are by far the better adapted to the well-being of mankind, it may be well to present a few claims for consideration, in view of the question raised, as follows:

1. Man is, by the construction of his body, shown to be a fruit eater.
2. Vegetable substances contain all the elements necessary for health and strength, even in time of the severest physical effort.
3. The flesh of animals is not only a food of less elementary value, but it contains poisonous matters, which, always injurious, are sometimes dangerous to those who ingest them.
4. The use of flesh as food is poor economy.
5. The consumption of the flesh of animals is the direct cause of an immense amount of human suffering and disease.
6. It is cruel and inhuman to kill and eat our companions, the lower animals.

## MAN ANATOMICALLY HERBIVOROUS

As the first consideration, let us call to mind the fact that between the habits of any animal and his bodily structure there is a close relation. As an illustration, take the lion. Note that the great, wide mouth, studded with long, sharp teeth, and those powerful legs and sharp claws, are all adapted to one purpose,—the formation of an animal strong enough to pounce upon its prey, and with teeth long enough and strong enough to hold that prey. Moreover, it is clearly seen that the lion's teeth are formed for the purpose of rending flesh, and not to masticate,—a thing which no meat-eating animal does. If the lion's internal organs are examined,—stomach, intestines, and liver,—and the digestive fluids found in the animal's body are chemically analyzed, there can be but one conclusion,—that the animal is adapted to a meat diet.

If we examine, in the same way, a reindeer, we find that the mouth is small, and the teeth small, those in front formed for cutting, the others flat, with grinding surfaces worn by chewing. If we examine the deer's stomach and intestines, its liver and appendix, we have further evidence that the deer is by nature a grass-eating animal.

Now if we employ this same method in our examination of man, we must agree that man is a frugivorous (fruit-eating) animal, not possessing either teeth suitable for tearing flesh, or digestive organs by nature adapted to its assimilation, both of which are found in the carnivora. If the body of an animal, therefore, is an indication of the proper food of that animal, then man's body shows him to be

"No flocks that roam the valley free,  
To slaughter I condemn;  
Taught by that Power that pities me,  
I learn to pity them;

"But from the mountain's grassy side,  
A guiltless feast I bring;  
A scrip with herbs and fruits supplied,  
And water from the spring."

—Goldsmith.

by nature herbivorous. Citing one expression from the well-known naturalist, Linnæus, who probably voices the sentiment of a majority: "Man's structure, external and internal, compared with that of other animals, shows that fruits and succulent vegetables constitute his natural food."

## THE HEATHEN CAN TEACH US

Secondly: As proving that it is easily possible to sustain health and strength on the products of the vegetable kingdom, let a few facts be considered. In India, China, and Japan, there are probably eight million people, strong, active, healthy, and long-lived, who never eat flesh. What they may accomplish when they choose to adopt the tactics of their more aggressive neighbors has been shown by the Japanese nation during the last few decades. Their rikisha men will draw a load of human freight at the speed of a horse's trot, from thirty to forty miles at a time; and their diet consists of rice, dates, vegetables, and rarely a small portion of fish.

Many other instances might be cited, among which is the instance of the Andean Indians. They do a day's work which, for its magnitude, is said to have no comparison with that of the ordinary day laborer, and they subsist chiefly on bananas. The Irish peasant, who ranks among the most active and aggressive men, lives principally on potatoes, buttermilk, and simple, cooked vegetables. Experiments made by Dr. Irving Fisher, of Yale University, on a large number

of men, to test the endurance of flesh eaters and flesh abstainers, showed that the vegetarians surpassed the carnivores on an average of from forty to fifty points.

## URIC ACID, OR BODY SEWAGE

Thirdly: Not only does an analysis of meat show it to be deficient in nutritive value, containing about seventy per cent water, but in the animal's flesh are products of waste and repair. Thus when we eat flesh, we ingest along with muscle and nerve cells these waste and poisonous substances known as uric acid. Furthermore, when the animal is heated and fatigued, as is so often the case just before he is killed, his body is laden with fatigue poisons, as lactic acid. These poisons taken into the body must be eliminated, together with the normal amount of uric acid formed in the human body; and thus extra work is thrown upon the eliminative organs. This keeps the human boiler at high pressure; and this process kept up, inevitably results in high blood pressure and Bright's disease.

Why is it that the patient with gout is ordered at once by the doctor to stop eating any kind of meat?—It is because the system is already laden with uric acid, and cannot stand the ingestion of an additional quantity in the form of meat. Why is it that people "feel stronger" after eating meat?—It is owing to the presence of these waste and poisonous substances. This class of foods stimulate and excite the nerves. The effort on the part of nature to rid herself of poisons is mistaken for real energy, the action upon the body being the same as with tea, coffee, or alcohol. Artificial stimulants are great deceivers, because they make a man feel strong when he is weak, by whipping up the flagged energies of the body, and are equivalent to the "burning of a candle at both ends."

In view of the fourth consideration, we may say that according to food analysis as given by W. O. Atwater, in Bulletin No. 28, of the United States Department of Agriculture, our well-known grains, such as corn meal, rice, oatmeal, barley, rye, and wheat, have a nutritive value of from 88 to 90 per cent, while ordinary round steak has only 28 to 30 per cent nutriment in 100 parts of food.

## THE COST OF MEAT LIVING

Furthermore, if we invest fifty cents in round steak at thirty cents a pound, we obtain food to the value of 1,115 food units, as against 5,166 food units if invested in potatoes at three cents a pound, or as against 11,033 food units if invested in corn meal at seven and a half cents a pound. We get, moreover, more calories of protein in a pound of dried beans, or in a pound of walnuts, than in a pound of meat.

Again, the practice of raising and feeding animals for human food is extravagant, both in the amount of ground needed for their pasturage, and in the



labor required for their herding, stabling, care, and transportation. It has been estimated that to sustain one man upon flesh food requires at the least twenty acres of land. Sown to wheat, the same area of land would feed forty men; and if sown to rice, twenty acres would furnish sustenance for about one hundred persons. Thus when we see that in ground space alone, a diet of rice is one hundred times more economical than the flesh of animals, it is plain that meat is in every way an extravagant food.

#### WE EAT THE ANIMAL'S DISEASE

Fifthly: It remains but to call attention to official statistics, which prove that cattle in this and other lands suffer to great extent of malignant diseases, such as cancer, tuberculosis, Bright's disease, and anthrax, and that a large proportion of the meat obtained daily through the regular channels, and consumed as food, is that of animals killed while suffering of one or more of these complaints.

The writer knows of one herd which, when the tuberculin test had been applied, was shown to be eighty per cent tubercular, whereupon the herd was immediately sold as "feeders," and shipped to pasture land, to await their turn in supplying beefsteak to the unsuspecting public. The alarming increase in cancer, ulcer of the stomach, Bright's disease, and tuberculosis, unquestionably bears a close relation to the modern excessive use of meat.

#### TO SLAUGHTER IS NOT CHRISTLIKE

Sixth, and lastly, it is admittedly true that the custom of eating meat involves the infliction of an incalculable amount of suffering on millions of God's sentient creatures. Such wholesale procedure in the taking of animal life is wholly unjustifiable, except upon the ground of absolute necessity. As this necessity does not exist, the practice of these cruelties would seem to be a violation of Christian principle, that of showing mercy to the defenseless. The writer has worked right above the killing pens in the culinary department of one of the largest slaughterhouses in the Middle West; and anyone who has ever visited a real slaughterhouse, and watched the tragedies enacted daily on sheep, cattle, and hogs, could not have failed to be moved with horror at the cold-blooded, businesslike cruelty.

For those whose chief desire it is to build a Christlike character, who aspire to reach the highest and the best that is possible to man, let it be borne in mind that the path of self-denial, trodden for conscience' sake, is the most direct route to the attainment of that desire; that the fundamental laws of our physical organization demand our reverence as surely as does the law given from Mount Sinai; and that perfect love is incompatible with unnecessary perpetration of cruelty.

Do we need flesh as food?—Unequivocally no. Nature's great storehouse furnishes an abundance for all the human family, without the taking of a single life of bird or beast, except under emergency conditions.

At every stage of development, our life may be perfect; yet if God's purpose for us is fulfilled, there will be continual advancement. ELLEN G. WHITE.

## People Say Peace; the Bible Says War

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The third conference was to have been held in 1914; but just before it assembled, the great war that has devastated some of the fairest sections of the world, destroying untold millions of dollars' worth of property, and sacrificing the very flower of the manhood of the world, burst upon mankind with terrible and almost stupefying suddenness. Treaties and high-sounding conventions, signed, sealed, and delivered in due form, became in a moment "mere scraps of paper" of no binding force whatever; and the peoples, all aghast, beheld the desolation of their lands, the ruin of their homes, the death of their loved ones.

The Hague Peace Conferences, and the conventions drawn up there and so

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WRITE your name in kindness, love, and mercy on the hearts of thousands you come in contact with for a year, and you will never be forgotten.—*Chalmers*.

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generally signed by the rulers of the world, having failed, there was launched in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, June 17, 1915, a World League to Enforce Peace. Ex-president William Howard Taft was made president of the American Branch of this international league, which has the active or moral support of practically all leaders in world thought, business, and politics.

The League of Nations as proposed by President Wilson will be used by God for a good purpose. No right-thinking man can withhold his sympathies from anything having for its object the promotion of peace; but how much real assurance of success in maintaining peace can such a league give to the world?

#### NO PEACE FOR SINNERS

War comes of human selfishness. Selfishness is sin. And sin is due to alienation from God. Therefore there can be no abiding peace while sin reigns; because "there is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked." Isaiah 48: 22.

For years before July 29, 1914, the world as a whole was said to be at peace; but what kind of peace was it?—Merely a truce, so to speak, during which the nations were arming for the conflict that they all knew to be inevitable. And can we hope for more or better than that now?—By no means. Men may create a world peace league; they may organize a great confederacy; they may for a time coerce men into the semblance of peace. But the hour will come when the pent-up passions of sinful men will burst every barrier, and the world will be plunged into a war unparalleled, in its horrors, by even the late titanic struggle, with its saturnalia of blood, its debacle of incomprehensible slaughter.

The Christian should not put his trust in man nor in human devisings, but in the living God. The divine counsel is:

"Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God." Psalm 146: 3-5.

Peace—satisfying, lasting, eternal peace—can come to a rebellious world, sin-sick and weary, but knowing not how or where to find relief, only by the coming and reign of Jesus, the Saviour of men, the everlasting Prince of peace.

## The Term "Israel" Signifies Character

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such things declare plainly that they seek a country." Hebrews 11: 13, 14.

These men, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to whom the promises were made, and who have not yet received these promises of the future inheritance, are dead. It is plain, therefore, that the resurrection from the dead must be involved in the fulfillment of the promise made. These men must be brought up again from death before God can fulfill His promises to them.

#### THE TRUE RETURN OF ISRAEL

And when Christ comes the second time, not secretly, or invisibly, as is now taught, but openly, in the sight of all the inhabitants of the world, "the dead in Christ shall rise first." 1 Thessalonians 4: 16. All God's people will be caught up to meet Christ in the air when He comes; but they will not remain in the air, as is now taught, for seven years, but will be at once taken to heaven, where they will live and reign with Christ a thousand years. John 14: 3.

When Christ comes the second time, He will take His people to be with Him in the place He has gone to prepare. This place is where He now is. This is in heaven, at the throne of God; and there the people of God, the true Israel, will remain for one thousand years, during the millennium. It is at the close of the millennium that the new Jerusalem will come down from God out of heaven and rest on the earth. Revelation 21: 2. At that time, an attempt will be made to take the city, by Satan and the wicked. Revelation 20: 9. The result of this attempt will be the destruction of sin and sinners; and this destruction will be an everlasting destruction, from which there will never be a recovery. 2 Thessalonians 1: 9. Then the fires that destroy the wicked will purify the earth, burning all sin out of it, and all the works of men will be consumed. The earth will thus be prepared to become the eternal abiding place of the redeemed. "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God." Isaiah 35: 1, 2.

In the glorified new earth, the promise made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob will be fulfilled. Here the true Israel will be gathered to their own land, and dwell therein forever. All the prophecies regarding the restoration of Israel will then be fulfilled, but fulfilled to spiritual Israel. This is the true return of the Jews.



# A High Light of Mission Life

BY STERRIE A. WELLMAN

WE were busily engaged in the study of the language in those days, endeavoring to get ready for the great task that lay before us in laboring for the heathen of the myriad villages scattered through our field of labor in northern India. An older missionary in charge of the work was busy in another part of the mission compound, translating and preparing the printed page, so that it might be ready for its service of love. As we were thus engaged, one day in winter, there came into the compound one who sought for knowledge of the things we had found in the sacred Book.

He was a young man, tall, erect, with flashing black eyes. We learned later that he had seen service with the native police of the province. He asked for the older missionary, conversed for a long time with him before we were called, and as we were to spend the summer in the hills while working, he was assigned to go with us, study his Bible the summer through, and prepare for some form of service.

Professedly he was a Christian, yet he had not known the power of the Christian's life, nor appreciated the burden of responsibility that the call of Christ places upon His children. But study and association in time brought home the needed lesson; and as he labored, he sought to meet the needs of his people by truly representing his Master.

During these years, his brother likewise had obtained a knowledge of the second advent message, and with his wife, had been baptized and received into the fellowship of the Indian church. Distress came to them in their isolated village station, more than a hundred miles from the nearest believer; but they remained true to Christ notwithstanding temptations manifold, and eventually, by their faithfulness and diligent study, prepared to take up humble service themselves for the Master.

Their father, an aged man, nearing seventy, for twenty-five years a servant of Christ and a preacher of the gospel, but in his later years losing his zeal and youthful ardor, had, during the time when his sons had been studying and digesting the new-found faith, been decidedly averse to listening to their pleading in its behalf. He was content where he was, though perfectly willing they should do as they saw fit. But there fell into his hands some of our literature. His sons sent more. He became exercised concerning the second coming of Christ and the Sabbath of Jehovah; and one day, at the time of his annual vacation, he came down to our headquarters to visit his son and learn more. The son brought him to me.

## CHRISTIANITY KNOWS NO CASTE

In the Indian fashion of the old courtly days, he made his deep salaams. A chair was offered him, but he refused it, saying, "No, sahib, it is not custom for an Indian to sit in the presence of the *sircar*" (government representative, as all white men are regarded). But I said: "Brother, I cannot remain seated

while you, an old man, stand. Pray be seated with me." And touchingly and tearful-eyed, he sat, and we talked over the message, read the glorious promises of the second coming, and briefly, and laboriously for me, went over most of the foundation principles of our faith. At the close of the talk, he said: "Sahib, I have learned much to-day, but I would study further. I shall visit my other son for the balance of my vacation. Can you not arrange for me to study with some one while there?" I replied that we would gladly arrange for such study.

He went on his way, but on his return journey, stopped with me for a brief interview. I could see he was full of the



Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wellman in the native costume of India

message. He said he had studied much, and later I learned that he had given his teacher no peace during her hours from her regular work, but had been constantly in study with her. I said to him, "Brother, what will you do about it?" He said, "Sahib, I will obey God." "But it may cost you your position, and we cannot employ you; we have no funds for more workers," I said. He replied, "I will try to be careful, but I must obey God."

## DISCHARGED BY MAN, EMPLOYED BY GOD

Ten days later, he appeared suddenly in the morning. I questioned, "What is the matter, brother?" He replied, "They have discharged me." "Why?" "Oh," he said, "the first time I taught, I spoke of these precious truths, and they said they could not keep me longer." "It is as I expected," I replied. "Now what are you going to do?" He said: "When my father and I first became Christians, we gave up our family, friends, inheritance, everything, for Him. It cannot be more now. He will care for me, but I must obey Him. I could not keep silent." "I knew it," I replied.

While he had been gone, one of our colporteurs had been compelled to drop his work. His meager salary was avail-

able; and I said to the old man, who had been drawing more than double that amount: "Brother, we have a colporteur's salary," stating the amount. "It is little; would you be willing to go out and preach Christ and live on that?" "Oh, brother," he replied, "It is enough for food. I am thankful. Surely I will gladly labor for the Master."

And we sent him on to one of our stations to begin labor. Did he prove true? Was the labor of so old a man—he was nearly seventy then—valuable? When I left the field on furlough, he had been with us nearly three years. He, with his faithful wife, had walked daily into the villages, five, ten, fifteen miles of country paths, preaching from one to five times, bearing his message to the people, Hindu or Mohammedan, making friends everywhere, getting new life, new zeal, new enthusiasm in his own soul, and being instrumental in turning others from idols to the true God.

We had a farewell meeting when we parted from those Indian brethren and sisters. His sons were there, his wife, his daughters-in-law, also his fellows in service from the various stations. He made a little speech, the closing words of which I shall long treasure.

He said, turning to me: "You are my father in the faith (I am in my thirties, but had buried him in baptism), and I am your son in Christ; but I am getting old. I may not live till you return to India; but I want you to know that by the grace of God, I shall be faithful. If I should not be here when you return, I want you to know I shall have died in the harness." And the tears rolled down his aged cheeks as he threw his arms about me in Eastern fashion.

But best of all, they write me that he is still at his labors. And I hope to find him not only waiting to welcome our return, but in God's own good time, to have him join me in that throng which will stand before the Master at the last day, and with Paul rejoice in that he has fought a good fight, finished his course, kept the faith. For such there is a crown of life. Thank God for the faithful of all nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples! To me they are brethren; and I hope, by God's grace and mercy, to walk in white with them and my Master.

"WHOSOEVER he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple." Will it pay to do this? Let us ask Moses. Bring him on the witness stand. He had before him a tremendous opportunity—a throne, with riches and honor—a greater opportunity than is before any of us. He could have it all; but he saw a nation of slaves, and said, "I will turn my back on the throne, and cast my lot in with that nation of slaves." Why?—Because "he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." Did he make a wise choice? When he came to die, he was on Mount Nebo; but angels of God carried his body down into the valley for burial. No king ever had a funeral like that. Then the Son of God came down and resurrected him, and we find him on the mount of transfiguration, a type of those who will be raised from the dead. There is a great reward awaiting those who give up selfish advantages for Christ:

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## No One Man Can Rule the Earth

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partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay." Verses 36-43.

### HISTORY FOLLOWED THE PATH OF PROPHECY

Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom, which, it is declared, was represented by the head of gold, existed from about six hundred years before Christ until B. C. 538, when it was succeeded by the second world empire, Medo-Persia, represented in the dream by the breast and arms of silver. The Grecian kingdom, under the leadership of Alexander the Great, at the decisive battle of Arbela, B. C. 331, became the third kingdom to bear sway over the whole world. The fourth world power, represented by the legs of iron, was what Gibbon describes as "the iron monarchy of Rome." He says:

"The arms of the republic, sometimes vanquished in battle, always victorious in war, advanced with rapid steps to the Euphrates, the Danube, the Rhine, and the ocean; and the images of gold, or silver, or brass, that might serve to represent the nations and their kings, were successively broken by the iron monarchy of Rome."—"Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," volume 4, page 403.

This "iron monarchy of Rome" was rudely shaken to pieces during the latter part of the fourth and the early part of the fifth century. Gibbon says further:

"The dangerous secret of the wealth and the weakness of the empire had been revealed to the world. New swarms of barbarians, encouraged by success, and not conceiving themselves bound by the obligation of their brethren, spread devastation through the Illyrian provinces, and terror even to the gates of Rome."—"Decline and Fall," page 387.

Daniel did not stop with the Roman empire, but outlined its successors, in these words:

"And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken." Verses 41, 42.

This division of the ancient Roman empire into ten kingdoms still exists. Against all the schemes of Alexander, Julius Cæsar, Theodoric the Second, Frederick the Great, Napoleon, and Kaiser Wilhelm, stands the unalterable word of the prophecy.

### CHRIST'S KINGDOM SUCCEEDS THE TEN

Various attempts have been made, through marriage alliances, to unite these kingdoms into a world empire, until, when the recent world war was precipitated, nearly every European ruler was related to every other one. Again the word of the prophecy stands against the success of all such alliances.

"And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle them-

selves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay." Verse 43.

Are these ten kingdoms, which have existed more than fourteen centuries, al-

## BELLAH'S SERMONETS

THERE are no back gates to the city of God.

Jerusalem is the only city in the new earth.

There are no locks and keys for the pearly gates.

There will be a prepared place for a prepared people.

When a soul is converted, a new mansion is begun in heaven.

In laying down our lives for God, we lay up treasures in heaven.

The death angel will never knock at the door of our heavenly mansion.

The way to heaven comprises just three steps,—out of self, unto Christ, into glory.

The ticket that must be presented to the gatekeeper of the city of God is the Ten Commandments.

If the outside view of the holy city is so transcendently beautiful, what will the inside vision be!

There is no surface work done in heaven. The streets of the city are not paved with gold, but are pure gold.

If we would eat of the tree that bears fruit every month in the year, we must serve God every month in the year.

No policemen, creed makers, or black-gowned priests guard the heavenly portals, but "twelve angels at the twelve gates."

An old proverb says, "God made the country, but man made the towns." Thank God, the time will soon be when He will make both.

Let North, East, West, and South hear the gospel N-E-W-S of salvation, that all who will, may enter the flung gates of everlasting pearl.

The first city was built by Cain. The last city was built by Christ. The blood of Cain's brother is on the one. The blood marks of the Elder Brother is on the other.

The new Jerusalem, 375 miles square, allowing one inhabitant to each 100 square feet, would contain a population of 39,000,000,000, or twenty-six times the present population of the globe.

ways to continue? Let the sure word of prophecy answer:

"Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them." Verses 34, 35.

Is this earth, then, never again to be brought under the dominance of a universal kingdom? Again we turn to the prophecy for an answer:

"And the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." "And in the days of these [ten] kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." Verses 35, 44.

Thus will be fulfilled the prophetic promise made concerning Christ, who is represented by the stone cut out without hands:

"Ask of Me, and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession." Psalm 2: 8.

## The Trail of the Serpent

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latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." 1 Timothy 4: 1.

They who follow spiritualism are voluntarily placing themselves, whether knowingly or unknowingly, under the black banner of Satan. They have denied God, and chosen the great deceiver as their leader.

### SAYS THE LORD PREVARICATED

Referring to God's warning to Adam not to take of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, "For in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die," the spiritualist writer before referred to claims that the Lord was in error, and that the devil told the truth when he said to Eve, "Ye shall not surely die." Here is his argument:

"In this as in many other Bible passages, the devil told the truth, and the Adventist's Lord is in error. Genesis 5: 5 says, 'And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.' So that the statement that Evangelist Cotton brands as the devil's first lie, and the biggest lie that he ever told the human race, is proven by the Bible itself to have been the truth; because Adam did not die the day he ate of the forbidden fruit, but lived to be nine hundred and thirty years old. . . . In this the infallibility of the Bible is disproved and the devil vindicated, and that, too, by the statements of the Bible itself."

Most of the world, unfortunately, believe in consciousness after death, and unwittingly agree with the position of the spiritualists, the only difference being that the spiritualists express themselves rather baldly on the subject.

The marginal reading of Genesis 2: 17 is, "Dying thou shalt die," which simplifies the interpretation of the text.



Disintegration began immediately after Adam ate of the forbidden fruit, and completed its work the day Adam died. Another very essential point our spiritualist friends overlook is that immediately after Adam and Eve sinned, the plan of salvation was set in operation. "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." When man sinned, Jesus stepped in between God and man, and in effect said, "I will suffer man's penalty, I will die for him." He thus offered Himself, and became the "gift" for mankind, so that all who believe in Him might have everlasting life. John 3:16. Without this breach between God and man being filled, Adam would have suffered the penalty to the extent of the last jot and tittle of the pronouncement. These points the spiritualists overlook, and in so doing, deny the God of heaven, and accept as the truth Satan's glaring falsehood, "Ye shall not surely die." The entire deceptive structure of spiritualism is founded upon Satan's paramount falsehood, "Ye shall not surely die."

#### "THE DEAD KNOW NOT ANYTHING"

The Scriptures declare that "the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion forever in anything that is done under the sun." Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6.

If this scripture means anything at all, it declares unequivocally that there is no consciousness after death, and that "the dead know not anything." Here is what the spiritualists say: "Spiritualism says that the dead know more than the living, and that the living are rapidly becoming enlightened." Thus spiritualism sets up its blasphemous claims against the Word of God.

Sir Oliver Lodge, the noted English scientist, has become a staunch supporter of spiritualism; and on the title page of his book "Raymond" appears the following: "With examples of evidence for the survival of memory and affection after death." To any honest inquirer, the subject resolves itself into the simple yet pertinent question, Whom shall I believe, God or man? May God help you to decide for the Word of God, which is the truth and the light.

#### BUDDHA PLACED HIGHER THAN CHRIST

The trail of the serpent can be plainly discerned all the way along through the wicked and deceptive work of spiritualism, and its poison tongue is not slow to give utterance to its blasphemous claims. The learned as well as the unlearned become enchanted by its subtle charms, and any one who has a wavering faith in the Bible may become a victim to its snares.

Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in a series of articles containing her autobiography, published recently in an American magazine, relates her experience in her efforts to communicate with her departed husband. Concerning one of the communications, she writes:

"Questions were asked about the Christ. 'Christ,' was the reply, 'is at the head of the spheres which belong to the Christian era. To see these spheres, we

have to ascend. A band of Devas took me. And then I only glimpsed His glory.'

"Question: And do you know if Buddha, who went from earth five hundred years before Christ, has spheres belonging to his era?"

"Answer: Yes; the region is so high that we have to raise our vibrations to approach it, then only sense its radiance."

#### SHUN THE DEVIL'S ENCHANTED GROUND

The reader will hereby understand that spiritualism represents Buddha, the founder of Oriental heathenism, occupying a place in the celestial regions much higher than that occupied by God's own Son, "who was before all things." Could there be greater blasphemy? It sounds like an echo of Satan's ambition in the beginning, when he declared: "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High." Isaiah 14:13, 14. But God said of him, "Thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit." Verse 15.

The writer knows personally of a number of instances in which persons have been led into spiritualism through curiosity, and have suffered almost unimaginable things. The devil is relentless, and it is dangerous to place ourselves voluntarily upon his enchanted ground. Once a person has submitted himself to spiritualism, and it has had opportunity to fasten its tentacles upon him, an almost superhuman effort is required to tear away from it. If Eve had kept away from the forbidden fruit, she would have spared herself and the race

much suffering. The serpent was the devil's medium, and was caught by his charms. No one is able in his own strength to cope with the devil, and God cannot go with any one who voluntarily steps upon the devil's ground.

The Scriptures describe its character, and gives us ample warning of its deception; and every lover of truth will let it alone.

"Remember this, and show yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors. Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure." Isaiah 46:8-10.

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## The Way of Liberty and Justice

MARSHAL FOCH is reported to have said, "We cannot maintain the ideals of liberty and justice, whether in war or in peace, without faith in Christ; for He was the great Giver of freedom to men."

A truer utterance was never made; and in struggling for these Christian ideals, we must remember that it is a very easy matter to make a profession of Christianity which will utterly deceive us. In studying the Christ, we must never forget that He and His apostles were put to death, not by the wicked rabble of the world, but by bigoted professors of the very religion the Lord Himself was announcing for the salvation of all mankind. It is well to study closely the following words of Jesus:

"Why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to Me, and heareth My sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: he is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great." Luke 6: 46-49.

Jesus desires that we shall study His Word until we know for ourselves what it says, and that then we shall be careful to do the things He Himself teaches. Are we careful students of that Word, or are we merely nominal professors, who know little or nothing of the living experiences of the Christian life?

## Civilization Trembling

IN addressing the first meeting of the joint committee of employers and employees in London on March 4, Premier Lloyd George said: "Civilization, unless we try to save it, may be precipitated and shattered to atoms. It can only be saved by the triumph of justice and fair play to all classes alike."

World leaders are recognizing to-day that injustice is the great prime cause of the greater part of the discontent throughout the world. Men who have their millions, and who at the same time are claiming to be followers of the great Nazarene, are nevertheless contented to allow their fellow men to suffer the extremest want and discomfort. The prophet Isaiah gives his warning for this time as follows:

"Justice is turned away backward, and righteousness standeth afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and uprightness cannot enter. Yea, truth is lacking; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey. And Jehovah saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice. And He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore His own arm brought salvation unto Him; and His righteousness, it upheld Him. And He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon His head; and He put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a mantle." Isaiah 59: 14-17.

Some of our fellow men with mighty influence and untiring power are working to their utmost to relieve the world situation of distress. But our hope is in God; and through Him and through His Word, we may succeed. There is no other plan that promises permanent good results.

## Jewish State of Palestine

A DELEGATION headed by Judge Julian W. Mack, of Chicago, called on the President just before he left Washington, in the interests of their project to establish a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine. Judge Mack reports that he was assured by the President that the plan had his



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One of the last photographs of Colonel Roosevelt. He is holding his grandson, the son of Captain Archie Roosevelt. President Wilson, in speaking of Roosevelt, said, "His private life was characterized by a simplicity, a virtue, and an affection worthy of all admiration and emulation by the people of America."

personal approval, and also that it had the endorsement of the British government.

But when the Jewish nation rejected Christ, God decreed their overthrow. Jesus said of the Jewish nation and their worship, "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate."

Numerous prophecies in the Old Testament, when carefully studied, disclose the fact that the Jewish nation would be overthrown, never to be restored. We will have opportunity to watch the developments, in the near future, that will test these prophecies, and we will see that one event after another will come in to thwart the plans of building up a Jewish kingdom in Palestine. Such a thing will never be done, and we may mark this as one of the tests of God's prophetic Word.

## The Servant Supreme

MANY of the Old Testament prophecies which foretell the work of Christ speak of Him as the Father's "servant." And speaking of His own work while here the Lord said, "I am in the midst of you as he that serveth." Luke 22: 27. Indeed, the life work of the Master may be summed up in the brief biography that He "went about doing good." Acts 10: 38.

If we are to follow the Master,—if our Christianity is to be genuine, and not

merely a pretense or a profession,—we must learn how to walk in the Lord's steps. The whole life of the genuinely converted Christian is absorbed in the one great work of bringing blessing to some one else. We will not ask if we shall get any returns from it. The joy comes through the unselfish doing and giving that Christianity affords.

What are we doing to help our fellow men? How much interest do we manifest in our struggling neighbor? Are we ever kind and thoughtful toward them, and seeking opportunities to lend a helping hand? Christ Himself set the example of service. He was the supreme servant. And just so surely as we are serving the Master, just that surely are we constantly seeking opportunities through which to serve humanity.

## "Certainty" of Truth

THE Old Testament writers, as well as the New, emphasize the importance of being certain concerning truth. Hear the words of Solomon upon this point:

"Incline thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thy heart unto my knowledge. For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee, if they be established together upon thy lips. That thy trust may be in Jehovah, I have made them known to thee this day, even to thee. Have not I written unto thee excellent things of counsels and knowledge, to make thee know the certainty of the words of truth, that thou mayest carry back words of truth to them that send thee?" Proverbs 22: 17-21.

God invites us to apply our hearts to knowledge. He would have us learn how to trust in Jehovah. Our God has made known to us the "excellent things of counsels and knowledge," in order that we may "know the certainty of the words of truth," and that we may also carry a distinct message of truth to those who inquire of us. The supreme test of God's Word is the very definite way in which it speaks to the inmost soul of man. That Word is accompanied by the divine Spirit; and as we study the Book for ourselves, we learn to know, from a living experience, the certainty of the truth it contains, and be assured, beyond peradventure, of the eternal salvation it offers to each individual who will accept the Christ. Do not falter, but turn to the living words of the Bible, and learn for yourself its rich and satisfying joys.

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