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Signs of the Times



**There
Ought To Be
A Law**
(See pages 2 & 3)



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The way of the transgressor is hard, as many a youth has learned to his lifelong sorrow.

I DON'T care if you won't give me permission — I'm going anyway!" "But, Joe, I've explained that we're reviewing some very important

material and that finals are just five days off. If you miss this review I'm sure that you will not pass your finals. You know your daily grades have been

far from good. No, I'm sorry, I cannot give you permission to miss school."

"Well, I've told you. I'm going, anyway!"

Joe stomped defiantly out of the room and homeward. A slow student, he had a hard time making his grades at best. Now, just at the end of the year's work, he wished to indulge in an unnecessary trip with his father. No argument nor lack of explicit permission could dissuade him, I feared. The next day my fears were justified by his absence.

Final examination day arrived and passed by. The next day found Joe standing by my desk after all the other students had left.

"I want to know what my final grade in math is —" he said belligerently.

"You have no grade, Joe. I told you that you should not skip your review; therefore I refuse to grade your paper. You had no right to take the examination."

I shall not take time to describe fully the scene that followed as Joe blustered, threatened, raged and finally pleaded and wept for mercy.

Actually, I knew that there was no use in grading Joe's examination paper; with no more preparation than he had made, he would inevitably fail. I refused to allow him to run contrary to the rules of the school, and I doubt if he has ever fully forgiven me for not letting him do as he pleased.

You see Joe had never learned to obey anyone. He could not even rule himself and refused to let anyone else rule him. Long years of foolish indulgence by easy-going parents had made lawlessness a part of his nature. I felt sorry for him and determined that this once, at least, he should learn that there are laws that cannot be broken without paying the penalty. However, I feared that it was too late to do him any good.

Joe was not happy. No lawless person can be, for he will continually find himself at cross purposes with the world and those about him. Whenever he could not have his way, and who can in this life, he would lose his temper and have a tantrum. The result of this was either a fight with his playmates, or ridicule which he could not endure, and the situation would end in sullen rage or tears.

Law and order are a necessity that is vital to the world, to the nation, to the individual — and to the universe.

God is a God of law. "Let all things be done decently and in order," said

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THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW - - - A Youth's Feature

the apostle Paul, "for God is not the author of confusion."

Where man has not had complete control, you will find law everywhere in the universe. We are familiar with it in astronomy, one of the most exact sciences, which shows us the intricate order in the celestial universe and constantly finds itself dealing with beautifully interlocking laws.

Law is as apparent in the world around us. You can consider the tables of atomic weights used in chemistry and physics that are so exact that men were able to predict the discovery of certain of the elements long before they were found. Not only was the discovery predicted, but of course the nature of the new elements could also be predicted with reasonable accuracy.

We need not go into anything so technical, however, for a stroll around the garden will bear this out just as well. Let us stop, for example, at this apple tree and see what we can find out. Notice the twigs on the branches and the way the leaves grow in spiral formation around them. See—the sixth leaf will always grow exactly over the first one. If you examine all the leaves on all the apple trees in the orchard you will find that this is always so. The apple trees are law abiding.

Here's a row of corn. Suppose we pick a few ears and see what we find. Count the number of rows on those ears. Some may have one number, others other numbers, but all the numbers will be even. You will never, never find an ear of corn with an odd number of rows. There is law manifested here. This law of even numbers will be found operating elsewhere. On a striped watermelon you will always find an even number of stripes. Every orange you ever peel will be found to be made up of an even number of segments. The heads of wheat, rye, oats and barley will be found to contain an even number of kernels. Somewhere, sometime, Someone—the great Architect and Lawgiver—laid down laws governing these things.

Look at this bean patch with its beans growing on poles. Notice the direction of the spiraling tendrils. Every one grows from left to right, invariably—you will never find any growing differently. In a hop field you would find the growth just the opposite, from right to left.

It would seem, sometimes, that the

only lawless thing on earth is man. If that is so, it need not be, for God has laws for men too. At the beginning of the earth's history we find that the Creator placed Adam under the dominion of His great moral code. God created the Sabbath and set it apart as sanctified. As we read through the early chapters of the Bible we find evidence that all of the ten commandments were known from the beginning. Man should have ordered his existence according to them; in so doing he would have found happiness and security.

Only God could have devised so perfect and so brief a code of behaviour that would fit the needs of all kinds of men in all ages. The wise man spoke the truth in Ecclesiastes when he said, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes 12:13.

As we consider the commandments we find that this is so. Consider them for a moment. "No other gods before Me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. . . . Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. . . . Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work."

These first four of the commandments have to do with our duty toward God, and they are all inclusive in their import. They rule out paganism with its many gods and idol wor-

the foreground of his thinking as Creator, King and Judge.

But, you ask, what will the law do for me? If you want to be a truly great person you must first learn to be law-abiding—to discipline your mind and body. This is necessary if you are to climb the heights. That humility, that regard for others, that true courtesy, that mark the great among us, spring from the taproots of the law of God.

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple," exclaimed the psalmist, who knew the law well. A thousand years later the great apostle Paul agreed that "the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." Romans 7:12.

This perfect code will exist throughout all eternity. The prophet John, writing the closing chapter of the book of Revelation, and of the Bible, said, "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Revelation 22:14. Someone has said that even God could not rule the universe without the ten commandments, and we agree reverently that this is so.

It is no accident that almost every great Protestant denomination and the Roman Catholic Church agree in principle that the law of God must be kept to-day, for all realize that without the solid foundation of the Decalogue there could be no real religion.

Why is it then that we to-day—after millenniums of teaching the law—are living in a most lawless age? What has undermined the authority of the great Code? Has the law proved to be a failure, so far as guiding the world is concerned, or have men just agreed in concert to disregard it? There must be a reason for the situation in which we find ourselves to-day. What is it? Perhaps we should look into this as we go along with our studies together.

In the meantime—go to the Bible and read the law thoughtfully again. Be willing to humble yourself and to bring your life into harmony with it. Then read Christ's magnification of the law in the sermon on the mount, recorded in Matthew 5. When you, with the help of God, bring your life and thinking into harmony with His divine precepts, you are on the road to true greatness.

By

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ship. They rule out the profaning of the name of God and teach us true reverence, which includes obedience on the part of all who identify themselves as followers of God. The Sabbath commandment insures for us time to invite our souls in worship of God, to remember His place as Creator in the universe, lifting us above materialism and mistaken ideas about the progressive goodness of the universe. No one who keeps the Sabbath in the true sense of the word will be misled by materialistic or evolutionary philosophy. God will be kept in

Sound Doctrine

By Dallas Youngs

NOTE TO READER: After you have carefully read and studied Pastor Flynn's Bible lesson, turn to page 18 and see if you can answer the questions of the Bible Quiz. This is your Bible comprehension test.

WHAT subject are you presenting to-night?" inquired Mrs. Flynn of her husband as they started out to keep their appointment with Mr. and Mrs. Saunders and their friends.

"The importance of sound doctrine," he replied. "As we start out to study the Bible I think it is vital that we get a thorough understanding of the necessity of knowing the truth. You know how it is — if a person does not start right there is not much chance of his ending up right."

"Yes, I know," responded Mrs. Flynn, "and I imagine that those people are going to have plenty of questions as soon as they get a little better acquainted."

"It's my guess that you have hit the nail right on the head," replied Pastor Flynn. "We may have some preachers, priests and rabbis in this before we get through. But we don't have to worry about that — the Bible has the answers and it is irrefutable."

"Good evening, Pastor and Mrs. Flynn," greeted Mrs. Saunders. "We are all waiting for you."

"That is heartening," replied Pastor Flynn as he greeted the young married folk who were assembled in the Saunders' spacious and comfortable living room. "I am glad to see that you have brought your Bibles; so if you don't mind, suppose we start right in. I have chosen as the subject of our study to-night 'The Significance of Sound Doctrine.' You may recall that last Wednesday night I made the statement that the doctrines of the Bible constitute the bony skeleton of our spiritual body, or the foundation and framework of our spiritual house. Therefore, in order to have a strong spiritual body it is necessary to have sound and true doctrines. No one

would think of building a house upon an unstable foundation, or with defective framework; yet that is exactly what is done in the spiritual house, when we believe and accept unsound doctrines. Sound doctrine is a *must* to the person seeking eternal life.

"The Bible contains a great many doctrines or teachings of truth, such as the second coming of Christ, healthful living, the millennium, the state of man in death. All these give form and shape to the spiritual body, just as the bones of our physical bodies give form and shape and make movement possible."

"If I remember correctly," said Mrs. Saunders, "the speaker at our church last Sunday said that Jesus' teaching was so different that the people were astonished."

"He was probably making reference to Matthew 7:28, 29," replied Pastor Flynn: "It came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, *the people were astonished at His doctrine*: for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."

"In Jesus' day the scribes and Pharisees had departed so far from the truth of the Old Testament Scriptures that the teachings of Jesus were new and strange to them. There was a marked contrast between Jesus' doctrines and those of the priests and rabbis. Jesus presented the truths of God's Word in such a way that the common people heard Him gladly. They were delighted with its beauty and simplicity. It made sense to their minds and they began to see the love of God revealed in the plan of salvation. They said that never man spake like this Man."

"I don't believe that it actually makes any difference what you believe as long as you are sincere," said Mrs. Hoover, who had been somewhat

influenced by her husband's unbelief.

"I have a quotation here from the New Testament that has bearing on that," replied Pastor Flynn: 'God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and *belief of the truth.*' 2 Thessalonians 2:13.

"We are saved through a 'belief of the truth.' Jesus said in another place, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life.' One writer in writing on this point says: 'No one would think of saying it matters not what *god* one worships, so long as he is sincere, any more than he would think of saying it matters not what one *eats or drinks*, so long as he *relishes* what he eats and drinks; or what *road* he travels, so long as he *thinks* he is on the right road. Sincerity is a virtue; but it is not the test of sound doctrine. God wills that we shall know the *truth*, and He has made provision whereby we may *know what is truth.*' — *Bible Readings for the Home Circle*, 1922 ed., p. 127.

"Bossuet said: 'Truth is a queen who has her eternal throne in heaven, and her seat of empire in the heart of God.' And it was Bunyan who said: 'Old truths are always new to us, if they come with the smell of heaven upon them.'"

"I can see that it takes more than just a sincere belief regarding some point to make it the truth. It has to be truth to begin with," spoke up Mr. Ryan. "Reverend Flynn is right about that, but the thing I would like to know is this: With all the different religious beliefs, how can we be certain that our doctrine is sound?"

"I shall have to answer that with three or four texts from the Bible. The first one is 1 Corinthians 2:13. 'Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; *comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*'"

"Whom shall He teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? . . . *For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.*' Isaiah 28:9, 10.

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.' 1 Thessalonians 5:21.

"To the law and to the testimony: if they *speak not according to this Word*, it is because there is no light in them.' Isaiah 8:20.

"The question about the large number of religious beliefs is one that is certain to come up in a group of this kind, and I am glad that Mr. Ryan has raised it. The large number of churches that exist are but the outcome of God's having given to man the freedom of his convictions. God grants freedom of religion to every per-

son, but He calls upon us to investigate, to 'prove all things' and to find out what is truth and what is not. The way to do this is to examine every point of religious teaching by the Bible. If it squares by God's Word it is sound. Or, as God puts it, 'If they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them.'

"Naturally, this must be a gradual process. It takes time to examine a large number of religious teachings. Our spiritual structure is built up 'precept upon precept; line upon line, . . . here a little, and there a little.' It is necessary that we compare 'spiritual things with spiritual'; that is, that we compare one verse in the Bible with others that teach upon the same subject, in order that we may get all the different angles and phases of that particular topic. And when that is done, then we can be sure that we have the full Bible teaching and that our doctrine is absolutely sound.

"It is really not as complex a matter as it may seem at first thought. Suppose we consider the Bible as God's weighing machine or measuring device by which the seeker after truth may weigh every point of his faith. Take it point by point and weigh it by the ten commandments and the testimony (the rest of God's Word). This will prove the soundness of it. If it is not according to standard it should be abandoned at once."

"I am wondering," said Mr. Saunders, "about all the religious ideas that are floating around that are not in accordance with the Bible. Why is it that now-a-days so many people have such strange and weird religious views?"

"I think that 1 Timothy 4:1 will answer your question pretty well, Mr. Saunders: 'Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and *doctrines of devils.*'

"It is necessary for us to remember that Satan has his own doctrines now, even as he had in the Garden of Eden, which he uses for the purpose of deceiving people. The fact is, Satan has counterfeited every doctrine of the Bible, and that is why God calls upon us to 'prove all things.'

"If Satan succeeds in deceiving you and causes you to be lost through his false doctrines, that from his point of view is very good, but from your point of view it will be stark tragedy. It is likewise tragedy from God's point of view, because Christ died to no purpose for everyone who is finally lost."

"Why is it that everyone does not like sound doctrine?" asked Mrs. Ryan.

"The reason is found in 2 Timothy 4:3, 4: 'The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap



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God's Word is the primary source of all sound doctrine. Search its pages to know how to live now, and how to live eternally.

to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.'

"Some people wish they could get on an escalator and ride to heaven. They would like to enjoy the pleasures of the world and get to heaven too. Therefore they prefer unsound doctrine, which is sometimes more pleasing. But to follow unsound doctrine is disastrous, as we see from these quotations: 'Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and *overthrow the*

faith of some.' 2 Timothy 2:18. 'In vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.' Matthew 15:9.

"The 'commandments of men' that replace the 'doctrines of God' are false, unsound and unreliable. They are 'vain' worship. God makes this further strong comment in Proverbs 28:9: 'He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, *even his prayer shall be abomination.*' An abomination is something that God hates, something that He cannot endure. God cannot endure the prayers of a man who won't hear

His law. And if that man persists in being a hypocrite, 2 Thessalonians 2: 10-12 tells us what will happen to him: *'Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth.'*"

"Now that you have told us what happens to those who do not seek for sound doctrine, I am wondering if you can tell us what happens to those who do," asked Mr. Goldstein. "Does God make any promise to those who are willing to know and follow the doctrine?"

"Yes, He certainly does," smiled Pastor Flynn. "I read it from John 7: 17: 'If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine.' A man may make mistakes, but if he has a willing heart and mind, it is in the sight of God of great value. We each need a *willing heart* to do God's will, and when we have that, God will teach us good, true, sound doctrine."

"Now I think that since our time is gone we will close our study for tonight, and Mrs. Flynn and I shall look forward to seeing all of you again next Wednesday evening," said Pastor Flynn as he closed his Bible.

"I certainly have enjoyed the study this evening, and I am sure I speak for everyone," said Mrs. Saunders. "I never realized before that the matter of what one believes is so important to being saved. I am going to see to it from now on that the things I believe are according to the Bible. I don't want my prayers to be an abomination to God."

"Well, I'll have to agree with Mrs. Saunders," observed Mr. Hoover, the unbeliever. "I enjoyed the evening too. However, while I haven't said anything to-night, I can't say that I agree with everything. I hope you won't mind if I ask some questions that may prove embarrassing."

"Not at all," responded Pastor Flynn heartily. "The asking of questions is a right that I give to every one of you. All that I ask is that you keep to the subject which we are studying. I'll be looking for your embarrassing questions, Mr. Hoover, and try to be prepared for them," he smiled.

"It is just wonderful for you and Reverend Flynn to study with us each week," said Mrs. Saunders, slipping her arm around Mrs. Flynn. "We shall be looking for you next Wednesday night."

"It is a pleasure for us to come," responded Mrs. Flynn warmly.

Now that you have read and studied the lesson on Sound Doctrine, turn to page 18 and fill in the answers to Pastor Flynn's Bible Quiz.



NEWS NUGGETS

Typeless Printing

Xerography is the name for a new method of making photographs and producing printed matter. In photography it will produce a finished picture, developed in the light without chemicals or sensitized paper, in forty-five seconds. In the printing field it will print text and pictures at the rate of 1,200 feet a minute without ink or rollers. To produce the printed material, or the "photos" a plate charged with static electricity is the starting point. Upon exposure to light the charge is released from all parts of the plate except those shaded by the image. Dusted with a charged powder, the powder clings to the still charged parts of the plate from whence it is transferred to any charged paper or other surface. After this transfer it is fused to the new surface by heat. The process's first use will be in reproducing letters, blueprints, maps, et cetera. Eventually its manufacturers hope to perfect cameras capable of practically instantaneous photography.

Ultrafast Ultrafax

A million words a minute is the speed claimed by the Radio Corporation of America for its new method of transmitting pictures or printed matter. In a recent demonstration the novel, "Gone With the Wind" — a total of 457,000 words in 1,047 pages — was transmitted in two minutes and twenty-one seconds. A combination of principles used in television, moving pictures and photography, the machine starts with the material to be transmitted printed on a film. The film is passed before a scanning tube which transforms the material to be transmitted into television waves. These in turn are picked out of the air and transferred by another scanning tube to a second film. Part of the process owes its speed to an ultrafast method of developing the film. Developing, fixing and drying are said to take forty seconds. The photographing process with which transmission starts is the slowest part of the process as no speedy method of doing this job has been announced as yet.

Behind the Atomic Curtain

A "nuclear rocket" is the description furnished by an Oak Ridge engineer of a power plant for atomic-powered aircraft. The theory is 99 per cent perfected, it is claimed, and is now in the practical engineering state. It was recently hinted, also, that a practical atomic power plant is a near possibility. This might be furnished to users in the form of some sort of material that could be rendered radioactive by being placed in a uranium pile. It might be much safer to use than uranium, since it is possible to produce isotopes that do not emit the neutrons and gamma rays that are most dangerous.

No Response

Handcuffs which Harry Houdini, greatest escape artist of his day, said he would unlock after his death if it were possible for him to return from "the beyond" are still locked. Recently thirteen magicians gathered in Springfield, Mass., to make one last attempt to make contact with Houdini. The attempt failed.

Unparalleled Love

By John W. Halliday

UNSPEAKABLE in its wondrous height, its exceeding depth, its vast breadth, and its amazing length, is God's love for the lost. The perfume of the flowers, the sweet songs of the birds, the rich foliage of the landscape, and the beauty of the clouds, all testify to our heavenly Father's love. But the most wonderful manifestation of His divine love is seen in His efforts to save the lost through the gift of His only-begotten Son.

"Such love is without a parallel. Children of the heavenly King! Precious promise! Theme for the most profound meditation! The matchless love of God for a world that did not love Him! The thought has a subduing power upon the soul, and brings the mind into captivity to the will of God. The more we study the divine character in the light of the cross, the more we see mercy, tenderness, and forgiveness blended with equity and justice, and the more clearly we discern innumerable evidences of a love that is infinite, and a tender pity surpassing a mother's yearning sympathy for her wayward child."—*Steps to Christ*, pp. 17, 18.

The condition of man's divine acceptance is revealed by Jesus, who said: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." "Marvel not that I said unto thee, *Ye must be born again.*" John 3:3, 7. The new birth is a great mystery to many, so the question in their minds is, What does it mean to be born again? It means that every one who is unsaved must become transformed in heart and soul by being made into a holy being, righteous in heart and heavenly in spirit.

Now arises another question in many longing hearts, How can I obtain this new birth? Jesus made known the way when He said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for *every one that asketh receiveth*; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh

it shall be opened." Matthew 7:7, 8. The Saviour makes it clear, however, that the praying one is to ask in faith, believing that the new birth asked for has been given to him in answer to his prayer, for He says in another scripture, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, *believe* that ye *receive* them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24. So now the way is made plain. We are to ask God for the new birth to take place within us, and then believe that He has granted our prayer. Then we are to believe, "I *am* born again, I *am* made new through Jesus, I *am* now a true child of God."

How near Jesus comes by His tender Spirit to those who strive to follow His teaching! With what tenderness of sympathy He bends over the straying, seeking to turn their feet into the heavenly pathway. How compassionately He helps them to see that they *can* be born again, for He died on the cross for their sins to make it possible. How very pityingly He helps the contrite ones to pray humbly and earnestly for the new birth, and to grasp its reality by steadfastly believing then that it *has* been given to them, that it is an accomplished *fact*. And how earnestly He moves them to pray: "Heavenly Father, I come humbly before Thee, *claiming the promises* Thou hast made through Jesus, pleading to *be born again* into Thy heavenly kingdom as a true and humble child of Thine, to live through Jesus a new and holy life." How fully then faith is awakened to grasp the fulfilment of God's wonderful promises by steadfastly believing that through the presence and power of Jesus, they will be wondrously kept moment by moment and day by day.

"Dying with Jesus, by death reckoned mine,

Living with Jesus, a new life divine,
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine,
Moment by moment, O Lord, I am Thine."

Then as the days come and go in their new and heavenly life, as they realize that Jesus is ever by their

side, comforting and keeping them moment by moment, sharing every trial, bearing with them every burden, and ever sustaining them and leading them on to victory in their most trying moments, how rejoicingly they sing His praise:

"Never a trial that He is not there,
Never a burden that He doth not bear,
Never a sorrow that He doth not share,
Moment by moment I'm under His care."

Having the peace of God interwoven in all their daily life, they realize how sweet and abiding, how restful and heavenly is this wonderful peace, "which passeth all understanding" that their heavenly Father sends down from heaven upon them, His dear children on earth, that awakens in their grateful hearts the responsive appreciation:

"Peace, peace, sweet peace,
Wonderful gift from above;
O, wonderful, wonderful peace,
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love."

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. The compassionate love manifested by Jesus during His ministry is but a revelation of the unparalleled love of God.

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The WORLD AS WE SEE IT!

**A Prophetic Interpretation
of Current Events!**

Bang's Disease of Hogs

THE following three paragraphs are the three opening paragraphs of a long article appearing in the *Washington Farmer* on "Bang's Disease of Hogs."

"Millions of people in the United States believe that as long as they drink pasteurized milk they are protected against undulant fever. They have been led to understand that this serious disease originates only from cows infected with bovine brucellosis or Bang's abortion disease.

"The far greater danger of contracting undulant fever from other sources has been almost completely ignored in public health programmes. Swine, too, can transmit their form of the disease to humans. So can goats. Yet these sources of infection go virtually unchecked.

"Medical and veterinary research men have known for years that in many areas cases of undulant fever traceable to swine brucellosis outnumber those caused by the bovine type. They also are more serious. Swine brucellosis is transmitted by handling hogs or raw pork, especially pork chops. The disease organism enters through breaks or cuts in the skin. Packing-house employees and butchers are high on the list of victims of this form of the disease. Farm people in

hog areas also rank high."—*The Washington Farmer*, October 3, 1946.

We have given this long quotation on the editorial page of the Canadian *SIGNS OF THE TIMES* for two reasons. One is the hope that some reader of these words may be hereby warned and saved from the sufferings entailed by this disease, and the other is to show that God knew what He was doing when He prohibited the use of swine's flesh as food for humans.

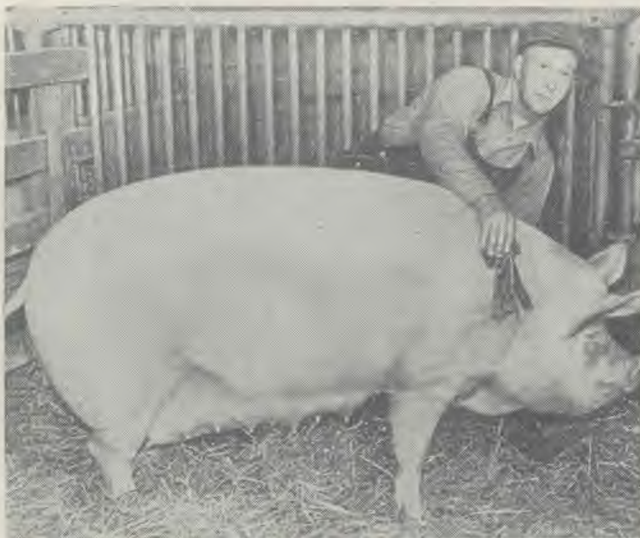
In the eleventh chapter of Leviticus God gives a list of the clean animals, birds and fish which may be eaten, and the unclean which may not be eaten. It is evident to the student of this chapter that God did not make His prohibitions arbitrarily, but that He had man's good in mind when He said: "And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be cloven-footed, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you. Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcass shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you." Verses 7, 8.

In His plan of things God made some animals, fish and birds to be scavengers of the earth, sea and sky. That is to say that it was God's design that these should consume the refuse of the earth in order that it might be a more healthful place for man to live; however, because of the fact that these scavenger creatures feed upon that which is dead and diseased, their own flesh becomes diseased. Then if man violates the divine prohibition and eats of the flesh of the scavenger animals, the disease may be easily transmitted to him.

It should be noted that God forbids the touching of the swine's carcass, and with that thought in mind I wish to call attention to the quotation which states that the disease is contracted by farm people, packing-house employees and butchers who handle the carcass of the hog.

Hemisphere Defence

LAST November the gigantic U. S. fleet held manoeuvres off the coast of Newfoundland and discovered that the new-type submarine could sink surface vessels without being detected and destroyed. In both world wars the submarine came within a hair's breadth of winning the conflict for the central powers. In the early months of World War II millions of tons of shipping was lost. However, improved detecting devices and airplane and battleship escort turned the



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Although a prize winner, this hog may have Bang's disease or some other deadly disease. Untold thousands of people would have benefited by following God's advice.



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What defence have we against guided missiles loaded with atomic charges or deadly bacteria?

tide, and the submarines of that time were virtually forced from the seas. But with the capitulation of Germany it was found that she had developed an improved type of undersea vessel which, had Hitler been able to develop it earlier, might perhaps have won the war.

Of course Germany is defeated and there is no immediate cause for alarm from that score, but unfortunately when the Russians took Berlin they captured a number of these new-type submarines, and the conviction in military circles is that at the present time Russia has a fleet of the new sea menaces of no mean proportions.

With new-type submarines, guided missiles, jet planes and atomic bombs it is evident that next time we will have a new-type war. And from the gigantic budgets that are being spent by the nations for new-type armaments, weapons and installations it is clear that the next war is in the making.

The thing that makes for amazement, however, is the accuracy with which Bible writers of 2,000 or more years ago described the conditions of our present time. The following predictions are to the point: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Matthew 24:6, 7.

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." Luke 21:26. "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was

since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." Daniel 12:1.

War has come to be recognized as an inevitable evil that plagues the earth especially in the last days of its history. The Bible does not declare for war, but it foretells its coming. In fact we are told that the battle of Armageddon will mark the close of the earth's history. While man cannot at present escape from this war-plagued earth, he can complete arrangements with Jesus Christ, the King of the world to come, for citizenship in the eternal kingdom of peace.

Entertainment Versus Religion

WE UNDERSTAND that one of the great American broadcasting systems, the C.B.C., has by an income tax dodge figured out a way to reduce the taxes of its high-salaried stars and comedians from a high of from 75 to 80 per cent to something like 25 per cent as figured on capital gain. If we have heard correctly, this has lured Jack Benny and the Amos and Andy shows from the National Broadcasting Company to the C.B.C.

We hear, also, that those who have their millions invested in radio are losing sleep on account of the rapid development of television. However, we suppose that television will follow in the footsteps of radio as far as entertainment is concerned. Yes, we know that radio men would tell us immediately that the comedy and drama shows pull a larger listening audience. We are not prepared to dispute that — it is likely true. Nevertheless we are convinced that there are thousands upon thousands of silent radios across the continent because of the fact that the owners are wholly fed up with the afternoon soap operas, evening pranksters, jokesters, cowboy songsters and comedians and the sensational announcer.

We expect that the Hooper rating for Toscanini, the Westminster Choir, the Voice of Prophecy or the Luthern Hour would not be as high as that of Amos and Andy — at least not at first. Then, too, there is this consideration: radio on the whole has aimed its programme at just a little above the moronic level. It would take the expenditure of some time, effort and money to cultivate the latent appetite in hundreds of thousands of people to enjoy a higher type of cultural and spiritual programme.





Consecration and Sanctification

TOO many in their religious life are depending upon a formal profession without an active, living experience. They are members of the church, but their neighbours and even close associates do not recognize them as Christians. This is well illustrated in this experience related by G. Campbell Morgan:

"Some years ago I was at work in Hull, England. God was giving us gracious seasons of refreshing, and a man came to me one night and said:

"Do you know, the strangest thing has happened to me!"

"Said I: 'What has happened?'"

"He said: 'I am a cabinetmaker. I work at a bench, and another man works by my side. He has worked by my side for five years. I thought I would like to get him to come to some of these meetings, and this morning I summoned up my courage and said to him, "Charlie, I want you to come along to-night to some meetings we are having down in Wilberforce Hall." He looked at me and said, "You don't mean to say you are a Christian," and I answered, "Yes, I am." "Well," he said, "so am I."'"

"This man said to me: 'Wasn't it funny?'"

"'Funny!' I said, 'No. Is he here? for if so, both you and he want to get down here and start. You never have been born again.'"

Surely in such experience there is no growth, and cannot be until there comes a resurrection from dead works to a new life in Christ Jesus.

And one who is truly a Christian will reflect the life of Christ in his association with others. This is vividly brought to view in the following incident:

"Biographers of Fenelon tell us that he lived in such intimate fellowship with God that his very face shone. Lord Petersborough, a skeptic, was obliged to spend the night with him at an inn. In the morning he rushed away, saying, 'If I stay another night with that man, I shall be a Christian in spite of myself.' Someone else said of him, 'His manners were full of grace, his voice full of love, and his face full of glory.'" — *Elisha Safford*.

Sanctification

This growth in grace will constitute the process of sanctification, of which the apostle Paul writes:

"The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:23.

"Sanctification is not the work of a moment, an hour, a day, but of a lifetime. It is not gained by a happy flight of feeling, but is the result of constantly dying to sin, and constantly living for Christ. Wrongs cannot be righted nor reformations wrought in the character by feeble, intermittent efforts. It is only by long, persevering effort, sore discipline, and stern conflict, that we shall overcome. We know

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not one day how strong will be our conflict the next. So long as Satan reigns, we shall have self to subdue, besetting sins to overcome; so long as life shall last, there will be no stopping place, no point which we can reach and say, I have fully attained. Sanctification is the result of lifelong obedience."

Daily Consecration

In the Christian warfare there must be a daily consecration to the work and service of God. Christ taught, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." Luke 9:23.

This daily consecration was characteristic of the life of John Wesley. He was asked one day by one of his parishioners:

"Do you not sometimes feel an awe at the thought of dying?"

"No," he replied, "if I knew for certain that I was going to die to-morrow night, I should do just exactly what I am going to do. I am going to preach at Gloucester this afternoon and this

evening; and I shall go to lodge with friend Smith. I shall stay up with him till ten o'clock, and then I shall go to bed; and I shall be up at five, and ride over to Tewkesbury, and I shall preach there, and shall go to friend Jones' for the night, and I shall go to bed at ten o'clock, and whether I live or die, it does not matter at all to me, for if I die I shall die in the Lord. That is what I am going to do, whether I live or die."

Failure in living the victorious life usually comes from one of two causes. Either the disciple fails to make a complete consecration in the beginning of his experience, or if he does make that consecration, he later removes from the altar that which he has placed thereon. This is oftentimes done because one fails to realize what is involved in complete surrender. As he gives himself to the Lord, the true disciple at the outset places all upon the altar, and then day by day as new experiences come into his life, as he is tested and tried, he places upon the altar every particular and individual consideration. In other words, he keeps his consecration up to date — one day at a time.

What Consecration Involves

What does consecration really involve? It means a full consecration — yes, giving all of self. The following illustrations afford examples from practical life experience:

"Baron von Welz, who renounced his title and estates and went as a missionary to Dutch Guiana, where he filled a lonely grave, said as he gave up his title: 'What to me is the title "well-born," when I am born again in Christ? What to me is the title "lord," when I desire to be a servant of Christ? What is it to me to be called "Your Grace," when I have need of God's grace, help, and succour? All these vanities I will away with, and all else I will lay at the feet of Jesus, my dearest Lord, that I may have no hindrance in serving Him aright.'" — *Onward*.

"When the people of Collatia would surrender to Rome, they were asked, 'Do you deliver up yourselves, the Collatine people, your city, your



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The habit of morning and evening consecration of self to God, formed early in life, will pay big dividends in eternity.

friends, your water, your bounds, your temples, your utensils, all things that are yours, both human and divine, into the hands of the Roman people?" They replied, "We deliver up all," and were received."

To a fulness of consecration which does indeed include all, the Master Himself bears this witness:

"He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me." Matthew 10:37, 38.

"Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever

will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matthew 16:24-26.

Many hark back to the day of their conversion to tell how God met with them, and of the blessedness of their experience. They are able to recall the exact day and hour and the particular place of their conversion. That is well and good, but the Lord desires to give to His children a growing experience, a brighter to-day than yesterday, a present experience more blessed than the experience of the conversion years ago. How shall this daily consecration be made?

Abiding in Christ

The consecrated life does not represent a fitful, changeable experience. It is marked by a spirit of constancy and stability. There is an abiding in Christ. This is beautifully expressed by our Lord in John 15:4, 5:

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing."

And the test of this abiding experience is found in obedience to Christ's commandments.

"If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love." Verse 10.

We received Christ by surrender, by confessing and forsaking sin, by consecration of our all upon the altar, by receiving in faith the promises of His Word. By continued surrender, by confession of sin when sin is committed, by daily consecration, by the exercise of constant faith—in these ways we are to walk in Him.

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him: rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." Colossians 2:6, 7.

"Consecration must be to us a definite act. Whitefield made it so when, in his ordination service, he said, 'I call heaven and earth to witness that when the bishop laid his hands upon me, I gave myself up to be a martyr for Him who hung upon the cross for me. I have thrown myself blindfolded and without reserve into His almighty hands.' We must not be content with a general desire or a longing for it. It matters little when, where, or how we do it, publicly or privately, by speech or writing; but it must be a definite act."

The test of consecration will be found in the experience of everyday living. The surrender of one's own way in the home, the visit to the needy in the midst of busy cares, the denial of some longed-for luxury in order to devote the price thereof to the work of Christ, faithfulness in rendering to God His own in tithes and offerings, provisions for the assistance of the poor and needy, observance of the Sabbath institution, faithfulness in supporting the church services and activities, the study of the Word of God to learn more perfectly the way of life, communion in prayer with Christ the Lord, labour for those outside the fold of the True Shepherd—in these and other ways will be practically exemplified the consecrated life.



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Nations are in a state of chaos, men's hearts are failing them for fear, grave perplexity and doubts assail the world's leading statesmen. Yet, an acceptance of Christ and the principles of His government of love and peace would completely alter this distressing picture.

CHRIST or CHAOS

WITH each passing year the conviction is deepening in the minds of leaders everywhere that the future holds out little or no hope without divine intervention. It is either Christ or chaos, and there is no other alternative. The human family must decide between the sovereignty of Jesus Christ or utter chaos, and that decision must be made soon

or mankind will have filled up the cup of iniquity and it will be too late.

Of ancient Israel it is said: "But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised His words, and misused His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till there was no remedy." 2 Chronicles 36:16. Is the present generation rushing headlong toward the same fate? There is a

limit to the forbearance of a long-suffering God beyond which man cannot go with impunity.

These are days of rapid movements when events transpire with a sort of lightning-like rapidity. Louis Mumford said that one thousand years of history swept by during the decade between 1930 and 1940. If that be true then another thousand years have gone

by during the eight years since. The statement of Lloyd George is still up to date. He said: "There are times in history when the world spins so leisurely along its destined course that it seems for centuries to be at a standstill. There are also times when it runs along at a giddy pace covering the track of centuries in a year. These are the times we are living in now."

Let us place on the witness stand some of the recognized leaders of the modern world and listen to their testimonies regarding the present situation and the prospects for the future. These men and women are not extremists or given to exaggeration, but are conservative thinkers with their feet on the ground. One of Europe's historians declared that "we are headed toward chaos," and the dean of an Eastern university on being asked for his opinion regarding the post-war world, said: "I see a mad scramble for profit, industrial strife, the most dreadful we have ever seen, ending in civil war." Every person hopes such a prophecy will fail.

A recent writer declared that during the next few years the race of men will have to make a choice "which shall determine the destiny of the world, either forward to such transcendent achievement as shall usher in the kingdom of God on earth, or downward to the bottomless abyss of moral chaos and ruin." Reinhold Neibuhr, the noted New York theologian, speaking before the World Council of Churches Assembly in Amsterdam last August, likened our civilization to Sodom and Gomorrah "where no saving remnant was found." He said: "Our choices have become terribly circumscribed. Must we finally choose between atomic annihilation and subjection to universal tyranny?"

Like Days of Noah

Another speaker at this great church gathering of 1,500 representatives of 135 denominations from forty different countries likened the assembly to Noah's ark, because "the rains have descended and the floods have risen and the foundations of old securities are inundated." In other words, the deluge is here and chaos covers the face of the earth.

Jesus, the greatest of all prophets, also likened our generation to the days of Noah when "the earth . . . was corrupt before God," and "was filled with violence," and "the wickedness of man was great in the earth," so that "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

(See Genesis 6:1-12.) We are told that eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, and marrying and giving in marriage was the all-absorbing passion of the souls of

the antediluvians so that they forgot their Maker. Can any one fail to see the analogy?

The danger of impending catastrophe has been increased a thousand-fold since our entrance into the atomic age. The United States government Official Report on Atomic Energy contains this statement: "A weapon has been developed that is potentially destructive beyond the wildest nightmares of the imagination." A scientist declared that an atomic war would leave the world depopulated except for a few miserable men and women hiding away in the swamps and caves of the earth.

Bernard Baruch in his opening address as chairman of the Atomic Commission of the United Nations on June 14, 1946, said: "We are here to make a choice between the quick and the dead. This is our business. If we fail, then we have damned every man to be the slave of fear. Let us not deceive ourselves; we must elect world peace or world destruction. Science has torn from nature a secret so vast in its potentialities that our minds cower from the terror it creates."

Never before did haunting fear so grip the human family as at the present time, and of all men the scientists are the most frightened because they realize more fully than do others the meaning of the use of "the basic power of the universe" as a means of destruction in war. Dr. Harold C. Urey, one of the scientists who produced the atomic bomb, declared that he was frightened as were all the other scientists.

"This is a world of frightened men," said Paul Hutchinson, editor of the *Christian Century*, in an article in the *Atlantic Monthly* of September 18, 1947. "Let's be honest about this," he said, for "we are all frightened. The

hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." See Luke 21:25, 26. Some believe that the latter statement has reference to the use of atomic energy, which is called "the basic power of the universe." Is not this prediction meeting a striking fulfillment in our day? Never was fear so rampant in the world as now.

The Only Hope

The picture is indeed very dark. However, there is a ray of hope. There is an alternative. It is Jesus Christ and His gospel. All sorts of experiments have been made and have failed. It is time to give Christ a chance. Dr. William Temple, the late Archbishop of Canterbury, said that "this world can be saved by one way only, and that is worship," in other words, a turning to God.

General Eisenhower said that "unless there is a moral regeneration throughout the world there is no hope for mankind and we will all disappear in an atomic explosion." The editor of the *Daily Mirror* said that "only a religious revival on a universal scale can save the world from a hopeless stampede into chaos." There is need of some modern Jonahs to visit our great modern Ninevehs with a message calling for a great revival as the only means of avoiding destruction, or a message similar to that of Jesus when He said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Robert M. Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chicago, in an article on "The Atomic Bomb Versus Civilization," said: "There is no defence against the atomic bomb. . . . Missiles can now be guided to their targets by radio; and rockets can be fired from airplanes which are beyond the range of defensive instruments. . . . At the present time we would have to go down about half a mile to be safe from the explosion and the rays, and would have to go deeper as more powerful bombs are developed. And when we had gone underground we should run the risk of starvation and suffocation through the destruction of our systems of communication and ventilation. . . .

"Atomic war will be the most horrible we have known, and both the victor and the vanquished will lose it. . . . The new weapon puts a premium on military surprise, on attack without a declaration of war. It puts a premium on sabotage and fifth column work, on hostile operations within a country with which you are nominally at peace. . . . It produces a world which must live in perpetual fear."

Then the great educator asks and answers the following question: "Is the situation, then, altogether hope-

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physicists are frightened — perhaps more frightened than anyone else. The bacteriologists are frightened, as they showed when their International Congress for Microbiology, meeting in Copenhagen in July, petitioned the governments, please, please, PLEASE, not to resort to bacteriological warfare. The politicians are frightened. The common people everywhere are frightened. . . . This is a world of discouraged men."

This reminds us of the statement of Jesus that just before His return there would be "upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's

less? I think not; but the only hope is to increase the rate of moral progress tremendously, to increase it beyond anything we have ever dreamed of, to increase it to an extent which itself, at first glance, may seem hopeless." This is certainly an almost hopeless hope. Of course a mighty revival of apostolic godliness on a universal scale would change the situation, but will such a revival take place? Many feel that it is more than we can expect in the light of the present world situation.

But will the world end in an atomic explosion? Is that to be the sad fate of the human race? The Scriptures do speak of "the end of the world." Jesus closes the great commission with the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." The apostle Peter wrote, "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." 1 Peter 4:7. The disciples asked Jesus the question, "What shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?" and His answer is the great prophecy recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14.

"The end of the world" has become a very familiar expression because of its frequent use by writers, speakers and scientists during recent months. "We must either do something to prevent another war or face the end of the world," said a scientist in an address to a state teacher's convention. The president of a great university said that "the end cannot be far distant," and a well-known radio news commentator declared that "we have only four or five years left."

H. G. Wells, in his last book, *Mind at the End of Its Tether*, said: "The world is at the end of its tether. . . . The end of everything we call life is close at hand and cannot be evaded. The writer is convinced that there is no way out or around or through the impasse. It is the end." The noted British historian describes our civilization as "a convoy lost in darkness on an unknown rocky coast, with quarreling pirates in the charroom and savages clambering up the sides of the ships to plunder or to do evil as the whim may take them."

But what is meant by the Biblical expression, "the end of the world"? How will the world end? What is it that will be brought to an end? What mighty changes does this event represent? What will follow? Is it a gloomy, or a cheerful prospect? Should we face it with terror or courage? with fear or hope? with pessimism or optimism? Be sure to read next month's article, "Toward Darkness or Dawn."

WITHOUT question the virgin Mary, mother of our Lord Jesus, stands out in sacred history as being truly favoured of God. Did not the angel of heaven himself say, "Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women"? Luke 1:28. And did not the Holy Spirit move Mary's lips to say, "Behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed"? Luke 1:48. The question is, then, Just how far should we go in our respect or reverence for the one whom Heaven chose to be the mother of our Lord?

Referring to the last-quoted inspired words, the Douay Version of the Holy Bible says in a footnote: "These words are a prediction of that honour which the church in all ages should pay to the Blessed Virgin. Let Protestants examine whether they are any way concerned in this prophecy."

Concerned? Yes, vitally. Honour?

created her soul He did not allow it to be stained with original sin. She is the only one of the human race since the fall of our first parents who has escaped this penalty."—*The Catechism Simply Explained*, by H. Canon Cafferata, p. 59. Burns Oates and Washburne Ltd., London.

Following this is an interesting exegesis on Genesis 3:15 in which it is confidently stated, "Everyone now knows that the seed here spoken of is Christ, and consequently that the individual woman whose immediate seed He was to be is the Virgin Mary."—*Ibid.*, p. 60.

From whence did such a doctrine originate? Turn to *The Apocryphal New Testament*, printed for William Hone, Ludgate Hill, London, 1820, by the New Temple Press, 1A Norbury Crescent, S. W. Here we find, according to its introductory page, "all the Gospels, Epistles, and other pieces now extant, attributed in the

The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

By Robert H. Pierson

By all means. Should we not honour one whom God hath honoured? Does God intend, however, that we should go beyond honour and ascribe to this fellow mortal certain miraculous powers and mediatory influence about which Holy Writ remains silent?

It is indeed interesting to peruse some of the sources from which these doctrines of the Immaculate Conception and the super physical powers that have been bestowed upon the mortal Mary have sprung. Just where shall we turn for such authority? To the Word of God? No! Here we should search in vain. Where, then, shall we turn? To tradition! Yes, here we read:

"Have all mankind contracted the guilt and stain of original sin?

"All mankind have contracted the guilt and stain of original sin, except the Blessed Virgin, who, through the merits of her Divine Son, was conceived without the least guilt or stain of original sin.

"What is this privilege of the Blessed Virgin called?

"This privilege of the Blessed Virgin is called the Immaculate Conception. This . . . means that when God

first four centuries to Jesus Christ, His apostles and their companions, and not included in the New Testament by its compilers." Among this compilation of spurious gospels, long since rejected by the compilers of the Holy Bible, we find burning brightly the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The first book of this collection, entitled *The Gospel of the Birth of Mary*, contains a vivid and detailed account of the birth of the one who should later become the mother of Jesus. This account agrees with the Gospel writer Luke, that "the blessed and ever glorious Virgin Mary, sprung from the royal race and family of David." Mary 1:1. It continues with an interesting, if somewhat unauthorized, narrative of how Joachim and Anna, the parents of Mary, lived long in disgrace because they had no children. This ignominy was climaxed when Issachar, the high priest in those days, publicly chided Joachim after this manner: "Why he, who had no children, would presume to appear among those who had?" adding that "his offerings could never be acceptable to God, who was judged by Him



"She shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins."
Matthew 1:21.



unworthy to have children." Mary 1:9. Joachim was "much confounded with the shame of such reproach" (Verse 11), and wanted to stay away from his neighbours and friends lest they also should reproach him.

Then, the spurious record declares, an angel came to Joachim and promised that his childless state should be changed.

"But if reason will not convince you of the truth of my words, that there are frequent conceptions in advanced years, and that those who were barren have brought forth to their great surprise; therefore Anna your wife shall bring you a daughter and you shall call her name Mary; she shall, according to your vow, be devoted to the Lord from her infancy, and be filled with the Holy Ghost from her mother's womb: she shall neither eat nor drink anything which is unclean, nor shall her conversation be without among the common people, but in the temple of the Lord; that so she might not fall under any slander or suspicion of what is bad. So in the process of her years, as she shall be in a miraculous manner born to one that was barren, so she shall, while yet a virgin, in a way unparalleled, bring forth the Son of the Most High God, who shall be called Jesus, and, according to the significance of His name, be the

Saviour of all nations." Mary 2:9-12.

Anna also was assured that Mary, her daughter-to-be, should be born in a miraculous manner, "being an unparalleled instance without any pollution or defilement." Rejoicing, the parents returned to their home, and then follows the simple statement of Mary's birth:

"So Anna conceived, and brought forth a daughter, and, according to the angel's command, the parents did call her name Mary." Verse 11.

Not alone in this book of *The Gospel of the Birth of Mary* does one find abundant evidence confirming the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, but also in another apocryphal book known as the *Protevangelion*, or, *An Historical Account of the Birth of Christ, and the Perpetual Virgin Mary, His Mother*, by James, the Lesser, Cousin and Brother of the Lord Jesus, Chief Apostle and First Bishop of the Christians in Jerusalem. Here an even more detailed account of the Immaculate Conception is recorded.

From such writings as those mentioned and from numerous other traditional sources have sprung the fanciful philosophies of men which have been absorbed by some branches of the Christian church.

Mary, favoured woman that she

was, still was very much of this world. There is nothing recorded in Canonic Scripture that would lead us to believe that her birth and life, aside from her miraculous bringing forth of our Lord Jesus, was out of the ordinary. That she was born in sin, the same as every other individual since the fall of man, we must conclude.

In recording Jesus' birth in Galatians 4:4, Paul uses no qualifying adjectives to describe the mother of our Lord: "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law"—"made of a woman, made under the law."

"Howbeit in vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men. . . . Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition." Mark 7:7-9.

Honour Mary? By all means we should honour the one whom Heaven selected to be the mother of our Saviour. But honour her as we would honour other great women—for what she was—a good, virtuous faithful woman, not as one born in a different sinless manner from all of her sisters and therefore worthy not only of our honour but also of our worship.



BIBLE ANSWERS

by your Bible Answerman

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Dear Mr. Answerman: What are some of the events that will transpire before and after the millennium?

"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the East might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. . . . And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." Revelation 16:12-14, 16.

As this conflict rages Jesus comes and brings it to an end. The wicked living are destroyed by the brightness of His coming, and the righteous living are translated and taken to heaven together with the resurrected righteous. That depopulates the earth of every living human being. Only Satan and his followers are left here in this shambles of an earth during the 1,000-year period.

At the end of the millennium, Christ and all the redeemed saints return to this earth. At this time Jesus fulfils His promise to raise the rest of the dead from their graves. The "rest of the dead" are and can be only the wicked dead. They come forth with all their lusts and passions just as they went down into their graves. At the time of the saints' return the New Jerusalem comes down from God out of heaven to this earth, and the resurrected wicked meet their end as they go up to capture this great golden prize. This is described for us in Revelation 20:

"But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. . . . And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the

four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Verses 5, 7-9.

Dear Bible Answerman: You teach that the earth was created in six literal days—presumably out of nothing. ("He spake, and it was done.") How do you explain, then, the fact that in order for the great Deluge to accomplish, at God's command, the destruction of every living thing except the ark and its inhabitants, it took such a comparatively long period of time?

Is there the possibility that the seven days of the first week were not literal twenty-four-hour days?

We think that there was not the remotest possibility that the six days of creation were anything other than literal twenty-four-hour days. It must be readily admitted that the period of the earth's destruction was longer than the period of its creation; but we are unable to see that that fact has any bearing at all on the matter of crea-

tion. If man wishes to employ many artisans and labourers and erect a house in a given period of time, and then, if it does not please him, take ten times as long to tear it down, surely he is within his prerogatives.

God has the right to do as He pleases with His own. However, we must remember that before the flood the earth was covered with a dense and rank vegetation. It was the action of the water that uprooted those mighty trees and washed them together in great areas. Likewise it was the action of the water that covered this stacked-up vegetation with soft mud. Layer after layer of vegetation and mud was laid down on top of each other by the surging action of the waters. In the process of time the vegetation became coal and the mud became rock and shale.

The theory that the days of creation were long, indefinite periods of time doesn't have a leg to stand on. It is enunciated by those who do not have faith enough to accept the Biblical declaration that God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh.

Dear Bible Answerman: According to Leviticus 10:9, do you think Aaron used to drink wine and strong drink at times when he was not directly occupied with the tabernacle service?

This is an interesting question in that it shows that some people are reading their Bibles and thinking about what they read. Leviticus 10:9 says this: "Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations."

I would not understand from this that the drinking of alcoholic beverages was approved at any time, but I would understand that there was a special prohibition against it at the time of the tabernacle service. As far as I am acquainted we have no record showing that Aaron at any time used



wine or strong drink. We do know that his two sons violated the instructions of this verse, and because of their befuddled state of mind offered "strange fire" before the Lord, and the result was that the Lord slew them instantly.

It is possible that these two young men started out by drinking at times when they were not directly occupied with the tabernacle services, but the use of alcohol is a habit that grows, and soon gets out of control. The tendency is to drink just a little more, and the first thing the imbibor knows, he is drunk, and has offered "strange fire," or in present-day offences, he has given way to some form of lust, or has killed someone with gun or automobile.

No! I don't believe that Leviticus 10:9 can be interpreted as a permit from God to use wine or strong drink when off duty.

Dear Mr. Answerman: Are we still under the ceremonial laws of Moses, or did the death of Christ on the cross abolish these? O. K. C.

The ceremonial law was transitory in its nature and came to an end at the cross. It was a remedial system that was "added because of transgression" until the time when Christ would come. Had the moral law never been broken the ceremonial law would never have been necessary. At best it was only a temporary measure that told a sinner what to do in case he broke the moral law. In the event an Israelite broke the ten commandments, the ceremonial law instructed him to bring a lamb, without spot or blemish, to the door of the tabernacle and to lay his hands on the animal's head, confessing the sin which he had committed. Then he was required to take the life of the lamb with his own hand. Thus the sinner's sin was transferred from himself to the innocent victim which was a type of Christ.

However, when Christ the Lamb of God came and gave His life for the sins of the whole world, type met anti-type, shadow met substance, and the type and the shadow ceased to exist.

When Christ died on the cross the veil of the temple was rent from the top to the bottom: "Behold, the veil of the temple was rent from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent." The supernatural rending of the veil indicated that the temple service had come to its end.

"Then said He, Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second." Hebrews 10:9.

Dr. Albert Barnes makes the following comments on this verse: "The word *first* here refers to sacrifices and offerings. He takes *them* away; that is, He shows that they are of no value in

removing sin. He states their inefficacy, and declares His purpose to abolish them. '*That He may establish the second*' — to wit, the doing of the will of God. . . . If they had been efficacious, there would have been no need of His coming to make an atonement."

The Jews, following the death of Christ, did not recognize the fact that the sacrificial system had come to its end, and continued to offer sacrifices as before. Even the Christian Jews did not recognize this significant fact. They wanted to continue the animal sacrifices. They had difficulty in realizing that Jesus was the antitype of all animal sacrifices.

It was necessary, therefore, for the apostle Paul to use some strong language in clarifying this matter. In writing to the Colossians he said: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days [yearly, ceremonial sabbaths of which there were seven]: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ." Colossians 2:16, 17.

However, when it came to the moral law there was no change. The ten commandments are principles of righteousness which cannot be altered or abolished. Christ in speaking to this point said: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." Matthew 5:17.

John Wesley comments as follows: "The moral law contained in the ten commandments, and enforced by the

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prophets, He did not take away. It was not the design of His coming to revoke any part of this. . . . Every part of this law must remain in force upon all mankind and in all ages, as not depending either on time or place, or any other circumstance liable to change, but on the nature of God, and the nature of man, and their unchangeable relation to each other." — *Sermons*, Vol. 1, No. 25, pp. 221, 222.

Dear Bible Answerman: Will the Jews establish a national home in Palestine? J. M., Regina.

The following prophecies say that they will not: "And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end, thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him." Ezekiel 21:25-27.

"Thus saith the Lord, Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests; and go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinom, which is by the entry of the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee. . . . Then thou shalt break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee, and shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; *Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again.*" Jeremiah 19:1, 2, 10, 11.

"And when He saw a fig tree in the way, He came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, *Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever.* And presently the fig tree withered away." Matthew 21:19.

God said that He would overturn the throne of Israel, and that it should be no more till He (Christ) come whose it was, and He would give it to Him. Then, again, under the figure of a potter's earthen vessel the nation is broken and it is said that it cannot be made whole. The fig tree which Jesus cursed represented the Jewish nation. The sentence was that the tree bear no fruit forever. It withered and died.

Dear Bible Answerman: Should we or should we not speak to a sister in Christ if we see her doing worldly things that a child of God should not do?

It would be all right to speak to the erring sister after you have prayed about it if you can do it tactfully in love, and if you are sure you are not doing the same or worse things yourself.

Sound Doctrine

(After you have carefully studied the lesson, see if you can answer the questions of Pastor Flynn's Bible Quiz.)

1. To what may the doctrines of the Bible be compared?
2. Draw a line through the false statements:
 - a. If a man is sincere he can be saved no matter what he believes.
 - b. It is possible to have a strong body with defective bones.
 - c. Jesus was a teacher of true and sound doctrine.
 - d. To get the truth we should compare one verse with another in the Bible.
 - e. If a preacher, priest or friend says a thing is true, that makes it true.
3. Fill in the following blanks:
 - a. ".....: hold fast that which is good."
 - b. "For must be upon upon; here a and there a"
4. Give the first three words of Bossuet's statement:
5. How does the Bible become God's weighing machine?
6. Whose doctrine is the doctrine of the Bible?
7. Underline the correct statements:
 - a. We should prove the soundness of our doctrine by our relatives, the barber, by the law and the Bible, the preacher, the priest.
 - b. Satan's doctrines are good, true, counterfeit, designed to save.
8. Who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life"?
9. What is "vain" worship said to be to God?
10. What is one tragic result of clinging to false doctrine?
11. How do some people "wish they could get to heaven"?
12. Write false or true after each statement:
 - a. God loves the prayer of the one who refuses to hear His law.
 - b. Strong delusion comes to those who reject God's truth.
 - c. If a man is willing he shall know of the doctrine.
 - d. God approves those who substitute error for truth.

THE great prophet Isaiah once wrote: "But they [Israel's religious leaders] also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean."

The full impact of these vatical words was driven home with pile-driver force the other night when a little, old, blind woman, dressed in black, groped her way into a street car. I had never seen her before. She was frail; and she was drunk. Her white hair was dishevelled, and her eyes were misty and red. They stared unseeingly from their sockets, sunk deep in a sallow, wrinkled face. One glove was on, but the wizened hand that clung to the white cane was bare. She was so tiny and helpless that I wanted to protect her; but, being human, the loathsome smell of second-hand beer made me hold her in contempt. I wondered just how much longer society intends to hobble along on the crutch of alcohol.

In the United States alone (there are no exact figures for Canada), there are between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 people of all classes, races, and religious affiliations who are ill with a disease called alcoholism—a contagious disease as deadly as tuberculosis and as cankerous as cancer with its mere 500,000 known cases. Still, modern preventive medicine, as a body, and the general public have failed to give their scientific experience and wholehearted support to its prevention and cure—for it can be cured; and better still, it can be prevented! Every member of Alcoholics Anonymous stands as a living testimonial.

Since this illness is on a global scale, would it be precocious at this date to suggest that national sanitariums "for the prevention and cure of alcoholism" be established throughout the nations of the world? Would it be out of place to suggest that the best brains preventive medicine can spare be assigned to use their specialized knowledge and scientific equipment to help the "alcoholic sick" rehabilitate themselves; to help them throw away, first, the bottle, and then their inner inadequacies, emotional disturbances, fears and neuroses, and finally emerge as normal, healthy, useful citizens?

In Canada, this may sound like a very timid kitten mewing in the face of a roaring lion, for only a few months ago a survey was made of Canadians in all walks of life, and seventy-five out of every one hundred men interviewed voted for the manufacture and

SIN IN HIGH PLACES

By Samuel Campbell, B.A.

sale of spirits. The great majority were disgusted with the "indignant bleatings of the puppy-dog antialcoholists." In "Toronto, the good," one city newspaper published the following headlines on the same page: "CONTROLLERS TOLD GENERAL HOSPITALS WILL HAVE TO CLOSE UP UNLESS CITY PAYS DEFICITS"

"1947 ONTARIO LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD SALES CLOSE TO \$155,500,000"

These glaring facts, and more, would tend to discourage the fainthearted, and make them lose confidence in human nature. But to those with a will, they clearly indicate that an intense educational programme, directed particularly at the younger generation before they are engulfed by the older and "superior" alcoholic culture, must co-operate with the facilities of preventive medicine.

Perhaps this venture of applying the concept of preventive medicine in alcoholism may sound incredible to you. It is far more than just a dream to a group of people working quietly in the Laboratory of Applied Physiology at Yale University. In British Columbia the government has set aside a part of its \$1,000,000 a month liquor profits for the purpose of conducting an alcoholic educational programme in the high schools. Alcoholic education in British Columbia is in but its primary stage. However, we hope that it is a step in the right direction, and that British Columbia and all Canada will go on and totally eradicate the curse from the Dominion.

The haughty sheep doctors scoffed at the humble Louis Pasteur and his inoculation stuff. To-day, because of him, no child needs to die of diphtheria. Once, the streets of Europe reeked putrid with the victims of the Black Death. To-day, the plague has disappeared from the face of the earth. In the 1890's, typhoid fever was rampant. To-day, many a young doctor graduates without seeing a single case.

STOP AND THINK! You can't cure a headache by taking an aspirin if its cause lies in the digestive tract. Let's work on the cause of the disease!

STOP AND THINK AGAIN! You cannot go to heaven as a drunkard. The pearly gates of the New Jerusalem are slammed shut in the face of everyone who persists in the habit of intemperance.

The Bible clearly presents the divine attitude toward the indulgence of alcoholic beverages: "Wine

is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 20:1. God's followers are admonished to "be not among winebibbers."

The befuddled state of mind of the

winebibber provides the ideal set-up for Satan—ideal in that the drunkard has little ability to discern between right and wrong, and is therefore easily moved along the path of sin and destruction.

The sin of evil influence is not one of the lesser sins for which governmental leaders will have to give an account to God in the day of judgment. If it were not for the example of those in high places and the easy accessibility of alcoholic beverages we conceive that there would be very much less drunkenness.

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Asthma

Question: What is the treatment of asthma?

ANSWER: In younger individuals asthma is usually due to allergy to house dust, pollens, or such things as wool, feathers, cats, dogs, etc. The exact cause can be determined by skin tests or other methods. The offender can be avoided or the patient may be desensitized against the same by a series of injections. For the acute attack adrenalin by inhalation or by injection usually gives dramatic relief. Ephedrine orally or by inhalation is sometimes substituted. These should be given under medical supervision. Nicotinic acid, a vitamin B derivative, is sometimes useful. The asthmatic patient should take "asthma" exercises daily, according to Dr. Frank Krusen of the Mayo Clinic. These consist of: 1. Abdominal breathing—when this is done correctly the upper abdomen protrudes on inspiration and is withdrawn on expiration and the chest itself is kept at rest. 2. Slumping in a chair on exhalation and inhaling while the upright position is being assumed. 3. With the arms behind the neck (neck rest position) rotate the elbows, inhaling while the arms are going out, and exhaling while the arms are coming in. 4. The same exercise with the arms fully extended is helpful. Side bending and deep breathing are also recommended. It is important to keep the house scrupulously clean. Persons over fifty years of age who develop asthma are usually suspected of having heart trouble, and the treatment is modified accordingly, main emphasis being placed on rest. Persons suffering from asthma benefit from exercises which may be done while in health as well as during attacks. During the attack itself it is important not to over-expand the lungs. With pressure against the sides of the chest or with the use of a belt encircling the lower chest, inhalation is carried out

against slight pressure, with side pressure (by hands or belt) aiding expiration. This prevents emphysema, which if fully developed may produce chronic invalidism, the muscle tissue in the lung being overstretched.

Valvular Heart Disease

Question: Is it possible to "outgrow" valvular heart disease?

ANSWER: Heart murmurs, while often indicative of valvular heart disease, may be due either entirely or partly to anaemia, which when corrected may cause heart sounds to return to normal. Also dilatations of the heart following recent rheumatic activity, or prolonged emotional or physical strain, will usually subside under proper conditions. To this extent it is possible to "outgrow" valvular heart disease. A certain amount of scarring, of course, remains. In any case, it has been shown that patients with rheumatic heart disease do better if kept under regular medical supervision.

Low Acidity

Question: What foods should be eaten when a person has no acid shown by gastric analysis?

ANSWER: Some persons with low acidity have impaired digestion and flatulence after meals, particularly if they have eaten coarse vegetables or excess of protein foods. These persons especially should eat only a few varieties at a meal, and avoid eating when overfatigued or late in the evening. Four ounces of grapefruit juice or two ounces of lemon juice at a meal will substitute for the usual amount of dilute hydrochloric acid taken. Distention of the stomach may occur as a result of eating fruit and coarse vegetables at the same meal. The fruit tends to ferment during the delayed digestion of the vegetables. Animal protein increases putrefaction in the intestines.

ONE realizes instinctively that noise decreases efficiency if it is excessive. Lord Horder's statement that "responsible medical opinion holds that apart from the effect on sleep and rest, noise can have disastrous influences on the nervous system and may reduce the efficiency of workers," needs little comment. Industrial concerns are doing everything possible to reduce this hazard; business firms are providing booths for their stenographers and other office workers.

Fatigue comes on later and efficiency is increased in certain specialized work if the worker sits rather than stands where it is possible to do so. Clothing plays a part. In enclosed spaces where heat is intense and humidity high, as in a boiler room, men work more efficiently with the minimum of clothing, preferably stripped to the waist. Under ordinary circumstances, as when working outdoors in temperate climate, men stripped to the waist do not work as efficiently as men wearing shirts, because of the distractions of insects, scratches, et cetera. In the desert, where humidity is low and heat intense, moderate clothing picks up sweat and increases area of evaporation, thus aiding dissipation of body heat. Hence it acts as an insulator against the heat.

If the working days are Monday through Saturday, peak efficiency is attained on Tuesday. This does not infer that week-ends have been mis-spent but that some skills are a little rusty. As the week wears on, efficiency declines owing to fatigue. As far as the individual day is concerned, efficiency is always less after the noonday meal than before. At the beginning of the week efficiency is attained around noon. From day to day maximum efficiency is attained at an earlier and earlier hour, and finally on the last day is at its peak first thing in the morning, owing to early onset of fatigue. Fatigue is the greatest problem where jobs are repetitive, as in an assembly line; work is monotonous, and incentive other than a financial one is not always the greatest. Planned rest periods and yearly vacations increase efficiency. The taking of a rest when one feels like doing so is not nearly so effective as a planned rest period.

The fact that everyone needs one day in seven to recuperate from physical labour is well recognized. One day in the week spent contemplating and enjoying the works of the Creator and in public worship is well spent. The physical and spiritual uplift are lost if the day is used to catch up on work around the home or at the office or shop. Man's attainments are no higher than his ideals, and one day a week is

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needed to lift his mind above the material things of man's creation.

Breakfast and eating habits generally are important. The "high carbohydrate" breakfast with perhaps white toast, coffee and a glass of fruit juice results in quick energy all right, the blood sugar reaching a high level around ten o'clock. By eleven, however, the blood sugar falls to an abnormally low level with resultant fatigue, jitteriness, and tendency to dizziness which may be serious in dangerous occupations. Most industrial accidents on this account occur between 10 and 11 A. M. One third of the daily requirement of protein should be eaten at breakfast for sustained energy, and one third of the daily requirement of fat for those extra calories and to slow down the emptying time of the stomach. A proper breakfast would include two or three slices of whole-wheat bread, cereal, milk, fresh and cooked fruit, and one egg a day or perhaps better, three or four a week. Someone has said that breakfast should be an institution where, incidentally, family worship is not neglected. The noon meal should likewise be substantial, and the evening meal light inasmuch as energy requirements in the evening are usually minimal.

If one's greatest efficiency is attained in the morning then important things should receive early attention. Morning devotions should not be neglected. It is said of Luther that before the Diet of Worms he spent several of the "best hours" of the day in prayer. His wonderful defence of the gospel on this occasion was the result. We read of Christ that He arose a great while before it was day and went unto a mountain to pray. Where mental work is concerned and routine matters must be dealt with it has been found that it is best to get the easy things out of the way first while the mind is fresh, because when fatigue sets in, even easy things become hard to do. Incidentally, it has been well said that "the work of the day should not be prolonged into the evening hours." The evenings are better spent in recreation, social activity and cultural pursuits.

The greater the mental activity the more important is the need for a proportionate increase in physical exercise. Ideally, sedentary workers should have several hours of physical exercise daily, such as walking, gardening or other useful manual work. The right mental attitude makes work a pleasure and a satisfaction rather than a mere drudgery. The step is light rather than heavy; the posture erect rather than drooped. Bodily organs are unhindered in their work, and respond to the exhilaration of spirit. As the French say, "We are happy because we smile; not, we smile because we are

FATIGUE *and* INEFFICIENCY

By W. H. Roberts, M.D.

happy." A change of pace allows for quick recuperation of exhausted energies. This is where the ability to relax comes in; it should be cultivated.

Chronic fatigue of unusual degree should not be ignored. It can be a symptom of many organic illnesses including heart disease, tuberculosis, glandular deficiencies (especially thyroid), anemia, vitamin deficiencies, the use of stimulants (which would include tea, coffee, cola drinks, tobacco, benzedrine, etc.), and others.

Most persons can actually accomplish much more than they do within regular working hours. It has been found that the average worker sets a relatively slow pace for himself and wastes many movements. More careful use of the priceless talent of time

would permit greater numbers to enjoy things that are thought to be accessible only to the privileged classes and gentlemen of leisure.

"Inactivity is a fruitful cause of disease. Exercise quickens and equalizes the circulation of the blood, but in idleness the blood does not circulate freely, and the changes in it, so necessary to life and health, do not take place. The skin, too, becomes inactive. Impurities are not expelled as they would be if the circulation had been quickened by vigorous exercise, the skin kept in a healthy condition, and the lungs fed with plenty of pure, fresh air. This state of the system throws a double burden on the excretory organs, and disease is the result."
—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 238.

Any unusual or prolonged period of fatigue should be recognized as a danger signal. Something is wrong with the body machine, and a thorough check-up by a competent physician is the part of wisdom.



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ANNIE LAWSON'S PRAYERS

By Mary C. Murdoch

Jimmie thought he knew the Bible, but Mr. Wood, the tailor, showed him some things that revolutionized his entire life.

What Has Gone Before

Peter Lawson was ashamed of his weakness for drink, and sought to hide it from Annie, his young wife. But when Peter was brought home in a drunken stupor Annie was terrified for fear little Jimmie would follow his father's example. In the years that passed Annie was drawn close to God. Jimmie grew to manhood torn between the influence of his father and of his mother. At length he is converted and devotes himself to God in serving the cause of temperance.

DURING the years that Jimmie and his father farmed around Dauphin they amassed their share of wealth. Their herds of cattle spread over the prairies for miles around. Although Peter enjoyed his prosperity, yet his riches had not brought to him the satisfaction he had anticipated. Deep down in his heart he had an unutterable longing for something he did not possess.

Lately he had become very restless and at times melancholy. He seemed unable to find peace of mind. All Annie's efforts to cheer him were in vain. He was fast losing all interest in everything. One day while she was out in the yard he suddenly turned to her with a look of utter hopelessness and said, "Annie, I'm going to end it all. I'm just a burden to both you and myself. I'm going to end it all."

"O Peter," she cried, "I've prayed for you all these years. I cannot give you up."

"Then pray for me now," wailed Peter. "Pray for me now." So together they knelt down beside the barn while Annie prayed as she had never prayed before.

At last Peter had turned to the right source for help, and God, whose arm is ever stretched out to save, rescued him from destruction. Just as soon as Peter was willing to come to God, the forces of darkness were driven back and peace came to his troubled mind and heart. With the peace that passeth understanding came the assurance of sins forgiven. How precious were the promises, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Isaiah 1:18. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and . . . He will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:7. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Peter could never comprehend the unfathomable love of God, who had accepted him after he had spent the best years of his life in serving Satan.

Some time later when Jimmie was away on business he received a telegram from his mother advising him to come home immediately. His father had taken dangerously ill. Jimmie

hastened to his bedside and found him in a very weak condition, but still rejoicing in the Lord. "You have been a good son to me, Jimmie, a much better son than I have been a father. I've wasted the best years of my life, but the wonderful mercy and love of God have saved me for eternity. Jimmie, you have a sincere Christian mother. Always be true to your mother's God."

Later he asked Jimmie to send for William and James. These were two neighbour boys in whom Peter had taken a special interest. He knew they were heading in the wrong direction and he wanted to warn them against seeking after the fleeting pleasures of this world. As he told them of the miserable failure he had made of his life, because of his unwillingness to let God help him, they were visibly moved. The testimony of this one-time drunkard made a lasting impression upon those wayward boys. The record of his unhappy past impressed them with the truth that "the way of transgressors is hard." Proverbs 13:15.

Just a little while before Father Lawson passed away, he repeated part of the well-known hymn:

"On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie."

In his eagerness to be reassured, Jimmie bent over and asked, "Are your possessions there, father?" "Yes, O, yes, Jimmie, and we are going to meet again over there. We are going to meet again in heaven."

"We will rest in the fair and happy land,
Just across on the evergreen shore;
Sing the song of Moses and the Lamb by
and by,
And dwell with Jesus ever more."

Mrs. Lawson and Jimmie moved to town after Peter's death. Jimmie sold

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the farm and returned to his trade, and it was not long until he had built up a successful and prosperous business. Jimmie's prospects seemed bright indeed, when suddenly, as a bolt from the blue, all was blasted. The fire alarm rang out early one morning and Jimmie was startled to learn that a nearby hotel block was already enveloped in flames. As he was a member of the emergency fire brigade he hastily donned his uniform and rushed to the scene. However, despite the heroic fight put forth, it was soon evident that all further efforts to quench the flames were useless. The roaring of the fire mingled with the shrieks of the women caused panic. All was confusion, but Jimmie must dare one more rescue — a child was still in the burning building. As our young hero struggled toward the exit with the child he felt himself being overpowered by the flames and smoke; then all was blank.

It was three days before he regained consciousness, and his condition was most critical during the months that followed. An eminent specialist was called from New York to perform a most delicate operation on his damaged lungs. This brought relief to some extent, but recovery was slow. Almost a year passed before he was able to leave the hospital on a stretcher. The doctors thought that a higher altitude might help. In time he was able to get around with the aid of crutches.

As the months passed Jimmie was tempted to become somewhat discouraged as he thought of his weak and helpless condition, but not often, for his mother was continually encouraging him. She knew that "all things work together for good to them that love God." Although it was hard for her to see how this trial could ever work out for good, yet she continued to trust where she could not trace.

One morning when Jimmie was out in the garden his attention was directed to a well-dressed man walking briskly down the road. He was carrying a Bible and a hymnbook. Jimmie, somewhat puzzled, inquired of his neighbour across the way as to who this man was.

"Oh, that is Wood, the tailor," he said. "He is going to church."

Jimmie, confused for the moment, replied, "But this isn't Sunday."

"No, I know it isn't, but Wood keeps Saturday for Sunday. He believes Saturday is the Sabbath."

"Well, what else does he believe?" asked Jimmie in astonishment.

"Oh, he believes in justification by faith, in Christ's soon coming, in baptism by immersion, but he doesn't believe in the doctrine of eternal punishment for the wicked," replied his neighbour.

Jimmie's interest was immediately aroused, for the subject of eternal

torment was a matter to which he had in the past given considerable thought.

"I'm going to investigate this," he said.

At this Neighbour Johnson put his hand on Jimmie's shoulder and warned him to have nothing to do with those people. "You need have no fear for me," said Jimmie. "These people will never get me unless by the Bible."

Ever since Jimmie had become well enough to do so, he had passed much time on Sundays visiting different churches. He liked to investigate the tenets of their faith and discuss their different beliefs. Often he would talk with his mother and ask her what she thought about certain views. Always she would say, "Let us take the Bible as it reads, and ask God to guide us." By comparing scripture with scripture they had come to some very definite conclusions concerning certain points of doctrine.

They could not reconcile the love of God as taught in the Bible with the theory of eternal torment. The Bible set forth the proposition that the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23), not life in the flames of fire. Then again in Psalm 37:10, 20 they read, "Yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be." "The wicked shall perish, . . . into smoke shall they consume away." "They shall be devoured as stubble fully dry." Nahum 1:10. Jimmie had been subjected to the pains of fire for just a few brief minutes. Now the thought that anyone would be committed to an eternally burning hell was to him unbearable. Then, too, Jimmie had often been disturbed as he had tried to reconcile the punishment of the wicked with the fact of a future resurrection and judgment. "If the wicked," he argued, "have already been consigned to the flames, then what need is there of a future resurrection and judgment?" So it was not surprising that his attention had focussed upon Mr. Johnson's statements of the beliefs of the young man whom he had seen on his way to church.

When Mr. Wood returned from church, Jimmie, eager to make his acquaintance, went to meet him. After introducing himself he went on to explain how his curiosity had been aroused that morning as he had seen him carrying his Bible. "I understand that you keep Saturday for Sunday. Is that so?"

"Well, not exactly," replied Mr. Wood. "I do observe Saturday, the seventh day of the week, as the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. You see, Mr. Lawson, I believe that the blessing pronounced on the Sabbath by God at creation has never been removed."

"You are in business, Mr. Wood. Is your shop open to-day?"

"Oh, no, Mr. Lawson. None of my men are working to-day."

"Well," said Jimmie, "I certainly admire your sacrifice. You certainly practice your religion, but I think you are very much mistaken in holding to the seventh day, for we surely know now that Sunday is the Sabbath."

Mr. Wood looked earnestly at Jimmie and said, "Mr. Lawson, if you can show me anywhere in the Bible that the first day of the week is commanded to be observed as the Sabbath I will never keep the seventh day again."

"Well," replied Jimmie confidently, "I'll soon show you that. I'll look up the references."

Mr. Wood did not seem over enthusiastic on hearing this, but nevertheless extended a cordial invitation to Jimmie to come over to his house for a visit, and suggested that he come the next day.

Jimmie replied that Sunday was an especially busy day for him. He taught the Bible class in the Methodist Church; he was the superintendent of the City Mission, and in the evening he always attended the Salvation Army meetings. But sometimes between four and five in the afternoon he was free. So he agreed to a visit then.

Jimmie felt that Mr. Wood was sincere in what he believed, and this made him all the more eager to set him straight. That evening in his own room Jimmie searched his Bible, but was unable to find the definite information he had expected. After looking up the various references he discovered that the word Sunday was not even mentioned in the Bible. So taking down his Webster's dictionary he was somewhat dismayed to find that Sunday was defined as being "the venerable day of the sun." There were a few references to the first day, but they did not furnish him with the proof he had expected to find. However, the appointed hour found him at Mr. Wood's home.

Jimmie, desirous that no time be lost in man's theories and interpretations, hastened to say that he stood for the Bible and the Bible only.

"I've been studying the beliefs of various denominations," he added. "I don't care what name a denomination chooses to call itself — if it sticks to the Bible, it's all right, but if it cuts out any part of the Bible, I can't go along with it." Jimmie was pleased with Mr. Wood's evident approval and ready acquiescence. The conversation that followed proved interesting, and Jimmie stayed a lot longer than he had anticipated. The fact is, he learned things from Mr. Wood that bade fair to revolutionize his whole life.

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