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# THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT

*A Prophetic Interpretation of Current Events*



## ★ I'll Take God's Resurrection

God promises a resurrection to those who accept and conform to the plan of salvation. But now, William L. Laurence, in *Look Magazine* for March 24, says that science, too, holds out the promise that "You May Live Forever."

Says Mr. Laurence in his opening paragraph: "Science has made such astounding progress in its explorations on the very frontiers of life that it has at last reached the point where it can promise men and women now living the realization of mankind's greatest dream throughout the ages—the resurrection of the physical body. . . ."

"This is not a vague science-fiction forecast for the distant future. The time when this can become a reality is not a thousand years from now, or a hundred years from today, or even just a promise for the world of tomorrow. The time has already come. It is here and now. Every one now living can benefit by the momentous discoveries of recent years in the hitherto forbidden realms of living matter."

We would not have our readers to think that this is now an accomplished fact, that it will be accomplished tomorrow or next year. Probably it will never be accomplished. We say this advisedly, despite science's optimistic promise. All that has been accomplished so far is a bit of experiment with tadpoles and salamanders which have the God given ability to regrow a lost limb.

It is said that one scientist, Dr. Schotte has "succeeded for the first time in growing new heads into the tails of adult salamanders and other amphibians by the transplantation of bits of ordinary, unorganized tissue."

We must submit that there is con-

siderable difference between growing a leg on a tadpole and growing an entire human being. Nevertheless science claims that it has discovered the seed of perpetual life, the very fountain of youth. This, so Mr. Laurence tells us, is resident in scar tissue (scar tissue is that which is formed in the healing of a wound).

A single cell of scar tissue, the writer says, if placed under the proper conditions—conditions like to that of a mother's womb will grow and produce an adult human being exactly like the one from which it was taken. As we said before, this has never been done. But from the tadpole and salamander experiment science promises that it will be done. That is to say if a single cell of scar tissue were taken from a cut in Winston Churchill's finger, your finger, or anybody else's finger, then, from that could be grown—if conditions were right—another Winston Churchill, an-

other you, or another anybody else.

Of course instead of producing one Winston Churchill, a thousand might be produced, or theoretically a million Churchills. As a matter of fact the Churchills might get a monopoly on this business and populate the entire world with nothing but Churchills. That might be all right for the Churchills, but what of the rest of us.

There are some other questions that arise in our minds—questions that science has not as yet answered: What of the matter of memory. Would the memory of the present Winston Churchill be resident in a single cell, or would the second Churchill have to learn all over again the things that the first Churchill knew at the end of his life? Then what of the morals: Would the second Churchill be identical in that respect to the first? Or would he have a higher or a lower moral standard? What about the second Churchill's appear-

Nothing is taught more clearly in the Bible than the fact of a coming resurrection. Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of the great general resurrection at His coming.



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A contrast in travel. Daniel 12:4 gives the reason for this.

living conditions that are bright and beautiful—no more decay, no more sin, no blight, no curse.

Since now—so it seems—I have a choice of resurrections, and since I have more confidence in God's ability to restore me to a perfect creation—"I'll Take God's Resurrection."

### ★ Gadding About

Ox cart days are over as far as the average Canadian is concerned. He travels farther and faster than did his great grandfather. In 1950, according to the UN statistical year book, 2,548,190 Canadians travelled to a foreign country. And that is one in five. Most of these—2,468,039—visited the United States. In return 3,631,579 Americans saw Canada.

We don't know how many Canadians toured Canada, but if the number is comparable to that of the United States, then about every third person made a trip somewhere in the Dominion.

In the United States it is predicted that sixty-six million people will travel eighty billion miles in twenty-two million automobiles. In doing so they will burn up four billion gallons of gasoline, and spend altogether more than nine billion dollars, one billion of which will be for gas.

Those cars! Those twenty-two million cars! Those sleek, shiny, racy automobiles are doing more than taking sightseers to the Grand Canyon, the Petrified Forest and to Yellowstone. They are fulfilling prophecy. The fact that most motorists do not know this, that they never think of the wonders of their fleet footed chariots, does not alter the above fact.

God, millenniums ago, foretold through the prophet Daniel, the "last days" of this world's history when people would be "gadding about" as never before: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

Daniel 12:4. Ancient people, Middle Age people and even comparatively modern people never raced about as do people today. Up until a little more than one hundred years ago people did not travel much. The reason? They could not because they had not the means of rapid transportation.

But how different in the past fifty years. Now men are racing about at speeds in excess of sound. All the civilized world is on the move. And it is this day, our day—the "time of the end"—that God foresaw. Therefore by these high powered transportation mediums we can know where we are living in relation to this world's end. We can know that we are living in the "time of the end." We are living in that time just before the end comes, just before Jesus comes.

Daniel was not the only ancient prophet who foresaw the automobile. There was another—Nahum. Nahum gave a remarkably accurate description of twentieth century automobiles: "The chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of His preparation, . . . The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall justle one against another in the broad ways; they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings." Nahum 2:3, 4.

Night after night millions of automobiles are as "flaming torches." Day after day they "rage in the streets." Time after time they "justle one against another in the broad ways." And they "run like the lightnings." When is this? That is the really important question, and the answer is entirely in agreement with Daniel's declaration that it is the "time of the end." Nahum says that it is in the "day of His (Christ's) preparation."

Why, then, all this "gadding about"?

It is in response to the prophetic word. God would have us to know the "time" in which we are living, and knowing the time to be prepared in heart to meet that tremendous, inevitable event—the second coming of Jesus Christ.

ance? Would he look like the first, or like somebody else? What of hereditary tendencies? Would he fight wars, have political ability, drink cocktails and smoke cigars?

Would a single cell of scar tissue taken from a male produce in kind or in opposite?

Still another thing that Mr. Laurence promises for science that may affect (he says) this generation now living, is that before you die you may take a single cell of scar tissue from some healing wound on your body, put it down in the deep freeze, and then when science gets this plan perfected it will be put in a plastic womb and in nine months or so emerge a lusty infant just like yourself of one or two hundred years ago.

I would like my readers to know that I have no quarrel with true science—true science is entirely in harmony with the Bible, God's Word. Science has saved many lives, but it has also taken many lives. Scientists produced the atom bomb, the bomb that destroyed the thousands of those two defenceless Japanese cities, and which will undoubtedly destroy millions in the very cities of our own country. It was the scientists who produced this destructive weapon and then pleaded with evangelistic fervor that it not be used. Consistency is a quality greatly to be admired.

God has promised us a resurrection, and He has promised further that after the resurrection of the righteous the moral standard will be perfected, and that there will be no more sickness or death. A new earth is promised with



**T**HE BURDENS of earthly sovereigns are great. How great, only rulers themselves can know. It is a common saying that "uneasy lies the head that wears the crown."

### **Responsibilities of Rulers**

Not all sovereigns have a true sense of their obligations to those over whom they rule. Like their subjects, kings and princes are human, with all the inherent weaknesses of the flesh. They may serve themselves instead of serving their people. A monarch takes his governing tasks seriously only as he possesses an enlightened sense of duty. But an enlightened sense of duty can only come to the ruler who acknowledges his allegiance to a higher power. That power we call God. It is a sovereign's awareness of God that creates in him or her the desire to discharge the heavy duties of rulership in the fear of God and in the love of mankind.

An appreciation of God may come, in some measure, to those who thoughtfully contemplate the wonderful world of nature. But the most complete knowledge of Him can only be acquired through revelation. This unfolding of the character and work of God, Christians find in the book we call the Bible.

One of the first things we learn about God from Holy Writ is that He is the Creator of "all creatures, great and small," that He is by right the King of kings and Lord of lords. "Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool." Isaiah 66:1.

The principles by which He rules are justice and righteousness. (Psalm 89:14.) Hence God, the Creator and Father of all mankind presents to us in His own person the most exalted pattern of a true king. What man's relationship to Him should be is clearly defined thus: "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8.

### **Britain's Exemplary Rulers**

Great Britain has been singularly favoured in its rulers. For generations now, the royal family has earned for its members a just and worldwide reputation for uprightness, integrity, and a deep sense of responsibility in the exercise of the functions of government. The beneficent influence of God-fearing sovereigns has left its mark on the British people and British institution alike. Whatever real greatness our nation has achieved in the past has been due, in large measure, to the example of our rulers. And what is the source of this good example? It has been said that the British people are the peo-

# **The THRONE and the BIBLE**

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ple of a book and that book the Bible. Whether or not this can be truly said of the Britain of our day, it is certain that the Bible has played a very important and effective part in the development of Britain's beneficent rule and world-wide influence for good. It has made for stability, integrity and uprightness in her social, industrial and national life.

In the days of Queen Elizabeth I, Professor J. R. Green, in his *History*



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of the English People, says that following the translation of the Scriptures in the vernacular, "England became the people of a book and that book was the Bible. It was as yet the one English book which was familiar to every Englishman; it was read at churches and read at home, and everywhere its words, as they fell on ears which custom had not deadened to their force and beauty, kindled a startling enthusiasm. . . ."

"But far greater than its effect on literature and social phase was the effect on the character of the people at large. . . . The whole temper of the nation was changed. A new conception of life and of man superseded the old. A new moral and religious influence spread

through every class. . . . The whole nation became in fact a church."

When once asked by an African embassy the secret of England's greatness, Queen Victoria sent back a richly bound copy of the Bible to the prince from whence they had come with the message: "Tell your prince that this Book is the secret of England's greatness."

### **Back to the Bible**

The God of the Bible is the Creator of the universe, whose throne is righteousness and whose law is supreme. The Ten Commandment summary of that law used to be repeated frequently in the public devotions of the people of this land. Now, it is all too seldom done. Rationalistic thinkers, both inside and outside the church, have been only too successful in undermining the faith of the people in this incomparably lucid and comprehensive law. Yet its precepts still comprise "the Royal Law," around which the whole Bible revolves. The smallest deviation from any one precept of this law constitutes a violation of the entire ten, since all are based on the righteousness and love of God who gave it. (James 2:8-12.)

"In this time of confusion and chaos," said Princess Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, in a broadcast not so long ago, "everybody should understand that this is due, above all, to a spiritual crisis which the world is undergoing. And that a spiritual crisis can only be solved along spiritual lines by spiritual means. . . . The solution for a better future for mankind can only be found by living and acting according to the teaching of Christ."

### **God's Last Appeal**

The call of this hour, is one which says: "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Revelation 14:7. This stirring heavenly call strikes at the very root of this present moral and spiritual decline. The Royal Law of Sinai, issued amid impressive power and awful majesty to God's ancient people Israel, still convicts all of sin and calls all to a life of righteousness. That same law, so far from being relegated to the background by Jesus, was inseparably bound up in His teaching. He upheld it as the inviolable law of His Father. Yea, He so magnified its precepts as to make



them apply to the very thoughts and intents of the heart. He summarized that law still further by reducing it to two basic principles of human conduct: love to God, and love to man.

By that law and the man Christ Jesus, who became its very embodiment in human flesh, the human family will be judged. (James 2:12; Acts 17:31.) When Jesus comes the second time in power and glory, as the Bible clearly teaches that He must and will, He will bring with Him the just rewards that men individually merit. (Revelation 22:12.)

Those who respond to this final call of Heaven are described as those who "keep the commandments of God, and

### *Fear God and Give Glory to Him*

A message is sounding all over the world,

"Fear God and give glory to Him."  
God's banner of truth is now being unfurled,

"Fear God and give glory to Him."  
All nations and kindreds and peoples give ear,

"Fear God and give glory to Him."  
In highways and byways, O earth, earth, hear!

"Fear God and give glory to Him."  
The nations are angry, distressed and perplexed,

"Fear God and give glory to Him."  
The tables will turn and God's name yet be feared,

"Fear God and give glory to Him."  
O fear not man's fear, which sure bringeth a snare,

"Fear God and give glory to Him."  
His fear gives strong confidence, casts away care,

"Fear God and give glory to Him."  
O worship the Maker of earth with this song,

"Fear God and give glory to Him."

—Mrs. M. H. Cooper.

the faith of Jesus." Revelation 14:12. These are the triumphant people of a book, and that book the Bible. No book but the Bible reveals the law and will of the true and living God, Creator of heaven and earth. It alone records the complete story of Jesus. By accepting God's Word as their guide, these happy people have learned to love "the royal law" as magnified and exemplified in the life and teaching of God's royal Son. Hence the gracious invitation which they received from Him to share in His great and final triumph: "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matthew 25:34.

May we find a place in that happy throng.



## BIBLE ANSWERS



Do you have unanswered Bible questions? If so, you are invited to send them to the EDITOR, Box 398, Oshawa, Ontario.

**Why did God accept Moses after he killed the Egyptian, and reject the man who picked up sticks on the Sabbath day? Why did He accept Moses and reject and destroy Korah, Dathan and Abiram?**

This query calls into question the infinite wisdom and justice of God. And that is something finite man is not able rightly to do. Man has not the ability to see into the future as has God. He has not the ability to see into the hearts of men as does the Creator. And another thing: Man has not the ability to get the over-all perspective of sin as has God. God deals with the sin problem in the way that will accomplish the most good for the most people in the entire world.

Why did God accept Moses after he had killed the Egyptian? God knew that Moses performed that act ill-advisedly in his zeal to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt, the very thing God called him to do forty years later. It should be remembered that this particular Egyptian was not the only heathen idolator of that country who lost his life in the deliverance of God's people. God Himself destroyed thousands of them in the Red Sea, and in the plagues. Why then put so much stress on the life of this one man? While it may not be true, it may well be that this man would have been lost as were the vast majority of his idolatrous associates.

Now why did God destroy the man who picked up the sticks on the Sabbath day? And why did He destroy Korah, Dathan and Abiram? In the case of these individuals we have instances of outright, deliberate rebellion. The man picking sticks was doing so that he might cook the manna, a thing he should have done and was commanded to do the day before. His was deliberate disobedience, and was done we might say to test God, to see whether God would enforce His decree. Had God allowed this man to get away with his flagrant disobedience, the entire congregation would have gone into disobedience. It was a test case to see if God meant what He said. He did.

**Will Jesus come secretly or openly?**

This question is subject to not a little debate. There are some who claim that Jesus comes secretly at death. Others

say that there is a "secret rapture" in which Jesus invisibly withdraws from the earth all those accounted worthy of eternal life. In this operation, the wicked are left here upon the earth during the period of the millennium.

There is another class who contend strongly that the Bible teaches no such doctrines. "Jesus will come openly and will be seen by all," they say.

This latter class refers to Bible texts that seem to be most conclusive. Since every question should be settled by the Bible, suppose we let the following references settle this one:

"I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17. "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Hebrews 9:28.

"When He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11. "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him." Revelation 1:7.



# YOU DO To Be Saved ?

WHILE passing through the principal streets of Calcutta some years ago, we noticed a long-bearded man clothed only in a scant loin cloth and sitting on a bed of spikes. His face and body were white with wood ash. His long, filthy hair was matted as though it had never been combed. When asked why he was torturing himself, he stated that it was because he was seeking God's favour that he might be absolved from his sins.

All over the world, men and women who desire salvation are seeking it through some method of self-inflicted penance or punishment, supposing that in this way they may gain merit and favour with God. The heathen try to influence their false gods favourably by deeds of merit. They attempt this by long penances and by painful ceremonies which afflict the body. They make pilgrim journeys on their knees. They lie on spikes. They thrust needles through their tongues and cheeks. They hang weighted hooks in the flesh of their backs. They walk over burning coals of fire. They even sacrifice their sons and daughters. All this is done to atone for sin or to win some benefit or to avert some misfortune. The heathen knows no other way to seek the favour of his gods. He lives in fear and in darkness.

The question of what men must do to be saved is as old as the plan of redemption. Throughout the ages, men have been seeking for the way of life. Hundreds of philosophies and cults have arisen, each one prescribing this or that method of obtaining eternal life and yet in the minds of millions there is still no satisfactory answer.

One man who did find the answer to this question was the city jailer in old Philippi. One night he went to bed after having thrown the apostle Paul with Silas, his companion, into the inside cell and clamping their feet in the cruel stocks. Little did the jailer care about the strange teaching of these humble men. But at midnight when an earthquake shook the prison gates open, the arrow of truth pierced the hard heart of that rough man and suddenly he knew that there was one thing of

supreme importance for him, just as for you and me today, and that was to make sure of salvation. He recognized that Paul and Silas, who could sing praises to God while bound in a foul dungeon, must know the secret. In a trembling voice he appealed to these messengers of mercy. "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" The answer came clear and straightforward, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Acts 16:31.

Later, as the apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Rome, he declared: "... If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed." Romans 10:9-11. Men are saved by believing in Jesus. This is the great fundamental truth of the gospel.

Man cannot save himself. He cannot perform enough good deeds. He cannot bring enough gold and jewels to buy his freedom. He cannot make enough fair promises to remove the stain of sin from his polluted soul. If he is saved at all, he must have a Saviour. He is utterly unable to deliver himself from sin's guilt and power.

Once while visiting a Mohammedan mosque on the Mount of Olives, the priest who was acting as our guide called attention to an inscription on the wall in which Mohammed is quoted as saying, "If any man will come to me, let him first cleanse his heart." "That," said the priest, "is the basis of our religion."

The religion of Jesus Christ is just the opposite. Man is unable to lift himself by his own strength from the mire and filth of sin. His only hope for cleansing, pardon, and salvation is through the power and intervention of another. Jesus does not hold the sinner off until he has first cleansed his own heart. That would be altogether impossible. No, He boldly extends the universal invitation, "Look unto Me, and

be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Isaiah 45:22. The vilest sinner may come to Jesus just as he is and find deliverance from all his sins.

This is the only way of salvation. "... By grace are ye saved through

To be saved first take hold of Jesus as your personal Saviour from sin, then ...



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faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8, 9.

Service for Christ and humanity good though it be, will not of itself bring salvation to any man. He may bestow all his goods to feed the poor and even give his body to be burned, but this will profit him nothing so far as securing salvation is concerned. Men are not saved that way. It is not service but faith that brings salvation to men. We cannot win salvation by some effort on our part. We must accept it as a gift from God. We are not saved by anything we may do for God but by what He does for us.



Jesus saves, and apart from Him there is no salvation.

When Jesus was asked, "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?" The reply was, "Believe on Him whom He hath sent," John 6:28, 29. The promise is "That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

To be saved you must believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He is able and willing to save from sin and give you eternal life. You must believe in Him as your personal Saviour; that He died for you, paying the penalty for your sin by His death on the cross.

Your next step is to repent of your sins, confess them to God through Jesus Christ and believe with all your heart that He forgives and cleanses you. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

Never has a sinner come to Jesus without finding a welcome. No prodigal child of God ever returned to his Father's house to be buffeted, scolded or turned away. "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37. The Master waits today to welcome repentant sinners to the warmth and love of home. He pleads with them by

Read, study and obey His Word.



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His spirit saying, "My son, give Me thine heart." Proverbs 23:16. He spreads forth His nail scarred hands in loving invitation and cries, "whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Revelation 22:17.

Genuine repentance is promptly rewarded with full and complete forgiveness and justification. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18.

Man's part in securing salvation is to accept wholeheartedly the fact that while he can do nothing to save himself, Jesus Christ is able to save to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him. Surrender the matter entirely into His hands. *Let Him save.* He gave His life on Calvary to secure that privilege. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12. Let Jesus save. When the sinner does this, the blood of Jesus Christ will wash away every sin. A flood of divine grace will fill the humble, contrite soul. Then the record of transgression is cancelled. Then pardon and peace takes the place of crushing guilt and tormenting fear.

But the sinner is not cleansed and pardoned only to be abandoned again to his own feeble efforts to do right, nor is he granted license to continue to live in sin. No, Christ Himself takes control of the surrendered heart and gives power to do right. He is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Ephesians 3:20. To Christians, Christ is all in all. In Him we live and move and have our being. Through Him we receive forgiveness for our sins, and from Him comes the requisite power to live without sin. We have no confidence in the flesh for all our efforts to produce righteousness have miserably failed; but, like the great Apostle, our chief ambition is to win Him, and be found in Him, not having our own righteousness (which is filthy rags), but the righteousness of God which comes through faith in Christ. Thus shall we be filled with the fruits of righteousness, and God shall be glorified in us. After having gained this experience, the apostle Paul exclaimed: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13. Without Him we can do nothing, but His dwelling in the heart makes all the difference between success and failure. Just so long as He remains in full control, sin cannot enter. He who has all power in heaven and in earth unites

His strength with our human weakness, and makes us mighty through God to do His will.

The primary struggle necessary on the part of the Christian, is that he may not lose his connection with Christ, that he may not fail to trust Him for keeping power. This is a daily matter. Our salvation from the power of sin is complete moment by moment, as moment by moment we trust in His all-sustaining grace. I may trust Him today and have complete victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil; but if tomorrow I fail to surrender my life to the control of His Spirit for that day, if I begin to feel self-sufficient and say in my heart, Now I am strong and can walk alone, I shall fail. Victory for tomorrow cannot be gotten today. "The just shall live by his faith," and when we try to substitute our own effort for faith in the keeping power of Christ, we are immediately overcome by the enemy, and lapse into sin.

There is no need for us to suffer defeat. God provides for continual victory. He "Always causeth us to triumph in Christ." True, we may fall into sin, but the Lord does not forsake us. The converted man is a *babe*, not yet full-grown in Christ, and as a babe he may stumble because he tries to walk alone. So may the Christian. And just as the earthly parent with undiminished love rescues the fallen child and offers a helping hand for the rest of the journey, so the inspired Apostle declares that "if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." 1 John 2:1. If we confess our sins, we shall always find Jesus waiting before the throne to plead in our behalf, so that for His sake, the sin is forgiven and His child again set free.

How glorious is the plan of redemption! Sinners though we are, God loves us with an everlasting love. With unceasing desire He draws us to Himself. Through the sacrifice of His only Son, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, we are pardoned, cleansed, delivered from bondage and accepted in the Beloved. By the indwelling Spirit we grow in grace, daily claiming the overcoming power which effectually worketh in them that believe. If in self-sufficient forgetfulness we fall into temptation and are betrayed into sin, we rise again, resolved to be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. In spite of the burdens and trials of life, we press on victorious through every affliction and distress until we find ourselves at last in the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.



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IN All the universe there is but one limitation to the power of Jesus Christ to save sinners. "He is able . . . to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him." Hebrews 7:

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25. Salvation fails only as the sinner refuses to "come." "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding; and they would not come." Matthew 22:2, 3.

No individual sin—even a "mountain" of sins—is too great for God to forgive. Yet the persistent refusal of the sinner to come to God for forgiveness constitutes in itself such a sin as will bar the way to eternity.

Every sin of which man is guilty is against the great Sovereign of the universe whose standard of righteousness is His law. Sin is the transgression of God's law, and the wages of such transgression is death. (See 1 John 3:4; Romans 6:23.) To pay this penalty for us, to save us from death, Jesus suffered and died on Calvary. Our pardon has been purchased at infinite cost, and now we, if we believe on Him as our sin offering, may have life. It was because of this that Jesus was able to say: "All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men." Matthew 12:31.

The utmost provision for man's salvation is made. The marriage supper of the Lamb is prepared, and the Spirit of God bears to sinners the invitation: "Come; for all things are now ready." Luke 14:17 "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come." Revelation 22:17.

As God's servants repeat the invitation today, it is the Holy Ghost, which the Father sends in the name of Christ, that convicts of sin and gives the call to repentance. (See John 14: 26; 16:8-14.) It is the Holy Spirit who pleads with men to accept the salvation purchased by the blood of Jesus. The Spirit of God is thus made the vehicle of His grace, so to spurn it is but to cut one's self off from everlasting life. That monstrous sin, which bars the way against the forgiveness of every other sin, is the spurning of the Holy Spirit's invitation, and is thus "the sin against the Holy Ghost."

Abundant provision has been made

for salvation from every sin and blasphemy against God and Christ, but from this sin, the sin that spurns the grace of God, there is no salvation. Jesus said: "All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men," and He followed that declaration by the most solemn words ever uttered: "But the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto

er of God. Many of the Pharisees in the days of Christ saw such full evidence of His divinity that only by willful blindness could they reject Him. His coming fulfilled sacred prophecies. His teaching and life, while not according to Jewish traditions, were in full accord with Old Testament Scripture. And finally, there was the evidence of the Spirit in the many marvellous

men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." Matthew 12:31, 32.

A sinister form of the unpardonable sin is that of neglect. The Spirit pleads: "Behold now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6:2. "Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Hebrews 4:7. But men put off their decision, waiting for a more convenient time. But often that "convenient time" never comes, and salvation is neglected until the voice that calls to repentance is hushed. How shall we escape if we neglect the great salvation that Jesus has purchased for us?


Christ's warning against the unpardonable sin is especially applicable to those who have seen manifest the pow-

works that He did. Choosing not to believe, even in the face of all this, the Pharisees explained away the miracles that Jesus wrought by the Holy Spirit as being the work of a devil. It was in response to this that Jesus gave the warning against the unpardonable sin. For to attribute to Satan the work of the Holy Spirit is to sin against the Spirit.

Some in Christ's day and some today turn the grace of God into license and lasciviousness. (Jude 4.) In the days of the apostles there arose extreme Gentile sects, claiming to be Christians, yet despising the law of God and the entire Old Testament as Jewish. They despised as well the Giver of the law as the God of the Jews. They said that Jesus was not the son of Jehovah, but was the son of a greater God, and that He had come to free men from the obligation of obedience to the Jewish God. "Wresting" or twisting the words of the apostle Paul to their own destruction they claimed freedom from the law through the grace of Christ. (See 2 Peter 3:15, 16. Also Moore, *History of Religions*, vol. 2, pp. 131, 135.)

They interpreted the Greek word "Gnosis" as meaning a superior mystic knowledge held only by the spiritually minded. Of course they claimed to be the "spiritually minded" of their day and the possessors of this superior knowledge. They took the name of Gnostic. (See The Columbia Encyclopedia, art., *Gnosticism*; and Chambers Encyclopedia, vol. 4, art., *Gnostics*.)

Although the Gnostics claimed to be Christians, and in fact the only true Christians, the Apostolic Church gave them no recognition or fellowship, and would have no part in their unholy heresy. The Gnostic teachings constituted those "Nicolaitane" doctrines which the Apostolic Church hated, and



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which Christ Himself hated; for as Dr. Ballauff has stated, the Nicolaitanes of Revelation 2:6, 15, were simply the "Gnostic sect."

The primitive Christians abhorred the heresies of Gnosticism, yet Gnostic teachings in a modified form were gradually to creep into the church, so much so that Christ chided the Christians of a later period, saying: Thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes. (Revelation 2:15.) The brilliant church historian, Adolf Harnack, writes: "Gnosticism, which the church has repudiated in the second century became a part of her own system in the third." Harnack, *History of Dogma*, vol. 2, chap. 3, p. 131.

The doctrines of the Nicolaitanes persist today. The law of God is branded as Jewish and as a yoke of bondage, and freedom from its obedience is claimed through the grace of Christ. A superior spiritual perception and experience is claimed that relegates the law of God into oblivion. There is no consideration given to the fact that under the ministration of the Spirit, the law of God, previously written on tables of stone, is now written upon the hearts of men. It is not considered that the very purpose of the sacrifice of Calvary was "that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8:4.

Thus, perpetuating the Gnostic or Nicolaitane heresy, professors of Christianity flaunt the grace of Christ as license for continued wilful disobedience of God's law. In old time there was no sacrifice for deliberate or wilful sin. Would then the "sacrifice of calvary" cover such wilful transgression? The apostle Paul asks and answers this question: "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are

found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid." "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite to the Spirit of grace?" Galatians 2:17; Hebrews 10:26-29.

Over and over again the invitation of the Spirit is sounded, calling men to repentance. So long as the call of the Spirit is felt, the sinner may know that mercy still lingers. But it is the part of farsighted wisdom not to trifle with that call, for the Spirit grieved by continued rejection may leave never to return. "Grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Ephesians 4:30.



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A firm allegiance to the Man of the Cross, and a tender conscience is a guarantee against committing the "unpardonable sin."



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# Is Sickness

**G**OING back to the original condition of man, before the introduction of sin, as recorded in the book of Genesis, we find no disease. Under such circumstances health would have been difficult to define, for there was no disease with which it could be contrasted.

When the Lord forbade Adam and Eve to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, He predicted that should they disobey, there would be a physical penalty: "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Genesis 2:17. The marginal rendering of the final clause is, "dying thou shalt die." Thus was predicted the degeneration of the race, with death as the final result, should Adam and Eve disregard the instruction they were given. How literally this divine prediction has been fulfilled!

The Genesis record indicates that the first generations living upon the earth consisted of such vigorous individuals that the life-span frequently exceeded 900 years. The effects of sin have reduced this span to approximately the "threescore years and ten" mentioned later in the Scripture.

It is true that there has been some increase in life expectancy during the last few decades. This is explained by the improved understanding of the laws of health, which has resulted from the general "increase of knowledge," which the Scriptures foretell as the final period of earth's history. This fund of knowledge has brought better methods of protection against disease. But the fundamental vitality of the human organism continues to decline, generation by generation, as it has since the inception of sin.

A given case of illness does not represent an edict of Providence. It is the result of a disregard of the laws of health. A great deal of Christ's ministry when he was on earth consisted of healing those who were afflicted. To many of these he said, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon thee." John 5:14. In this He indicated that disease follows a violation of God's laws—either the laws of health or the moral laws which are summarized in the Decalogue.

Many persons violate the laws of health by intemperance in the use of stimulants, intoxicants, tobacco, or narcotics. Such indiscretions cause a physical debilitation and also deprive the succeeding generation of the legacy of

good health to which it is entitled. The laws of health are also violated by those who practice excesses in eating, or working, and by those who indulge

## a Punishment

in vice. Unwholesome habits of thinking contribute to the breakdown of resistance to disease. Even perversions of the imagination may lay the foundation for invalidism.

In the second commandment it is mentioned that the "iniquity of the fathers" will be visited "upon the children unto the third and fourth generation." Exodus 20:5. Thus, some of the disease which we see today is the result of indiscretion of parents or other ancestors. We of the present generation obviously cannot now make amends for those of previous generations who, by their disregard for the principles of

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healthful living, have bequeathed to us an inferior heredity. But we can profit by a scrutiny of their unfortunate way of life so that we may avoid their shortcomings.

Physical law, as well as moral law, implies a promise to those who obey as much as it announces a penalty to those who transgress. This is a simple but vital concept in the scheme of healthful

**All sickness is a result of sin, but it may date back three or four generations.**



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living. Within his own life span, an individual may choose whether he will live in harmony with the principles which tend toward health, or whether he will disregard these principles and pay the penalty in the form of increased susceptibility to disease. The reward for following a health-building programme

## for Sin?

may even include the ability to live above certain inherited handicaps.

A patient in his late fifties became so ill that he had to discontinue his employment as a linotype operator. He suffered from spells of dizziness which occurred about twice a day. During an attack his breathing was difficult and his heart palpitated. He became nervous and exhausted and had to lie down for the remaining five or six minutes of the attack.

A careful physical examination, including appropriate laboratory tests, revealed no organic disease. But an inquiry into the man's personal history indicated that he had violated the laws of healthful living by devoting himself too strenuously to his work as a linotype operator. He had not even taken time for vacation or for systematic recreation. He prided himself in his efficiency. But he had hardly taken time to live. It was concluded from this that his symptoms were the result of prolonged overwork and his failure to provide for recreation and relaxation.

Another personal problem which readily undermines health is a sense of guilt or remorse. As an illustration we cite the case of a young woman, nineteen years of age, who complained of weakness, exhaustion, loss of appetite, loss of weight, and sleeplessness. She also experienced headache and occasional dizziness.

This patient's illness had begun two years previously. Prior to her illness, she had been perfectly well and active in athletics and social affairs in the high school which she was then attending as a senior.

The doctor's examination was careful and complete but he found no evidences of infection or any other organic disease. So he asked the young lady to describe to him the circumstances surrounding the beginning of her illness. The story was as interesting as it was pathetic and significant.

She had been sitting in the living room of her parents' home one evening talking with her grandmother. The conversation became controversial and an argument developed. Finally, the young



lady realized that she had made some harsh statements that might have offended her grandmother. She was about to apologize when suddenly the grandmother fell forward in her chair and died. Not knowing the actual cause of death the young woman began to fear that she was personally responsible. It was following this experience, as she brooded over the possibility of her own guilt for the grandmother's death that her symptoms developed.

The physician whom this young woman consulted was a Christian physician who helped his patient to understand the divine plan for the forgiveness of mistakes. In addition, he explained that the grandmother's death was doubtless due to a heart attack and was quite independent of the harsh words she had spoken. With this understanding and with a new religious insight, her health improved and she soon enjoyed her normal vigour.

The sixth commandment of the Decalogue states specifically, "Thou shalt not kill." Inasmuch as the commandments are intended to provide a complete way of life we will do well to examine the breadth of meaning to be found in this simple command. No one would question the application of the commandment as it forbids participation in violent forms of sudden death. But is it not logical to recognize that the intent of the commandment is to preserve life and to protect it even against those practices that destroy health and shorten life? It is in this sense, then, that we can recognize that a transgression of nature's laws for healthful living is, in truth, a transgression of the law of God. This kind of transgression is logically followed by illness for "The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23.

But the same verse in the Bible which says "The wages of sin is death" says also, "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. Thus it is that the sincere Christian has access to a divine power, manifest in his own life, which enables him to live victoriously instead of becoming the slave to habits and practices which undermine the health. "But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings." Malachi 4:2.

The greatest prescription of all time for the healing of illness, whether it be physical, mental, or spiritual, is found in the Saviour's words, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." Matthew 11:28.

## NO LIGHT AT ALL

With evolution theories quite fixed  
In mind, I could not in the Bible see  
A thing I would not see without that  
Book.

Hence, as I read it, I'd "find nothing"  
there

Denying my idea, preconceived—  
Naught to disturb whatever I'd believed:  
My mind became Causation, everywhere;  
God's Word but an effect—on which I'd  
dare

Place my interpretations: 'twas relieved,  
By me, of showing where it was conceived  
And what it means,—I'd tell it, without  
prayer!

Prerogatives I stole without a look,  
The prophet showed were black as black  
could be—

"No light in them,"—no Bible truth was  
mixed.

—Lulu May Andersen



## A CURL FOR AUNT JOAN

**D**ID you ever stop to think how serious little children are? How literally they often take an adult's words and what unfortunate results sometimes follow?

The little girl of my story was pretty. She had an abundance of curly, blond hair. People spoke of it often, and Mother wished they wouldn't. "The child will become conceited," she said. The little girl didn't know what that meant.

Aunt Joan was the worst. She was always saying, "Oh, your pretty curls! Your beautiful, blond curly hair. Look at mine!"

Aunt Joan's hair was nice, the little girl thought. She didn't have curls, but maybe only little girls had many of them. Mother had curls only at the edge of her neck—not on top.

One rainy day when Aunt Joan came over, the little girl noticed that her aunt looked very unhappy. "What is the matter?" she asked.

"Look at me," Aunt Joan said. "What good does it do for me to spend half an evening putting up my hair?"

The little girl looked sorry. Mommie didn't put her hair up every night. She just brushed it every day.

Aunt Joan smiled at her niece and said, "Won't you give me one of your curls, Honey? You're so fortunate!"

That started the idea. When the little girl was alone, she went to Mother's sewing basket; it wasn't hard to find the scissors. Aunt Joan had said "one curl," but the little girl kept on. She had had no idea that it would be so much fun to cut her hair.

She smiled at herself in the mirror. Mommie would be surprised, but this was to be a present for Aunt Joan, and Mommie always said thoughtful pres-

ents and surprises were some of the best one could give. When the little girl said to her Mommie, "I love Aunt Joan," her mother always said, "I'm so glad, dear. She and I have always been close sisters."

"Hellooooo?" The little girl heard the familiar voice. That was Aunt Joan now. She left the scissors where she had put them down and picked up the pile of curls. Then she went down the stairs calling, "Coming, Aunt Joan, I'm coming, Aunt Joan," her sweet voice making her words a bit of song.

Aunt Joan looked queer when she saw the curls. She looked very upset, and her mouth remained open with no sound coming out. She was staring at the little girl. Finally sound came. She gasped: "Your hair! Your lovely hair! Oh, Baby!"

But why should Auntie look so unhappy? The little girl came closer, holding the pile of curls. Aunt Joan had said that she would like a curl. She ought to be happy. Here were a lot!

"You wanted them!" the little girl said.

"But darling! But darling!" Aunt Joan kept saying. "I didn't mean—" Aunt Joan was crying. Finally she said, "Thank you, dear! We—we both have curls now!" Then she looked straight at the little girl. She wasn't crying any more, but she wasn't smiling either. "When your curls grow back," she said, "keep them. You see curls make little girls prettier, and these belong on your head—I was jealous! I shouldn't have been. When they grow again, keep them, every one. Promise?"

It was puzzling to the little girl, but she nodded solemnly.—Janice A. McDonald, in *National Kindergarten Association*.





# The DOCTOR'S VOICE



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## Arthritis in Knees

**Question:** I am an elderly woman and have pain, stiffness and some swelling about my knees. I have fear of my knees giving way and causing a fall, particularly in stair-climbing. Is there anything that can be done?

**ANSWER:** Elderly patients often are confined to the home because of arthritis in the knees. If considerable time is spent in a sitting position the ligaments about the knee contract and do not permit full extension of the leg. Because of this the muscles on the front of the thigh (quadriceps) become weak. Relief of pain may be obtained by limiting weight-bearing and by applying mild heat in the form of hot packs or radiant heat lamp for twenty minutes two or three times a day.

Muscle power in the quadriceps may be developed by progressive resistance exercise. The patient sits on a firm desk or table with a soft support under the knee, with the foot hanging over the edge so as to be free for extension. Weights may be hung saddle-bag fashion over the foot. The patient is instructed to fully extend the leg ten times. It is determined what maximum weight can be lifted ten times and not more. The patient then does thirty knee-extension exercises daily divided into resistance loads of 50, 75, and 100 per cent of the ten-repetition maximum load.

Each week as strength is developed the new ten-repetition maximum load is determined. This is used as the basis for the exercises the following week. A non-athletic elderly person normally will have a ten-repetition

maximum of thirty-five to fifty pounds. Persons with degenerative joint disease of the knee have often a quadriceps power of only five to ten pounds.

After a few days of such exercises pain is usually much less, and ability to walk and climb stairs is markedly improved. Patients are usually able to increase the ten-repetition maximum figure to a normal limit by increases of two and one-half pounds every one to two weeks.

## Pimples

**Question:** Can you tell me why my face breaks out with pus-filled pimples? They come to a head and when I squeeze them they break out in another place on my face. Then they may move to my neck or shoulders in patches. Is this a nervous disorder or is something wrong with my blood? What should I do to correct it?

**ANSWER:** The pustules on your face are no doubt due to acne. They should not be squeezed. While they usually clear up in the early twenties there are certain measures that are helpful. Pork, shellfish, fried foods, cakes and pastries should be eliminated from the diet. This applies to spices, vinegar, mustard, and in fact, condiments of all kinds. Drink plenty of water between meals. Restrict the amount of sugar in the diet. Hot and cold applications to the face are helpful. Ordinary wash cloths can be used. The water should be as hot as can be borne for two and one-half minutes, followed by cold water for one-half minute. Apply these alternately for twenty minutes daily. You should have your blood checked to rule out anemia.

Foods rich in iron are whole wheat bread, legumes, nuts, tomatoes, prunes, grape juice and grapefruit juice. A glass of one of the above should be taken daily.

## Bowel Cramps

**Question:** I am single and thirty years old. I have bowel cramps very bad right after menstruation for about one week. I tend to be constipated but do not use laxatives. During menstruation the constipation is still worse.

**ANSWER:** Some women tend to retain water in their tissues immediately before and during their menstrual periods. This would tend to aggravate any tendency toward constipation. The only remedy would be to drink water more freely during this time and to eat freely of fruits and vegetables. Some physicians prescribe ammonium chloride for the week before menstruation to counteract fluid retention. Since there are other causes of bowel cramps, a general examination would be in order. Worry and anxiety or an effort to keep up the usual pace during the menstrual cycle would tend to aggravate the condition.

## Hire's Extracts

**Question:** Is there any alcohol in drinks made from Hire's extracts: root, ginger and birch?

**ANSWER:** Root beer is a non-alcoholic carbonated drink. The various root drinks are to be distinguished from fermented drinks which are alcoholic. Ginger is somewhat irritating to the kidneys, so cannot be considered to be particularly healthful.