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The new palace of the League of Nations, Geneva, Switzerland. The hopes of millions of peace lovers throughout the world are centered here.

Can War Be CONQUERED?

VISCOUNT CECIL says it can. He is a noted English statesman and great peace seeker—not yet a peace maker. He believes it can be done only by the League of Nations; and cites the good work accomplished by that high-sounding body in handling the Yugoslavia-Hungary dispute and the Saar plebiscite. He says: "You cannot have opposing armed camps without war." But the League must have popular support. Hence the Viscount is the originator of the Peace Ballot, now being taken in Great Britain. Its questions read:

"1. Should Great Britain remain a member of the League of Nations? 2. Are you in favor of an all-round reduction of armaments by international agreement? 3. Are you in favor of the all-round abolition of national military and naval aircraft by international agreement? 4. Should the manufacture and sale of armaments for private profit be prohibited by international agreement? 5. Do you consider that, if a nation insists on attacking another, the other nations should

combine to compel it to stop by (a) economic and non-military measures; (b) if necessary, military measures?" The votes at this writing point to affirmative answers.

American college students say it can. They have been putting themselves on record in a searching and comprehensive poll being conducted by the *Literary Digest*. And here are the questions:

"1. Do you believe that the United States could stay out of another great war? (a) If the borders of the United States were invaded, would you bear arms in defense of your country? (b) Would you bear arms for the United States in the invasion of another country? 2. Do you believe that a national policy of an American navy and air-force second to none is a sound method of insuring us against being drawn into another great war? 3. Do you advocate government control of armament and munitions industries? 4. In alignment with our historic procedure in drafting man power in time of war, would you advocate the prin-

ciple of universal conscription of all resources of capital and labor in order to control all profits in time of war? 5. Should the United States enter the League of Nations?"

The answers thus far show the large majority saying that the United States can stay out of a world war, that they would fight if the country were invaded, would not fight as invaders, do not favor navy and air forces as preventives of war, believe the government should control munitions industries, favor universal conscription in time of war, and are split about even on going into the League of Nations.

Recent moves of *the great military nations say it can.* Italy, France, and Britain would avoid war in Europe by agreeing to a more equal partition of Africa, without consulting the Africans. The United States would avoid war by calling for nearly \$900,000,000 to be spent on armaments during the year starting next July (65 per cent over what is being spent this year), by announcing huge-scale naval maneuvers for next summer in the North Pacific, by turning over Wake Island (2,320 miles toward Japan from Hawaii) to the Navy, and by encouraging airship flights from this country to China. Japan would avert war by voting its largest peacetime war budget in its history, by withdrawing from the League of Nations, and by military moves into a Chinese province adjacent to Manchukuo.

The Bible says it can. And it will be done by a new birth in all those who care to people the New Earth, a change from sin to righteousness wrought by the salvation of Jesus Christ. And since all war is primarily caused by sin, there can be no war because the instigation of it is forever removed. And those who prefer to go on fighting, or to persist in futile trials to conquer war by arming or disarming, will perish by the Armageddon that they bring on themselves. We have definitely taken our stand for the war-conquering method of the Prince of Peace.

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Our Sick World

. . . and the Remedy

By
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A FEW years ago the Chicago *Tribune* had on the front page a picture of a man with his head bandaged, one eye black, his face scarred. Holding a telephone in his hand, he said: "Please send a nurse." The label across this picture was: "The World." The cartoonist surely had a true vision of the existing ills of today. As one studies them, one cannot help but think of the language used by the prophet of old: "The whole head is sick, and the whole heart is faint." Christ, speaking of the last days, said: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Luke 21: 25, 26.

On January 27, 1932, the Prince of Wales was addressing the youth of the British nation, and among other things he stated: "We have before us today a world sick with fearful doubt, weary with repeated disappointments, a world of troubled nations whose vital need is courageous faith in one another. It is an era of potential plenty, when confidence should be supreme; yet we see in almost every land widespread distress and perplexity." Notice that he uses the two words "distress" and "perplexity"—the same words used by Christ in Luke 21: 25.

Surely fear has gripped the hearts of men. This is an age of fear, which is but a fulfillment of the statement already quoted: "Men's hearts failing them for fear." Another Bible writer says: "He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness

where there is no way. They grope in the dark without light, and He maketh them to stagger like a drunken man." Job 12: 24, 25. The conditions of unrest are well described in the *King's Business* of December, 1933: "That awful haunting fear of 'what is going to happen' is literally terrorizing the hearts of men and women of every class in every nation. Physicians are taking note of the abnormal number of sudden diseaseless deaths. 'Heart failure,' they say, 'much of which is superinduced by fear'—fear of financial failure, fear of loss of a job, fear of poverty, fear of a nervous breakdown. Fear! Fear! Some fear to live. More fear to die. The whole earth is feverish with a miasma of fear." The sad part of it all is that the world is not only sick but that it is getting sicker. Wisdom, knowledge, and civilization seem to bring no help or new hope, for "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." 2 Timothy 3: 13.

The world has become morally bankrupt. About 50,000 people go insane every year; 400,000 feeble-minded are now in our institutions. In the year 1931 New York spent \$47,000,000 to care for its 73,000 insane patients. John S. Boggess, M. D., of the United States Public Health Serv-

ice and Medical Director in charge of the Marine Hospital, said: "One half of the population of the United States is headed for the insane asylum. In 1880 we had 32,000 people in the insane asylums, 64 for each 100,000 population; in 1929 there were 272,500 or 226 for each 100,000 population—an increase of 840 per cent in a little less than 50 years."

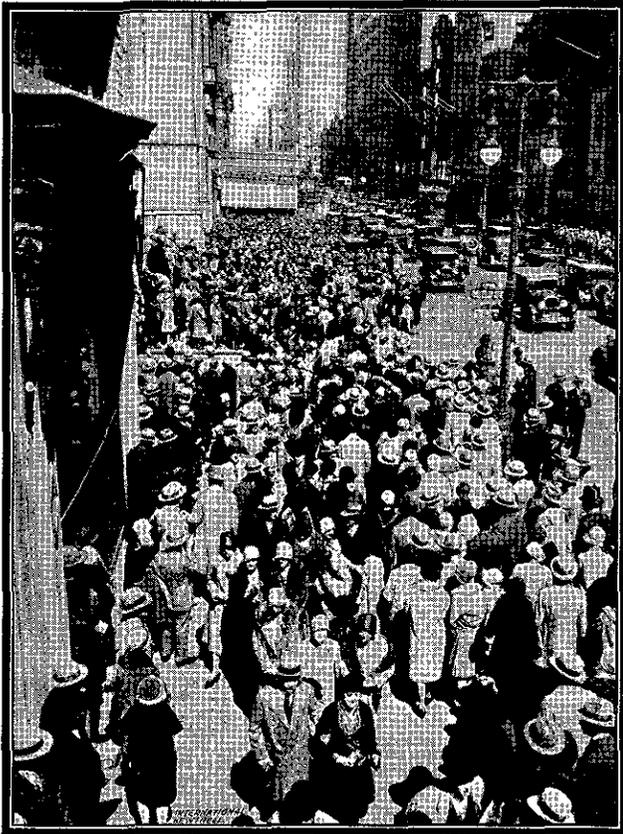
The moral conditions are no better to behold than the mental. The breaking up of homes is a daily occurrence. The principles of wedlock are being trodden into the dust. One out of every six marriages ends in divorce. Men and women in their twenties boast of their many marriages. The underworld has come to the top. The days of Noah and Sodom and Gomorrah are here.

Because of these conditions one would naturally expect a low spiritual tide. Statistics show that seven out of ten of our youth never have heard of the Ten Commandments. Only one out of sixteen is enrolled in the Sunday schools. More than 23,000,000 between five and seventeen receive no religious training. False doctrines are being proclaimed instead of a "Thus saith the Lord." There is a form of godliness, but the power of God is being denied. This is a fulfillment of the words of Christ: "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Matthew 24: 12. Where the spiritual tide is low because of the neglect of religious training and lack of reverence for that which is holy and pure, the result cannot help but be disaster. We are better off, but have not become better. Modern inventions and conveniences have been a blessing to mankind, but in spite of all these man has not bettered his godliness. "Hands Up and Company" has a business of more than \$42,000,000 in the United States. In ten years our population

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Like this group of down-and-outers, our civilization is weak and perplexed and sorely needs help.





A Fifth Avenue, New York, church crowd on Easter Sunday. Why did they come to church?

Is Christianity PASSING Into Eclipse?

By
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ARE the churches in retreat? Is religion losing its power and influence? Has our generation turned its back upon the fundamentals of Christianity? Is modern man about to dispense with God? What will be the outcome of present spiritual trends?

V. F. Calverton, in his recently published volume, "The Passing of the Gods," concludes that religion in America "is not reflected by membership statistics, but by social attitude and outlook. It is in that latter respect that the decline in the religious mentality is most apparent and the decay of the religious institution most obvious." "The future belongs not to religion but to science, not to the gods but to men."

While this blasphemous prophecy is at once rejected by all who revere the Book, skeptics, agnostics, and free-thinkers are not the only ones who observe the slump in spiritual values and Christian loyalty. Says George W. Wickersham, chairman of the Commission on Law Observance and Law Enforcement: "Everywhere one sees the decline of religious conviction and the waning influence of the church."

In recent years we are told of an increasing interest in the religious books circulated by the great libraries. The public reads the writings of such

men as Gandhi, who is a profound religionist, and is curious to learn the novel ideas and ideals of the new cults arising here and there. Like the Athenians of old, modern multitudes enjoy hearing and telling some new thing. It is not so much the religion of the Bible, or the faith of our fathers, that today attracts the popular interest; it is rather some philosophic departure from the beaten paths of yesterday.

Voices are heard announcing the approach of a great revolution in the religious world. Some declare that we are merely in a period of transition from which will emerge truths new and old. Others insist that it is only a matter of time until theologies and creeds will be forever past.

In practically all this discussion, the true values and verities of Holy Writ and the religion of Christ are eliminated from thought. The most of our colleges and universities desire a god that can be expressed in terms of laboratory observation and experiment, one who may be acclaimed by the "verdicts of trained research." In this quest for deity, they would substitute "reliance upon man for dependence upon God," would create a religion of their own, a divinity of their own, and a righteousness of their

own, little realizing that a man-made god in the seminaries or pulpits of America is no better than a clay Buddha in the jungles of India.

For example: Mr. Bruce Barton peers into the future to vision an economic, social, and spiritual Utopia in which many of the problems that now baffle the human race will be solved, in which the fetters, irritants, plagues, and sorrows of life will be largely eliminated. He believes that prosperity will be well-nigh universal, that health will be contagious, longevity the prevailing habit, that the "golden rule" will then come into its own, and the very atmosphere will be laden with honesty, virtue, and spirituality.

A grand and noble vision! Will our grandchildren see it materialize? No; every line of clear thinking leads us to conclude that the mere wish is father to the prophecy. Not in science, economics, sociology, biology, ethnology, or logic, is there sound basis for such confidence. Multitudes thus grope in a maze of speculative uncertainties.

Yet the world is not left without hope, for there exists an unshaken foundation for future optimistic forecast. The Bible alone gives the only authentic story of the formation of this world and the beginning of human history. It outlines before man his present privileges and full duty. It alone speaks with assurance concern-

ing the destiny of our race and the church of tomorrow. The Bible stakes its divine origin and truthfulness upon the accuracy with which it predicts coming events. Scores of these prophecies appearing on its pages have been minutely and remarkably fulfilled during the past twenty-five centuries. Its words have withstood the ravages of time and triumphed over all the attacks of infidelity.

The Bible speaks with unmistakable clearness to the men and women of this generation. It has pointed adown the centuries to a time of great increase of learning and hectic travel

Dr. Joseph Fort Newton

Noted preacher and writer, says:

"My impression is that the Anglican Church is dead, and knows it, and that the Free churches are dead and do not know it; but they are finding it out. A famous theologian told me the churches cannot go on as they are more than twenty years. The younger generation has repudiated religion as now organized and interpreted."

(Daniel 12:4), to an age of unprecedented wealth with its attendant struggle between capital and labor (James 5:1-7), to a period of international fears and perplexities when mankind would be shouting for peace and preparing for war (Luke 21:25, 26; Isaiah 2:2-4; Joel 3:9-13), and to an epoch when crime, vice, and pleasure-seeking would hold high carnival, and when popular religion would become a mere form (2 Timothy 3:1-5). To such a condition and such an age has the world now arrived.

We shudder at Russia's defiant stand against God. With grave apprehension we read the decree that on May 1, 1937, there must not remain within the territory of the U. S. S. R. a single house of divine worship. We hear of atheism's assaults in Western lands including our own country, and are prone to regard this as the outstanding foe of Christianity.

An equally dangerous and far more subtle enemy is twentieth century religious liberalism. "It has become fashionable in our time," says Dr. George R. Dodson of Washington University, "to disguise practical atheism under theistic phrases." Even the "theistic phrases" are now abandoned by the most advanced Modernists.

What is more, Modernism is constantly changing, and is far more "modern" than it was a decade ago. When these religious liberals declare the Supreme Being to be merely a "cosmic drift," or an "order of existence," why should they longer speak of the Fatherhood of God, or the brotherhood of man? Let none be deceived. These things indicate that multitudes of churches and church leaders have actually repudiated Christianity and reverted to paganism. Well may we ask: With such "advanced" notions about religion, how long will men and women keep up the appearances, the camouflage, of unreal worship to an imaginary god?



We still erect stately churches and cathedrals, install deep-toned pipe-organs, employ high-salaried choirs, and listen to scholarly sermons delivered by men of profound learning. But true to the Scripture forecast—"having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof"—popular religion is today content with the names, labels, and empty forms of spiritual life, while genuine faith in God as the Creator and Christ as the Redeemer has almost departed from the earth.

The present situation in the religious realm is in accurate accord with the prophetic outline. Our Saviour spoke

significantly, "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8. Likewise Peter, apostle and prophet, declared:

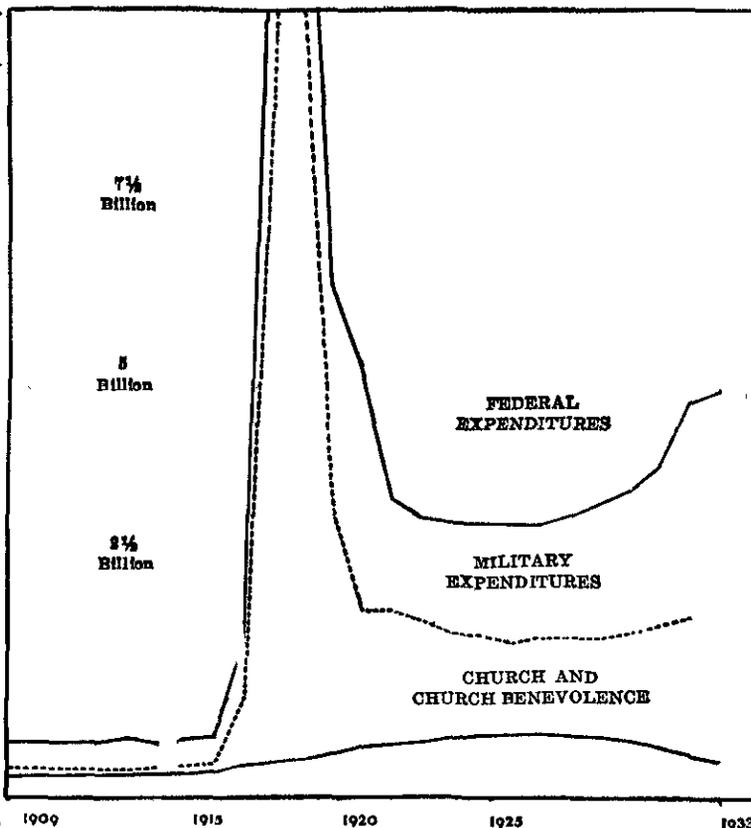
"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 2 Peter 3:3-5.

With unmistakable voice the world of religion joins its testimony with the world of crime and social decay, with the world of economic and international unrest, with the world of modern invention and discovery, and with this world of shattered ideals, in declaring that the present plight of the church and of mankind is in marvelous fulfillment of Bible prophecy, that we live in the "last days" of this earth's history, that the second coming of Christ is near at hand, and that the faithful remnant of the church militant is soon to become the church triumphant.

Consequently the most momentous question of the day is this: Am I ready, are you ready, to meet Jesus Christ at His glorious second coming when He will render to every man according to his works?

"Because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God." Amos 4:12.

A graph, showing where money in the United States is going. Billions for war and government, paltry millions for all religious purposes.





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MAIL-ORDER DIVORCE

Will the Home Stand the
Strain of the Divorce Fad



By
Howard
JENNINGS

*The greatest tragedy
is that his present
and future welfare
are little considered
when divorce is con-
templated.*

fluence in homes of a generation ago. The entire family circle was then interested in the daily reading of the thumb-worn family Bible which created a lifelong regard for the laws of both God and man. The sinister uprising of criminal intentions in many modern lives appeared when the appreciation of law and order died along with the cessation of Bible study.

Analyzing the present condition, we find religion thought to be old-fashioned. The faith demanded to believe its dogma and promises is not found in the popular circles of thought, and with so few people who are preparing for a future existence, it is more common to grasp after wealth and social standing rather than the living experience of religion. It is safe to say that this passing of religion from the family heralded the entrance of discontent, which in thousands of cases resulted in the divorce courts.



Divorce is all the modern world can offer as relief from such difficulties, and means full legal freedom to sound the wedding bells again in another trial at marriage as soon as the papers are signed. In modernized terms love is merely a transmission of magnetism from heart to heart and in the event of any low ebb in this flow of affection, some legal term can be found to describe it exactly, which makes divorce permissible. So flippant a treatment of love is a revelation of gross ignorance about the most far-reaching and binding power God has intrusted to man.

The story of marriage starts in the Garden of Eden. The earth had been

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IF "mail-order" divorces are listed in any standard mail-order catalogue, none of us ever knew it. Nevertheless, such writs of separation for married couples have been obtainable recently, and such an influx of separations followed that one superior court ruled the decrees illegal because neither parties appeared for trial. Now it is rumored that the United States Supreme Court will be called to set its searching eye on the legality of the question.

This increase of divorce in our land has given rise to the saying, "Sweet sixteen and never been divorced." It is such quibblings as "burnt toast," "my wife wants to sit on my lap too much," "bobbed hair," and a horde of other petty complaints, that dash romance on the rocks of the divorce courts. And the training school that happy home life should be is too often replaced by a furor of hatreds which usually ends in the popular expression, "Our marriage was a huge mistake."

Divorce offers a gateway of release from the marriage bond, but it is much abused. It should be permitted as one ecclesiastical body recently decreed "only for the gravest moral and spiritual reasons." The rampant feeling of disregard so prevalent in our age has sought to change this to more lenient restrictions, for which society suffers a host of homes needlessly broken up.

Homes are like training schools. The parents are to direct the children into a right course of living. A generation ago the family circle and the family altar were inseparable, and it was there that the affairs of household life could be taken before the God of all the universe. Life was taught to younger members of the family to be a preparatory school from which all men were to be graduated to the higher school in the mansions of God. Their thoughts were elevated into the atmosphere of knowing Jesus and His life about Galilee. The miracles, the kind words, the parables, and the lessons surrounding the Scriptural portraiture of the Son of God were an active in-

—● The Macon, pride of the United States Navy lighter-than-air ships, fell to its doom in the Pacific in mid-February. Eight million dollars' worth of air armament thus followed the fate of like ships, the Akron, the Shenandoah, the ZR-2, the Roma, the Los Angeles, and a long list of foreign-owned dirigibles. We are coming to believe these big balloons don't pay. But neither do any of the other costly man-destroyers. Our money might just as well go one way as another in buying these deceptive assurances of peace.

—● We might be scared stiff at the recital of what is going to happen to us in the next war, if we were not sure of the divine promises of what is going to be given us in the next life.

—● A St. Paul (Minnesota, not Biblical) Unitarian preacher says the church of the future will teach dancing as part of its message. Perhaps the church of the near future will, but not the Church of the far future. Those who excuse the present-day sex-dances by saying that the ancient dance had a part in religion, ignore the fact that Bible religion has no part in the modern dance. There are dances and dances.

—● When an ambassador is recalled, it is equal to a declaration of war. When God has gathered from the world the last of His ambassadors, war is declared between God and humanity. And in that awful Armageddon there can be no question who will win.

—● Pleas for unity in religion are lost on us, when the degree of unity which has been achieved is always turned immediately to coercing the minority to join the majority. Freedom in religion is more desirable and less dangerous than a unity under pressure.

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—● Russia is as much as ever bent on starting a world revolution of the masses against the rich. It is simply working hard to make the model communistic state, and then will take up the task of world redistribution of wealth and the rule of the common man. It is easy to see troubled days ahead for the world.

—● In a way, it is refreshing to note that the great powers have ceased to pretend trying to disarm. They are avowedly going after peace still, but by the war route, however inconsistent that may seem. But then any nation which makes a compromise with war is bound to be unreasoning and unreasonable, since from every viewpoint war is the most foolish thing in history.

—● Why this twaddle about those who believe in the hereafter being cowards whose only reason for desiring heaven is a base hope to escape the trouble of this world? Who were the cowards of history, the men and women who hoped, or those who believed that death ends all?

—● Today we purchased an electric light bulb for five cents, "made in Japan." It is reported that Japan is manufacturing an automobile to sell for one third the cost of the cheapest American cars. Japan is capturing the world's markets; and the half has not been told. Why did we buy the Japanese-made bulb? Because it was cheaper; and the whole world is doing it for the same reason. That means trade war. And trade wars lead to world wars.

—● As to nudists, the Bible put it right when it combined the expressions "clothed, and in his right mind."

—● Proposals are being made that "cities of refuge," similar to those in ancient Israel, be established at convenient places in all continents. They would provide support and protection for worthy refugees from all nations. Good; and we hope the proposals materialize. We can't better God's methods of dealing with the unfortunate results of man's sin.

—● The total loss from destructive insects in the United States has been estimated at \$2,000,000,000, with \$40,000,000 of it from termite depredations. Insects are stronger in proportion to size, better organized, more devoted, and more sensible than human beings. Let the animal and insect populations cease to prey on each other and turn on man, and human life would soon be extinct. Anciently God successfully used predatory insects as a sign and a warning. He may be doing so now.

—● Recently a young husband was hanged in California for killing his bride while he was drunk. He was said to have premeditated the murder because he voluntarily drank the liquor. We do not question the justice of the verdict; but wonder why the liquor also is not outlawed.

—● The death total from automobile accidents in 1934 was 36,000, one every fifteen minutes; and injuries averaged one every 31 seconds. This is a peak record, and higher than the annual rate of deaths of U. S. soldiers during the World War. The National Safety Council finds that 75 per cent of these auto accidents are traceable to drivers under the influence of drink.

This spring the lower Mississippi River is again a raging flood. Thousands of refugees must be taken on huge barges to places of safety, as was done in the flood of several years ago.



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Unemployment Minus the Un-

THE United States Congress considers devoting \$4,800,000,000 for unemployment relief; and may give the President quite a free hand in spending it. In its simplicity the plan is to turn over all the *unemployables* (the aged, sick, and otherwise helpless) to the various states for relief, and to put all

officials which would virtually deprive the capitalists of their swollen fortunes and not pay them back at all. This would not be considered repudiation of debts, but simply the government taking the matter into its own hands of distributing wealth more evenly. It might be considered a confiscating tax, but it would be a tax nevertheless, and

and will continue to be. Christ will come when the "last days" are over, and straighten it all out. We advise banking spare cash in heaven these days. Only there is any treasure safe.

P. O. Reynolds

From Europe to Africa

EUROPEAN diplomacy has made some adroit moves since the first of the year. At the instigation of Premier Flandin and Foreign Minister Laval, of France, the British were enlisted in a joint offer of equality of armaments to Germany, providing (1) all three nations agree to give assistance of their air forces to whichever one of them may be the victim of unprovoked air attack by any one of the others, (2) that Austrian independence be maintained, and (3) that "mutual assistance in eastern Europe" be given. (It is hoped that Belgium, Italy, and other adjacent nations will sign also.)

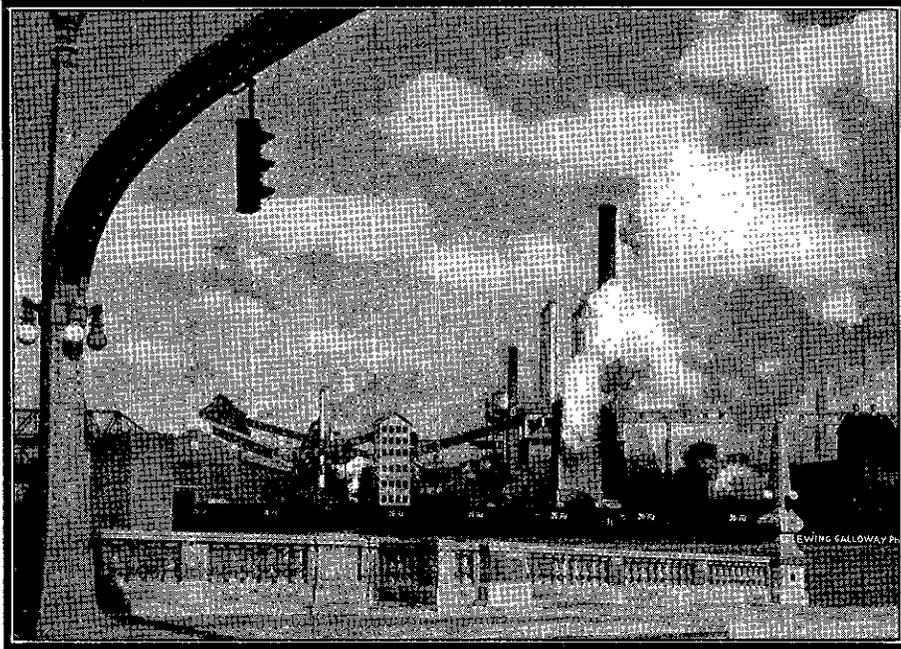
The first of these propositions is meant to allay the fear of air raids in Europe. France feels secure on land, since her boundaries are rimmed with impregnable steel forts. But these, nor the English Channel, nor the Alps, are no protection from air fleets, that most potent branch of modern armaments. France has a mania for safety insurance, and well it may. Germany has few airplanes but is rapidly building more.

Austrian independence must be maintained, else German Nazis and Italian Fascists would glare at each other across a thin border line, and that presages war, into which France, and others, would be drawn.

The third provision is simply a resurrection of what is called the Eastern Locarno Pact. It would pledge the nations of Eastern Europe (not including Russia) to preserve their present boundaries. But Germany, hugging a ten-year peace treaty with Poland, is not worrying about danger from the East.

Reichleader Hitler seems likely to join Britain and France in some sort of non-aggressive agreement; and Italy has already announced that she will turn her back on European conquest and look to the Near East for territory.

Thus a flimsy, temporary peace has come to Europe; but at the expense of threatened war in Africa. Italy's ambitions, diverted from Europe, have bought off any opposition of her



The Ford steel plant near Detroit. The degree of prosperity that has come to the country this year is due largely to the revival of the automobile industry.

the *unemployed* on public works, to be financed with the \$4,800,000,000 supplied by the Federal Government. The vast-scale public works—dams, parks, playgrounds, museums, and the like—are needed, or at least wanted; and the jobless want work.

This rose-pink dream of prosperity intrigues us. Of course the how of the Government borrowing such a huge sum, and the *paying it back*, has an irritating and disagreeable tang to it. Where will these billions come from? Uncle Sam is already about thirty billions in debt, the most he has ever owed in peace time.

The answer is, the money will be borrowed from American capitalists, for they have it; and a government is always in a position to offer inducements, or bring pressure to bear, sufficient to get what it wants from its citizens. In fact, *we*, the citizens, *are* the Government. And how will the debt be paid?—Either by passing it on to the next generation or two to be liquidated, or more quickly by some plan known only to the Federal of-

would have the same result as an income or inheritance tax, or as taking forty cents out of every dollar by the devaluation method.

There are serious risks to economic stability in all this, and they cannot be dismissed with a hope. But desperate diseases call for desperate cures; and we are living in a time of experiment in government and business. No one seems to be sure where we are going, but we are on the way there. The Bible calls these very times "perilous times," "hard times." And to show that this unprecedented economic situation is meant, it says that it comes "in the last days," and is caused by men who are "selfish, fond of money." (2 Timothy 3: 1, 2, Moffatt). Greed to be immensely wealthy brought on all our trouble during the depression.

The expression, "in the last days," offers a clue to the only solution of the whole economic mess; for mess it is

European neighbors to her advances in Africa. To all but Italians it looks as if Italy is stirring up a pretext to seize oil fields and other valuables in Abyssinia. The way the outsider looks at it, the Italians are about to send 250,000 soldiers and necessary equipment on a "punitive expedition" in "self-defense" to spank Abyssinia for refusing to apologize and pay indemnities for the deaths of an Italian police patrol on the Somaliland-Abyssinian border. The African nation denies any blame, and accuses Italy's mercenaries of first aggression. Italy will escape jurisdiction of the League of Nations by not declaring war. Great Britain and France with bought silence look on complacently. Italy must be placated. Italian ambitions for empire must be satisfied somehow, to prevent something worse. Why not let Africa pay the bill?

If Italy seems to be the international bad boy just now, it is only taking its turn. Japan, the United States, Britain, France, and all who were strong enough, have in the past pleaded the "white man's burden" as a reason for interfering with, and grabbing, the territories of weaker nations. It is the old story of "might makes right," a working out of the evolution theory among nations, the "survival of the fittest"—fittest meaning the largest and best armed.

The broad view does not condemn any one nation. All are in the mix-up of sin, careering around the vicious circle of selfishness and greed, unable of themselves to break out. Increasing populations, superman claims, rights to expand, world-saving ideas to propagate,—all may be put forth as excuses for cruel exploitation, but it is all summed up in the little word *self*. Until that is eradicated and *others* put in its place in human hearts we will not see peace. And there is only One who can make this change in men and nations.

objection
Spurning the World Court

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT was the fourth chief executive of the United States to urge our membership in the World Court. And his great popularity and power gave him the best chance of any to put his advocacy through to adherence. But he failed

when the Senate refused to give the required two-thirds vote for it. The result was one of the surprises of the administration. Joining the Court meant simply uniting with other nations in seeking to settle international differences by judicial procedure rather than by war; but its opponents counted it an "entangling alliance" with foreigners, and would have none of it.

The surprise came in the methods used to defeat the measure in the face of a seeming safe margin of votes in its favor. It was accomplished by last-minute propaganda. The Hearst newspapers, Father Coughlin the "radio priest," and funny man Will Rogers backed up Senators Johnson and Borah in the Senate. In answer to screaming headlines and thundering denunciation over the air, 80,000 telegrams deluged the Senate chamber, and wavering statesmen were catapulted into the No column.

Whether the cause was bad or good, terrific ballyhoo (vulgar word, but expressive) put it over. When America can be stampeded into doing what the majority does not want to do, then where is safety for anyone?

French Foreign Minister, Pierre Laval (left), and Premier Benito Mussolini, of Italy, meet in Rome to iron out differences between their two nations and assure peace to Europe.



We are fast approaching the day when a well-known religious power, influential yet controlling far from a majority of professed Christians, will rush the whole world into a persecution of God's people, "who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus." Read about it in Revelation 12: 17 and 13: 1-8.

Prepare for anything to happen when men are influenced by propaganda to act without due deliberation.

Journalist
The Gold Issue

EVERYBODY knows that the United States no longer has gold money. All the gold coins the Government could lay hands on were melted up, and we are told we will not have any more of the yellow metal for use of trade. Instead we have paper currency to represent the gold.

Besides corraling all the gold, the Federal Government devalued the dollar from 100 to about 60 cents, and thereby Uncle Sam took 40 cents out of every dollar in existence—which, of course, hit the rich the hardest since they had the most dollars—and has been engaged for nearly two years in the distribution of the two billion dollars, thus acquired, among the unemployed poor.

In this going off the gold standard, the Government said that thereafter all debts of whatever nature could be paid in paper, even though many contracts and bonds and securities plainly stated that payment connected therewith should be made in gold.

But the Supreme Court on February 18 announced a decision to uphold the Government in devaluing the dollar and paying its debts therewith, dollar for dollar. The Court of nine justices divided five to four on the issue.

We grant that governments generally, and especially our own, are well meaning and are doing the best they can for the good of the greatest number. But they are being manipulated in these hectic days by a power that is stronger than they. Every earthly element is being cast into the mold of the close of human affairs.

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

"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."—*Christ*.

TO CONSIDER the matter of communication with the dead fairly, one cannot take the position that some of Spiritualism's critics take, that all is trickery and fraud; neither can the position be justly taken that all in connection with these phenomena is reality, although many today are found to hold each of these beliefs.

No one can go far in his investigation of this modern system of occultism without being amazed at the fraud and trickery which he will discover connected with Spiritualism's alleged communications with the spirits of the dead. Sir William Barrett, a fervent enthusiast for Spiritualism's genuine phenomena, sorrowfully admits that, "reviewing the numerous seances I have attended with different private and professional mediums during the last fifteen years, I find that by far the larger part of the results obtained had absolutely no evidential value in favor of Spiritualism; either the condition of total darkness forbade any trustworthy conclusions, or the results were nothing more than could be explained by a low order of juggling. A few cases, however, stand out as exceptions."—*Proceedings, "Society for Psychical Research," Vol. IV, p. 28.*

Additional and very impressive evidence in proof of this trickery is found in the avowal of that thorough searcher after facts, Mr. Hereward Carrington, that "physical mediums, who present genuine phenomena, are rare indeed, and though, at the present day, I am quite convinced of the reality of such phenomena—and even that materialization is a certain and positive fact in nature—yet I still believe, as firmly as when I wrote 'Physical Phenomena of Spiritualism,' that ninety-eight per cent of the phenomena are fraudulent."—*Preface to "Personal Experiences in Spiritualism," p. ix.*



It would be well for the hordes of well-meaning, but easily duped, believers in the cult of Spiritualism to remember and realize that in the overwhelming majority of cases the "wonders" that have met their expectant gaze are no more than cleverly performed tricks; that they are seeking the "New Revelation" in the atmosphere "vitiated with fraudulent humbug."

Not this alone, but the very messages themselves, purporting to come from the dead, are glaring falsities according

to Sir William Barrett: "We cannot," he says, "take these communications at their face value, as they are sometimes manifestly false."—*"On the Threshold of the Unseen," p. 242.* He is here referring to the messages of trance-mediums, and gives the case of a woman who had never existed professing to communicate through the medium, one of the sitters having asked for a purely fictitious person. In the light of these evidential facts the reader of the Bible can more readily understand the term "lying divination" which God used in connection with ancient witchcraft and necromancy, which He said was an abomination in His sight.



But we should not forget that no one has ever given evidence to prove that all the alleged modern phenomena are trickery. Because ninety-eight per cent has been proved false does not necessarily prove that one hundred per cent is fraudulent. On the other hand, there is no question, in spite of the thick outer coating of fraud and trickery, of the existence of genuine phenomena that will withstand any measure of investigation placed upon them.

Not only are careful Bible students convinced of this, but scientists as well. The same scientists who have disillusioned the world on much that they have found to be trickery, have also been forced by clear evidence to declare that real phenomena do exist, and because of their lack of faith in the Bible they have largely fallen into the trap laid by the Great Deceiver, and have accepted Spiritualism's explanations of the fact that they have been forced to admit.

The Bible agrees with that science which has found a small percentage of reality in the phenomena, but does not agree with those scientists who have accepted the Spiritualistic explanation that these phenomena are made by intelligences who are the souls of the departed. This is totally erroneous from the standpoint of reason and the Holy Scriptures, and but displays the ignorance of such teachers concerning the plainest kind of declarations of God's word.

To the one who has even but the most meager conception of the better world and the faintest understanding of the spiritual or supernatural, how preposterous it is to seriously suppose that saintly souls from the presence of God are the authors of the inane drivel which seems to comprise



Do the Dead UNDER

By

LOUIS K. DICK

so large a portion of this "new revelation." What edification is there in these messages? What help and uplift do they bring to poor, lost, and bereaved humanity? What advancement do they work out in the world? Just as much as Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Jones do with their back-fence prattle and gossip—and no more.

Yet in denying the explanation of spiritualistic phenomena so widely accepted, while at the same time admitting their existence and reality, there is placed upon one who so denies a real obligation to bring a more plausible and clearly proved explanation. First of all, it is useless for the believer in the Bible to search among the dead for the clue to the mysteries of the seance-room. The Scriptures plainly state:



Popular notions of the beyond picture spirit fingers playing on heavenly harps.

bodied souls of the dead in the unseen world—beings of whom believers in the cult of Spiritualism are totally ignorant. These are fallen and un-fallen angels, myriads of pure and impure spirits, lying and true. Some possess immense powers of good will, while others wield tremendous powers for evil. Here we will find those who are responsible for the manifestations of Spiritualism. With such knowledge as we may gain from God's word of angelic nature and powers, we shall find a clear, penetrating light thrown upon the dark mysteries of the mediums.



Angels were all at one time pure and righteous spirits, and were commissioned by God to minister to God's creatures. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Hebrews 1:14. We read also: "And of the angels He saith, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire." Verse 7. The natural powers of angelic beings are tremendous. They have immense power over matter. In the Book of Revelation we read of the angel who has power over fire, and also of the angel who presides over the waters. With such vast knowledge, both of physical and chemical laws, and possessing such a vast range of power, there are scarcely any phenomena in the world that they as spirits cannot produce and reproduce. Thus it is not difficult to be convinced that these beings have knowledge, the lowest of them, immeasurably surpassing that of the most perfect human mind, and therefore are able to understand and enter into all that which makes up the life of the human being. No branch of science is hidden from these angels, or spirits, and their understanding is far more complete than that of the greatest scientist living, or who ever has lived. This knowledge is not limited by space or time, like ours, or by the senses.

Now to imagine that holy, un-fallen spirits could for one moment have anything to do with the seance-room would be a greater insult to God and to them than anything the human mind could conjure. Angels cannot be made subservient to man's folly and curiosity. Yet, apart from the angels,

fallen or un-fallen, the Bible gives no explanation of these phenomena. We are confined, then, to only the fallen spirits, of whom there are myriads, rebellious against God from the beginning of sin in the heavenly courts, when Lucifer, their great leader, the fallen archangel, fought against Christ and His angels and was cast out into the earth. (Revelation 12:7-12.)

These fallen angels were formerly clothed with the radiance of heaven, but now are changed to the blackest infamy, and are watching day and night for ways and means to ensnare the inhabitants of earth. Spiritualism has been fallen on by this army of deceivers as the plan which affords to them the height of opportunity, for it appeals to man's lawful desire for truth while pandering to his unlawful curiosity for what is forbidden.

These beings have knowledge and understanding of the life of human beings and are able to transform themselves perfectly into the likeness of any whom they may wish to imitate. This would be the most natural plan for them to follow, determined as they are to overthrow man's faith in God and in His Word, which teaches the truth concerning the deceased. "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." Revelation 16:14.



Thus we see that just prior to the opening of "the great day of God Almighty" there is predicted a special going forth of these unseen emissaries of the devil in order to prepare the hearts and lives of men for the greatest hour of deception that this world will ever see, even the time of the final battle of that great day. And it is not strange that this diabolical power has entered the church, there seeking to undermine the closing work of Christ for sinful men in this last generation, when we consider the statement of the prophet John: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Rev. 12:12.

Such will be the intensity of this last great deception, the masterpiece of Satan, that his transformations will include his appearance to men as an angel of light. "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an

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"The living know that they shall die; but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in anything that is done under the sun." Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6. And again: "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." Psalm 146:3, 4. We must then turn elsewhere than to the dead for a solution of these phenomena.

Immediately we are confronted with the fact that the word of God reveals that there are beings other than disem-

Did Christ's Meeting with His Disciples on Sunday . . .

Make Sunday the SABBATH?

By
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IT HAS been affirmed repeatedly that immediately after the resurrection of Christ the disciples discontinued the observance of the seventh day and began to keep Sunday instead, a change which Christ sanctioned by meeting with them on that day. But the four recorded meetings, where the time is indicated, show this to be untrue. These four meetings are recorded in the three successive chapters, John 20, 21, and Acts 1. In John 20 we are told that Mary and other of the disciples came early to the sepulcher and found it open and empty. The other disciples returned to their room, but Mary lingered near until she saw the risen Saviour.

Verse 19 gives the account of the first meeting with the disciples, "the same day at evening, being the first day of the week." The disciples were in "their own home" (verse 10), the doors being securely shut "for fear of the Jews." Mark says it was "as they sat at meat" (supper). (Mark 16: 14.) Fearing the Jews who had recently so cruelly slain their Master, they were very much "terrified" when the form of another suddenly appeared among them. It was only after He had shown them the gaping wounds in His hands and feet that they could believe that it was really their Lord. (Luke 24: 36-43.) This is the first and *only* time that Jesus ever met with them on the first day of the week. And there certainly is nothing in the record to indicate that either Christ or His disciples paid any regard to it as a holy day.

The record of the second meeting is found in verse 26. It was "after eight days" had elapsed from the time of the meeting just referred to in verse 19. The first meeting being at the close

of the first day of the week, the eight days intervening before the second meeting locate it on the Monday night of the following week. Only by a perversion can the verse be made to say that the meeting was on the next first day of the week.

The third meeting is recorded in John 21: 1-14. While the disciples were waiting for the promised meeting in Galilee (Mark 16: 7), Peter proposed going fishing. When they had toiled all night and caught nothing, Jesus himself appeared on the shore. The record says: "This is now the third time that Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was risen from the dead." Verse 14. This may, or may not, have been on Sunday, but if it were, they were not regarding it as the Sabbath, else they would not have toiled all night fishing.

Acts 1: 2-13 tells us that Jesus remained upon earth forty days after His resurrection, and that during this time He showed Himself to be alive by many infallible proofs. He had risen bodily from the grave. He had His "flesh and bones." He displayed the wounds in His hands and feet. He re-

tained His humanity while with the disciples the forty days, and thus He ascended to heaven, our Brother, and the Representative of all mankind at His Father's throne. When He comes again it will be as the Son of man, the Man Christ Jesus. Notice that the text says that He was seen of them at different times for "forty days." The last meeting with them was on the Mount of Olives, during which time He was "parted from them, and carried up into heaven." (Luke 24: 50-53.) Or, as the account in Acts says, "while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight." (Acts 1: 9.) This was the last meeting on the last of the forty days. If He remained with them full forty days, this last meeting would have been on Friday morning, lacking but two days of six weeks after His resurrection. One thing is certain,—*it was not on Sunday!*

From these Scriptural statements it is positively certain that neither Christ nor His disciples ever did anything to sanction the change of the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday by observing Sunday as a meeting day. The Scriptures do give us plain and positive proof that the disciples and early Christians did sanction the keeping of the seventh day. They "rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment," and planned to embalm the body of Jesus on Sunday morning, which they would not do till after the Sabbath. (See Luke 23: 56 and 24: 1.) Should Christians do otherwise than keep the seventh-day Sabbath today?

Do the Dead Understand?

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angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." 2 Corinthians 11: 14, 15. We have come to the hour pointed out by all the Bible when our faith must be dependent upon a personal acquaintance with Jesus Christ, a knowledge of sins forgiven, and that our names are written in heaven, as Jesus himself said to His faithful followers when they came back from a wonderful experience of miracle working: "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10: 20.



"The LAW of LIBERTY"

Q. To what law does James refer when he says: "So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty"?

A. He refers to the law he has just been quoting in the preceding verse: "For He that said [margin, that law which said], Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill." This is the law of God, given from Mt. Sinai, and recorded in Exodus 20:3-20.

Q. How can a law that prohibits be called a law of liberty?

A. It is because obedience to this law will keep us from doing what will bring us into bondage to Satan. The breaking of God's law is sin. "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4. Sin brings the sinner into bondage to Satan. "His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins." Proverbs 5:22. "Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." John 8:34. If no one had ever broken the law, no one would be in bondage to Satan.

Q. But can any one keep the law?

A. No, not by his own efforts or strength. "There is none righteous, no, not one." Romans 3:10.

Q. Is there, therefore, no escape from bondage to Satan?

A. There is escape in Jesus Christ. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me . . . to preach deliverance to the captives, . . . to set at liberty them that are bruised." Luke 4:18. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." Hebrews 2:14, 15. Jesus came here and took our human flesh, kept the law perfectly ("who did no sin," 1 Peter 2:22), died for our sins, and lives to give us freedom from sin and power to keep the law. "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness." 1 Peter 2:24.

Q. But is keeping the law not bondage?

A. It may be called that; but it is a voluntary bondage to God. Sin is

bondage to Satan. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Romans 6:16. Satan's wages are death. "The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23, first part. Repentance and obedience lead us to subjection to God, which is life. "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. . . . The gift of God is eternal life." Romans 6:17, 18, 23, last part.

After Jesus Christ has with His own life ransomed us from the bondage to Satan and set us free, He asks us to yield obedience to Him and not go back to bondage to sin. "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith

Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Galatians 5:1. Obedience to God's law is the "easy" yoke that Christ offers us. "My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." Matthew 11:30. It is easy because Christ has kept the law for us. "By the obedience of One shall many be made righteous." Romans 5:19. He puts love for His law in our hearts. "I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts." Jeremiah 31:33. We keep the law in God's strength. "It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Philippians 2:13. This so-called bondage to God is really liberty. The apostles boasted of being servants of Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:1; Philippians 1:1; 2 Timothy 1:3; Titus 1:1; James 1:1; 2 Peter 1:1; Jude 1:1; Revelation 1:1.) Thus to the Christian the law of God, which prohibits sin, is "the law of liberty," "the glorious liberty of the children of God."

Scripture Problems Solved . . .

This is a service department where questions on religion, ethics, and Bible interpretation will be answered.

Send questions to the editor.

Bible Contradiction

Does not the Bible flatly contradict itself in Exodus 20:5 and Ezekiel 18:20?

When rightly interpreted and understood the Bible does not contradict itself. The first text referred to reads: "For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me" and the second reads: "The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son." Now interpret this seeming contradiction in the light of God's justice. At least give Him credit for being as sensible and fair as man is. If life proves anything, it shows that the children do suffer because of the mistakes of the parents. This is fact blazoned by experience. On the other hand, even a human court of justice would not punish a son because of his father's crimes. A son may bear the consequences of his father's sins, but not the responsibility for them. And whatever man or this present life may do to visit the consequences of one man's sin on another, in eternity God will

punish only those who are directly responsible for sin. The first text deals with hereditary tendencies, the second with individual responsibility. The first deals with physical results in this life, the second with spiritual salvation for the life to come. A son may inherit a weakness from his father that leads him into sin, and he must bear the fruits of that sin here. But he may be forgiven for that sin on his own account, regardless of what his father does, and be saved to life eternally hereafter.

Melchizedek

Who was Melchizedek, and who were his father, mother, brothers, and sisters, if he had any?

Melchizedek was "a priest of the most high God." (Genesis 14:18. See also Hebrews 5:10; 6:20; 7:1-3, 17.) We know nothing more about Melchizedek than these verses tell us. At least there was no record of his having any relatives whatsoever, nor any chronicle of when he was born or when he died. He was used as a type of Christ. (Psalm 110:4.) He was a priest-king, whose priesthood began and closed with him. So also was Christ's priesthood, but forever.

Science has discovered that such simple and wholesome foods as these best supply the necessary elements for life and health. But even at that life is more than food.



LIFE is the most valued, or the least appreciated, of all our earthly possessions. Its worth to us depends entirely upon our attitude toward it and the laws of life. The creature, man or beast, that has lived in conformity to life's requirements prizes life above all else and clings to it against all odds.

There are three great transactions in every individual that spell the cost of life. They are, first, birth; second, the new birth; and, third, the supreme exercise of that supreme right of man; namely, choice between eternal life and eternal death.

There are three beings to whom we owe our lives, and who only can apprise us of the real price of life, and they are mother, the mighty God, and our own best self.

Ask any mother the price in suffering of the new life that, for the first time, is placed in her arms. Sit with me through weary night watches awaiting the coming of a first born. Even Holy Writ reserves childbirth as an example of supreme suffering. Speaking of the punishment of the wicked in their final destruction, Isaiah says: "And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth." Isaiah 13:8. But for one merciful provision; namely, the power to forget, this world would soon be depopulated because of the sorrows of labor. Here again inspiration vouches for this fact when it says: "A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world." John 16:21. So I say, but for this benevolent provision of forgetting, there would at least be few repeats in childbirth in the world. What, then, is the price of life to a mother?



Another value set on life is the redemptive price paid to secure both man's natural life and his eternal life. But for the infinite price paid by the Son of God, man could not live, even in this world, for more than a few years. Left to himself and his inclinations,

WHAT PRICE LIFE?

Health

ASK THE DOCTOR,
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he would soon destroy himself by his own perversities, as an engine without a regulator would accomplish its own destruction. As soon as man sinned and thus "sold himself for naught," provision was made, not only for his redemption, but also for perpetuating his life even in this present state. Enmity was put between him and his destroyer that he might resist evil long enough to complete a life of sufficient length to choose whether he would love life and seek an eternal existence or not. In order to do this, it was necessary that the price of his life be paid to the one who had overcome man. He had sold out to sin, surrendered his life; for "the wages of sin is death."

There was only one Being who could purchase back the life that had been sold, and that was the One who had made man in the first place. Thus the price of man's life on this earth in its present state, as well as his right to an eternal existence, required the sacrifice of the life of the Son of God. An infinite price was paid for man's redemption. Not until we behold in the eternal ages to come the majesty, the glory, the power, of our Redeemer as well as the love and adoration and worship with which He is regarded by the myriads of intelligences in the heavenly universe, can we begin to

comprehend the value of the price paid for man's redemption. In comparison, the worth of the entire human race, compared to that of the Son of God, the Maker and Upholder of the entire universe, is as nothing to infinity. Yet, in spite of this, because He had made man in His own image, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."



As we behold the multiplied millions of shining orbs, probably accompanied by myriads of worlds peopled by immortal intelligences ignorant of sorrows, sickness, suffering, sin, and death but for their knowledge of our fallen condition, and realize that they all prostrate themselves in adoration before the Son of God, we can but faintly comprehend the value of the life we have and of that we are to possess in the hereafter. Having set His hand to create and redeem man, the mighty God would impoverish heaven if necessary to make it possible for man to be brought back to his birthright if he so chose.

And now for the third great price that must be paid for life. This price must be paid by man himself. Having

been granted this life through the greatest human tragedy and manifestation of love, and having been redeemed by means of the greatest divine tragedy and love, it remains for man to accept of this so great salvation. God says: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." The privilege and power of choice cost the Son of God His life, and the God of the universe His only-begotten Son, and still He leaves it to us as to whether we will accept of this proffered blessing. Man's right and ability to exercise his own will in choice is the only thing, in all of His dominion, that God has placed outside of His own control. The power of choice is now, and ever will be, the irrevocable, untrammelled right of man. How do we regard that right, and how are we exercising it?

A loving Creator has surrounded us in this life with everything that makes life desirable. He gives us a life of sufficient duration in which to determine whether we love life or no. He has established laws that are essential to perpetuate life, and tells us what the

conformity of our lives to those laws will bring in our eternal life of unalloyed joy and happiness. On the other hand, He reveals what lack of conformity to those laws will result in; namely, fear, sorrow, pain, and death.



How important then that we understand this great provision of justice, consideration, and co-operation! In view of all this, man may choose to love and obey, or to despise and transgress God's provisions for him. If he chooses to conform to the will of God, he is assured of all power in heaven and earth to enable him to conform. If he chooses to disregard God's will, he has the privilege and power to use the gifts of God, of life, strength, mind, and all of the temporal things about him, for his own gratification and aggrandizement. Even the strength he employs in disobedience, the breath he uses in dishonoring, the mind he exerts in devising evil, the time he employs in his own pleasure, are all gifts of the

One he dishonors by his life of transgression.

Now the end result of such a life is the end result of disobedience; namely, destruction. What else could it be? Disregard of the laws of nature, the laws of state, the laws of the road, the laws of health, terminates in disaster. The choice determines the outcome.

It must be plain, then, that the price of life is an infinite one from whatever angle it is viewed, that its perpetuity is wholly subject to our own choice, and that the full fruition is joy and happiness forevermore.

To place ourselves, then, on the side of conformity to all law is to cast our lot in favor of perpetuity, happiness, and peace. To take our stand as opposed to law and order is to choose sorrow, fear, and final extinction. The choice is ours. With the choice for the right comes infinite power to enable us to succeed. With the choice of transgression comes weakness, abandonment, oblivion. It could not be otherwise. To the man who chooses

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The Doctor Replies to Health Queries

Medical and hygienic information of interest to the general reader is given here by a practicing physician. Inquirers may address the editor.

Skin

Pimples and Blackheads

I have been bothered with pimples and blackheads on my face, neck, shoulders, and arms for years. I have tried all kinds of remedies and have received no help. What can you advise for me? M. H. B.

We usually consider that pimples and blackheads such as you have been having are due to a lowered resistance, and that mostly from intestinal poisoning. Hot and cold applications to the affected parts have proved very good in many cases, and should be used by you. Also put yourself on an antitoxic diet of fruits and vegetables mainly, and by the use of bran, agar, mineral oil, etc., see that you have free elimination. Get plenty of vigorous exercise in the fresh air, drink plenty of water, avoid the use of meats and foods containing animal fats, and you will find your condition clearing up. Sometimes you may have a stubborn case that may have to be treated with a vaccine, or even with electricity, but those things should be used only after the above suggestions have been thorough-

ly tried out. A good healthy sunburn often is very effective in making a cure.

Cold Baths
Cold Baths

Will you please tell me just how to take a cold bath? I always feel weaker after taking a cold bath, and am chilly. C. L. D.

The best time of day to take a cold bath is in the morning, right after rising, for then the body is warm. This is the first essential in taking a cold bath, which by the way, would better be a cold shower; for that can be taken more quickly than a bath, and thus the body is not so apt to be chilled. If you are not warm before taking a cold bath or shower, you should precede it with a short hot bath or shower. Next, the room should be warm, and at the close of the bath the body should be warm and glowing. Make your bath short; the colder the water, the shorter the bath. And lastly, the only other rule that you must follow is that if you cannot get a good and thorough reaction from the cold, do not take it.

Gallstones

Diet and Gallstones

I have gallstones, but do not want to have an operation. Can you tell me what foods to eat, and what to leave alone that will help to keep me comfortable? I have been told starchy foods are bad. Is this true? X. E. T.

It quite possible that you may avoid an operation for gallstones by careful diet and habits of life, but that cannot be promised in all cases. The following suggestions should be of help in your case: You should discard the use of all meats, and tea and coffee, and, of course, alcoholic beverages and tobacco, should you be a user. You should adopt a diet that is antitoxic in nature, which consists of all cereal foods, malted milk and malted nuts, fruits and vegetables, buttermilk, cottage cheese, a small amount of butter and salt, and yolks of eggs. Food should be cooked free from grease, mustard, pepper, or vinegar; and you should avoid the use of condiments. Drink freely of water, and keep the bowels active, having two or three movements daily.

He Came with a GROUCH . . . He Left with a GRIN

By
Martha E.
WARNER

Impassioned

NOW a rainy day never disgruntles me. Always I enjoy one, for, with fewer interruptions, it gives me time to do many put-off tasks, dreaded and otherwise.

There's the closet to clean, some papers to sort over, letters to write, the book that I have long been wanting to read, and somewhere in the day must be found time for a tramp, not on the city streets, but out in God's country, with the rain beating on my face and my loyal collie at my heels or making short excursions off from the beaten path, perchance after a rabbit, then back to me for fear she has lost me, and then to listen attentively while I quote:

"It is not raining to me,
It's raining daffodils;
In every dimpled drop I see
Wild flowers on the hills."

I'm telling you all this that you may know why I did not agree with the grocer man when he came into my house this morning, greeting me with, "Rotten day! Isn't it?"

"No, no!" I protested. "It is not a rotten day; it is a delightful day."

"Oh, yeah!" he answered. "Delightful for ducks. I just detest a rainy day."

"That is where our tastes differ," I retorted, "for I enjoy one. It gives one so many opportunities to do things."

"Like making tracks with wet rubbers over your clean floor," he said. "Soon's I'm gone you'll be around with a cloth to clean up after me, and sputtering because I did not have sense enough to wipe my feet. I did wipe 'em; but still I leave tracks."

"I wouldn't mind that one bit," I assured him, "if only you would leave some coming-in tracks along with your going-out ones."

"Coming-in tracks?" he repeated. "What on earth do you mean?"

"On a rainy day like this," I told him, "you might, when you come into a house—you just might—greet your customers with a cheery 'good morning' and smile. I'm thinking you would make the day brighter for many a one."

"Yeah," he growled, "smile when the water is trickling down your neck? It can't be done."

"But you wouldn't mind the rain at all if you were out hunting or fishing, would you?" I asked."

"Say," he said, answering Yankee fashion, "what's all this discourse about anyway, and who started it?"

"You did," I replied. "And it's about a rainy day, to be more specific, *this* rainy day in April. Now you just try, when you go out, sniffing *hard*; breathe deep, deep, *deep*, and see if you don't smell violets. And I wouldn't be one bit surprised if you'd just stop and *listen*, the rain would whisper to you, 'Spring is coming.' Then, too, it is possible that you'd hear the robins singing, 'Cheer up. Cheer up.'"

Looking at me in amazement, the man asked, "Are you crazy?"

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"Rainy days do not disgruntle me."

"Hope not," I answered.

"Well," he replied, "if I had an imagination that worked overtime, as yours seems to be doing today, I'd consider myself a fit subject for an insane asylum."

Then he wrote down my order and went out into the rain. As he reached the bottom step of the porch, he paused a moment, flung back his head, inhaled deeply, turned to the window from where he knew I was watching, nodded, grinned, and called, "I smell 'em. Spring *is* coming, it sure is," and off he went on a run, leaving me with food for thought.



Now, was the habit of looking over and beyond the rainy days of life purely imagination? Surely for me the habit was not easily acquired. Many and many have been the times when my trials, which to me seemed so hard to bear, loomed up as high as the highest of mountains, and I could not, or would not, look over.



So I pushed and fought and beat against them until my strength left me, and I knew not which way to turn. 'Twas then that Jesus found me. 'Twas then that He whispered "My child, give me your burden; I'll carry it for you." And when I gave it all into His dear hands, then rest and peace and gladness so filled my heart that I could look over and beyond the long, cold winter days of life into Spring, eternal Spring.

To me, all this is not imagination, but faith, faith in God, that what He has promised that He will surely do.

As I said in the beginning, rainy days do not disgruntle me, I enjoy them; and because of this I doubly enjoyed my talk with the grocerman this morning. And although he came in with a frown, he left with a smile,—if one can call that half-ashamed grin that he gave me a smile,—and I do hope that he will continue to smile at the next house, and the next, and the next.

Our Sick World

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has increased 17 per cent and our crime 110 per cent. In this fair land of ours 400,000 make their living by crime, and the total cost of crime is more than \$13,000,000,000 yearly.

The prophecy of Isaiah was never more accurately fulfilled than at the present time: "And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment." In the political world there is unrest. The hate of nations for nations leads to preparations for war. Just before Armistice Day, 1933, the *Washington Herald and Examiner* had the following as one of its headlines: "Armistice Day finds nations in fear of war. Every frontier in Europe more heavily guarded than since the dawn of peace." In the

article itself this statement appeared: "In London the Bureau reported a fear that 'the war tenseness appears as near the snapping point as it was in 1914.'" Since that was written the political condition surely has not improved.

There is a reason for these ills of the world; that reason is found in the Bible and is labeled "sin." "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14: 34. Again in Isaiah 24: 3-6: "The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the Lord hath spoken this word. The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they

that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left." When an individual gets heart trouble there is always more hope for him if he is young. An old person with this illness seems to have no chance for recovery. With the whole heart faint and the whole head sick, and a world which is waxing old, there is but one thing to expect, and that is a collapse.

As we view the other side of the whole picture there is a remedy for the ills of the world and that is found in the great Physician, Christ. Some one has well stated that the cure for the world is found in the INRI—*Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum*, Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. According to Inspiration and all reason the world is doomed, it will go under; but those who accept Christ will be saved from its ruin and taken to a better world.

A Home Maker ANSWERS PARENTS' QUESTIONS

Perplexing questions on married life, home management, and child training will be answered here by a specialist on the home and its ideals. Queries may be sent to the editor.

Ad. S. A. Bates
Escorting

Should a sixteen-year-old girl be allowed a gentleman escort to and from a party? Or should they have a chaperone?

I can make no rigid rule in this matter. A number of factors are involved: the character of the individuals, the training given the child by the parents, the prevalent social ideals of the community, and the reaction of the daughter to the ruling. I believe most thoroughly in adequate chaperonage, in middle adolescence certainly. Children should be so trained as to find social satisfactions in group activities without emphasis upon the social-sex factors, up to the proper age of marriage, which is in the twenties. But without this training (which represents a program few parents are willing to undertake), a sixteen-year-old girl is certain to demand liberty to follow the social customs of her crowd, which almost universally requires the "boy friend" for social prestige. The hard heel of parental discipline is liable to slip on the ice of adolescent duplicity.

Authority without confidence is a broken staff in adolescent discipline.

My ideal of sixteen is a girl who has many friends, both boys and girls, with no special "boy friend" to whom her devotion is given, who enjoys herself at home as well as at her friends' because she has many social resources, and who does not think herself old enough to receive special attentions from men. All of which is correct, but all of which demands parents who see the future from the babyhood of the girl, and who train her broadly and soundly. Give me the parents, and I will give you the girl.

Lacking this, and admitting that local society standards are adverse, I should prefer to see that the girl have an escort approved by the parents rather than that she surreptitiously meet a fellow on the corner and "sneak her dates." Chaperonage has to be sold to the younger generation, and few are the successful salesmen.

Strolling

Ad. S. A. Bates
What do you think of strolling on the campus with the girl friend?

My young gentleman college friend evidently hails from an institution where there are social restrictions. They may be good—probably are. Better consult the President or the Student Disciplinary Committee. If you have any studies to master, as presumably you have, being in college, don't accidentally discover the girl friend on the campus too frequently. Remember that there is another, and less pleasant, Green Carpet.

What Price Life?

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the way of transgression, if there were any power that could perpetuate his existence, which there is not, his life would be an eternity of misery. Even this brief mortal life is so unbearable to the transgressor, that he, in many cases, despairs of life and accomplishes his own destruction. And but for the lack of bravery to end their own lives, multitudes more would escape this life through self-destruction. Whose fault is this? Surely, not God's, for He has placed within the reach of every soul the possibility of joy, peace, hope, and rest. "Come unto Me, and I will give you rest." "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: . . . let not your heart be troubled." There is no sorrow, there is no suffering, there is no sacrifice that cannot be appeased even in this life. "My grace is sufficient for you," God said to His servant, Paul; and so it is for every one now and here.

But the price of it all is choice. The cost of our crown is the cross and conformity to law. When we look out into the universe and behold the myriads of orbs in space, and our astronomers tell us of the myriads of universes beyond our sight, when we catch the gleam from a point of light in a dark night and our astronomer tells us it has been multiplied millions of light years coming to us, when we peer into the microscope and view the marvelous

smallness yet perfection of detail of bodies thousands of times smaller than the natural eye, unaided, can see, and yet our scientists tell us that the smallest particle that can be detected with the microscope is a universe of revolving systems of molecules and atoms, we cry out with the psalmist: "When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; what is man, that Thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that Thou visitest him?" Psalm 8: 3, 4. Yet we are assured that not a hair of the head of one of His followers shall fall without His notice,—the notice of an infinite God, of infinite power, and of infinite love. In this consideration, then, of the price of life, there is just one thing for us to do, and that is to choose whether we will have life and abide by the laws of life.

Early in His dealings with the human race, God made this appeal: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: that thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey His voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto Him: for He is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord swear unto thy fathers." Deuteronomy 30: 19, 20.

Are you ready to pay the price of life?

Mail-Order Divorce

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created, but amid all its splendor and wonders Adam dwelt alone. It is recorded that God said: "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make an help meet for him." Genesis 2: 18. The original word translated "meet" means "counterpart or mate." Thus we perceive the full meaning of the marriage relation: Adam, the husband, and Eve, the wife, were to be companions to each other. How Eve was made is described in verses 21 and 22: "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man." A very simple story, this, the creation of woman, at which agnostics jeer but which they misunderstand.

God did not make man after the lower animals, but "in His own image." In a like method He did not choose to make woman of lower order than man,

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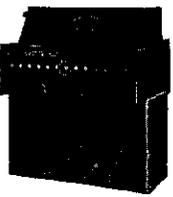
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for He took her substance from next to the heart, the seat of affections in man. This was that she might stand at man's side, his equal, rather than to be trampled upon or abused as a slave, as if she were made from man's feet or of lower order than her mate. So we see in God's plan that man,—the strong, the noble, and the protector—is to appreciate womanly love and tenderness as a "help meet" to him.

Disaster engulfed the superb garden of God's handiwork. Sin entered, and the Eden couple were enslaved by this new and relentless master. They were prohibited from enjoying the pleasures of their first home, until evil was revealed to the universe in its true character; that would be when the Deliverer came. As the race of man increased in population, we find the marriage institution degraded. Words revealing this are found in Scriptural history: "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose." Genesis 6: 1, 2. We see in this the barriers against evil dropped, and a surge of violence overwhelming all that was pure and good in the wedlock known to the world before the Flood. As is always the nature of moral wrong, when the nuptial tie is thought little of, no sin is too evil for the human heart to imagine. To destroy this condition on the earth God saw best to loosen a flood of waters over the face of the earth, and from the Deluge all that survived of the race of men were Noah and his family. He was a man of God, and with his influence and integrity



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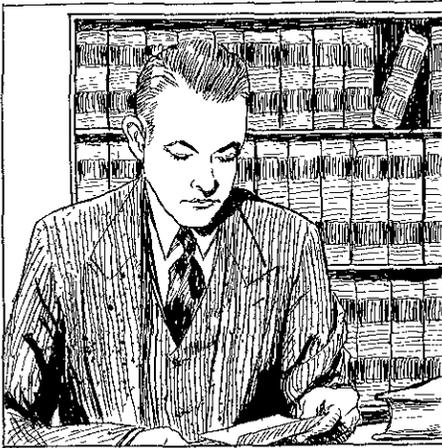
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The Judge's Story



I was always ambitious, worked my way through college and law school, and served a poorly paid apprenticeship with a big law firm. By hard work I managed to advance myself in my profession and to gain the esteem of my fellow citizens.



I married a beautiful girl. Liquor was served in our home and everywhere we went. From taking a cocktail or two, I drank more and more until I really acquired the liquor habit; but in spite of it I managed to attain the judge's bench.



As years went on, everything appeared auspicious for a seat in the State Supreme Court. Although I tried to control my drinking, I was accused of sipping on cases while under the influence of liquor. During a murder trial I was too intoxicated to appear on the bench one day. I was tried and disqualified as a judge.



My wife divorced me. Drink ruined me at the bar. I took a "cure," but am still struggling with the old vicious habit. With the aid of a few loyal friends I am fighting my way back, but oh, so slowly! I hope yet to be free from the drink habit for all time. I cannot understand how respectable people can encourage its use even moderately.

the sons of men once again populated the earth. So it continued through the ages of time; cities were built, nations were formed, and the continents were peopled—all by family life.

Later we find a festival in progress at Cana, a village of Galilee. It was a gala event, a marriage was to be performed, and among the invited guests was Jesus Christ, the Son of God. His first miracle was performed here. Hence by His presence and works the Son of God sanctioned the marriage ceremony as it is recorded in the Bible.

Again in the life of Christ we read His comments on wedlock. The Pharisees sought to trap Him with the subtle question: "Is it lawful for a

man to put away his wife for every cause?" And Jesus answered them: "Have ye not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder. . . . And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." Matthew 19: 3-9. These are the words of the Master

and they should be the test in dealing with the modern fad of divorce.

The fact that the marriage institution would be abused and taken lightly near the close of time is not mentioned in Scripture. Speaking again in regard to the marriage relations of mankind, but this time to His disciples, Christ said: "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as the days that were before the Flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24: 37-39.



The crumbling away of home life in the world today is a direct sign of the Lord's soon return to abolish all sin. The teachings of thinkers, so called, who would substitute companionate marriage, homosexuality, or any of the plantonic ideas, will find a condition of depravity resulting. It is not God's plan that the rules for matrimony should be tampered with; and by doing this, humanity has released an evil horde of passions which the human will cannot conquer.

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it. . . . So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. . . . Let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband." Ephesians 5: 25-33. In so doing, the beautiful words of the Psalmist will ring true for marital happiness: "Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house; thy children like olive plants round about thy table." Psalm 128: 2, 3.

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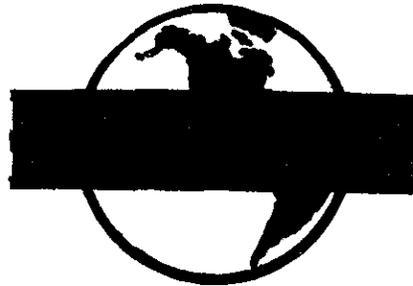
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