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# LETTERS

## From Our Readers

Sirs:

I enjoyed the paper [OUR TIMES] very much and wish that the paper could be rolled instead of folded, as you have very attractive pictures that could be framed.

Winsted, Conn.

F.H.D.

Sirs:

The paper is wonderful, such good print for us old folks. The magazine seems to get better every month. It has such lovely covers, and, best of all, it contains wonderful Bible truth within. Washington, D.C.

J.B.B.

Sirs:

I am sending money for one year's subscription. I am so glad to get the paper. There are many wonderful helps in OUR TIMES. I hope I won't miss the next copy. Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. A.L.T.

Sirs:

I am so pleased with the October and December issues of OUR TIMES, which I purchased from a colporteur, that I want to purchase the November issue, too. Grand Prairie, Texas

H.L.V.

Sirs:

I want to let you know that you have a truly wonderful magazine. We let our father read it, and he liked it so well. We hope and pray that OUR TIMES will be in circulation for many years to come. This is really our favorite magazine. Rosholt, S. Dak.

Mrs. L.N.

Sirs:

Thanks for the inspired messages on the true gospel of Jesus Christ. May the Lord bless you in your work. Berlin, Ohio

D.W.B.

Sirs:

OUR TIMES is a wonderful magazine, and I would like these folks [names supplied] to have it. Thank you. Colorado Station, Alaska

Mrs. B.C.

### CORRECTION

Talk about getting the cart before the horse, well we have done it, and is our face red! No doubt you were one of those who noticed that we featured an article on the front cover of the March OUR TIMES entitled, "The World at the End of Its Tether," and page twenty was given as the place to find it, but it just wasn't there. Did you look for it? If you did, we hope that you didn't go to the expense of having your eyes examined; for, again we sadly repeat, it just wasn't there. But this fine article does appear in the present issue on page twenty. We just featured it a month too soon. So now you can quit worrying about your eyes, and optical illusions, and all that sort of thing, and turn and read this article. We apologize for the mistake, and hope that you will be charitable.

THE EDITOR.

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### The Cover

Camera Clix is responsible for our lovely cover this month.

# Do Men Have a Second CHANCE

*Is Jesus Coming As an  
Evangelist to Convert the World?*

By Allen Walker



BLACK STAR

THE TANGLED affairs of this old world can never be straightened out until the Lord comes and brings order out of chaos—then, and not before, will we have peace on the earth.” Similar statements may be heard frequently in the pulpit and over the radio today. It is claimed that as far as human governments are concerned the world is in a hopeless condition; that the only hope for mankind is the return of Christ to take the reins of world government, put down injustice and cruel dictatorships, and institute the “four freedoms” in all the earth. In other words we are being taught that Christ is coming as a master economic Messiah to bring peace and plenty to all peoples.

This teaching carries along with it the claim that when Christ comes and becomes King over all the earth, His subjects will include millions of unbelieving Jews as well as teeming millions of unconverted Gentiles, both civilized and uncivilized. This is the idea, as some teach, of what the second coming of Christ will mean to the world.

The doctrine of the second coming of Christ with the blessings He will bring to the earth is taught in such a way that sinners are led to feel that they have nothing to fear so far as being lost is concerned; that for a thousand years after the Lord comes they will continue to have a “second chance” under far more

favorable conditions of righteous living than at the present. This teaching leaves no grounds for appealing to men to be ready for Christ’s return.

Now no informed student will take issue with the claims that the world is in the most deplorable condition since it was created. These observers speak of the world’s condition as being global in extent. It must be admitted by all that so far human governments have miserably failed to handle the evils which have made mankind unhappy and wretched. Since World War II the affairs of the world in every field of human interest and activity have become more complicated than ever before; and the Bible makes it plain that instead of improvement, conditions are going to get worse right up to the end.

Paul says: “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.” 2 Timothy 3:1. He goes on to say that men will be “lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.” Then instead of saying that these conditions will improve in “the last days,” he says: “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse.” Verse 13.

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# What Is a Christian?

*What Will Be His Reward?*

**T**HE PRESENT age is one of great intellectual enlightenment, but also one of great moral and spiritual darkness.

The prevailing concept of God and His kingdom, of the nature of sin and the meaning of salvation is low, human, and earthly. It is derived from a human source, from minds darkened by sin.

Left to the resources of his own mind, man can have no true concept of a Supreme Being to whom is due allegiance and worship. Regarding this fact we are told that at an early age in human history men "became vain in their imaginations, . . . and changed

the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things." Romans 1:21, 23.

The vast majority of the world's inhabitants became worshipers of beasts, of reptiles, and of wood or stone images. They worshiped gods of their own creating, which had characters reflecting the passions of their own evil natures. The abominations and cruelties connected with this false worship are almost beyond the power of words to describe.

Even the men who were the companions of Jesus during His ministry in Galilee had a low, earthly



*Christ told Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again," meaning that a complete change had to be wrought in his life. A new life must be substituted for the old.*

**By Leon A. Smith**

concept of Christ's mission on the earth and of the kingdom He was to establish. They wanted Christ to be made earthly king. They wanted Him to re-establish the Jewish kingdom by the overthrow of antagonistic powers. Their hopes and expectations were based on that idea.

God has given to mankind a revelation of Himself, of the nature of His kingdom, and of the manner in which His kingdom will be set up on the earth. This revelation, together with His standard of righteousness, has been fully set forth in His inspired Book. But the Bible is neglected, even by those professing Christianity.

The Bible is read by but few today, and still fewer give it earnest and prayerful study. Without the searching of the Scriptures and the aid of the divinely appointed guide to spiritual truth, the Holy Spirit, a true understanding of God's plan of salvation is impossible. The human mind cannot of itself grasp the dimensions of truth that proceed from the mind of God.

With a low concept of the nature of the kingdom of God, men have a false concept of the standard of character requisite for admission to that kingdom. Thus they have a low, earthly comprehension of Christianity.

True Christianity means more than being a good neighbor. It means more than being honest, just, and generous.

Christianity is not an addition of goodness to the old nature. It is not the natural character

remodeled and improved. A Christian is not a rebuilt sinner. He is a new being altogether.

Do you ask, Am I not a Christian if I am a good member of the church, if I conform to the standards of the church, if I am a good citizen, if I obey the laws of the land, if I follow my pastor's instruction regarding truth and error and right and wrong? Am I not a Christian, and is not my future welfare assured?

To all such queries, the answer comes in the words of Christ spoken to Nicodemus: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3.

"Born again." That means a complete change, a new being entirely. God cannot use anything of the old sinful nature in the beings that are to compose His kingdom. He cannot use made-over sinners; He makes a new being, as Adam was new when he was created in the beginning.

This complete change is affirmed in other scriptures. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." 2 Corinthians 5:17. "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Ephesians 2:10. No sinner becomes a Christian without experiencing re-creation. Of his own experience the apostle Paul said: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Galatians 2:20.

Crucifixion means death. The old carnal nature must die and a new creation take its place; and though the individual lives, he must be able to say with Paul, "Yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

The person who was formerly an enemy of God but who now has Christ living within is indeed a new creation. His companions see him as a new person: they see in him not the man they had formerly known, but they see Jesus Christ instead.

Any experience other than this is not genuine, though the person may think he is a Christian, his friends may regard him as such, and the church may accept him as a Christian. The test of his Christianity will come in the judgment day, when it will be seen that God's standard of righteousness, and not any human standard, must decide the individual's fitness for the kingdom of heaven. God's law must be satisfied, and only the righteousness of Christ will pass that test.

God cannot use any person tainted with sin as a subject of His kingdom; likewise He cannot use this sin-cursed earth or any part of it to be the abode of His kingdom. This earth with all that pertains to it must pass away and be consigned to oblivion, and a new earth will take its place. The apostle John on the Isle of Patmos wrote this: "I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away." Revelation 21:1. "He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new." Verse 5.

What happens to this earth and all that pertains to it is very clearly stated in the prophetic scriptures.

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# A President's Mother

Author Unknown

WHAT WOULD you be thinking about if tomorrow you were to be made the President of the United States? Here is the story of one of our great Presidents, and what he thought about when he was inaugurated.

He lived in Cleveland, Ohio. A few days before the great ceremony, he wrote to his old mother: "I want you to go to Washington with me."

His mother was very much surprised, and, after thinking it all over, she wrote to her son, of whom she was very proud: "I cannot go to Washington. I would be quite out of place there among the great people whom you will meet. I will stay at home and pray for you."

The man who was soon to be President sent this answer: "I will not go without you." And so they traveled together to the capital city.

They stayed at the same hotel, and when the time came for the ceremony, they went together, his mother leaning on his arm. They entered the carriage and drove to the Capitol, where a great audience of over one hundred thousand people were waiting.

It was a gala occasion—the high platform and all the celebrated men from all over the country, governors, judges, and ministers—and all the great sea of white faces turned to the one central place where he was. The people noticed that instead of taking the chair that was provided for him, he gave it to his mother. Then he delivered his inaugural address. After he had taken the oath to be true to his high office, and before he sat down, he put his arms around his mother, and kissed her.

We wonder if you know who this President was? He was one of our martyred Presidents. His name was James A. Garfield. The way he took care of his mother was one of the most beautiful things he ever did, and all that great congregation of people, after the din was over, and they had gone to their homes, thought so.

Our mothers do for us far more than we can ever repay. Let us hope that no one will ever get too big, or too old, or go too far away to remember his mother, and to make her happy in his own happiness. It would be worth while to live in order to do just that.



PETER ERIC WINKLER

ONE OF THE greatest obstacles to any serious consideration of the creationist viewpoint has been the persistent refusal of its opponents to admit that it possesses any scientific value. Creationists are accused of holding to all the wild and unscientific ideas ever suggested by anyone who ever pretended to believe in the validity of Moses' story of creation.

"Skin-shifting," or the transmutation of one form of life into another, as, for example, the change from human to wolf or other animal form, has by some opponents of creationism been associated with the belief in a literal creation. Crude and primitive notions of medieval peasants are still quoted as if modern creationists believe them. Some years ago a certain candidate was put forward for governor of Florida and was supported by William Jennings Bryan. Thereupon the noted columnist Arthur Brisbane made the following comment in one of America's largest dailies: "He probably believes that all kinds of men, microbes, animals, horses with one toe, or four toes, dinosaurs, hippopotamuses, okapis, 500 kinds of fleas, 10,000 kinds of snakes, 100,000 kinds of beetles

and bugs, and all the others were created separately and individually by the expressed will of the Creator and were all in the ark together." The writer of this editorial seems to have overlooked the fact that there are men well trained in all branches of science who believe in the literal record of creation. Evolutionists have put forth many crude notions in the past; this fact does not seem to hinder twentieth-century scientists from believing in evolution. What is fair to one side ought to be fair to the other.

In defining the creationist viewpoint, evolutionists make the mistake of quoting statements made a century or two ago, when creationism was the orthodox belief of the Christian churches. The Linnæan con-

# Creation

By Harold A. Clark

PHILLIP BENDREAU

cept of species—that the species were created by God but, once created, remain unchangeable—is supposed by evolutionists to be accepted as the hypothesis of anyone today who believes in the literal interpretation of the Bible. But the statements made in that century regarding the problems of species' formation are not and cannot be advanced today in the place of contemporary evidence. Whether belief in a literal creation stands or falls today must depend on the correlation of scientific evidence available now—in this twentieth century. The case demands a review

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in the light of current findings, unprejudiced by previously expressed opinions.

Upon this mistaken notion—that the creationist position is that of absolute immutability of species—the evolutionist assumes that any scientific doctrine that allows of change of any kind means evolution. In the affidavit filed by him at the Scopes trial in Dayton, Tennessee, in August, 1925, Dr. Maynard M. Metcalf said: "Evolution is, therefore, the doctrine of how things have changed in the past and how they are changing in the present." Prof. Horatio H. Newman, zoologist at the University of Chicago, defined evolution thus: "Evolution is merely the philosophy of change as opposed to the philosophy of fixity and un-

changeability." Then in order to fortify his position, Newman remarked: "Even the convinced special creationist would hardly claim that species have remained immutable since their creation only to begin to change during the present era." Inasmuch as he knew that no one would dare deny the fact that plants and animals are changing during the present era, he seemed to feel secure in the assumption that such changes must be interpreted as evidences of evolution.

Opponents of the creation doctrine are too hasty in their assumption that the admission of any change whatsoever is impossible for the creationist. The earth and its life are observed to change more or less. Throughout the whole period of human thought men have recorded these changes and have expressed different opinions as to their interpretation. Some have postulated an original creation followed by change. Just how much change may be allowed and one still believe in creation is more or less a problem which can be settled only by long and painstaking investigation. It cannot be settled

by arbitrary pronouncement.

Admitting the difficulties above suggested, the creationist may still be reassured by the fact that his views are no more varied or vaguely stated than are evolutionists' views. The evolutionist openly claims to have inherited viewpoints from the crude and unscientific guesses of the ancient Greeks and Babylonians. The woof of modern scientific knowledge has been woven into the warp of ancient cosmogony in the thinking of modern evolutionists. To accuse creationists of superstition for accepting the biblical record of creation is unjust. On the contrary the Genesis account is built on more stable philosophic principles than is the evolutionary interpretation.

True, the modern creationist allows for change, but in doing so he is simply recognizing the facts of recent scientific discovery. This recognition may make it necessary for him to define creationism somewhat differently than some have done in the past. As at first understood, and as now commonly defined by the evolutionist, creationism was the idea of a literal creation of species in practically the same forms as they now exist. This idea left all the processes of change open to evolutionary interpretation. The present definition of creationism, which may well be called *neo-creationism*, has allowed the creationist to recognize the scientific facts and to interpret them in

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# and Science

*Do the Facts of Science Harmonize  
With the Creationist Interpretation?*

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In taking such a position as this, the evolutionists commit two errors: they accuse the creationists of an unscientific and untenable position, and they confuse their own theory by the failure to distinguish between change and evolution. Evolution is defined as gradual growth and unfolding of parts from simple to complex. Physically it is supposed to have involved a transformation of matter from its primal simplicity to the complex structure of the present universe. This is termed inorganic evolution. Biologically evolution is supposed to have involved the transformation of living things from primitive simplicity of earliest times into all varied forms of living beings that inhabit the earth today. This transformation is called organic evolution.

According to this definition, evolution is much more than a mere change. The creationists believe that the gradual unfolding and branching out into all the varied forms of beings is not fluctuation, but progres-



EWING GALLOWAY

# Broken Cisterns

*Why So Many Nervous Wrecks?*

By D. H. Kress, M.D.

*Nervous breakdowns could often be avoided if men would seek God for a way out of trouble instead of drowning their fears in drink or in a mad whirl of pleasure.*

**M**Y PEOPLE have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." Jeremiah 2:13. Two charges are here brought against God's people. The first one is "they have forsaken Me"; and in forsaking God they had forsaken "the fountain of living waters." Then follows the second charge: "My people have . . . hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

In every human heart there exists a longing for the "true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." Jesus said: "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink." Men and women try to find outside of Christ that which alone can be found in Him. Men and women are spending their money for that which is not bread, and they labor for that which satisfieth not. Every imaginable device has been invented to attract and entice poor deluded mortals. Sensational literature, amusements of all kinds are employed by Satan to keep souls away from that which alone can supply their needs. Satan whom the Bible refers to as "the prince of the power of the air" has done much through the medium of radio to counteract the messages of God to men. Minds become

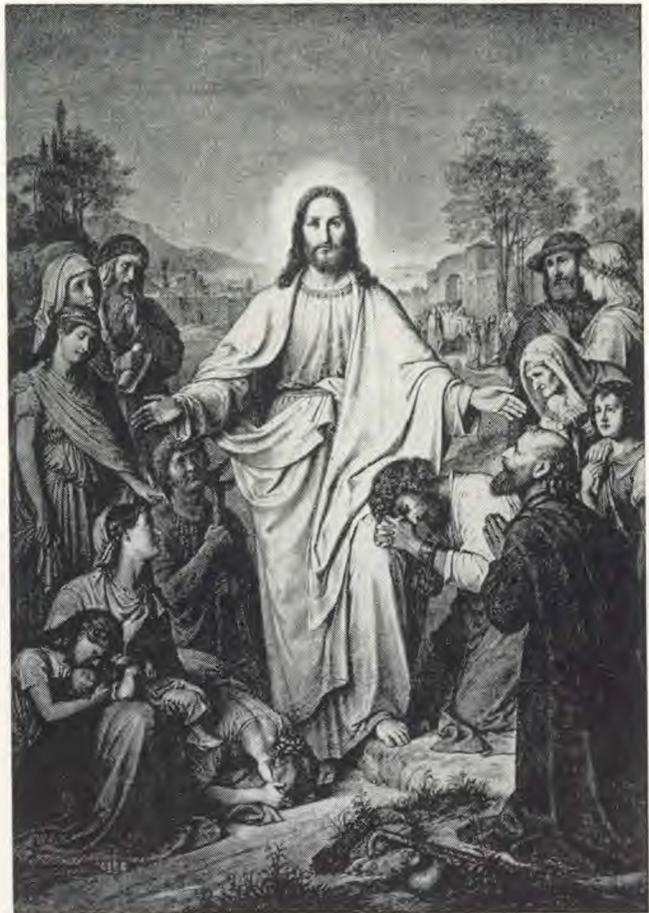
unbalanced, and people become nervous wrecks.

When Solomon forsook the Lord, he did just what others since have been doing. He said: "Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure." He added: "I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine. . . . I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards; I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits: I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees: I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me: I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts. . . . And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy. . . . Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun." Ecclesiastes 2:1, 3-8, 10, 11.

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WHAT a difference it makes when the soul dwells in the comfort of Jesus, sure of His tender care and keeping day by day; when the trials of life are met and conquered by His watchful ministrations; when Jesus' perfect peace soothes the spirit; when His abiding joy is imbedded deeply in the heart; when His zeal stirs all the powers of the soul into noblest activity; and when His assurance of victory is ever inspiringly present!

Millions are without all this, yet they long deeply for it and may freely have it. Jesus declared plainly: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you." John 14:27. He said also: "These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." John 15:11. He said further: "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." John 14:18. Jesus' abiding presence is, therefore, the key that unlocks the door to all these



## *The Comforting*

# Care and Keeping of Jesus

By John Walter Halliday

spiritual treasures. Those who listen to His words, heed them well, and love and serve Him truly have His hallowed abiding presence that brings all these heavenly blessings freely and abundantly into their lives.

The tender care of Jesus is evidenced by His care for His mother, even when He was on the cross; for we read: "When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, He saith unto His mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith He to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home." John 19:26, 27. Jesus' care for others is seen from the record concerning Him and the family at Bethany: "Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus." "When Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying unto Him, Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, He

groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, and said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto Him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept." John 11:5, 32-35. Jesus' solicitude is also depicted in His saving Peter after Peter had denied Him three times: "And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. . . . And Peter went out, and wept bitterly."

The comforting care of Jesus flows from the Father's heart through that of His beloved Son, for the Father is declared to be "The God of *all comfort*." 2 Corinthians 1:3. A comforting prophecy written by Isaiah was fulfilled in Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound, . . . to *comfort all* that mourn." Isaiah 61:1, 2. Jesus, therefore, who had dwelt "in the bosom of the Father," came so close to His disciples

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# EVENTS

## *of Our Times*



**AIR-TO-AIR ROCKET BOMB.**—A guided missile for launching from an airplane against enemy aircraft, which has already passed successful tests in the air, was revealed by the Ryan Aeronautical Company, San Diego, California.—*Science News Letter*, Nov. 19, 1949.

**CIGARETTES SMOKED HIT ALL-TIME HIGH.**—A record high in the number of cigarettes smoked by the American public was hit this year, according to figures recently released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

More persons are expected to be smoking next year because of population increases, their report also shows.

If every adult in the United States consumes his share this year, each man and woman will have smoked 3,400 cigarettes by New Year's Day, or about 170 packs. This figure includes non-smokers. Based on smokers alone, the average consumption would be of course much higher.—*Science News Letter*, Nov. 26, 1949.

**A PROTEST AGAINST SOCIALIZED MEDICINE.**—In Tunbridge Wells, Dr. E. F. St. John Lyburn, who took down his nameplate and put up "Dr. 2108" when Britain's socialized-medicine scheme first started, announced he was resigning from practice under the act—the first doctor to do so.—*Quick*, Nov. 28, 1949.

**SPEED OF CONQUEST.**—It'd take the Russians no more than ten days to get through France and be dumping those things on England a week later. Then our turn would come.—Bill Keenan, who fled New York in 1946 to build an atom-proof house in Montana.—*Pathfinder*, Nov. 16, 1949.

**FOSSIL FIND SHOWS FIRST AMERICANS CAME FROM ASIA.**—New evidence that the first Americans came from Asia through Alaska has been unearthed from the frozen soil of the Far North by Dr. Ralph S. Solecki of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C.—*Science News Letter*, Nov. 19, 1949.

**MILITARY PREPARATION UNNECESSARY.**—Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, Chicago U. chancellor: "The enormous military preparations on which we have lavished billions in the last four years are unnecessary as long as Russia does not have the atomic bomb, and they will be largely useless when she has it."—*Quick*, July 25, 1949.

**ALREADY BEGUN.**—World War III has already begun.—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.—*Pathfinder*, Nov. 2, 1949.

**WHO WILL VOLUNTEER TO TRY THIS?**—You could stand in the open at one end of the north-south runway at the Washington National Airport . . . and have an atom bomb explode at the other end of the runway [1¼ miles away] without serious injury to you.—Commander Eugene Tatom, U.S.N., before House Armed Services Committee.—*Pathfinder*, Nov. 2, 1949.

**AVERAGE MAN DOES NOT READ ABOUT GOD.**—The average man has not read a solid book on the idea of God in a decade.—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church.—*Pathfinder*, Nov. 16, 1949.

**AN UNWANTED SURPLUS.**—Among the many surpluses this country is accumulating is a growing number of half-educated youth, prepared neither for work nor personal living.—Malvina Lindsay, columnist, *The Washington Post*.—*Pathfinder*, Nov. 2, 1949.

**THE DRINKS WERE NOT ON THE HOUSE.**—Billed to the American people as the social cost of heavy drinking in 1948—about \$500,000,000. Whether or not their lips touched liquor, the average American man and woman had to pick up the check. The drinks were not on the house.

Included in the \$500,000,000 cost to society for heavy drinking were crime, accidents, hospital and medical care, and the maintenance of drunken persons in local jails, according to Dr. Benson Y. Landis, an authority on the socio-economic aspects of drinking.—*The National Temperance Digest*, Nov., 1949.

*Sixth in a Series on the  
Seven Churches of Revelation*

PHILADELPHIA was the next church to receive an epistle from Christ, the sixth in the series of seven. "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My word, and hast not denied My name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

"Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation,

which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Revelation 3:7-13.

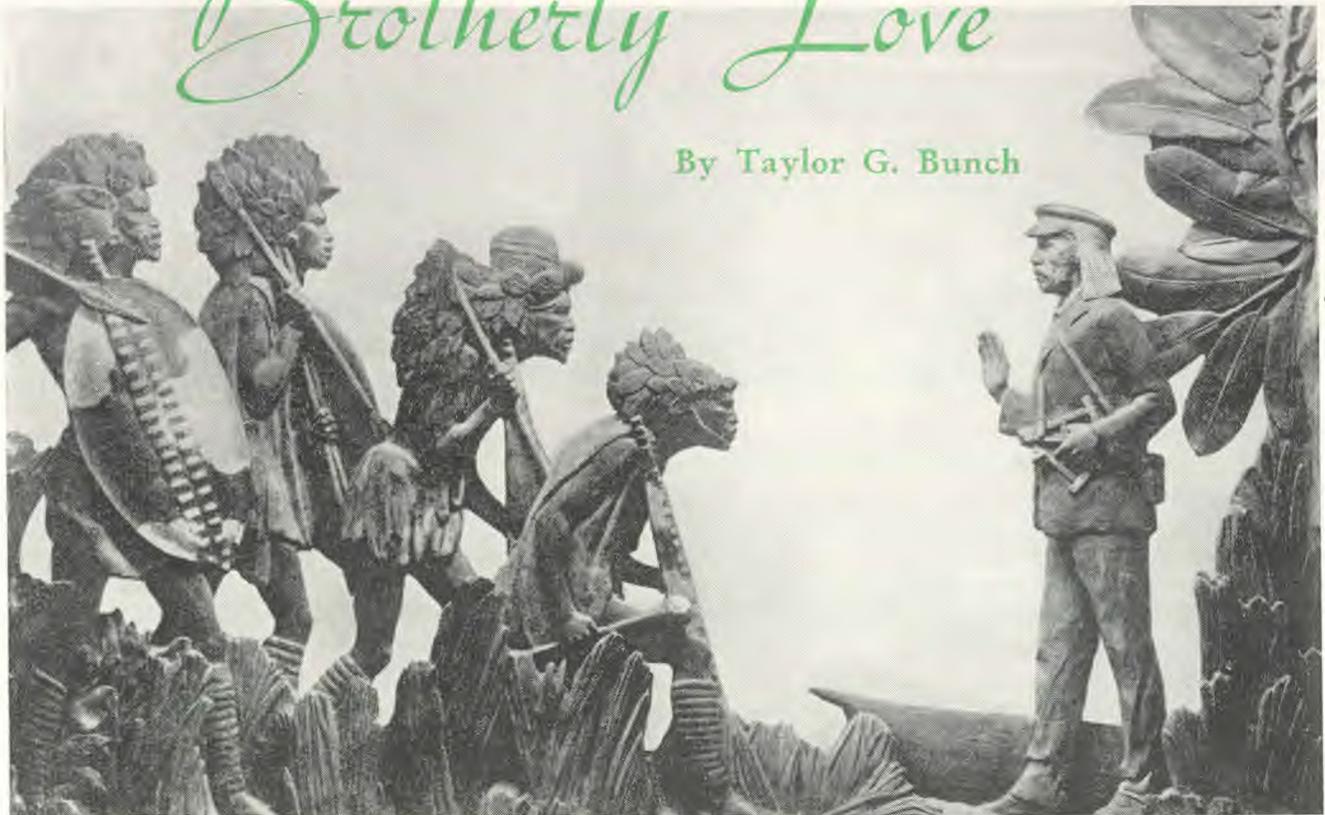
The city of Philadelphia was founded in 189 B.C. by Attalus Philadelphus, for whom it was named. The city was also known as Decapolis and Little Athens. Its modern Turkish name is Alashehir, which means "The City of God." The city was, therefore, accustomed to "new names," which gives force to the promise to the overcomer: "I will write upon him My new name." The city commanded an important pass

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## THE ERA OF

# Brotherly Love

By Taylor G. Bunch



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*The period of brotherly love produced a great missionary movement in all the earth. One of the notable examples of this was Livingstone, who gave his life so that the gospel would go to the darkest depths of Africa.*

# WHY

THE REVELATION of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John; who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw." Revelation 1:1, 2. "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:21.

Here is the eternal, ordained order of God's written and oral communication to man. The messages are sent from God the Father to Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, then by His angel unto His servant on earth. Thus every blessing to man comes through this channel, directed and controlled by the Holy Spirit. (James 1:17; Zechariah 4:1-6, 11-14.)

"I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6. "Thy word is truth." John 17:17. "Thy law is the truth." Psalm 119:142. "The Comforter which is the Holy Ghost" is said to be "even the Spirit of truth." (John 14:16, 17, 26.) The Word of God—the truth—and the Holy Spirit combine to manifest God's tidings to man.

It is utterly unthinkable, untenable for anyone to be of the Spirit of God and at the same time to teach or practice anything contrary to the Bible or the Ten Commandments. These four pillars of truth—Jesus, the Bible, the holy law of Ten Commandments, and the Holy Spirit—cannot be destroyed. Just as God is in heaven, as Jesus came from heaven, as the Holy Spirit operates with His host of angels from heaven, so the Ten Commandments emanated from heaven. Angels keep the Ten Commandments. (Psalm 103:20.) Sin by Lucifer, now Satan, originated in heaven. (Ezekiel 28:14-17; 1 John 3:4.) Thus the Ten Commandment law was and is now the law of government of heaven and earth. Isaiah writes: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20. See 1 John 2:3, 4. Isaiah was referring to the Ten Commandments and to the witness of inspired writers.

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 14:32: "The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets." And Paul further elevated God's method of communication when he said that men are going to be judged according "to My gospel." (Romans 2:16.) Anything contrary to Paul's teachings, or any other of the inspired writers' teachings, should be resolutely rejected.

Now with these principles and tests in mind we

shall proceed. Mark 16:17, 18 reads: "They shall speak with new tongues." This means new languages. Matthew 24:14 reads: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." And John adds that the gospel is to be preached "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Revelation 14:6.

Jesus said: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matthew 5:48. This is the standard which God sets before men:



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*The confusion of tongues at Babel could never equal the confusion of the modern "tongues" meetings where strange and completely unknown gibberish sounds are heard.*

God ordained the world's great diversity of tongues at the Tower of Babel, and He also intends for every man to hear and understand the good news of salvation in his own language. The linguistic gift from the Holy Spirit is not an unintelligible gibberish, but the clear presentation of the gospel in all the languages of the world.

# TONGUES?

*Is an Unknown Gibberish  
Essential to the Gospel?*

By R. F. Radke

perfect obedience to the law of God and all that it claims. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." Psalm 19:7. Herein is contained the gospel message that *points out sin, the only way* to be saved out of sin, and the way to become perfect: belief in Jesus Christ our Lord and faith in His precious blood and life to cover our sins and to give us power to overcome them.

James 1:17 tells us: "Every good and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights." Weymouth's translation mentions that God "is the source of all light." You may be sure that anything purporting to be the Holy Spirit's power *must be perfect, pure, clear, and understandable*. God spoke through Solomon: "Turn you at My reproof: behold, I will pour out My Spirit unto you, I will make known My words unto you." Proverbs 1:23. "And with all thy getting get understanding." Proverbs 4:7. Heavenly illumination will bring understanding; it will unfold the truths of the Bible and not confuse them. It will not distort, becloud, or darken the mind. Light,

*The promise of the true gift of tongues is meeting its fulfillment in the vast world missionary program. Today the gospel is being preached in almost every known language.*

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clear and sharp as lightning, will possess a Spirit-filled mind. The Holy Spirit will make known God's words unto you. He will not confuse and possess minds with nonunderstandable ideas.

Pentecost brought a special gift of tongues to the apostles that they might proclaim the gospel abroad. "They spoke with accuracy the languages of those for whom they were laboring." It was a gift of languages, a miraculous bestowal such as they could not have accomplished in a lifetime of study. Their language was pure, accurate, and simple, whether they spoke in a native tongue or in a foreign language.

Some people confuse rapture with holiness. "Holiness is not rapture: it is an entire surrender of the will to God; it is living by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God; it is doing the will of our heavenly Father; . . . it is walking by faith and not by sight; it is relying on God with unquestioning confidence, and resting in His love."—Mrs. E. G. White, *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 51.

We are told to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good." 1 Thessalonians 5:21. Matthew 7:22, 23 warns us: "Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? And in Thy name have cast out devils? And in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, *I never knew you: depart from Me ye that work iniquity.*" Sinners or lawbreakers will not inherit the kingdom; those who do not obey the will of God, those who do not obey the law of God will miss the way. See also 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12.

There is no such thing as an unknown tongue or language to the Holy Spirit, to Jesus, or to His inspired apostles. The Spirit of God makes His ideas clear and plain. There is no such thing as spirits that "peep and mutter" coming from the Holy Spirit. Isaiah 8:19 says all such are from beneath. See Deuteronomy 18:9-14. This modern, meaningless gibberish, which is captivating unwary souls, is the counterfeit. It is rightly named "an unknown" tongue, for such it is.

The modern "tongues" philosophy has inverted the gospel order. The Bible tells Christians to covet the best gifts; however, tongues

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## The SERMON of the MONTH

### YOU ARE SAVED BY GRACE, NOT BY WORKS

By Frank H. Yost

A MAN STOOD on a street corner one day, it is said, passing out ten-dollar bills—or trying to. Most people passed him by. They would not believe he was giving away anything worth while. Finally a bank clerk came along, looked at the man, and said to himself, "Either this man is crazy or the ten-dollar bills are counterfeit. In either case he needs to be in the hands of the police." And that is where the man ended up. People could not realize that they could receive free a ten-dollar bill, and indeed in this life one does not get anything free. Ultimately one pays for everything he gets from men.

But not so with God. Turn your attention to the fifty-fifth chapter of Isaiah, verses one and two: "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters." Who is to come? "Everyone that thirsteth." What a tragedy it is to find a man that needs water, but does not know that he is thirsty. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto Me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." God offers His gifts absolutely free.

It is so with the gospel. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him [this is the only charge to us] should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat . . . without money and without price." In Ephesians 2:8 the Holy Spirit affirms that "by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Is there nothing a man can do to be saved? Read the ninth verse: "Not of works, lest any man should boast." No Christian can ever strut; no Christian can ever beat his breast and say, "Come, look at me. Examine my saving works." Never! "But, Lord," we ask, "how can I be accepted of Thee?" "Not of works, lest any man should boast." How can I be saved, Lord? "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the

gift of God." Through the free operation of the grace of God, John 3:16 becomes true in your experience and mine—not because of what *we* are, but because of what *God* is.

I had a friend who went with his wife to an orphan asylum to adopt a child. They looked at the children who were there, and when they found one that was sickly, that seemed to have no promise or attractiveness, they agreed that they would take that child. They would, they felt, in this way have opportunity of expending to the full their energies of parenthood. That is what God has done for us. He expends upon us all the energies of His divine parenthood, taking us as we are to make us what we ought to be. We are saved, not because of what we are, but because of what He is. We are saved by His grace.

It is hard to realize that this matter of being saved is—by the grace of God—a free gift. Some one has remarked, "It is so simple that it is difficult." We come to Him and offer ourselves to Him; and He accepts us, because He is a God of love and mercy. Then He permits us to co-operate with Him in making us over into what we ought to be. What we then do for Him is done not that we *may* be saved, but because we *are* being saved. It is the obedience of love, not a compulsion of legality. Hence, as Paul tells us, "We are not under the law, but under grace." Romans 6:14.

Let us suppose that I was a thief. The commandment says: "Thou shalt not steal." It points at me its mute though inanimate finger. Its everlasting admonition stands before me: "Thou shalt not steal." Then the Holy Spirit works upon my conscience. He condemns me in terms of the law's prohibition. Convicted by the Spirit, I say, "This stealing is wrong. I will stop it. Lord, help me." He hears my plea. Working together with God, I stop stealing and say: "Lord, accept me into Thy kingdom, into Thy fellowship." And He does so. I am saved by grace.

Under which experience, obviously, do I refrain from stealing? Under the experience of grace. In which experience am I living in co-operation with the law? When I am under grace. If temptation overwhelms me, and I, who once said I would never steal

again, do steal; I find myself again under the law. Again the Spirit challenges my conscience. I become conscious again of the law's prohibition. I repent. I grasp anew the promise: "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. The grace of God receives me again, and I am once more no longer under the law, but under grace.

Indeed it is only the man in grace who can obey his Lord. The carnal man cannot. "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Romans 8:7. The carnal nature must be changed and brought into obedience to God. So earnest is the obedience of the child of grace that he is almost unconscious of the very demands of the law which he as a child of salvation is fulfilling.

Recently I was with a friend of mine visiting stores in Riverside, California. I did not steal a thing. Neither did my companion. He and I went in and out of those stores without taking a thing that did not belong to us. There may be a law in the town of Riverside against stealing. I presume there is; but when he and I went into the first store we visited, he did not look at me and say, "Now, Yost, be careful. They have a law here in Riverside about stealing." He never mentioned it, and I did not ask him if there were such a law. I did not have the least impulse to steal. I am sure he did not. Does that mean there was no law against it? No. Were he and I restrained from stealing because of a law in Riverside? Not consciously. We did not wish to steal.

But as we walked halfway down a block, I saw a store on the other side of the street that I wanted to visit. I went across the street in the middle of the block. My friend said to me, "That is against the law." I had not asked whether there was a law or not about jaywalking, but I found out that there was. I found it out by breaking it. He waited, but I jaywalked. I had to learn the hard way that I was doing something wrong.

Why was it that I had no interest at all in the law of Riverside concerning stealing, but I had to become interested about the law of Riverside concerning crossing the street in the middle of the block? Is it because those laws were on two different levels? No. It is because my experience is settled concerning stealing, and it is a matter of indifference to me whether there is a law concerning stealing. Evidently my experience is not settled concerning crossing the street in the middle of the block. In respect to stealing I have arrived at maturity—not only spiritual maturity, but also social maturity and economic maturity; and I am not restrained by the law on that point. But evidently I am still juvenile in respect to crossing the street in the middle of the block, and it behooves me to come to maturity in respect to that also.

This applies to a lot of things. We are saved by

grace as freely as anything we can imagine. We come to Christ just as we are, and the Lord accepts us by grace. He says, "Follow Me," and begins His rebuilding process. He asks our co-operation. "You co-operate with Me, and we will work together in getting your life straightened up. I know what you ought to be like, and we will work it out together." (Philippians 2:12, 13.) When we are offered something like this so freely, it is for us to come to maturity respecting the things that will interfere with what Christ wants to do in our lives. The presence of Christ draws our attention to what is hurtful in our lives, and His power brings us into harmony with His will, His law.

When Jesus asks sinners to come and surrender to Him, He wishes them to take on spiritual maturity. He asks them to live, not a negative, but a positive Christian life. In Christianity we as His obedient followers are not restrained from doing things. Rather Christianity is a positive way of living, a way of doing what is right. When we enter into partnership with the Lord Jesus Christ, which we do voluntarily, we enter into a positive line of conduct for Christ. He and we join together to work out a program of living. It cannot be negation.

Nearly all children grow up in a negative atmosphere. To the child, the beginnings of education seem a succession of "don't's," precautions, warnings, care, and supervision, with very little of the positive. The impact of most guidance upon the child is the impact of the restrictive. But the child grows and matures and presently chooses a certain course of living—a program of life. He enters into it voluntarily, and he matures in terms of that way of living. His life takes on a positive cast.

I point out to you that this is what the Christian does. He turns voluntarily to Christ, and he enters into a program of living with the Lord. That program of living becomes a positive program for him. If a man accepts a program of evil, he does so positively. The devil does not say to the confirmed sinner, "Don't be good." He says, "Be evil—get angry, steal, murder, be adulterous, be covetous." Satan's commands to his children are positive for evil, and the child of the devil follows a positive program of evil.

With the child of God a parallel, but opposite, thing is true; and the results, of course, are totally different. Let us not think of Christ as saying to us: "Don't do this," but rather, "Do this." It is a positive way of life. As we Christians grasp this idea and co-operate with our Lord Jesus Christ, we find maturity as children of God.

While we who now accept Christ were in the family of Adam, we co-operated with Satan. He told us to do this or that and we did it; to form this evil habit, and we did it; to follow this evil program of living, and we did it. But we turned to Christ and accepted His salvation by grace as a free gift. We

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# The Apostles and the Sabbath

*What Day Did They Keep?*

**N**OT ONLY did Christ keep the seventh-day Sabbath during His earthly ministry, but the never-changing Jesus also taught others to observe it for all time.

The women who were the closest to the Master during His earthly ministry had listened raptly as He taught. They knew which day Christ kept and which day He instructed His followers to keep. The inspired record of their attitude toward the seventh-day Sabbath after His death is clear: "And that day was the preparation, and the Sabbath drew on. And the women also, which came with Him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulcher, and how His body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandments." Luke 23:54-56.

The women who brought spices to anoint the Saviour's precious body "rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment." Which day was this? The inspired answer is clear: "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." Exodus 20:9, 10.

Had the Great Teacher any idea of changing the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week? Surely this little inner circle of His closest friends would have known about it; and they would no longer have rested upon the Sabbath "according to the commandment," but would have gone ahead with their anointing of His body and would have rested on the first day of the week.

The testimony of another who was close to the Master is also interesting. James, called by Paul "the Lord's brother," says: "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." James 2:10. If James had ever heard from the lips of the Master any suggestion of the abolition of the fourth commandment, he would never have written such positive words.

The apostle John is referred to as "the disciple whom Jesus loved." (John 21:20.) To John was revealed some of the most sublime prophecies of Holy Writ. These came to him by the revelation of Jesus Christ. (Revelation 1:1.) These prophecies are recorded in the Book of Revelation, which contains the words of Christ to John. The beloved disciple has faithfully recorded these words: "Blessed are they that

do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Revelation 22:14.

Had Jesus any intention of changing the fourth commandment or of doing away with all ten, He surely would never have spoken these words to the apostle on the Isle of Patmos. John says that if we are to enter through the gates of the New Jerusalem and have right to the tree of life, our lives must be in harmony with the Ten Commandments—the fourth along with the rest. He further warns: "If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the

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*The apostle Paul faithfully kept the Bible Sabbath, as revealed in a number of places in the New Testament. In fact it was his manner, or custom, to do so. (Acts 17:2.)*

holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Revelation 22:19. This is a solemn warning to anyone who would tamper with the law of God and attempt to set aside even the fourth precept.

Some say that Paul taught the Colossians to disregard the seventh-day Sabbath. The record which this great preacher of righteousness has left for us clearly reveals that such was not his position. If Paul had disregarded the seventh-day Sabbath during his earthly ministry, his Jewish antagonists would have assailed him bitterly; but all of Paul's writings are silent regarding any such attack. He has plenty to say about the opposition which he encountered, but his writings are silent concerning any attack for disregard of Sinai's Sabbath. This is easily understood, for Paul's writings are filled—both in precept and example—with the doctrine of the seventh-day Sabbath.

Fourteen years after the resurrection of Jesus Paul knew nothing of any change from the Sabbath of creation to the first day of the week. "And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. . . . And the next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God." Acts 13:42, 44.

In Luke 4:16 we read that it had been the Saviour's custom to worship on the seventh-day Sabbath. The writer of Acts reveals that it was also Paul's custom to follow his Lord in Sabbath observance. "And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures." Acts 17:2. The Weymouth translation of this text is rendered: "Paul—*following his usual custom* . . . for three successive Sabbaths reasoned with them." We are reminded that a custom is "an habitual or usual course of action."—*Winston's Dictionary*.

In other words Paul, as had Jesus, was in the habit of keeping the seventh-day Sabbath many years after the resurrection. In the Book of Acts we may find a record of at least eighty Sabbaths which Paul kept during his Christian ministry. "And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and Greeks." Acts 18:4. Verse eleven reads: "He continued there a year and six months teaching the word of God among them." For three and a half years at least it was Paul's custom to keep the seventh-day Sabbath. Although we have the inspired account of more than forty seventh-day Sabbaths which were kept by Christian leaders, the New Testament is silent regarding any sacred observance of the first day of the week by any followers of Jesus.

From these words it is clear that Paul was still keeping the seventh-day Sabbath many years after Jesus had returned to heaven. Evidently the Christ of the Damascus road had given Paul no instructions that the seventh-day Sabbath should be set aside, or that

# Faith



"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4.

**Faith simply means to take God  
at His word,  
His guidance seek in all things  
to be true,  
Assured that whatsoever He  
commands,  
Grace will empower the sup-  
pliant to do.**

BY WELDON TAYLOR HAMMOND

henceforth the first day of the week should be honored in commemoration of His resurrection.

Let us turn once more to the record left by John the beloved disciple. Sixty years after our Lord's resurrection John made an interesting statement. Speaking of his experience as an exile on the Isle of Patmos, he said: "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Revelation 1:10. John was making a difference in the days of the week. To him there were six secular days and one day that was the Lord's day. John did not say definitely which day of the week it was. He merely refers to it as the Lord's day. He does not bother to explain that it was the seventh day of the week, for in John's day all the followers of Christ were keeping the Sabbath, which Jesus Himself had kept and taught.

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# INTERPRETING

*In the Light of*  
By

## ★ U. S. Site to Launch 5,000-Mile Missiles

THE UNITED STATES is building its newest and biggest defense project along a barren stretch of the Florida coast. The site is Cape Canaveral, which is near Daytona Beach. While at the present time the guided missiles will soar for only 550 miles and at speeds of 2,500 miles an hour, within the foreseeable future it is expected that missiles will be launched that will travel distances up to 5,000 miles and that will scream through the ionosphere at 6,000 miles an hour.

The ram-jet missile is believed to be the one that is being developed to nail vital targets thousands of miles distant. It is believed that they can be perfected to the extent that they will be able to pinpoint targets in Europe smaller in size than the Pentagon Building. The missiles will hurdle the Bahama Islands and the steamship lanes. They will be guided by engineers, physicists, and aerial-dynamics experts posted strategically along the first 500 miles of the course. This will necessitate the location of stations in the Bahama Islands and on ships.

Although the missiles will not be seen once they disappear into the ionosphere, contact and control will be maintained through the use of electronic devices. It is readily conceded that warfare with a

weapon of this type would initiate a reign of terror. The fear of sudden destruction from the sky would be enough to drive many people crazy.

Perhaps we are not very far from the fulfillment of I Thessalonians 5:3, where it reveals that "when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

## ★ "Water, Water, Everywhere"

NEW YORK CITY is surrounded by water, and yet there is a water famine there. It is almost a literal fulfillment of the well-known phrase, Water, water, everywhere, but not a drop to drink.

It now appears that the authorities in New York City are preparing to try to supply the city's needs from the Hudson River. The situation is very serious, if all the reports are true. We have heard that in restaurants it is easier to get beer than it is to get water. One writer predicts that water will someday be a nickle a drink. We also hear of "shaveless" and "bathless" days, and of the use of paper plates and cups in large restaurants. During the past summer a heavy fine was levied against those who used water to sprinkle their lawns. In spite of all the conservation methods the water situation is getting no better.

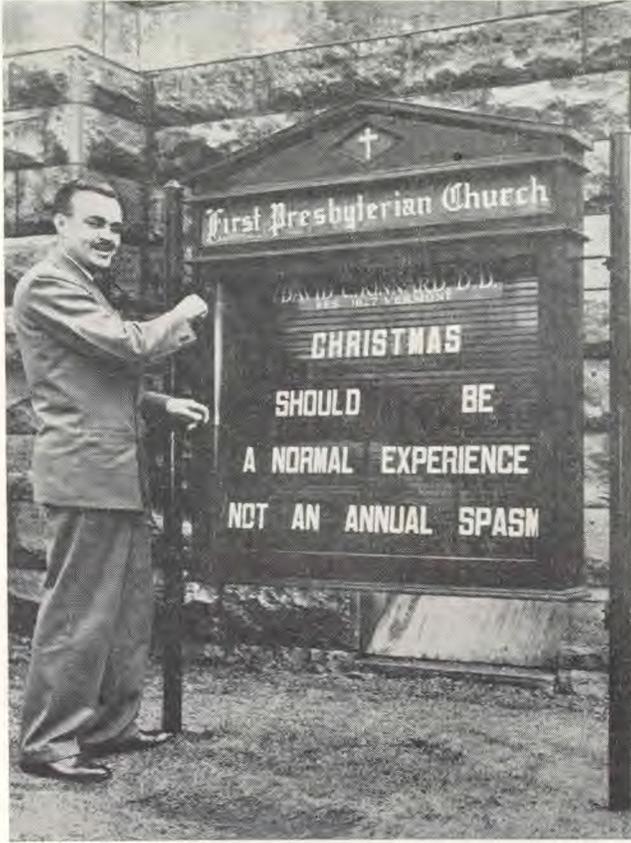
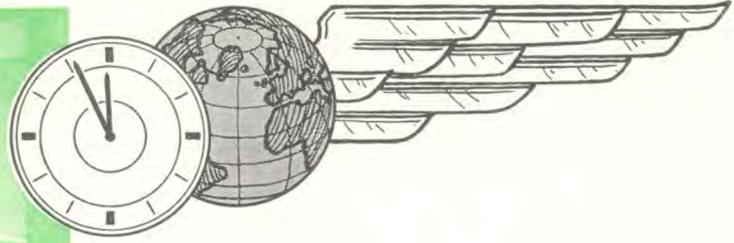


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The Loon (a guided missile) was fired from the submarine Carbonero in a recent test in the Pacific. It was guided down a line of ships as a target for anti-aircraft guns.

# OUR TIMES

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Rev. David C. Kinnard, of the First Presbyterian Church, Quincy, Illinois, smiles after posting his unusual Christmas message. It is a protest against what he believes is an excess of Christmas commercialism.

The news pictures we see of dried-up streams and reservoirs are frightening. Some of them look as if they are becoming as dry as the Sahara. Of course there are plenty of rivers that are well supplied with water, but they are also well supplied with sewage and waste and other pollution. There would have to be a tremendous program of decontamination before such rivers would be fit to use.

The U. S. Public Health Service says regarding this situation: "In the more densely populated areas of the East and Middle West, two major developments are complicating the problem of maintaining good public water supplies. These are: (1) a progressive depletion of ground water supplies as a result of overdrafts in underground reserves, and (2) a marked increase in pollution of surface sources of water by sewage and industrial wastes. Meanwhile our needs

for clean water are increasing because of industrial growth and more lavish domestic use of water."

Much of the far West is semi-arid, and lives chiefly by irrigation. There has been an ever-increasing problem to supply the needs for this area, and there still is. We little dreamed, however, that a place like New York City would ever be affected by a similar situation. But in these present days of unusual happenings we have come to the point where we expect almost anything to happen. After all, the earth is waxing old like a garment, and our Lord said that there would be famines and pestilences in the last days. (Matthew 24:7.)

## ★ "The Flying Saucers Are Real"

AN ARTICLE in *True*, January, 1950, entitled "The Flying Saucers Are Real," created a big stir. Said magazine was in such demand by the public because of this article that it was a complete sellout, which shows that the public is intensely interested in these unusual happenings.

Undoubtedly there is something to this flying-saucer business, for they have actually been seen in numerous cases. In fact we are reliably told that there is an average of twelve sightings of the saucers each month. The author of this article in *True*, Donald E. Keyhoe, has made quite a thorough investigation of the flying-saucer evidence. He has come to the following conclusions:

1. For the past 175 years, the planet Earth has been under systematic close-range examination by living, intelligent observers from another planet.
2. The intensity of this observation, and the frequency of the visits to the Earth's atmosphere by which it is being conducted, have increased markedly during the past two years.
3. The vehicles used for this observation and for interplanetary transport by the explorers have been identified and categorized as follows: Type I, a small, nonpilot-carrying disk-shaped aircraft equipped with some form of television or impulse transmitter; Type II, a very large (up to 250 feet in diameter) metallic disk-shaped aircraft operating on the helicopter principle; Type III, a dirigible-shaped wingless aircraft which, in the Earth's atmosphere, operates in conformance with the Prandtl theory of lift.
4. The discernible pattern of observation and exploration shown by the so-called "flying disks"

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AS OUR CRACK train sped in the black of night through northern Missouri, a Russian Jew, professor of mathematics at a large Midwest university, captivated the group about him by his conversational charm. Energetically the chunky, large-headed, expressive educator turned to religion.

"You know," he said, "Jesus Christ was the most fully alive man that ever lived. If there is a place called heaven, we shall have His alertness; for heaven, or the afterlife, or whatever you may call it, is just a matter of becoming fully alive."

His listeners were delighted with such a penetrating statement; however, in the light of Bible truth his thoughts were but half-formed. In his own wisdom he, like many others, had conjured up a philosophy devoid of the surety found alone in God's Word, and he was reckoning without a belief in a divine Jesus. As one writer states: "Count no man brilliant who has not the wisdom to accept the Lord Jesus Christ." To the professor, Jesus was only an ingenious leader, utterly incapable of returning again for His followers.

The second coming of Jesus Christ, however, which is mentioned 318 times in the New Testament, is the greatest fact in the Bible today. This is easily proved by the simple admission that before you knew your

not be evaded. There is no way out. It is the end."

You can be sure that Jesus is coming again. He said, "I will come again." John 14:3. And His word endures forever. "Prepare to meet thy God," was the admonition to ancient Israel, and everyone of us must meet Him, either in grace or in judgment. The call is to delay no longer. A few years ago the boys' dormitory at a southern school burned to the ground. There had been the usual fire drills, but Jack and Bill decided there was no use heeding the instructions; for, they reasoned, there never had been a fire and there probably would not be one. One night the dormitory did catch on fire, the alarm sounded; but the two boys ignored it. Too late they discovered that this was the real thing. Everyone else escaped, but they were burned to death. Some day it will be too late, and Christ's return will be a reality. The careless and foolish, who make light of the warnings to prepare for the Lord's return, will have repeated the tragic neglect of Jack and Bill.

Christ returns for the purpose of taking His beloved "home." John 14:1-3 reads: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for

# "The World at the End

*Who Will Be Gathered in the Last Great Harvest?*

**By Kenneth J. Holland**

Bible, you hungered for something you did not have and that you as a Christian have wanted something you could not explain. True fellowship with Christ now is only a *partial* answer to our longings; only the coming of Christ will fulfill the Christian's profoundest hopes and make him "fully alive."

God's planning truly reveals the deepest thoughts of men to be immature.

And not only is Christ's return important in that it will fulfill our hearts' illimitable desires, it is vital to us of 1950, because we do not have much time to make up our minds to follow Him. Robert Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chicago, shocked many people with this declaration: "Devoting our educational efforts to infants between six and twenty-one seems futile. The world may not last long enough."

H. G. Wells, the great evolutionist, a few years ago said: "This world is at the end of its tether. The end of everything we call life is close at hand and can-

not be evaded. There is no way out. It is the end." you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." God wants everyone to live with Him forever in the mansions of heaven, there to develop all the capabilities inherent in the human being. God, however, of necessity cannot admit the unrighteous to His kingdom of eternity, because they would not fit in. They would be as square pegs in round holes. His kingdom is one of light. Since darkness cannot exist in light else it would no longer be darkness, so the darkness of an unredeemed sinner cannot endure in heaven's pure light. God, therefore, can admit to heaven only those who are suited for it—these are they for whom the Lord returns.

God longs to re-create human beings, but they must give Him a chance. That mighty power which created the universe is available to every person who



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God's children should be watching and waiting for His coming. The admonition, "Prepare to meet thy God," should be carefully heeded.

less than this. The world is in the power of the devil, and he has the power of death. He has slain this world with the sword of death over fifty times in the present dispensation.

"Think of it! More than fifty worlds gone down in the whirlpool of death. Each generation brings on to the scene an entirely new world. And how few out of these are converted. . . . The great mass sweep on, like a wrecked vessel, in darkness and unbelief, to the Judgment."—W. E. B., *Jesus Is Coming*, pp. 158, 159.

Naturally preparation for heaven must be completed before Christ returns. And we have come to the inevitable hour when God is about to wind up human history. Christ's return will usher in His enduring kingdom. The question is: How shall I relate myself to it? The wide-awake Christian will do two things: he will effectually prepare himself, and he will help his neighbors.

"Why was the early church so powerful? Because this doctrine [of Christ's return] was the living power of the early Church. . . . The doctrine of the second coming of Christ is the hope, the glorious hope, on

which the Church lives and thrives and grows, and becomes powerful in the world."—M. A. Matthews, *The Second Coming of Christ*, pp. 30, 31.

The early church was powerful, because its members were powerful. They lived *righteously* as if in the presence of God, momentarily expecting the return of their Saviour. They obeyed God in every respect.

And belief in the doctrine of the second coming makes one a conscientious missionary—the second step in suiting ourselves for heaven. When you believe that Christ is coming, you will be a real disciple. You will be working. You will be giving a tithe and a substantial offering. You will become a Bible expert so that you may teach others.

The other day I visited a gracious old man whose command of language was so masterly that I was amazed. His bookcase was filled with scholarly books on religion and among them was a Hebrew Bible. "I just desired an enlarged understanding of God's Word," he told me in explanation. I went away thank-

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## of Its Tether"

will let God control his life. And when you yield to God, the great Creator and Lover of the universe will "rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing." Zephaniah 3:17. Think of it—we have a God who sings about us when we please Him!

The doctrine of the second coming, incidentally, is not intended to act as a club to bring men to repentance. It is merely a statement of truth that the Lord Jesus is to return to gather up those who love His righteousness enough to do what He says.

Christ's return dramatically concerns us of 1950. His second coming is an event of startling significance to everyone living today, because it is destined to shorten our lives. It will instantaneously halt the most promising of careers. Millions will die prematurely. Yet, is it a gloomy, unfair situation? No, not when one realizes that God's timetable, which marks our age as the last, was fashioned by One who does no wrong.

"Let us remember that this world dies every thirty-three years. The average of human life is even a little

# For BETTER HOMES and HEALTH

## THE CAUSES OF CRIME

By Varner J. Johns

**S**TARTLING statistics on crime during the first six months of 1949 have come from the office of F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover. According to the report rural crime was up 7.6 per cent and urban crime 2.7 per cent over the same period last year. The age of those committing the greatest number of major crimes was twenty-one, it was revealed.

America is interested in ways and means of combatting crime through laws and law enforcement. Our greater interest, however, and our deeper concern should be in the causes of crime and the means for preventing it. Significant is the fact that the greater number of crimes were committed, not by the veterans of World War II, who were trained in violence, but by the "latchkey kids" of the wartime—the boys who roamed the streets while their mothers worked in munitions plants. The juvenile delinquents of the early 1940's have become the hardened and daring criminals of the late 1940's. They have graduated with dishonor from the school of crime and are now master criminals.

The cause of crime? First, delinquent mothers. God's greatest gift to society is a pure, sweet, home-loving, righteous mother. The greatest curse and the major cause of crime is the influence of the mother who values money and pleasure above home and children. Secondly, delinquent fathers. A close second for the number-one position is the father who scoffs at religion and righteousness, sets the example in deceit and dishonesty, and delegates the training of his children to the state or the street. Thirdly, the men who dramatize crime on the screen and in the magazine, and who school the minds of our children in sin and iniquity.

The mind of the man is the man. All through the formative years from one to twenty-one, the mind of a child is being molded like plastic clay into something that stands through time and eternity as a monument to truth and righteousness or to shame

and iniquity. The habits of early life, the things we hear and see and do, the associations, and the environment are acting constantly upon the mind, shaping it, forming it, and molding it. Man differs most from the beast of the field and forest in the quality of his mind. We are not born Democrats or Republicans, Protestants or Catholics, Fascists or Communists, sinners or saints. What makes a man a skeptic? What

makes him a Communist? What makes him a medical missionary? To ask such questions is to answer them. The influences which surround us, the things which crowd themselves into our consciousness and shape our thought—these determine our destiny.

We must build a barrier of righteousness about our homes and help to build barriers about the homes of our neighbors, if

we would save our civilization. It is not enough to save ourselves. We must become so conscious of a world need that we go out to battle against every influence that destroys.

How can we prevent crime? As parents let us examine our own homes and lives. What about your home and mine? What do our children find upon the library table? Are there books that build character or books that destroy? Who turns the dial on our radio? A flip of the finger, and a story of crime comes into our room. Radio and video leap through walls of wood and stone and enter the sacred precincts of the home. Only shallow thinking leads us to say: What difference the things we see and hear?

Of greater importance even than the books children read and the programs they see and hear are the associations they form. Where do your children spend their afternoon and evening hours? Is your boy a "latchkey kid," going and coming as he chooses without guidance, without restriction? If so, you are a delinquent parent and more to be blamed than your delinquent child. Not all the "latchkey kids" come from homes where father numbers his nights among the



business conference, the lodge, the theater, the dance, and the card party, and mother divides her time between the bridge club and theater. Many a mother and father are at home while their adolescent children are "hot rodding it" on the streets. In the earlier years of these children their parents failed to guide them aright; they allowed evil influences in the home; they were careless in controlling the choice of their children's companions; and now they are helpless before stubborn wills and reckless minds.

Every child needs parental example, parental guidance, and parental companionship. Example is far better than precept. The parent who lies about the child's age to get half fare on a train need not be surprised if the child, so educated in deceit, carries in his mind similar evil thinking. Selfishness in parents begets selfishness in children. The example of self-sacrificing love is followed by the children and the children's children. The children of missionaries frequently become missionaries. Those who make gold their god and greed their creed have children who barter away the finer things of life for a mess of materialism.

Children are hero worshipers. Here is one of the greatest dangers of the comics and the movies. Happy is the parent who makes himself a hero to his child. "Honor thy father and thy mother" is the biblical admonition. Many parents, however, are not worthy of honor. How can a child honor insincerity, duplicity, brutality? How can a child honor a nagging mother or a cursing father? Why are some men of twenty-one an honor and a blessing to society and others a dishonor and a curse? The answer is found in the training of the child. Every choice of the true instead of the false, the right instead of the wrong is a deposit in a character bank. In the early years the child chooses certain things because the parent chooses them. He is quick to imitate, quick to follow. Back of the boy of twenty-one, whether he is good or bad, is the influence of the father and mother plus a score of other influences, such as the school, the playground, and the church. The major influence in determining the destiny of a child is the home. Parents cannot evade this primary responsibility. The sin of the child is at their door. The honor that comes to men of character must be shared with their ancestors. Is there greatness and goodness in a man? Nine times out of ten he will be able to say of his father as did Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman:

"I saw him live an absolutely consistent life. I saw him meet reverses without complaint; I saw him bury my mother with an unflinching faith in Jesus Christ; I saw him after having been a man of comparative wealth, come down to the place where he faced poverty, and yet with his little children about him, he never forgot to praise God for His goodness to him. When he died he left me an inheritance. It was not

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By Archa O. Dart

### *Mabel Was in Trouble*

*From Tips for Storytellers*

"MOTHER, come here quick!" cried Mabel. Now mother was just as busy as she could be in the kitchen. She had two or three kettles of things boiling on the stove, and some cookies in the oven that might burn any minute, and a cake on the kitchen table that she was covering with pink frosting.

But from the sound of the voice, mother knew her little girl wanted help very much, and wanted it right away. Without stopping to look after those things on the stove, mother left everything and went running into the front room to see what could be the trouble with her little daughter. There sat Mabel on the carpet, with her hand inside a vase and big tears rolling down her fat, rosy cheeks. Mabel was pulling and pulling and trying to get her hand out.

"Oh, Mabel, how did you get your hand into that beautiful vase?" her mother asked.

"I just put it in there," she confessed. The vase did not look beautiful to Mabel right then.

Mother took hold of Mabel's arm with one hand, and took hold of the vase with the other, and began twisting and pulling and pulling, but she could not get the hand out of that vase. She tried and tried, and twisted and pulled. Although she loved her little girl ever so much, she could not get her hand out. And while she was doing all this, those cookies in the oven burned.

The mother saw that she could not get that vase off, so she stepped to the telephone and called Mabel's daddy. Now Mabel's daddy was a very busy man and had some visitors in his office, but he jumped into his car and came right home. There sat Mabel on the carpet with her hand inside the vase, and big tears rolling down her fat, rosy cheeks. Her mother was pulling and twisting at the vase.

"Oh, Mabel, how did you get your hand inside that expensive vase?" her daddy asked.

"I just put it in there," she said.

He took hold of Mabel's arm with one hand, and the vase with the other, and twisted and pulled; but he could not get her hand out of that vase. He tried and tried. Although he was a big strong man, he could not get that vase off. Mother ran back to the kitchen and found her cookies were smoking. She

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## ***Do Men Have a Second Chance?***

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No wonder that with the world in its present condition a war-weary and troubled world is interested in the coming of a Man who will put an end to all this and bring peace and happiness to all the earth.

It is true that that Man is coming, coming in the clouds of heaven in the midst of all these world troubles. For we read: "And there shall be . . . upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Then what? "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Luke 21:25-27.

What next? Will the Lord, with thousands of angels, become a great economic expert and gospel evangelist whose task will be to improve world conditions until we have heaven on earth? This claim by the futurists is one of the greatest deceptions of the ages. It is the most appealing "second chance" doctrine that "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" ever listened to. It is the devil's chloroform to lull sinners into a feeling of security. It denies a most emphatic statement made by Jesus: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

The Scriptures teach that at Jesus' second coming every person in the world, whether Jew or Gentile, will have had the last chance of finding God's pardon and acceptance. Because of this truth Jesus goes on to say: "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." Luke 21:34. Now if men can find pardon after "that day," why these warnings?

The Scriptures plainly teach that every man's destiny will be sealed for salvation or damnation when the Lord is seen coming in the clouds of heaven. How plainly this is stated in Revelation 22:11, 12, where we read the following decree: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

In the face of these Bible facts how dangerous it is to teach and believe that the coming of the Lord means salvation and a second chance to the wicked!

## ***The Era of Brotherly Love***

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through the mountains between the Meander Valley and the Hermus Valley, and was thus the keeper of the "key" to the "door" to the eastern highlands with the power to open and close according to the will of its inhabitants. This fact gives great force to the language used in the introduction. Jesus reminds the

Philadelphians of other doors to which He alone holds the key with the power and authority to open and close.

Philadelphia was subject to frequent and severe earthquakes. Its inhabitants had to flee to the open country where they sometimes remained for months at a time. This constant fear of "the day of trial" made impressive the language of Christ. He promised to keep His people in the hour of trial which would "put to the test the inhabitants of the earth" (Weymouth), giving them a safe and permanent residence so that they would "go no more out." The historian Gibbon declared that in his day a lone pillar stood erect amid the ruins of the ancient city. "I will make you a pillar in the temple of My God," is the promise to the overcomer.

This letter reveals the most commendable spiritual condition found in the seven churches. The message indicates an agreeable change from the Sardian state of spiritual deadness. There had come a renewal of life and love and missionary zeal, a resurrection from spiritual death, and a return to the first love of the early Ephesian period. Suffering Smyrna and tried Philadelphia are the only two of the seven that received no rebuke, and they are the only cities of the seven that retain anything of their former size and prosperity. Alashehir today has a population of about 15,000, with about a third of them professed Christians.

The era of "brotherly love" was ushered in as the result of a great revival in backslidden Protestantism. It came through the prayers and labors of the "few souls" who remained "even in Sardis" who had neither denied Christ's name nor defiled their character garments. The Philadelphian period extends from the latter half of the eighteenth and the first of the nineteenth centuries to 1844, the beginning of the Laodicean era. It began with the great awakening brought about by the preaching of the Wesleys, Whitefield, Knox, and many others and culminated in the great foreign mission movement which sent Livingstone, Carey, Morrison, and a host of others to the far corners of the earth. The organization of the British and American Bible Societies also contributed to the new era.

Love for their Elder Brother produced love for their other brothers in all parts of the earth, so that a burden for foreign missions became a distinguishing feature of this period. The "Hundred Years of Missions" became "the era of Christian benevolence." It was the dawning of a new day of religious fervor, and its influence reached the benighted heathen and embraced them "in the bonds of brotherly love." The printing of Bibles in many languages was a necessary part of the program of world evangelism.

It is only natural that this spiritual resurgence of brotherly love and increased biblical knowledge should culminate in the second advent movement. The study

of Bible prophecy by Christian leaders in all parts of the world led to a simultaneous and unanimous conclusion that the end of the long reign of sin was approaching and that Christ would soon fulfill His promise to come again in power and great glory. In fact no other conclusion was possible for those who made a close study of the relationship between Christ's great prophecy of His return and the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation.

The supernatural darkening of the sun and moon on May 19, 1780, and the great meteoric shower on the night of November 13, 1833, in fulfillment of prophetic forecasts, enforced the conclusions of Bible students that the end was near. There swept over Christendom a revival such as had not been witnessed since apostolic days. The believers in the advent hope experienced such love and unity and zeal as had been unknown since early Reformation days or in early church history.

Christ presents Himself as the One who is holy and true, and who is in possession of "the key of David," and who "openeth and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth." The only key mentioned in the introductory vision is that of the tomb, which Christ told the frightened John was in His keeping. This reference to David's key indicates that the time was drawing near when Jesus would use that key to set the captives of the grave free in the resurrection of the just. "The key of David" doubtless has reference to Isaiah 22:22, which is a prophecy of Christ and His mission: "And the key of the house of David will I lay upon His shoulder; so He shall open, and none shall shut; and He shall shut, and none shall open."

The throne and throne room of King David have been vacant ever since the diadem was removed from the last king of Judah by Nebuchadnezzar, and the prediction is that "it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him." See Ezekiel 21:25-27. The angel Gabriel told Mary that she would bear a son, and "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His Father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end." See Luke 1:31-33. The language of Christ in the letter under consideration indicates that the time is nearing when Christ will cease to be Priest and become King and sit upon the throne of His glory. See Matt. 25:31-34.

The Bible points out that the Philadelphian period would reach to the close of the 2,300-year time prophecy of Daniel, when Christ as Priest would enter upon the last phase of His mediatorial service in the heavenly sanctuary. Only Jesus could open the door into the holy of holies in heaven, and only He can close it when His ministry there is ended and probation closes. The most holy place is the throne room of the heavenly temple where Jesus occupies the throne

of David until His priestly service is ended. The door of missionary opportunity was also opened during this period, and the mission fields of the world cannot be closed until the great commission to preach the gospel to all the world has been fulfilled. Neither men nor devils can close permanently any part of the world field to the gospel message.

To the overcomer is offered one of the richest rewards recorded in Holy Writ. There is a promise of permanent victory. The victors become pillars in the church temple of the Lord and "go no more out," or as Weymouth's translation reads: "shall never go out from it again." There were two pillars of brass in Solomon's temple thirty feet in height. These were called Jachin and Boaz and signify stability and strength. The promise to the overcomer is that he will become one of the beautiful "living stones" in the temple, or church, on which others rest for support. He is a permanent part of the building that cannot be moved while the edifice stands. It indicates that fixity of character is achieved, so that the overcomer is assured a triumphant entrance into the city of gold.

Three names are mentioned. "The name of My God" doubtless means Jesus' character which is imparted to the children of faith. The redeemed also receive a "new name" which is given to describe their new characters. "The name of the city of My God," which is the New Jerusalem, is the place to which the overcomer is traveling; and the assurance is that he will reach his destination. Being a citizen of the kingdom of God his entrance into the capital city is certain. Of the final victors we read: "And His name shall be in their foreheads." Revelation 22:4. They have the character of God. This is "the new name which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it," because he alone knows the experiences in life that developed the character it describes.

The message to the church of Philadelphia indicates to us today that the condition of brotherly love is the necessary requisite to translation into the kingdom of glory. Loving Christ with all the heart, mind, strength, and spirit will produce love for our fellow men and will send forth the soldiers of the cross to the ends of the earth, "conquering and to conquer." This love will lighten the earth with the glory of God's truth and cut His work short in righteousness.

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## COMING NEXT MONTH

"The Truth That Satisfies," by Harvey Hansen

"A Wonderful Promise," by John W. Boyd

"Mothers' Day," by Anne McCollum Boyles

"Lukewarmness," by Taylor G. Bunch

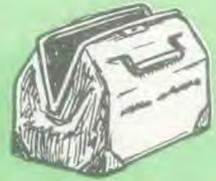
"The Man Who Wouldn't Look Up," by H. M. S. Richards

"Sunday," by George S. Belleau

"Great Mothers," by D. H. Kress, M.D.



# Let's Ask the DOCTOR



The answers to health questions are supplied to the readers of *OUR TIMES* by Owen S. Partett, M. D.  
Address your queries to him in care of this magazine.

*I would like to know what can be done to relieve a case of chronic bronchitis?—L.H.*

Chronic bronchitis is often very stubborn and may require that you continue to exercise care in your living habits and hygiene in order to prevent its troubling you at times. Be sure to get fairly large amounts of vitamins daily, especially vitamins A and C. Sun bathing at intervals sufficient to keep a light coat of tan on the skin is beneficial; or, if necessary, a simple sun lamp may be substituted for winter use. (These lamps are available now at reasonable prices for home use.) In the morning on first rising take a washcloth dipped in cold water and rub the chest vigorously until the skin is glowing from the friction. Then dry and apply a little liniment made up of equal parts of camphorated oil and eucalyptus oil rubbed in thoroughly with the warm hand.

Observe all the rules of good hygiene that you can, including sufficient regular sleep, rest, light out-of-door exercise, etc. Dry cold air when breathed may irritate the bronchial tubes so that the sleeping

quarters may need to be so regulated, especially in winter, as to secure indirect ventilation as far as possible. In some cases a course of one of the new preparations of penicillin or streptomycin might prove helpful if other hygienic means fail to get all the results desired.

*Do cola drinks have any harmful effects?—H.D.*

Stimulants, such as caffeine (found also in coffee), are found in cola drinks; they are definitely harmful. A point to be kept in mind is that all sweet drinks, as well as candy and excessive use of sugar, furnish the body with concentrated food devoid of both chemicals and vitamins which should always accompany foods in whatever form we may take them. These vitamins are essential to nearly every body activity, even to proper digestion and assimilation of foods. The use of refined cereals and sugar concentrates plays no small role in the piling up of excess fat and overweight which is so common in the human family. Less overweight is found among the lower animals who eat more natural foods.

## **What Is a Christian?**

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The apostle Peter tells us: "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 Peter 3:10.

When God burns up this earth, it will lose its identity completely. God will make an utter end of this earth which has for so long been the abode of sinners, and He will create a new earth to take its place.

For all who believe the Bible these and similar texts should fully settle questions of the nature of the kingdom of God, its final location, and the means by which it will be set up.

The gospel is the only means by which men can be ready for the return of Christ to gather the subjects of His kingdom. The gospel will be preached to all

people of the world before Christ comes. (Matt. 24:14.)

But few people, comparatively, will heed the gospel message. And the result to those who do not accept Jesus' salvation will be destruction at the return of Christ in power and glory. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 19:15-21.)

Sin, with all that pertains to it, will be blotted out of existence; for God will have a perfectly clean universe. Nothing short of this perfection is God's ideal for His kingdom and His people.

Of the new-earth state the Bible says: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:4.

And of the city of God, the New Jerusalem, the Word of God tells us: "There shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie." Revelation 21:27.

Perfection of character will be matched by perfection of happiness in the coming kingdom of God.

## **Broken Cisterns**

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After forsaking the fountain of living waters, Solomon turned to these broken cisterns of the world to gratify the longing which was in his heart. He said that he had not withheld himself from anything his eyes desired. But he found it all to be a "vexation of spirit and vanity."

There are many today who, like Solomon, have gone about the limit and are nauseated with the noise that comes over the radio day after day, and night after night. A patient came to me sometime ago who was almost a nervous wreck. She could not sleep. She said, "I cannot stand the noises which come over the radio any longer."

There are many today who are anxious to get away from all the broken cisterns of the world. These have been satiated and, like Solomon, have made the discovery that such pleasures do not satisfy the longing within. Never was the message needed more than today: "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink; why do you spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not?"

In my youth I was a lover of baseball. I still like to see a good ball game, but there is a spirit connected with some of these games that is out of harmony with the spirit of the gospel. I no longer take pleasure in attending them. It may be observed that it is not always a very select crowd that is found at the ball parks. Coarse language, loud oaths, and heated arguments are common at such places, and I cannot conceive of Jesus' going to these games.

The times in which we are living are too serious to be frittered away in this manner, especially when "in His presence there is fullness of joy," and "at His right hand are pleasures forevermore"—pleasures which are satisfying. All others are "broken cisterns." The people that resort to them do so because they have forsaken the fountain of living water.

It is to the days in which we are living that the prophet Zechariah especially refers when he says: "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." Zechariah 13:1. The waters of this fountain are satisfying. They contain medicinal properties that heal both physical and spiritual maladies.

### **"The Flying Saucers Are Real"**

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varies in no important particular from well-developed American plans for the exploration of space expected to come to fruition within the next fifty years. There is reason to believe, however, that some other race of thinking beings is a matter of two and a quarter centuries ahead of us."

It is our belief that these conclusions are untenable.

We believe that the other worlds made by God (Hebrews 1:2; 11:3) are sinless, that this world is the only one that fell into sin, that God sent His Son into this world to save sinners. The other worlds have no need for spying out this earth. They certainly do not want this degenerate world. They would not be planning an attack upon it. Ideas to the contrary are preposterous. It is very likely that the inhabitants of the other worlds, like the angels, can visit this world unseen. We cannot believe that they have to resort to the use of strange-looking conveyances, nor is there any reason for them to hover over our airports and cities.

Reading about the outstanding instances where the flying saucers were seen, we were impressed by the fact that the descriptions of these saucers have two things in common—they are round and they have the appearance of fire. Here are some remarks regarding their appearance from people that have seen them:

"It glowed from white to amber, and it showed an amber exhaust trail five times its own length."

"The strange glare could have come from a power plant."

"Like a blue fluorescent factory light."

"There was a tremendous burst of flame from the rear."

"Instead of seeing the silhouette of a plane, we saw no shape at all around the light."

And so we notice that these descriptions of the appearance of the flying saucers show them to emit a glowing light of various hues. It sounds more like an astronomical wonder than like anything that is manufactured by the beings of other worlds.

It seems that these sights that are appearing with greater frequency and luminosity are a display of the sky wonders prophesied in the Bible that were to occur in the heavens as signs of the nearness of the end. In Acts 2:19 God says: "I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke." It is our firm conviction that these signs and wonders appearing in the heavens are warnings from God that the world is nearing its end.

Just a few weeks ago we noticed an article in a leading newspaper reporting that people in all parts of the world have been startled lately by unusual sights that they have seen in the heavens. One of the signs of Christ's coming which He gave was that there would be "fearful sights and great signs . . . from heaven." Luke 21:11. God is using all manner of means to call the world's attention to the great events that are soon to take place. He is trying to turn men from their mad rush down the broad way that leads to destruction in order that they may know that the most magnificent event of all ages is just before us.

The flying saucers are real, all right. They are real signs in the heavens—signs of the end.

## Creation and Science

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harmony with the great fundamentals of truth as revealed in the divine Word of God.

The position of the modern creationist is perfectly consistent with all known principles of philosophy and science. He believes in a definite creative act when the type forms were brought into existence. Following the original creation, variations have occurred; and changing environments have caused the original types to break up into the multitude of species now existent. When these processes are studied in the light of heredity, environmental influence, hybridization, and other principles of modern biology, it appears evident that neo-creationism has no excuses to offer, but may take its place as a scientific doctrine worthy of attention equal with, if not actually superior to, evolution.

The creationist of today does not make any claims for the immutability of species. His contention concerns the original method of creation rather than the question of subsequent changes. He has no dispute with modern science about the possibility of variation, isolation, natural selection, and such factors producing new species. He does, however, maintain that the world and its life originally came into existence in six days through the direct intervention of the power of God. In this position he holds his ground against the speculations and criticisms of all who attempt to interpose the theory of evolutionary processes in the place of the record of the creative fiat of the Almighty. He contends that the theories of evolutionary progress are not sufficiently supported by scientific evidence to make them conclusive; and although he cannot prove by scientific methods that creation did take place by direct command of God, he finds on the other hand that the facts from the natural world support rather than oppose the viewpoint of creationism.

Therefore he accepts the Genesis record of creation and the Flood at its face value as an inspired historical record, and upon this assumption he proceeds to array the facts of science in harmony with the creationist interpretation.

By way of summary, the conservative creationist believes:

1. That all material substance was brought into existence by the fiat of the Creator; therefore matter is not regarded as having an independent existence or inherent properties by which it performs its activities. He believes that the phenomena of nature are subject to the control of the Supreme Being at all times in all their manifestations.

2. That the organization of the physical features of the earth and the creation of life upon it were accomplished in six literal days; accordingly the theories of cosmic and biological evolution through long ages of time are definitely not acceptable.

3. That confusion and degeneracy among plants, animals, and man came as a result of the advent of sin into the world, and through the influence of Satan and his agents.

4. That the pristine earth was destroyed by one great overwhelming catastrophe—the Flood, or Deluge, of Genesis 6, 7, and 8—and that this Flood was the direct or indirect cause of most of the major geological features of the earth.

5. That since the Flood there have been many minor changes in the surface of the earth, with resulting changes in climate and ecological conditions, and that these changes have been simultaneous with more or less profound changes in the structure and behavior of plants and animals. In this way there have been distributed over the face of the earth the present multitudinous array of “species” of plants and animals.

6. That the major groups of plants and animals have come down through the ages relatively unchanged, and that the changes that now result in new species are not of the nature as to produce new families, orders, classes, or phyla.

Creationists feel justified in taking their stand in favor of a scientific interpretation of biological and geological phenomena that may rightfully take its place as a new science—*neo-creationism*.

## Why Tongues?

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or languages are last mentioned of all the gifts listed by Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:28-31. The Bible teaches that neither the gift of tongues nor any other of the eight gifts is required to show possession of the Spirit of God. The truth is that one can be a true Christian showing forth the *fruits* of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and not have *one* of these special gifts of God.

Surely it is clear that one can be a faithful member in the church and not have special gifts: such as an apostle, a prophet, a Bible teacher, a worker of miracles, a consecrated doctor, a Christian nurse, an organizer of church order and plans, or a linguist. In verse thirty-one Paul says with emphasis: “And yet show I unto you a more excellent way.” By that statement Paul referred to love as being the greatest spiritual gift. It is the love of God in the heart and not on the tongue which “rejoiceth not in lawbreaking, but *rejoiceth in the truth*.” 1 Corinthians 13:6. Love is revealed in obedience to the Ten Commandments. (John 14:15; 1 John 5:2, 3.)

Why should the ability to speak a foreign tongue be necessary to a person who already believes in Jesus? Paul teaches that “tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not.” 1 Corinthians 14:22. This gift then is bestowed upon a disciple or witness of Jesus that he may preach the message of Christ in the language of the people in

the country to which he is called to work. It is given that these may understand the gospel messenger's preaching. The gift enables the disciple to win the honest in heart and to be a witness of unmistakable clarity and understanding for Jesus. Thus all nations will stand before God without the excuse of ignorance. They will then have had a full and free opportunity to accept or reject Him. When all nations have had the opportunity to hear the gospel, the end will come. (Matthew 24:14.)

The world will never be converted by "a gift of tongues" demonstration nor by any of the eight gifts of the Spirit. But the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost made the apostles and disciples true witnesses for Christ. "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8; 4:32, 33.) The preaching of Jesus and Him crucified, resulting in the gift of the new birth, or conversion, is the only way to the heavenly kingdom. One miracle, and one only, makes a Christian. This miracle is the one supreme "heavenly gift" of love that makes one a partaker of the Holy Ghost. (Heb. 6:4-6; Jas. 1:17.)

Outward objective miracles can originate with either power, Christ's or Satan's, as has been pointed out already. Let us remind ourselves that true conversion is a surrender to all the principles of the Word of God and the holy Ten Commandments.

Seances attempt to invert or substitute the "gifts of the Spirit" for the "fruits of the Spirit." (Galatians 5:22, 23; 1 Corinthians 12:28-31.) Every Christian, if he is a born-again child of God, will demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Jesus said: "Wherefore by their fruits [not gifts] ye shall know them." Matthew 7:20. Is a Christian temperate when he attends seances which last three, four, and five hours? These meetings last until late into the night. Those in attendance are often seen lying prostrate on the floor, or dancing, or talking in groaning, unintelligible sounds. Is this order, peace, reverence, holiness? It is not a demonstration of the Holy Spirit; it is the counterfeit.

### ***You Are Saved by Grace***

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asked the Lord to make us over, to put us in a new way of living, to give us a different program. Christ then said: "Do this, or do that; be this way; follow this line of living." And we found the privilege of entering spiritual maturity. Let us Christians then neither think of Christianity as a negation nor think of sinning as a negation. Each is positive. It is a question of choice. You can positively do evil, or you can positively do good. Obviously I do not need to advertise to you which is the better choice.

Does this mean that when we Christians are saved by grace there is no more sin? I wish I could know

that. "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels." 2 Corinthians 4:7. Our spiritual treasures are had in this life of the flesh. All those impulses and desires and habits of thinking, all those ways and channels of doing which belong to worldly living, all those psychological and spiritual and habitual elements are a part of you; and they must be met and dealt with—and conquered. When you accept the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and become adopted into His family, I guarantee that you are entering into a life of conflict and of battle. It is a man's job, I assure you. It is no job for a man to undertake in his own strength. We must reach up the hands of our faith and say to the Lord Jesus Christ, "Lord, take my hand; I am going to face this fight with you." This fight for righteousness—this living in harmony with the gift of grace—is going to last as long as we live. A blessed part of it is that if we slip and fall, Jesus picks us up and puts us again on our road to the kingdom.

You can never exhaust the forgiveness of the Lord Jesus Christ. You may repeat the same sin every five minutes every day for a thousand years—if you could live that long—and if every time you did that thing you would turn to Christ in sincere repentance, He would forgive you. You cannot exhaust the forgiveness of Christ. (Matthew 18:21, 22.) The thing that happens is this: If you repeat that sin, and five minutes later you repeat it again, and five minutes later repeat it again, it is not going to be very long until you say, "What's the use; I am going to quit trying." There is the danger. If you sincerely repent and accept forgiveness and His power, you are going to stop repeating. You are going to have victory.

As soon as you get the victory on one point, the Spirit of God will show you something else to work on. All the way through life it will be that way. Therefore when you look about in the Christian church, do not be astonished that everybody is not so good as you are. Give them a little time. The Holy Spirit is working with them. Do not be discouraged when you find yourself slipping. Be understanding with yourself, but do not be sympathetic with sin. Do not give up; give the Lord a chance, for He is able to pick you up and put you again on the way to the kingdom.

"Little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." 1 John 2:1. The point is that you belong to God, that you have been adopted—naturalized into His family by His grace. You have entered upon a positive course of living. You are not necessarily conscious now that God is saying, "Do not do this." You are conscious rather of a positive way of living for Him. You have entered spiritual maturity. When the devil comes to you and says, "Do not do good," you say, "I am not interested in the 'don't's.' I am following a positive course of action for and with the Lord Jesus Christ." Give yourself unreservedly into Jesus' hands.



# SCIENCE Insights



ACCIDENT RISE IS FEARED IN USE OF "COLD TABLETS."—Widespread use of the new "cold cure" tablets today caused Chicago traffic authorities to express concern that the preparations may step up the city's accident rate. The tablets . . . suppress the release of a powerful body chemical called histamine.

The Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the American Medical Association said that about one third of those who take them "become drowsy or even fall asleep while at work or when driving cars or



In a move for greater highway safety, Maine's automobile license plates for 1950 have been made with "Scotchlite," a reflective material which makes them highly visible after dark.

operating machinery."—*The New York Times*, Dec. 2, 1949.

HORMONE FOR MENTALLY ILL?—Patients with the serious mental disease, schizophrenia, may at some time in the future be among those who will benefit from the present search for new sources of cortisone, powerful new weapon against arthritis and rheumatic fever.—*Science News Letter*, September 3, 1949.

FLUORINE IN DRINKING WATER FOUND HARMLESS TO PLANTS.—If fluorine is being added to the water supply in your town to protect children's teeth against decay, you need not fear to use it in sprinkling your garden or watering your potted plants. Experiments carefully carried out by John D. Kaufman, sixteen, a high-school senior in Grinnell, Ia., have demonstrated that in the concentrations used for decay-preventing purposes, fluorine will not harm young plants.—*Science News Letter*, March 12, 1949.

## The Comforting Care and Keeping of Jesus

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that we read: "Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom *Jesus loved*." John 1:18; 13:23.

Some who have long been traveling the heavenly pathway see more fully than ever before their wondrous privilege of experiencing a much fuller measure of the comforting presence and care of Jesus. With their hearts full of yearning for its full realization, their fervent prayer is:

"Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart,  
Draw me, my Saviour, so precious Thou art;  
Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast,  
Shelter me safe in that haven of rest,  
Shelter me safe in that haven of rest."

By His Spirit Jesus gives glimpses of His comforting care to the unconverted, that they the more readily may come to Him and be saved. The following incident in the lives of two famous men may be taken as an illustration of this truth. When the great violinist Ole Bull met John Ericsson for the first time, Mr. Bull said to him, "Come around and hear me play tonight." Even though the invitation was given a second and a third time, it was not accepted. At last Mr. Bull declared, "If you don't come and hear me play, I will just come and play for you in your shop."

Ericsson said, "Don't bring your violin into my shop. I don't care for music."

But Ole Bull went to the shop the next day, and he stated, "There is something the matter with my violin and I want it fixed." They talked together about qualities of wood and tone. Then Mr. Bull said, "I'll show you how it is." Drawing the bow across the strings, he began to play. Waves of delightful harmony awakening high and noble thoughts and deep and tender feelings filled the shop. Men left their work and came close to hear. Ericsson arose from his desk and stood listening intently to the enriching and inspiring melody till at last, with tears streaming down his face, he said, "Keep on! I never knew what was lacking in my life before!"

So as the unsaved behold tender evidences of the daily care and comfort of Jesus, they realize the depth of the aching void that nothing else can fill. Then as they, like Ericsson, open their minds and hearts and souls to the tender harmonies of heaven, Jesus Himself, with penetrating tones of tenderest love and pity, impresses them with the wondrous fact that it is all for *them also* if they will but *ask* for and *receive* it. In many an aching heart a great longing is thus awakened for this heavenly life, and though these have no offering to give Him except their sinful hearts to be cleansed, they *draw near* to Him.



# What Says the BIBLE?

## Brief Case Histories From Dr. Bible's Soul Clinic

[DR. BIBLE is seated at his desk as various patients enter his office.]

"Mr. Remorseful, what problem is on your mind today?"

"Dr. Bible, I've sinned such terrible sins, I don't see how the Lord can forgive me."

"The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. . . . If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.' [1 John 1:7, 9.]"

[Dr. Bible asks his office nurse, Miss Soul Winner, who is the next patient.]

"Mrs. Conscientious, what is causing you such distress?"

"Dr. Bible, I read somewhere that one unconfessed sin would keep me out of heaven. How can I be sure I have confessed every sin? I can't remember every wrong thought or word or act in all my past life."

"God's forgiveness is not measured by our faulty memories but by His knowledge of our every thought. 'The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man.' [Psalm 94:11.] 'Who can understand his errors?' [Psalm 19:12.] David acknowledged: 'Thou understandest my thought afar off.' [Psalm 139:2.] That would cover long ago. 'He knoweth the secrets of the heart.' [Psalm 44:21.] 'The Lord . . . will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts.' [1 Corinthians 4:5.]

"Your prescription is to pray, 'Cleanse Thou me from secret faults' [Psalm 19:12], then believe that He does a complete work. Then in the final judgment, 'in those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.' [Jeremiah 50:20.] [To nurse.] Bring in the next patient.

"Miss Fretful, what is on your mind today?"

"Dr. Bible, I don't see why, when I have consecrated myself to the Lord and I am endeavoring to obey Him in all things, I don't seem to have the light and joy some Christians do."

"Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of His servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the

name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.' [Isaiah 50:10.] Next?

"Mr. Almost Defeated, what makes you look so downcast?"

"Dr. Bible, I've tried and failed so many times, I wonder if it is worth while to try again."

"Remember, 'a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again.' [Proverbs 24:16.] Next time Satan trips you, tell him: 'Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise.' [Micah 7:8.]

"Miss Seventeen, what gives you such a doleful look today?"

"Dr. Bible, yesterday I felt very happy and the Lord blessed me; but today I feel so bad I'm sure the Lord has forsaken me."

"Don't blame the Lord for the states of feeling produced by your own unstable, immature emotions and physical conditions. Remember God says: 'I am the Lord, I change not.' [Malachi 3:6.] What changed overnight, God or your adolescent nerves? He is 'the same yesterday, and today, and forever.' [Hebrews 13:8.]

"Mrs. Worry, what is filling you with such grief?"

"Dr. Bible, I'm afraid the Lord has forgotten me."

"You aren't the first Christian who has had that worry. 'Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of My hands; thy walls are continually before Me.' [Isaiah 49:14-16.]

"Mrs. Despondent, what is weighing you down this beautiful day?"

"Dr. Bible, I feel so bad all the time I can't believe the Lord loves me or that He cares whether I live or die."

"You need a thorough course of praise tablets. Here is your first one: 'Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted His people, and will have mercy upon His afflicted.' [Isaiah 49:13.] There is an unlimited supply where these came from. Take them seven times a day [Psalm 119:164] as well as every time you feel a fit of the blues coming on."

## ***The Apostles and the Sabbath***

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When the exile of Patmos refers to the Lord's day and distinguishes it from the other secular days, he has reference to the seventh-day Sabbath. This is clear from other texts of scripture. Jesus Himself tells us which is the Lord's day. "And He said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath." Mark 2:27, 28.

"The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath." Jesus declares the Sabbath to be the Lord's day—the Sabbath "according to the commandment." (Luke 23:56.)

This is not the only text which makes clear that the Lord's day is the seventh-day Sabbath. The gospel prophet Isaiah wrote: "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day," Isaiah 58:13. Here in words which all may read and understand, the Lord declares that the Sabbath is *His holy day*. So when John speaks of being in the Spirit on the Lord's day, he is referring to the seventh-day Sabbath. It is interesting to note that these words were written about sixty years after the resurrection of Jesus.

If John the beloved disciple had heard from the lips of the Master any suggestion that the seventh-day Sabbath was to be changed, and that after the resurrection the first day of the week was to be kept holy as a memorial to the risen Lord, he would certainly have written something of it in his later writings.

From the above texts it is crystal clear that the followers of Jesus Christ long after His resurrection kept and taught others to keep the seventh-day Sabbath. In all the Saviour's teachings not a single hint is given to any of His disciples or followers that any change of the weekly rest day was to be made. When Christ changed the Passover service to the Communion service, He told His followers plainly of the change. The Holy Scriptures are silent concerning any change in the weekly rest day. It remains for the followers of Christ to walk as He walked and to rest on His Sabbath.

## ***"The World at the End of Its Tether"***

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ing God for one who took his religion seriously enough to study it—yes, to dig for it. The Christian's job is to develop his character and talents to the point where everything he does will attract men to God. He will be tactful, refined, educated, and best of all in tune with God.

These things are the natural results of rightly relating ourselves to the coming inescapable climax of history. This development of our talents to God's glory is what is meant by consecrating the heart to

God. Only by so doing can we be among those for whom the Lord returns, and only then can we echo the deathless words of the apostle Paul:

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:6-8.

## ***The Causes of Crime***

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money; it was not position. It was a New Testament, which was wrapped in a piece of paper and given to me as part of my estate. And when I turned over the pages of the New Testament, I saw verses which he had marked with his pen; I saw places in the margin where he had written his appreciation of God's promises. I saw page after page which seemed stained with his tears. Then I saw at the close of the book his written consecration to Jesus. And if there had been no other influence in my life, that would have brought me near to the kingdom."

There are certain essential virtues which are rarely seen in parents: patience combined with decision; kindness, with firmness; tolerance, with carefulness. These are so necessary and yet so rare. Let us remember that this is an adult's world. Who places the comics on the newsstands? Who puts the gangster plays in the movies? Who places false ideas in the textbooks for youthful minds to read and doubt? Who licensed the selling of liquor and then put up the signs, "Minors keep out"? Not the children, certainly not. Who creates the atmosphere of gloom and distrust in the home? Who criticizes and complains, fumes and frets? Children live in the kind of a home we build for them. Their dispositions are inherited from us. We are responsible for what they are today and will be tomorrow.

We do well to draw the mantle of charity over the parents of the delinquent twenty-one-year-olds. It is too late to advise; it is cruel to censure. The law must take over where parents have failed. Society must suffer. For parents of the tiny tots and the growing boys and girls, advice is timely; and in many cases it is essential, if we would save our civilization. Let us list a few "do's" and "don't's."

*Avoid unnecessary punishment.* A child cannot distinguish between an old cracked saucer and a china vase, yet we pass over the breaking of the worthless saucer and go into adult tantrums over the breaking of the china. Punishment should never be meted out according to the value of the broken dish. Avoid punishment, at least severe punishment, for trifles. The impetuous parent should have a cooling-off period before punishing the child. Many parents

should study their eating and drinking habits to find the cause of their nervousness and irritability. Too frequent and too severe punishment with continual nagging and scolding hardens the mind of the child into a mold of sullen resentment.

*Avoid extremes.* A rigid puritanism and a careless liberalism are equally bad. Even religion may come to mean a repetition of "don't's" in the mind of a child. Religion must be made attractive. Family worship should not be identified with long, tedious prayers. On the Sabbath take the children into the woods, there to study the wonders of the handiwork of God. Keep the best books—stories of missionary heroes, stories of birds and trees—for Sabbath reading.

*Do not magnify trivialities.* Why make the child walk a chalk line of our own drawing? The line itself may be crooked. Our way of thinking, our standards into which we seek to regiment a child either by persuasion or by punishment may be entirely wrong. Said Carl Jung: "If there is anything that we wish to change in the child, we should examine it and see whether it is not something that could better be changed in ourselves."

*Avoid the attitude of distrust.* If we call a child lazy, untrustworthy, undependable, he will soon believe himself to be so. The "don't care" attitude on the part of some children is begotten by distrust on the part of the parent.

*Avoid overindulgence.* The pampered child is a selfish child. Idolized by the mother, he soon makes an idol of himself. The world must bow at his feet—

or else.

*Have a positive program.* Good books, good companions, toys which develop initiative and imagination, regular duties about the home are all a part of a positive program. Train the children for truthfulness.

Above all else we need plain old-fashioned righteousness in our hearts and homes if we would save our children and our civilization. Even our religion has become anemic. Our times are characterized by "diseased piety and perverted principle." The rugged honesty, sincere faith, and deep-seated righteousness of yesterday has been supplanted by an elastic conscience, a sliding-scale morality, and a religion of doubts and conjectures. Morality is no longer regulated by the Ten Commandments, but by our own desires and inclinations. The old-time standards have been all but lost. Church members in "good and regular standing"—not before God but in the church—drink, smoke, dance, and play cards. Such a religion is no bulwark against the materialism and the wickedness of our times. Our greatest need is a return to the religion of the Book. To Mount Sinai and Mount Calvary we must go if we would save our civilization.

The children of today are the America of tomorrow. Let us leave the "latchkey kids" of yesterday to the F.B.I. and turn our thoughts to the children of today. By voice and pen and vote we must do our part in

## My Peace

Peace, "My peace," the Master offers,  
Peace divine, supreme and blest,  
Peace that keeps the heart in sorrow,  
Gives the spirit rest.

Peace earth-given too quickly passes,  
Whispers but a fleeting hour.  
But the peace of heaven abideth,  
Blessed in its power.

Such a peace supreme and holy,  
Woos my spirit with its calm  
And I turn from earth's rude clamor,  
To its holy balm.

Soothing to my careworn spirit,  
Comfort, to the heart distressed,  
Joy it brings and ever whispers—  
"Spirit, be at rest."

"Peace I leave"—O blessed Master,  
Bid me share that peace divine,  
Let it lift my wearied spirit,  
As it lifted Thine!

—ROBERT HARE.

building better schools, better playgrounds, in demanding better magazines, in furthering every civic effort in behalf of our children. Above this we must yield our lives to God, asking divine guidance in making better homes. The home, the church, the school—these three—but the greatest of these is the home. If we save our homes by letting heaven into our homes, we shall save our children and our civilization. May God help us sense our responsibilities.

# GOD'S TWO BOOKS

By Mary Hunter Moore

## Packages

I ONCE read a perfect definition: "A seed is a plant packed for transportation." The Creator has many and diverse methods of packaging, labeling, and advertising. Seeds are variously packed for different kinds of transportation. Buds, on the other hand, He packs for storage, fitting each container to the place and hazards of deposit.

Before ever the cold winds and rains and the explosive frosts of winter came upon His trees, shrubs, and perennial plants, He had this spring's leaves and flowers perfectly packed against dampness, freezing, and wind damage. Before the leaves fell last autumn, each one had its successor cradled at its base.

Talk about streamlining to avoid wind resistance and damage! Buds had it before Fisher bodies. Beech buds spend their winters on the tips of slender twigs, stuck right out into the gales. But the sharp-pointed, wind-resistant slimness of beech buds is a delightful sight. Pussy willow flower buds, made chubby by their furry contents, are ranged along stout, sturdy stems as wide as they are. Dogwood buds, which, because they hold both flowers and their surrounding white bracts, must be big and fat and yet must be at the ends of twigs, are saved from pounding by winter winds by swinging stems instead of the stiff wands of the pussy willows. Willows, the flower buds of which are less obese than the pussies, hang them on swaying boughs. Packages and storage places planned last autumn have functioned all winter till this spring in fulfilling God's primeval promise: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest . . . shall not cease."

No parachute packing can excel the folding of tiny leaves into their containers. Examine unfolding buds this month and note how the skeletal veins of the leaf supported the pressure of the bud case, the tender flat surfaces of the baby leaf being safe in the internal space of the bud. A bursting buckeye bud will well repay a thoughtful quarter hour of contemplation of divine mechanics. The first Chinese folding-fan or umbrella makers probably studied buds as their models.

Bud beauty feasts souls with observant eye-windows. No society belle looks more regal than colorful hickory buds lifting their curved shoulders from their fur-lined satin winter capes. Oak-leaf buds are warmly clothed in royal crimson velvet in that combination

of utilitarian service and esthetic loveliness that characterizes the ways of God.

Delivery time of God's packages beats human "special delivery." Big, furry flower buds, not easily freezable, open early. Maple buds open early and mature their seeds swiftly, so that even though spring storms beat off multitudes of their winged twins, the tough, parchment-like seed coverings achieve for their contents a minimum of damage from cold and wet. Big-boned walnut and hickory buds, the structures of which require great strength to support immense compound leaves, open very late to escape frost damage.

God's name is written on every bursting bud. The labels on His bud-storage boxes are love of beauty, love of life, and perfect functionalism.

## Mabel Was in Trouble

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removed the other things from the stove and went right back to Mabel.

"I think we shall have to break the vase, Mother," Mabel's daddy said to his wife when she came back from the kitchen.

"Oh, no, we must not do that!" she exclaimed. "That is my prettiest vase. It cost too much, we cannot afford to break it."

Mabel's daddy happened to think of the doctor who always came to see Mabel when anything went wrong with her, so he stepped to the telephone and called him. Now the doctor was a very busy man and had many sick people to see, but in a few minutes that doctor walked right in with his little medicine case, and saw Mabel there with her hand in the vase and the big tears rolling down her fat, rosy cheeks, and her mother wringing her hands, and her daddy twisting and pulling the vase.

"How did you get your hand way down inside that vase, young lady?" the doctor asked.

"I just put it down there," she answered.

He took hold of her arm with one hand and the vase with the other hand, and pulled and twisted and pulled, but could not get it off. Although he was a doctor, he could not get her hand out of that vase. He did not know of a medicine that could make her arm any smaller, or anything that could make the vase any larger. He saw that Mabel's arm was looking pretty red by this time. He knew it was sore after all the twisting and pulling everyone had given it. He called the father and the mother together and said, "I think there is only one thing you can do, and that is to break that vase."

"Oh, no, we do not want to break that beautiful vase if we can help it. That vase cost a great deal of money," answered her mother.

"But she cannot go around with the vase hanging onto her arm all the rest of her life," said the doctor.

# ? PLEASE EXPLAIN ?

Address your questions to Editor, OUR TIMES, Box 59, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

*I am a Baptist and want to keep the fourth commandment. Which day should I observe as the Sabbath? All the information I can find, even all the dictionaries, define Saturday as the seventh day, which would be the Sabbath.—M.C.W.*

You have answered your own question. The conclusion that you have come to after your study is correct. The seventh day, or Saturday, is the Sabbath of the Bible. Any honest biblical or secular scholar will tell you that Saturday is the seventh day. And the fourth commandment says that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. Webster's unabridged dictionary has defined the Sabbath as follows: "A season or day of rest. The seventh day of the week in the Jewish calendar, corresponding to the period from Friday evening to Saturday evening, the observance of which as a day of rest and worship was enjoined in the Decalogue. It is kept by the Jews and some Christians."

*I am convinced that the Bible teaches that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord. But hasn't time been lost so that we do not know which day is the seventh day now?—S.K.*

It does not seem logical to believe that an all-wise God would command the keeping of a certain day and

then permit that day to be lost in the reckoning of time. Outstanding astronomers of the world have gone on record in a positive manner that it would be impossible for time to be lost without its being recognized.

Professor Totten of Yale University said that "in spite of all our dickerings with the calendar, it is patent that the human race never lost the septenary sequence of week days, and that the Sabbath of these latter times comes down to us from Adam, through the ages without a single lapse. No day is missing; no cycle calls for less; all call for the same; and all unite in a . . . testimony not to be shaken by man or devil."

Dr. J. B. Dimpleby, director of Greenwich Observatory, has said: "If men refused to observe weeks, and the line of time was forgotten, the days of the week could be recovered by observing when transits of the planets or eclipses of the sun or moon occurred. These great sentinels of the skies keep seven days with scientific accuracy, thundering out the seven days inscribed on the inspired page as they proceed through the ages, and writing the date of the beginning on the walls of heaven."—*All Past Time*, p. 10.

From these statements it is clear that time has never been lost and the same Sabbath day that God gave to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden is the Sabbath for Christians today. It is the seventh day of the week, or Saturday.



"No, of course not," answered her mother, "but I wish there was some way to save my beautiful vase."

They talked the matter over. At last the father got the hammer and took Mabel out to the back porch and got all ready to break the vase.

The father lifted the hammer. He looked at the vase. It did seem too bad to smash such a pretty vase as that. He said, "Now, Mabel, see here. If your hand was small enough to go down into that vase, it looks to me that it ought to be small enough to come out. Now make your hand just as long and as small as you can. Look, put your thumb against your hand that way, and keep your fingers straight out like this. Try it with your other hand first."

Mabel tried it with her other hand first. Her thumb went close against her hand, and her little fingers stayed straight out.

"That is fine, Mabel," her father encouraged her. "Now do your hand that is in the vase just like that, and I believe you can pull it out."

"Oh, no, Daddy, I cannot do that with this hand," she protested. "If I did I would drop my marble."

"So that's the trouble, is it?" her father exclaimed. "Well, just let that old marble go, and we can get that out later."

As soon as Mabel let go of the marble that she was holding tightly in her little chubby hand, that vase almost dropped off. The doctor picked up his medicine case and hurried out to see some sick people, her daddy jumped into his car and drove back to the office as fast as he could go, and her mother hustled around to finish getting dinner ready.

Mabel's mother started thinking: What a foolish little girl she was to hold on to that marble all that time, and cause herself and all of us so much trouble and worry! But then, she thought again, I suppose some of us older children are just as foolish to hold on to some of the worldly pleasures the Lord has told us to turn loose. We cause ourselves and others a great deal of trouble.



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## IN TIME OF NEED

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**I**SN'T IT strange that in times of stress and days of need we forget the many miracles the Father has performed in our behalf, the many blessings He has bestowed? After each manifestation of His love and care we resolve that never again shall we forget His goodness and His care; yet let new troubles beset us, new needs arise and we fret and grieve our Father by our lack of faith, by our forgetting the way He has led us and sheltered us in the past.

There had been weeks that had lengthened into months of illness. There were doctor fees and nursing charges, and the little money saved had vanished. I sat in the wheel chair by the open window, not hearing the songs of the birds, but fretting. How should I be sheltered? Wherewith should I live until strength returned? These and many more vexing thoughts troubled me, retarding the process of getting well.

A little breeze came through the open window and with it the words I had in my stress not remembered. "My God shall supply—*shall supply all your need.*"

There it was, and I had not remembered.

Supply all my need. Again I closed my eyes and told the Father of my present physical weakness and of my urgent financial need in connection with it, and He who notes the fall of a sparrow and tints the flowers of the field and clothes the grass answered while I talked with Him.

There was a tap at the door, and a friend whom I had not seen for years entered. "You are to come home with me until you are really well and strong again." She laid a slip of paper in my hand and turned to busy herself about the white hospital room. My eyes blurred as I read. It was a receipt in full for my long stay in this place where life and death came daily.

A room, ready and furnished, and the money I had so sorely needed were waiting my faith and trust in the Father's infinitely tender care. I bowed my head, confessing my distrust, and peace came back. He had not forgotten me, His child. He had abundantly supplied all my lack and more.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." I had proved it true, though tardily.