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Sirs:

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Yours truly in God's service,

South Boston, Va.

C.E.T.

P.S. Please send me your lists of other books and literature. Looking to hear from you soon—very soon.

Sirs:

So many religious publications quote the Word so little. But most all of the OUR TIMES articles contain much quotation from the Scriptures themselves. This I greatly appreciate. It helps one to put more of the real seed in the mind and heart. You also include the references for the quotations. I like this too; I know you aren't afraid to have your readers see for themselves whether or not your messages are really in accord with God's Word.
Clearwater Lake, Wisconsin H.C.H.

Sirs:

I am sending another dollar for OUR TIMES. It is very much better since you enlarged the magazine.
Azusa, California R.E.D.

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Our cover photo is the fine work of Cy La Tour and son.

THESE are perilous days. The specters of death and disaster and destruction stalk abroad, casting their grim shadows across the pages of our newspapers; and we can hear the reverberations of their foreboding footfalls on our radios. Our loved ones and we ourselves face danger from dawn to dawn. There is no peace, because base greed for wealth and lust for power have supplanted the noble feeling in men's hearts.

Whether we like it or not—and most of us despise and abhor it—we have been surrounded by forces that threaten the ruin of civilization, the proscription of man's right to worship God and the Son. We feel the cold hand of fear clutch our hearts. We are afraid.

But there need not be fear in our hearts. We can



B. PLOCKHORST

Be Not Afraid

No Fears Can Disturb Your Tranquillity When Christ Is Near

By William J. Murdoch

dispel the alarm and despair that assail us from every side. We have access to a fountain of courage and tranquillity which knows no faltering, which nothing can destroy. It is human to be afraid, true. But it is Christian to be brave, for in Christ there is the very quintessence of courage and faith. That courage and faith is ours if we will only use it.

The disciples were frightened and alarmed when they saw a figure walking across the waves toward their ship. Thinking it was a spirit, they cried out in fear.

But in Matthew 14:27 we are told: "But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."

Be not afraid. No fear, no alarm, no peril can disturb the tranquillity of our being if we will but believe in the presence and omnipotence of Him who trod the stormy waters of Galilee to reach His distressed disciples.

He will be always present in our lives to bestow Almighty courage and repose if we will but open our hearts and minds and invite Him in. Why wait until besieged by doubt and despair and danger? Let us invite Him in now, so He will be with us when the

gloom impends; and then we will hear that gentle, insistent voice reassuring us: "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid." And we will not be afraid. We will have peace of mind and soul.

But once we have invited Him in, we must never doubt His omnipotence, His power to sustain with His love and grace. Peter, doubting that the figure walking on the water was his Master, asked for proof, saying:

"Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water." Verse 28.

Peter was bid; but when he started across the water, he became afraid, and began to sink.

"And immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" Verse 31.

We must not doubt if we would seek shelter in His grace and power and benediction. We must guard against the weakening of faith by the worldly pressures of the day, lest, like Peter, we find ourselves in danger of being submerged in the sea of fear and despair. If we keep Him in the heart, He will stretch forth His hand to us, and we shall hear His voice:

"Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."

The Truth That Satisfies

Where Do We Find the Solutions to Our Problems?

MAN SEEKS truth; for he believes truth to be the guide map whereby he can attain to what he wants. And he wants physical well-being, mental satisfaction, moral contentment, spiritual surety, and peaceful conditions in which to enjoy them.

But what are his results? Is he getting what he wants?

Physical well-being? As man conquers the external world of bacteria, he falls before the subtle sabotage of the internal diseases we term degenerative.

Mental satisfaction? He wonders from whence he came, and of his real origin he has only a host of

By Harvey Hansen

conflicting theories. And as to what is ahead of him, he can only conjecture.

Moral contentment? He frequently finds himself assailed by a guilty conscience. The joys he seeks in Satan's glitter-coated promptings and pleasures are like autumn leaves falling—briefly attractive but long dead.

Spiritual surety? He seeks God. But his mind so emphasizes the fleshly and material, and he so generally neglects to search God's Word itself, that he fails to know Him. He arrives at all manner of false gods—plants, animals, stones, stars, money, power, self, and sometimes none at all. But these all lead to eternal destruction.

Peaceful conditions? He fights a war to end wars. But war is tonic to so many forces of evil that each time it is cut down it springs up anew more vigorous than before. And his efforts at recovery are beset on all sides with labor troubles, shortages, various degrees of inflation, distress of nations, and many "little wars."

With respect to fully satisfying his wants, man, alone, though he does advance in some lines, can never attain perfectly to the things he wants. For he, of himself, cannot find the whole truth.

But there is One to whom he can turn for truth. There is One of whom wisdom can be gotten: "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth" (Exodus 34:6), a "God of knowledge" (1 Samuel 2:3), a "God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He" (Deuteronomy 32:4). "Wisdom and might are His" (Daniel 2:20), and "His understanding is infinite" (Psalm 147:5). His "counsels of old are faithfulness and truth" (Isaiah 25:1). "Out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:6).

Therefore, "if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God . . . and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering." James 1:5, 6.



A. DEVANEY

The Bible is the most interesting and challenging book that has ever been written. It contains a wealth of material that is of greater value to the reader than all the gold in the world.

Physical well-being! "The Lord said, . . . O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear Me, and keep all My commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever!" Deuteronomy 5:28, 29. "Let [My words] not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." Proverbs 4:20-22. "Wisdom giveth life to them that have it." Ecclesiastes 7:12. Therefore, "acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee." Job 22:21.

Mental satisfaction! "Thus saith the Lord, . . . Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jeremiah 33:2. "He revealeth the deep and secret things." Daniel 2:22. And about Him the psalmist said, "I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Thy precepts." Psalm 119:100. "The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." Ver. 130. It is also written of the Lord: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." Isaiah 26:3.


Moral contentment! "Wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness." Ecclesiastes 2:13. "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. . . . And happy is every-one that retaineth her." Proverbs 3:13, 18. "He that keepeth the law, happy is he." Proverbs 29:18. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy [the Lord's] word." Psalm 119:9. "Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth." Job 5:17.

Spiritual surety! "The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. But the Lord is the true God, He is the living God, and an everlasting king." Jeremiah 10:10, 11. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12. "They have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save." Isaiah 45:20. But, "the Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth." Psalm 145:18.

Peaceful conditions! "Wisdom is better than weapons of war." Ecclesiastes 9:18. "Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace." Proverbs 3:17. "And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times." Isaiah 33:6. "Keep therefore and do them [the statutes and judgments as the Lord God commanded]; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations." Deuteronomy 4:5, 6. "If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge." Job 36:11, 12.

Satan, the deceiver, he, whose signboards man

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I Owe It to My Mother


If in this life success I gain,
Should I receive some earthly fame,
May God forbid . . .
That I should praise some other name,
Or credit give another,
When I owe it to my mother.

Some friend may offer me a way
To scale the highest height,
To gain in just a single day
What they have taken years to sight;
Yet I could not my conscience smother,
For I had an honest mother.

Perhaps two ways are offered me,
And I stand between the twain,
Wondering which at last to gain.
I'll take the cross and not the other,
For I had a Christian mother.

And if I, faithful, saved at last,
Completed well my earthly stay,
May I in looking o'er my past,
.
By telling angels as they hover
That I am here because of Mother.

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN.



already has followed until he is sick and bewildered in a chaotic world, he, the father of lies, continues to lead man farther from the truth to eternal destruction.

But Christ, the Faithful Witness, the True Shepherd, "Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:2, 3), calls and beckons and says, "Follow Me. . . . I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6.



H. M. LAMBERT

A Wonder

It is good news when one that we dearly love promises to come to see us. Those who love Christ are joyfully anticipating the early fulfillment of His promise to come again.

Not only has the Lord promised to return, but He has sent letters to us which reaffirm His plan to come back. One such letter reads: "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Hebrews 9:28.

Another letter to God's people declares: "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God." 1 Thessalonians 4:16. We are told: "When the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." 1 Peter 5:4.

I'LL BE BACK just as soon as I can," I promised my wife as I said good-by to her the first time after our marriage that we were to be apart for more than twenty-four hours. I was to be gone two weeks, and I promised her that I would write as often as possible.

Her letters and mine passed one another somewhere in central Wisconsin, for we wrote nearly every day. I phoned, too, and each conversation and letter assured my wife that I would be home as soon as possible. Time seemed to drag slowly by, but the day came that my car was headed north toward Superior. I kept my promise to come back, but it was not hard to keep; the bond of love, though stretched across many miles, was drawing us together.

A similar promise to return was given by a Friend of yours and mine. "I will come again" is the promise Jesus Christ made to mankind. Before leaving this earth and His disciples nineteen centuries ago, He said that He was going to prepare a place in heaven for His followers. He also said, "I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:3.

Jesus promised to return; letters which the Spirit of God caused to be written assure us He is coming again. *Jesus will come the second time.* This has been the hope and expectation of His followers through all ages. Paul said that he was "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13.

Men of the apostolic age were not alone in their expectation of His return in glory and power. In Old Testament times Job, whose faith rose above affliction, declared: "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. . . . Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another." Job 19:25, 27.

Hear a witness from Scotland in the sixteenth century: "Has not our Lord Jesus carried up our flesh into heaven; and shall He not return?" asked John Knox. Answering his own question, Knox added: "We know He shall return, and that with expedition."

Jesus not only told of His second advent, but He described the manner of His return. It is written in Matthew 16:27: "For the Son of man shall come in

ful Promise

How Will It Be Kept?

the glory of His Father, with His angels." From the same Gospel we read: "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory." Matthew 25:31.

The return of Jesus will be thrice glorious: His own dazzling glory, that of His Father, and the brilliance of the countless host of angels will fill the earth at His coming. When Jesus was raised from Joseph's borrowed tomb, just one angel appeared to roll away the stone which sealed the entrance of the rock-hewn sepulcher. As the brilliance of this lone angel burst upon the Roman soldiers who stood guard at the grave, the men were struck to the ground as though dead.

The threefold glory at Christ's coming shall be devastating to the wicked, for it is written: "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming." 2 Thessalonians 2:8.

When Halley's comet was last a visitor to our sky (in 1910), almost everyone on earth knew of its presence. It could not be hid, and neither shall the return of Christ be kept a secret. The blazing glory of the comet, however, cannot compare to the brilliance which will attend our Lord's advent. Jesus Himself predicted: "As the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:27.

Many fearful ones who saw the tail of Halley's comet as it seemed to sweep near the earth believed that this planet would be destroyed. Terror filled the hearts of many. So will it be when the glory of Christ fills the heavens. "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Matthew 24:30.

The wicked will see Jesus come: they will see Him when he comes to gather His saints. Notice that the verse of scripture just quoted, which says that the



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wicked shall see Him, is followed by these words, "And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Verse 31.

There is no such thing taught in the Bible as a secret catching away of the saints. The verses above testify to the fact that the glorious appearing will be seen by the wicked. It will be announced by a trumpet blast. Paul, agreeing with Jesus, wrote: "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

A secret coming? Could one describe the welcome of General Eisenhower to New York City as having been a secret affair? His return was marked by the blare of boat whistles, the roar of planes, and the shout of a million voices. Secret? Neither will the second advent of Christ be secret.

The record of Christ's ascension and the promise of His return is written in Acts 1:9-11: "And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven."

The angels promised: "This same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go." If this is true, and we know it is, for the Word of God is truth (see John 17:17), then the second coming of Jesus will be visible, literal, and personal.

The scripture says, "While they beheld, He was

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BY JOHN W. BOYD



Those who excuse themselves from witnessing for Christ because they lack talent should learn a lesson from the experience of the boy that had only five loaves and two fishes: Christ multiplied his meager resources to provide enough to feed five thousand people.

Bearing a Noble Witness for Christ

By John W. Halliday

HOW INSPIRING it is to behold one bearing a noble witness for Christ; how encouraging to do likewise; how convincing of the great truths of Christ; how cheering to others who are bearing the same noble witness for their Lord and Master; how stimulating to make the highest endeavors possible in witnessing for Jesus; how refreshing it must be to God's great heart of infinite, self-sacrificing love; and how grateful to the compassionate, tender heart of the loving Saviour!

"Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord." Isaiah 43: 10. Jesus longs to have His followers bear a noble witness for Him all over the earth, for He said just before His ascension to heaven: "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8. The entire eleventh chapter of the book of Hebrews is devoted to reviewing the noble witnessing of God's heroes and heroines in all Old Testament times. The following earnest exhortation is given to Christians: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with *patience* the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1, 2.

The Christian bears witness for Christ by his words and deeds and by a silent influence that is continually going out from him. But the true followers of Jesus witness for Him most effectively when they speak the words of life to others, or make the efforts necessary to win the lost for Jesus. And God desires that all Christians be successful in their efforts.

While true Christians are bearing witness for God and His truth as His dear children on earth, with sympathetic fellowship He bears witness within them to the fact that they are indeed His faithful children. Christians have, according to the Scriptures, "received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry. Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth *witness* with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Romans 8:15, 16. While His followers are witnessing for Jesus, with tenderness of fellowship He also witnesses within them of His saving love and fellowship. And no heart can fully reveal or tongue ever tell the sweetness and comfort of His abiding witness, which is so full that the acknowledgment of it is so sincere and deep:

"Never a heartache, and never a groan,
Never a teardrop and never a moan;
Never a danger but there on the throne,
Moment by moment He thinks of His own."

There are some who, though not having yet given their hearts to God, beholding the noble witnessing of faithful followers of Christ, have had awakened in their hearts a deep hunger for the same satisfying experience, and have cried out to God for it and found it. The experience of one such person is related in the following incident. H. B. Gibbud, who was in charge of a mission in New York, had a woman brought to him late one night who was found in a dive in that great city. She was a wretched creature, dressed in rags filthy with vermin. Mr. Gibbud asked his wife to deal with her. So Mrs. Gibbud arose, dressed, and sat beside the deeply sinful and desolate woman and told her of God's tender love for her.

But, growling like a bear, the woman uttered the words: "What do I care about the love of a God in heaven? No one has ever loved me down here!" But

Mrs. Gibbud told her that *she* loved her and longed to see her saved. Yet the woman snapped out: "You say you love me. People who love each other show affection. They kiss each other and put their arms around one another. *You wouldn't kiss a thing like me!*" But Mrs. Gibbud stood the test and bore her witness, for without a moment's hesitation she threw her arms around her and kissed her. The poor woman's heart was touched, and she threw herself to the floor and cried to God for mercy and found it abundantly, for she became thoroughly transformed and lived a wonderful Christian life.

To other wandering ones, no matter how deep in sin, by His Holy Spirit Jesus whispers at times of His Father's saving love. With the tenderest of thoughts, the most sympathetic consideration, and the deepest

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GALLOWAY

Mother's Day

*A Tribute to the Finest Woman
in All the World*

By Anne McCollum Boyles

IN THE HISTORY of human speech, in the language of all nations, and in the dictionary "of men and of angels" there is no word so full of meaning or that evokes such noble sentiment as "mother."

Almost all the beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds; there are plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but—only one mother.

Songs have been sung, poems written, and pictures painted by masters; yet none has nor will be able to express that love which glows in a mother's heart, that love which is the finest inspiration life offers.

May 14 is Mother's Day. Throughout the United States it will be observed. It is the day when every man, woman, girl, and boy should pay tribute to the "best mother" in the whole world. Every mother with a son or a daughter worthy of the name should this day receive some message, either in the form of flowers, card, or note.

Mother's Day is the most universal of celebrations, for all religious and patriotic observances are not without sectional prejudice.

The word "mother" is the most potent of all words wherever the footprint of civilization has left its mark. Truly the modern movement to honor mother, which deepens home ties, which inspires better national life, and which makes better sons and daughters, is far more than mechanical sentiment. Affectionate sentiment is part of the best and most gracious and ennobling things of life, especially that sentiment which clings to the words "home" and "mother."

Mother's Day, then, is not an idle consideration but a great, constructive movement of international interest. It is now celebrated annually around the world. On the other hand even a nation-wide observance on a day set apart seems but a fragile effort to honor the one most beautiful to us. "In the secret places of the heart" this day many a thought will come that neither flowers nor messages of love can tell.

EVENTS of Our Times

WE RESENT BEING PUSHED AROUND!—No program in the history of America has been pursued so intensely and with such thoughtful design as that to induce citizens to drink. While nothing so irritates the American people as to suspect or to discover that they have been pushed around, we are waking up to the fact that a small group of individuals have so cleverly campaigned as to sell us a bill of goods that has broken countless American homes, destroyed the lives of a veritable army of our citizens, orphaned children, corrupted morals, menaced our highways, filled our jails, and brought sorrow and despair to the hearts of our citizens.

The people of America are not such as to appreciate the fact that they have been hoodwinked into this folly. There are unmistakable signs of an aroused conscience in the matter. Expressions of great concern are heard from unexpected quarters. Those who know see that peril lies ahead.

It is not puritanical priggishness rebelling against new customs. It is sound, intelligent judgment voicing the studied conviction of churchmen and scientists who have deliberated long and who speak with both knowledge and spiritual understanding.—Rev. James W. Hanley, Nashville, Tenn.

NO MARSHALL PLAN TO AID U. S.—James Byrnes formally joined Democrats opposed to Truman policies. The ex-Supreme Court Justice, ex-State Secretary, and ex-"Assistant President" warned there would be no Marshall Plan to aid a bankrupt U. S., charged that "men intoxicated with power will never voluntarily surrender the power to spend."

Such staunch Democrats as Byrnes have been shocked by the recent private remark of a top official that free enterprise had only ten more years to go in the U. S.—*Quick*, Dec. 5, 1949.

U. S. NAVY CANNOT CONTROL SEAS.—The Navy revolt has served to obscure a deeply important fact. This is that the U. S. Navy . . . still cannot assure control of the seas in case of war. . . . The Soviet rate of production [of Schnorkel subs] is believed such that within six years the Soviets will have enough . . . to drive Allied shipping clean off the seas, provided no effective way has been found in the

meantime of dealing with the new menace.—*Quick*, Dec. 5, 1949.

OBSOLETE JETS.—*The New York Times Magazine* quoted a Britisher on jet planes: "If you can see them, they're obsolete."—*Quick*, Dec. 19, 1949.

SECURITY IN PRISON.—"If all Americans want is security, they can go to prison. But if an American wants to preserve his dignity and his equality as a human being, he must not bow his neck to any dictatorial government."—Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, President, Columbia University.—*Quick*, Dec. 19, 1949.

THE LEVELER

Let not the atom bomb
Be the final sequel—
In which all men—
Are cremated equal.

—Kaye Phelps.

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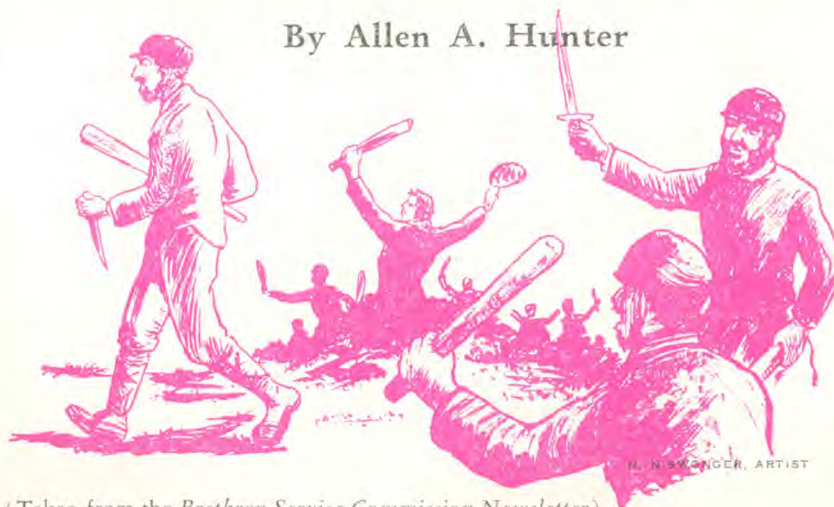
"God's Yoke of Love," by Arnold V. Wallenkampf.

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Conquered by Nonviolence

By Allen A. Hunter



(Taken from the *Brethren Service Commission Newsletter*)

IT WAS IN the days of the first Russian revolution in 1905. The rebels swept through the country, burning homes and killing men wherever they came. Nothing was safe before them. At that time we lived in Southern Russia in a small colony of Mennonites.

"One day the neighbor came running to my father: 'Tell me, friend, what will you do when they come? Are you sufficiently armed? My six sons and I have guns, so we will be able to defend ourselves. We'll shoot them.'

"We have no arms in the house,' replied my father calmly. 'I do not believe in this kind of defense; there is no certainty in it.'

"The neighbor left the house, shaking his head over the foolishness of his friend. 'Well, don't blame me for what will happen to you when they come.'

"The next day news came that the neighbor and all his family were killed and that the band of rebels set fire to everything after sacking the house.

"Now my parents thought that our home would be the next on the program. We all were terribly afraid. Except my father. At noon he told mother to prepare a good rich supper because he was expecting guests. 'What guests,' we asked ourselves. 'And then,' said father, 'prepare couches for about ten people.' After that he disappeared. . . .

"We children were running up and down the house, but in vain; we could not find father. At last I discovered him when I looked through a keyhole of a door; he was kneeling and praying.

"When the evening came, we all gathered around our mother in one room. We gazed through the window into the thickening twilight. There was a silence everywhere. Nobody said a single word.

"And then, at once, we heard it; steps, many heavy

steps. And we saw them turning round the corner. They were awful-looking, about twelve men with black, mean faces, torn clothes, bloodstained sticks in their hands.

"Hands up and surrender,' shouted a gross voice. Upon that we saw our father going out of the house and approaching the men. Fearlessly he came to the wildest-looking man—probably their leader—and taking his hand, invited him mildly, 'Come in. Everything that is ours is yours, but first of all come and refresh yourselves. The supper is ready.'

"We saw them throwing threatening looks at our father and heard them murmur: 'Let's not be cheated by that chap! We came to kill him and not to eat.'

"I know,' said my father. 'Come and eat first, then you can do whatever you think is right to do.'

"Hesitatingly they followed my father. Again, being more curious than frightened, I silently came close to the door and watched them through the keyhole. They were already sitting, after looking cautiously and suspiciously around, of course. My father sat with them. The nicely arranged food was seducing. They were evidently hungry and exhausted. They were starting to eat in a grand way. They sat there as immobile pieces of stone. They did not utter a single word. Now they looked so strange, almost funny. What will happen? Our father encouraged them kindly, 'Eat, eat, everything is yours. Your beds are prepared in the next room. You certainly need rest.'

"They really did go to sleep after supper. Then father came to us. We were sleeping all together in one room. Fear had exhausted us and so we slept.

"At once we heard some noises. The door opened and the wild, hairy head of the leader appeared to us, smiling: 'We have to go. We came to kill you, but you conquered us by your nonviolence.'

Lukewarmness

The Curse of the Church

TO THE LAST of the seven churches of Asia Jesus sent the severest rebuke and offered the most glorious reward. "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth.

"Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and

open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Revelation 3: 14-22.

The city of Laodicea was located forty miles south-east of Philadelphia, at the junction of the highways from Pergamos and Ephesus which ran eastward into the highlands of Asia. It was founded by Antiochus II in the third century B. C. and was named in honor



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A California church institutes a drive-in service for the benefit of those members who do not wish to have to dress up for a formal indoor meeting. In the outdoor service they remain in their cars, and they are usually attired in their sports clothes in readiness for the ball games, beach parties, and picnics that they rush to as soon as church is over.



of his wife Laodice. It was populated chiefly by Syrians and Jews and was famed for its wealth. In fact the citizens were so wealthy and self-satisfied that when the city was largely destroyed by earthquake in A.D. 60, they refused assistance from the imperial government in rebuilding. The citizens were proud, conceited, and self-satisfied. In the light of this situation Christ's charge that the members of the Laodicean church were self-righteous and filled with pride because of their spiritual wealth is full of meaning.

The city was also noted for the glossy, black cloth manufactured from the wool of black sheep raised in that section. The cloth was of a soft and silky texture. The Laodiceans wore black garments; Jesus advised the Christians to buy of Him "white raiment," which was symbolic of His own righteous character. Roman officials wore the white toga, which represented victory and high honor, and distinguished them from others.

In the temple of Karu in Laodicea was a school of medicine where was manufactured the famous Phrygian eyesalve, called collyrium. The salve was sold in all parts of the Greek and Roman world. This gave meaning to the counsel of the great Spiritual Physician, who urged the spiritually blind Laodiceans to purchase of Him the eyesalve of spiritual discernment that they might be able to see truth and obey it, detect sin and abhor it, and discern the wiles of the devil and shun them. Also near the city were a number of hot, cold, and lukewarm mineral springs of supposed medicinal value. The sick flocked to Laodicea seeking healing in the temple dedicated to Aesculpius, the Greek god of medicine, who was known as the "Great Physician." They also sought help from the mineral water which they drank and in which they bathed.

Most of this mineral water was lukewarm and nauseating and was, therefore, often spued out of the mouth. This makes very appropriate the language used by Christ, who said that because the Laodiceans were lukewarm in affection, He was about to spue, or vomit, them out of His mouth. He wished that they were either "cold or hot." Water must be either cold or hot in order to be palatable. It is to be noted also that these mineral waters left deposits in their course and thus produced some of the most remarkable formations in the world. Lightfoot thus describes the environments of Laodicea: "These incrustations spread like a stony shroud over the ground. Gleaming like glaciers on the hillside they attract the eye of the traveler at a distance of twenty miles, and form a singularly striking feature in scenery of more than common beauty and impressiveness."

This frozen, or petrified, cascade of glistening white limestone deposits has been described as a "frozen Niagara." The deposits of calcareous matter assume fantastic shapes and are indescribably beautiful. These

wonders of nature helped make Laodicea not only a health center but also a popular pleasure resort. The thousands of visitors contributed greatly to the wealth and, thus, the pride of the inhabitants of the city. In the light of the historic background how impressive is the language used by Christ in His message of rebuke to the Laodicean church!

The church of the Laodiceans was doubtless established by Paul or some of his fellow laborers during his three-year sojourn in Ephesus, when "all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus." (Acts 19:10.) Whether Paul visited Laodicea in person is uncertain, but he does speak of sending them a letter. He asked that it be read also in the nearby Colossian church and that his letter to the Colossians be read to the Laodiceans. See Colossians 4:13-16. It is believed, however, that this was not a lost letter, but his epistle to the church of Ephesus, which was of general interest to all the churches of the province. There has been much conjecture over this so-called "lost epistle of Paul."

By Taylor G. Bunch

The importance of the church in Laodicea is indicated by the fact that the famous Council of Laodicea was held there in A.D. 364, with thirty-two bishops present. The decisions of this council indicate that the apostasy or "falling away" of which Paul and the other apostles warned was becoming a dangerous reality. The message of Christ to this church was finally rejected and the candlestick removed. Lukewarmness in affection for God and man destroys the effectiveness of light-bearing. The local church disappeared with the city, which is now a part of the desert waste. The ruins of the stadium and two large theaters are still visible, but no professed Christians can be found in the vicinity.

The Laodicean period of the church universal reaches from about the middle of the nineteenth century to the end of the Christian dispensation, or until the final predicted revival and reformation brings those who accept the message of Christ back to the Philadelphian state of fervent devotion to God and man. The message is a sad commentary on the spiritual state of modern Christendom. The application is unmistakable. The last of the seven letters must apply to the last or remnant phase of the church of Christ in the last generation.

Laodicea is made up of two Greek words: *laos*, meaning "people," and *dika*, meaning "righteous judgment." It therefore means "the judging of the people," indicating that the message applies during the time of the investigative judgment just before the return of Christ. It is, therefore, concurrent with the judgment-hour message recorded in Revelation 14:6-14. In the year 1865 Joseph A. Seiss declared that the Philadelphian era of brotherly love is "now rapidly

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The SERMON of the MONTH

THE MAN WHO WOULDN'T LOOK UP

By H. M. S. Richards

Speaker of the Voice of Prophecy Radio Program

DO YOU SEE that man with a rake in his hand—an old muckrake? He gives his whole attention to the straws and sticks and dust. He is interested in muck. He is a specialist in garbage. Above his head stands a bright Being with a celestial crown in His hand. This beautiful crown He offers to the man with the muckrake, but he won't look up. He is more interested in mud than in majesty. So he misses the crown. He does not believe in it; he will not look up.

John Bunyan, who tells this story of the man with the muckrake in his *Pilgrim's Progress*—which, by the way, he wrote while he was in jail at Bedford—says that it describes some people who consider heaven only a fable and things here on earth the only real things. In other words Bunyan is speaking of those who will not look up. He pictures people who look down at the dust and dirt of this world so long that they forget that there is something better in another direction. They scratch about with their little muckrakes and never look up to the glory and peace of heaven. They need to turn from the clod to God.

In the Gospel of St. Luke we read of another man who would not look up. It is one of the stories that Jesus told.

"And He spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank Thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

"And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

"I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Luke 18:9-14.

How vivid this picture is! We can almost see these two men—the Pharisee, popular as a patriot and churchman, very particular in the outward forms of

religion; and the publican, an unpopular tax collector, who recognizes his own great need.

In our text we have the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees described by a Pharisee himself. Notice, it consisted in doing two things: first, no harm to others; secondly, attending to all the ordinances of God then established. This praying Pharisee did no harm to others. Let us give him due credit for that. We must not make him worse than he was. At least on the negative side he obeyed the golden rule.

We must admit that many who call themselves Christians today are not half so good as this Pharisee. And yet he was far from the kingdom of God. He observed the ordinances of religion. He fasted twice in the week—on Mondays and Thursdays. These



H. MOORE

In contrast to the proud and egotistical Pharisee who always selected the most prominent place to pray, we see the publican humbly seeking an obscure place and with contrition of heart bowing his head in prayer.

fasts were instituted in remembrance of Moses' receiving the law of God. It was believed that Moses went up Mount Sinai on the fifth day and came back down with the two tables of stone on the second day. Although God had not appointed these two fast days, the church authorities had, so the Pharisee observed them. You see, the Pharisee was a religious man. Yes, he went to the temple, and he went there to pray.

The Pharisee was also faithful in tithe paying. The tithe is the tenth of a man's net income, or profit. The Scriptures tell us that Abraham paid tithe, and so did Jacob. Tithe paying has been a part of God's plan from ancient times. Our Saviour Himself said that it ought to be done. (Matthew 23:23.) The tithe is to be used for the support of God's work in the world. In the third chapter of Malachi, verses eight to twelve, we read that if we keep the holy tithe and use it for our own needs, we are really robbing God. The Pharisee did right in paying tithe. In this he is a good example to some of us, no doubt. If all Christians were faithful in supporting their religion with tithes and offerings, there would be no financial problem in the church today. All the young people could have a Christian education, and the gospel would go quickly to all the world.

Yes, we can learn something from this Pharisee. But in spite of the good things that he did—his prayers, his forms of religious worship, his faithful tithe paying—he was not justified before God, according to the words of our Saviour. He did not trust in God for his salvation. He really trusted in himself. He was infected with the most incurable of all diseases—he was a victim of spiritual pride. He measured himself, not by God's holy requirements, but by the lives of other men. Spiritual pride always makes us despise others, for the worse they are, the better we are by comparison. Our goodness is emphasized by their badness. "God, I thank Thee, that I am not as other men," was the prayer of the Pharisee.

Some folks are proud of race, some of place, some of face, and some of grace. Some are even proud of their humility—that is, they are proud that they are not proud. The Pharisee was proud that he was good. But Solomon said: "Before honor is humility." Proverbs 15:33. And Jesus said: "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Luke 18:14.

It is true that this man did give God credit for the difference between himself and other men—we must say that for him. But this was not enough. God's restraining grace must not be put in the place of the great atonement. He also was a sinner, as was the publican. He needed the atoning blood. All the temple sacrifices which he supported so well taught that.

We read the words of the apostle Paul in Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Yes, all have sinned—even the Pharisee who thought that he was a credit to God. Yes, even you and I. We all need the forgiving, atoning grace

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What Day Is Mother's Day?

The man spoke hesitantly,
Afraid, lest he offend,
"Thy mother seeks Thee, Master,
What message wouldst Thou
send?"

Then Jesus weighed the problem.
"My mother calls for Me—
Who is My mother—sisters?
What answer do *you* see?"

"Who doth My Father's bidding
Is kin through brotherhood,
Joint heirs with Me forever,"
He taught the multitude.

So Mary journeyed homeward.
"He does not love me less;
His Father's business claims
Him—
I must remember this."

Calvary's cross came swiftly;
And unto John He called,
"Behold, My friend, *thy* mother!
Woman, thy son behold!"

"Who is *my* mother, Master?"
He answers clear and true:
"Whoever needs thy kindness—
I charge such unto you."

—HELEN J. LAWRENCE

of God. We all need to be saved by the grace of Christ.

Is it not strange how the human mind is sometimes perverted until it attempts to make God our debtor by the very blessing which His mercy has conferred upon us? This Pharisee exalted his own righteousness and seemed to forget the great truth which the sacrifices of the temple should have taught him. But "without shedding of blood is no remission." Hebrews 9:22. In those sacrifices we must see what Jesus did for us upon the cross. We must have a righteousness superior

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Protestant Churches Uniting—

What Is the Significance?

By C. S. Longacre

ACCORDING to an Associate Press report of December 10, 1949, representatives of 19,000,000 Protestants are seeking to unite their various denominations into one central organization. Seven denominations, representing 15,140,000 members, have already agreed to accept one another's ministries and sacraments and are seeking a closer organic union of administration. Seven additional Protestant denominations are considering the proposal to join in the formation of a "United Church of Christ in America."

For many years leading Protestant clergymen have

made earnest appeals for a working union of the various Protestant denominations, and it appears now that their dreams of forming a universal Protestant church organization are about to be realized. One of the purposes for uniting all Protestant churches under one organic union, as stated by the proponents of unity, is to bring united pressure to bear upon legislative bodies to effect needed reforms. They desire to level a more powerful attack on such social problems as bad housing, racial strife, juvenile delinquency, divorces, gambling, and Sunday desecrations.

The proposal considered is the formation of a



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One of the most significant events in the movement to unite the Protestant churches into a world federation was the World Council of Churches held in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1948. Practically all the Protestant churches were represented at this meeting, and plans were laid which, if successful, will result in a powerful organization that will exert a tremendous influence on the future destiny of the world.

"Federal Union" of Protestant organizations patterned after the order of the Federal Union of States, or the United Nations. Under such a plan the denominations would retain their differences of creedal beliefs, forms of worship, traditions, and organizational methods, while being a part of a united church organization. But the sponsors for a united church of all Protestantism hope that eventually all creedal differences, forms of worship, and organizational methods will be merged into an accepted nationalized standard.

There is not much difference in the creeds, forms of worship, and organizational methods of administration among most of the major Protestant church bodies, and the differences that do exist can be easily adjusted as they are not of a fundamental nature. Among these Protestant denominations the change of the name of the denomination is about the only obstacle in the way of an organic union.

But there are some Protestant denominations that do have fundamental creedal differences and fundamental differences in the administration of their organizational work and internal affairs. Some denominations are modernist, and others fundamentalist. Some have a democratic form of government, and others have a totalitarian form. Some make all decisions from the top, others from the bottom. Such differences are not readily adjusted. These are the hurdles which in the past have kept divergent Protestant denominations from uniting in one central or universal church organization.

One large Protestant denomination which is in favor of church unity and talks much about it but holds out against joining with other Protestant bodies is the Protestant Episcopal Church. The Sunday Star of Washington, D. C., of December 4, in an article written by Dr. Henry P. Van Deusen, president of Union Theological Seminary, says: "This is partly because the 'High Church' wing of that communion cherishes the hope that its denomination might serve as a bridge between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, and is unwilling to imperil that possibility by drawing too close to other Protestants." So far as the creedal and altar forms of worship between this branch of the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Roman Catholic Church are concerned, there is only a slight difference.

It is the aim and purpose of the movement for church unity ultimately to bring about not only a "Federal Union" but a "World Union" of church organization, including both Catholics and Protestants, so that the whole of Christendom may be united under one head and sheltered in one fold. The proponents of this universal church movement believe that when this plan of church unity has been made effective in all the world, then the kingdom of God will be fully established in this world in harmony with the divine plan of God.

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A. DEVANEY

What Do You Think?

By Inez Storie-Carr

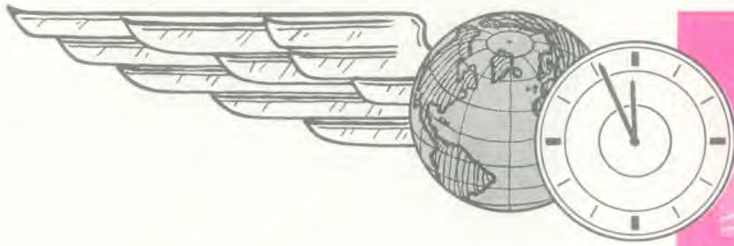
THINKING is dangerous, for "as a man thinketh, . . . so is he." Yet without thinking we never get anywhere nor do anything, so we must think; in fact, we cannot stop thinking. Lincoln once said: "Be careful what you set your mind on, for it will surely come to pass."

Two boys were sitting on a porch step. One was thinking how easy it would be to crack the safe in the store across the way; the other was thinking just how he would plant a section of ground. As their thoughts continued in set channels, one found himself behind prison bars, the other rejoiced in sowing and reaping on land of his own.

If I think about my neighbor's faults while he thinks about the Mastermind God, then as I am shriveling to the size of a mote, he is expanding to the dimensions of a golden beam of big and lovely things. It is in my God-given power of choice to become great by thinking great thoughts, or small by thinking small thoughts, or evil by thinking evil thoughts, or happy by thinking happy thoughts. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey?" Romans 6:16.

Hitler's thoughts dwelt on the base, the low, the selfishly degrading; Lincoln's thoughts dwelt on the noble, the true, and the right. Their thinking determined the way their names will be spoken throughout all history.

Multitudes of thoughts are always on hand. "Wherefore," says Peter, "gird up the loins of your mind." 1 Peter 1:13. James says: "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:7, 8.



INTERPRETING

In the Light

By

★ We Take Issue

WE TAKE issue with an editorial that appears in the *Journal of Calendar Reform*, Fourth Quarter, 1949, entitled "Lack of Economic Foresight Forces New Adoption Date." The editorial in question states that the action of the General Committee of the United Nations on September 21, 1949, postponing consideration of the Calendar Reform plan has placed a heavy six-year handicap on the world. This handicap, according to the editorial, is the present-day calendar. It is claimed that this calendar is wasteful, irregular, unstable, and a financial burden. It is further claimed that the adoption of the new calendar would bring financial relief and great social benefits to mankind.

We must take issue with these statements. There is absolutely no basis for claiming that the present calendar is wasteful, irregular, unstable, or a financial

burden. And when we come to the matter of social benefits, we know without any question of a doubt that the adoption of the proposed new calendar would never result in social benefits. It would only cause confusion, irregularity, and instability. We are thinking now primarily of its effects upon those who are conscientious Christians.

As we have already stated in these columns, the new calendar would place Sunday on a different day of the week each year. This would be very confusing and disconcerting to those who wanted conscientiously to keep Sunday. This same hardship would be placed upon those who keep other days.

Can you conceive of anything more troublesome and confusing than for an individual to have to ask for Monday off one year and Tuesday the next and Wednesday the next, and so on? Can you imagine a business organization allowing this? We have never been able to follow along with the theory of the calendar reformists that a new calendar will ease our financial and social burdens. The adoption of such a calendar would definitely not result in financial and social benefits. It would certainly throw a large segment of the population of the world into a dilemma.

We are thankful that Warren Austin of the United States delegation called for a postponement of the Calendar Reform issue. Surely the hand of God must have been in this.

But the fight is not over. The calendar reformers are uniting for a greater effort in behalf of their reforms. One of their leaders, at the conclusion of the session in which the issue was postponed, made the following statement: "We have lost a battle, but we have not lost the war. We shall continue to fight."

But it must be the aim of every true Christian who is jealous for his Sabbath day that the calendar reformers shall not win.

★ Is America Kowtowing to Rome?

SEVERAL THINGS have happened lately to make us wonder if America isn't kowtowing to Rome. In the new weekly magazine *Quick* we are informed that members of Truman's cabinet now have all their speeches read by experts on Catholic doctrine. Reason: A series of unintentional miscues that brought a shower of mail on the White House.

Quick does not indicate whether the Catholic experts have been ensconced in an office at the White House with an appropriate gilt-edged sign on the



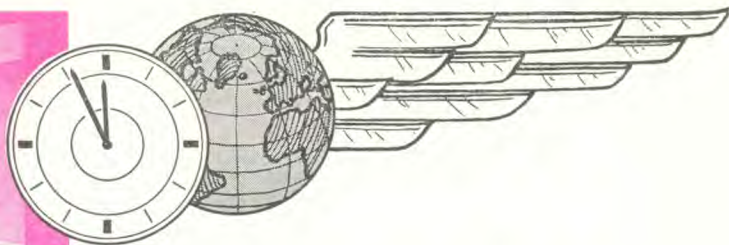
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Dr. Urey, one of the leading atomic scientists, says that a hydrogen bomb could completely destroy New York City. The scientists fully realize that they have uncovered a power that could wreck the world.

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Bible Prophecy

Editor



door. This is not as impossible as it may sound. It is a well-known fact that an office has been established next to the publishing offices of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* in Chicago with the following legend on the door: "Catholic Committee on the *Encyclopedia Britannica*." It is understood that the editors of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* submit their copy to the neighboring office for censorship.

Another development which is a cause of concern has to do with the U.S. Navy. Mr. Matthews, Secretary of the Navy (a Roman Catholic), has, since taking office, ordered units of the Navy to display themselves at Roman Catholic events. The first such instance came when a squadron of destroyers was sent (of course, at taxpayers' expense) to the convention of the Knights of Columbus at Portland, Oregon. This plainly was an effort to add prestige to a Catholic fraternal order of which the Secretary of the Navy had until recently been the head. The second instance occurred recently when a squadron of naval air reserve planes was sent to scatter roses over a Roman Catholic religious procession honoring St. Theresa at New Columbus, Pa. The planes flew more than one hundred miles from their naval air station at Willow Grove, near Philadelphia. (Again, at taxpayers' expense.)

Another evidence of the growth of the Vatican—"the healing of the wound" (Revelation 13:3)—is seen in its determination to extend its control of marriage and divorce to cover Protestants and secularists as well as Roman Catholics in the United States and every other country regardless of the provisions of civil laws.

Speaking on this matter, the president of the New York Guild of Catholic Judges says that this is "a matter for churchmen, not laymen, to interpret, and that the interpretation must come from the chancery office of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York."

What an amazing revelation this is! Roman Catholic judges are to get their instructions as to how they are to discharge the functions of their offices from the New York Roman Catholic Archdiocese. The papacy has risen to such power that today all the world is "wondering" after it; and from all appearances this power will increase. Protestantism has almost ceased to protest, and when it does protest, it is a very feeble voice as compared to the monster of strength we see in Rome today.

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★ Women Criminals Tell Why They Went Wrong

THE LACK of Christian parents is one of the major reasons given by women criminals in the Detroit House of Correction who told why they went wrong. (See the *Detroit Free Press*, Oct. 18, 1949.) Many of these women condemned the practice of parents' leaving their children in the care of babysitters. They felt that parents needed to devote more time to the training of their children.

One embittered inmate blamed "parents that drink, curse, and do all sorts of things in the presence of their children." Many of the inmates said that they needed the love of God in their hearts, and the condemnation for not having this experience was placed upon the parents who failed to do their duty. A number of other reasons were given as to why women go

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What a strange paradox that we should be spending millions of dollars to build the U.N. headquarters in New York City for peace while spending billions on weapons that could destroy the world!

A MASTERMIND has led men in the development of sun worship. As one studies into this apostasy, which began with ancient Nimrod, he cannot but recognize an evil mind, beyond that of man. Eusebius, the church historian, tells how the oracle of Apollo helped to develop paganism and instructed men how to worship the great apostate under its symbol of the sun. "In the oracle the spirit

By George S. Belleau

prescribed the worship of planetary gods on their respective days."—*Sunday in Roman Paganism*, pp. 122, 123.

The following authorities agree that Sunday had its origin in sun worship:

"Sunday was the day on which, anciently, divine adoration was paid to the sun."—*Harper's Book of Facts*, p. 744, Art. "Sunday."

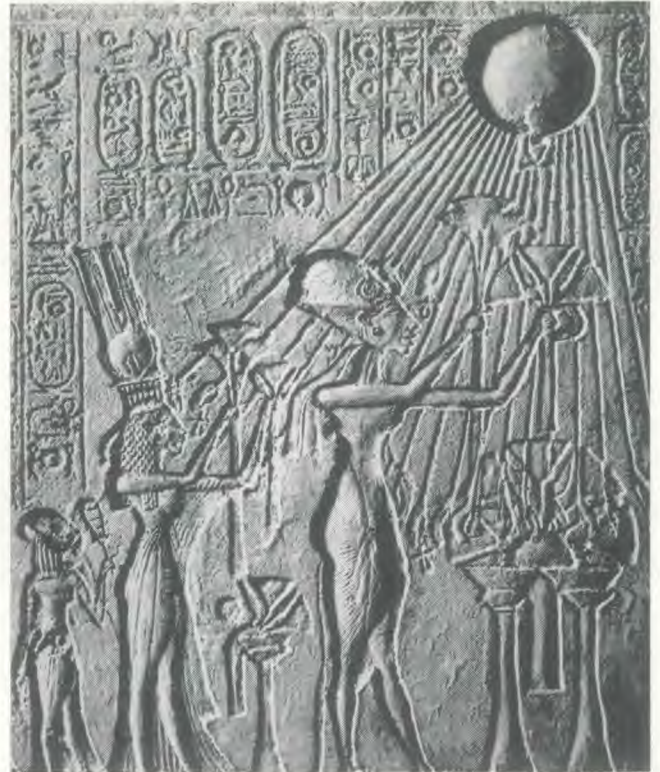
"Moreover Sunday was its holy day dedicated to the sun."—C. A. Miles, *Christmas in Ritual and Tradition, Christian and Pagan*, p. 23.

"Sunday is the name of the first day of the week, adopted by the first Christians from the Roman calendar (Lat. *Dies Solis*) Day of the Sun, so called because it was dedicated to the worship of the sun."—*Cyclopædia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature*, Vol. 10, p. 18.

"Sunday was anciently the day on which divine adoration was paid to the sun."—*Haydn's Dictionary of Dates*, by Benjamin Vincent, p. 1327.

"Sunday. The first day of the week, named after the sun, and therefore an evident relic of sun-worship."—*Curiosities of Popular Customs*, by William S. Walsh, p. 901.

Of the seven days of the week, Sunday stands out as the mark of the sun worshiper in every part of the world. One cannot keep God's Sabbath and at the same time be a sun worshiper. Every time Israel apostatized to sun worship, they gave up the Sabbath. Ezekiel says that they "polluted My Sabbaths, for their heart went after their idols." Ezekiel 20:16. In verse twenty Ezekiel makes it clear that the seventh-



KEYSTONE

Sun worship originated in ancient times. This sculpturing reveals the early Egyptian sun worshipers.

Sunday

*Does Its Observance Stem
From Christianity or Paganism?*

day Sabbath is a mark of the true worship of God: "Hallow My Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God."

If the seventh-day Sabbath is a mark, a sign of the true God, then Sunday the counterfeit Sabbath must be the mark of apostasy.

The *Catholic Encyclopedia* says of Sunday: "Sunday was kept holy in honour of Mithra."—Vol. 10, pp. 403, 404, Art. "Mithra." Who was Mithra? He was the Persian sun god.

Gilbert Murray tells us that Mithraism, the Persian sun worship, "was able to impose on the Christian world its own Sun-Day in place of the Sabbath, its

Sun's birthday, 25th December, as the birthday of Jesus."—"Religion and Philosophy," in *Sunday in Roman Paganism*, p. 150.

Franz Cumont, an authority on Mithraism, says: "The *dies Solis* was evidently the most sacred of the week for the faithful of Mithra and, like the Christians, they had to keep the Sunday holy and not the Sabbath."—*Id.*, pp. 156, 157.

Nimrod and Mithra are the same person, the child of the pagan trinity. This child of paganism is the counterfeit Messiah of paganism. He is the saviour of the pagan mysteries. "Sunday was kept holy in honor of Mithra." Then Sunday is the mark of the counterfeit messiah and stands for everything opposite to Jesus Christ. This pagan messiah is the enemy of Christ. Therefore his mark in the pagan world is in opposition to the mark of God's people—the seventh-day Sabbath.

We will next see that Sunday was the worship day of the pagan mysteries. Dr. H. Gunkel says: "The observance of the first day of the week is of foreign origin (in particular a religion of the sun) in its analogy to the Mithraic mysteries, in which also the same day was celebrated."—*History of the Sabbath*, p. 345.

Who in reality was this god of the pagan mysteries? Colonel J. Garnier tells us that it was Satan, "the Prince of Demons."

"So far, the secret name of the god has never been divulged, but it is sufficiently clear that the pagan gods, who were recognized by the initiated to be merely different forms of one and the same god, were identified with him whom Christ called the *Prince of Demons*; that he was worshiped under the form of the serpent, that this was the god revealed in the mysteries; and that the betrayal of this dark secret, called the 'Apporeta,' was punished with immediate death."—*The Worship of the Dead*, p. 374. (Italics mine.)

From the above statements we have seen that Sunday is a memorial, a symbol, a mark or sign of the worship of "the Prince of Demons." How came the Christian world to accept this sign of paganism and substitute the pagan sun god's day for the biblical Sabbath? That there is no scriptural authority for the change is a fact well known to those who have made a study of God's Word.

The American Presbyterian Board of Publication, in its Tract No. 118, states: "The observance of the seventh-day Sabbath did not cease till it was abolished after the empire became Christian."—*Facts for the*
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Times, p. 128. It was several centuries after Christ before the empire of Rome became Christian. The seventh-day Sabbath was, therefore, kept long after the days of the apostles.

The Augsburg Confession, Article 28, shows that the reformers well understood who had brought Sunday into the Christian church. They state that it was the Roman Catholic Church:

"They allege the Sabbath changed into Sunday, the Lord's day, contrary to the decalogue, as it appears; neither is there any example more boasted of than the changing of the Sabbath day. Great, say they, is the power and authority of the Church, since it dispensed with one of the Ten Commandments."—*Facts for the Times*, p. 129.

The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine, by Rev. Peter Geiermann, C.S.S.R., states:

"Q. Which is the Sabbath day?

"A. Saturday is the Sabbath day.

"Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

"A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church in the Council of Laodicea (A.D. 336), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday. . . .

"Q. By what authority did the Church substitute Sunday for Saturday?

"A. The Church substituted Sunday for Saturday by the plenitude of that divine power which Jesus Christ bestowed upon her."—P. 50, 9th ed. 1928.

Not a verse of the Bible is given for the change of the Sabbath. It was by the authority of the church that it was done. Notice the boasting words of the Catholic writers concerning Sunday being brought into the church contrary to the Word of God:

"The Catholic Church for over one thousand years before the existence of a Protestant, by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday."—

Catholic Mirror, Sept., 1893.

"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. And the act is a *mark* of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters."—C. F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons. (Italics mine.)

As Sunday was the mark of paganism and sun worship in the pagan world, so Sunday is the *mark* of the Roman Catholic Church in the Christian world. "And the act is a *mark* of her ecclesiastical

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Satan has tried to abolish the fourth, or the Sabbath, commandment by counterfeiting it with a spurious day.

For BETTER HOMES and HEALTH

GREAT MOTHERS

By D. H. Kress, M.D.

IN CIVILIZED lands mankind has always maintained a higher standard of morals and living for women than for men. Men may spend their nights away from home and even in questionable places, and nothing much is said about it. Men who smoke may be regarded as good members of the church and even be teachers of the youth in Sunday school. Of women and especially of mothers, however, mankind looks for better things.

There ought not to be a double standard of morality. A single standard is the ideal, providing it tends to elevate the standard of men; but when the single standard tends to bring women down to the standard held for men, little hope can be held out for the future of civilization.

How much this world owes to mothers of the past will never be fully appreciated. The adage is true: "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Men of today are the product of the mothers of yesterday. The world today is what the mothers have made it. "As is the mother so is the daughter," is true. This influence is equally true concerning the sons of the mothers.

"When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, *made of a woman*." Galatians 4:4. When the time arrived for the Redeemer of mankind to appear, God first had to go in search of a woman to whom He could commit His Son's early training. There could have been no Redeemer without a Mary. God was dependent upon Mary to make possible the Saviour of man and the plan of salvation.

"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John." Of him it is written: "He shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb." Luke 1:15. He was the messenger sent from God to prepare the way for the reception of Christ. He was the "voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord." John 1:23.

To make possible such a forerunner, God first had to go in search of a woman, an Elisabeth, of whom it is written: "Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost." To Zacharias, her husband, the word



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Mary, the mother of Jesus, is one of the greatest mothers of history. No woman has suffered the grief that she did as she, with great courage, witnessed the ignominious suffering of her Son.

came: "Thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John." Luke 1:13. Of the father and mother we read: "They were *both righteous before God*, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless." Verse 6. There could have been no John without an Elisabeth.

Whenever in the past there was a need of a great leader of reform, to make such a leader possible God first had to search out a woman to whom He could entrust his early training.

When the fullness of time came, and the world was in need of a Samuel, God had to go in search of Hannah, a woman of prayer, who had made the vow, "If Thou wilt . . . give unto Thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days

of his life." 1 Samuel 1:11. To Eli the prophet she said: "Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial. . . . I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink. . . . Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace; and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of Him." Verses 16, 17. There could be no Samuel without a Hannah. A drinking mother could not be entrusted with the sacred responsibility of training a future prophet for Israel.

When Israel had departed from the Lord and had fallen into the hands of the Philistines and needed a deliverer, the angel of the Lord appeared to the wife of Manoah, "and said unto her, Behold now,

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By Archia O. Dart

Ira Couldn't Eat His Supper

From Tips for Storytellers

"Come to supper, Ira," called his mother from the kitchen. Usually Ira was washed and dried long before it was time to come to the table, for he had a vigorous appetite that complimented his mother's cooking three times every day. But tonight it was different. No, Ira was not coming down with the mumps. His report card was nothing to be ashamed of, either. He had managed to get through the entire day without tearing his pants, and no one had given him any candy to eat between meals.

But Ira was not hungry. He had been miserable all afternoon in spite of the fact that Lloyd had let him help make a kite. Ira washed his hands slowly, and sat down to the table. His mother had a grand supper for him, one that he thought was tops.

Ira looked over the table and called for a dish of apple sauce. He poured some rich cream over it, and then sprinkled a few pecans on it to give him something to chew. There was a large lump in his throat, so large that he could scarcely swallow. That lump had been right there ever since the noon recess, and had given no signs of getting any smaller.

At recess time Ira and several of the other boys had been playing ball. Someone missed the ball, and Ira and Harold had started to get it. Ira got there first, and was just ready to pick it up when Harold tried to kick it away. Whether Harold missed his aim or whether Ira had his hand on the ball will never be known, but at any rate, Harold's foot had kicked

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"FOTO FUN"



By Robert M. Eldridge

"How I wish I were an artist! Why, I can't even draw a straight line!" This yearning lament is often heard among young folks who wish they might find some outlet of artistic expression, but who lack whatever it takes to qualify as an artist with pen or brush. It should be pointed out to all such the possibility that they are overlooking a certain activity known as photography, and are unaware of the satisfaction to be had from making pictures the camera way. Here is a magical means of fashioning the features of friends and loved ones accurately and permanently without the need for manual art skill. With one of these little light-tight boxes anyone can "draw" the most complicated scene with infinite detail.

It doesn't require much fancy equipment or a great array of gadgets to accomplish this either. The simplest of box cameras will take thoroughly satisfactory pictures for the majority of folks. The mistaken idea that photography must be very expensive and disgustingly technical often comes from overhearing some friend discussing high-priced cameras and complicated darkroom procedure. Actually a very few dollars will equip a person not only to shoot the pictures but to process them as well.

This is the point where many stop short of one of the greatest enjoyments to be found in this avocation. In the very simple process of developing the negatives and printing the pictures from them lie some of the biggest thrills of camera craft. It can also offer considerable savings over the cost of having all the finishing done at the corner drugstore.

Most folks have some kind of camera tucked away in the dresser drawer or high on a closet shelf, but

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Protestant Churches Uniting—

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Already the Protestant churches in more than thirty countries of Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Australia have formed national federations and church councils; and a World Council of Protestant Churches was brought to birth at Amsterdam in August, 1948, forming a nucleus for an eventual world union of all Christendom. The World Council of Churches includes the Eastern Orthodox Catholic faith, and this group hopes that the Roman Catholic Church will ultimately decide to join their world combination so as to make it a universal church of Christian believers.

Dr. Van Deusen says: "American Protestantism has obviously awakened to the need of an over-all strength which can only be attained through unity." If this united "over-all strength" were to be applied in the preaching of the gospel to save men from their sins, and to defend the "faith once delivered to the saints," we would say with all our hearts, "God bless this united movement." But its objective is to present a social gospel which is to bring pressure to bear upon the social and civic as well as religious problems "of the community, the nation, and the world." It is this aspect of the program which is the cause for alarm. Extensive religious combinations which are formed to bring pressure to bear upon our political institutions must always be viewed with alarm. The United States Senate in an official document set forth this danger in the following terse statement: "All religious despotism commences by combination and influence; and when that influence begins to operate upon the political institutions of a country, the civil power soon bends under it; and the catastrophe of other nations furnishes an awful warning of the consequence."—*American State Papers*, Class VII, p. 225.

This is no new experiment. During the fourth and fifth centuries of the Christian era a movement was inaugurated to unite the hundreds of Christian sects into one universal church. The most popular and numerically strong sects led the movement to unite all the Christian sects into one world church. The result of this movement was that they all united, with the exception of a few of the small sects. This union was perfected for the ostensible purpose of mutual protection against religious persecution from pagan powers. But as the movement gathered strength, influence, and prestige, it began to bring pressure to bear upon the political institutions; and the civil powers were compelled to yield to the supremacy of the universal church authorities. The hierarchy of this universal church elected a Pontifex Maximus, who was selected to be the head of all the Christian churches and the corrector of all heretics. When paganism was finally deposed as the ruling power in the Roman Empire, the head of this universal church

took over the reins of the government in Rome and ruled not only over the church but over the kings of the earth.

For centuries this universal church dominated both religious and political affairs throughout the then known world; and, as the Seer of Patmos foresaw in holy vision, the head of this universal church "opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Revelation 13:6-8. This prediction was literally fulfilled during the reign of the universal church. Finally, the religio-political church was deprived of its supremacy, after reigning for 1,260 years.

This Protestant movement to unite all the 250 Protestant churches into one "United Church of Christ" is an exact counterpart of the universal church movement of the fourth and fifth centuries at the beginning of the Middle or Dark Ages, and is proceeding along the same lines with the same objectives to reform the world through the processes of social, civic, and religious legislation and political evolution.

If the present plan of creating a Protestant universal church organization throughout the world succeeds and is ultimately perfected, it will be an exact likeness or image of the universal church of medieval times. No doubt this Protestant movement will finally succeed, because the Seer of Patmos saw that after the universal church of medieval times was led "into captivity" and received "a deadly wound" (at the termination of its political power over the nations), another church movement of world-wide aims would be created that would exercise all the power and authority of the first Christian universal church movement, and would authorize "them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast [religious power], which had the wound by a sword, and did live." (Revelation 13:14.) Here is a clear prediction that a new religious power of world-wide proportions will "make an image" to the former universal church movement and will exercise similar absolute powers over the consciences of all men and persecute them unto death, because we are definitely told by the Seer of Patmos "that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." (Verse 15.)

This prediction is still to be fulfilled, and when united Protestantism follows in the footsteps of Romanism and joins hands with Romanism and bridges the gulf that separated them in the past, the stage will be set for the enactment of the final drama in human history—"the battle of that great day of God

Almighty," when "the dragon," "the beast," and "the false prophet" will join forces with "the kings of the earth and of the whole world," which will end the final conflict at "a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." (Revelation 16:13, 14, 16.)

The events in this world are moving on schedule in harmony with the divine pattern given to the prophets of old, who were given a vision of the culmination of the conflict between Christ and the great adversary of God and His truth. God has not left His people in darkness and uncertainty concerning the final triumph of the truth of God's Word over the forces of evil. All who put their trust in God and accept His Word as truth, and live by it and die for it, will triumph with God and Christ over all their foes. The great American poet, James Russell Lowell, who caught a vision of the outcome of the closing drama enacted in this world between the forces of right and wrong, wrote:

"Careless seems the great Avenger; history's pages but record
One death-grapple in the darkness 'twixt old systems
and the Word;
Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne—
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the
dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch
above His own."

Sunday

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power and authority in religious matters."—*Ibid.*

Recognizing that there is no biblical authority for Sunday-keeping, this next Catholic authority states that if Protestants are going to follow the Bible, they must keep Saturday as their Sabbath.

"If the Bible is the only guide for Christians, then the Seventh-day Adventist is right in observing the Saturday with the Jew. . . . Is it not strange that those who make the Bible their only teacher should inconsistently follow in this matter the tradition of the Church."—*Question-Box Answers*, p. 179.

Sunday, with Christmas, Easter, and the doctrine that man is immortal in himself, has been brought from paganism by the Roman Catholic Church. There is no biblical authority for them. Sunday and all other pagan doctrines "shall be rooted up." Christ said: "Every plant, which My heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." Matthew 15:13. "In vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Verse 9. Let us square our religious belief and worship with the Word of God, which will endure. "All His commandments are sure. They stand fast forever and ever." Psalm 111:7, 8.

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GOLD RUSH OLD-FASHIONED.—Even if the gold strike in Alaska had been on the level, isn't it a little bit old-fashioned to chase after a mineral that won't explode?—*Buffalo Evening News*.—*Pathfinder*, Nov. 30, 1949.

SOCIALIZED GOVERNMENT.—One fourth of all the people of Great Britain draw their pay from the government, which does not create any wealth. See what we mean by socialized government?—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*.—*Pathfinder*, Nov. 30, 1949.

FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS.—Give us four or five months and we will be ready to fight any opponent, and at present we can see only one potential enemy.—Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff.—*Pathfinder*, Nov. 30, 1949.

LARGE LAND ARMY NEEDED.—"The Joint Chiefs of Staff revised their strategy for defending Western Europe. . . . Now that both sides have the atomic bomb, they don't think either side will use it, making the infantry twice as important as ever."—Drew Pearson.—*Quick*, Dec. 19, 1949.

RETURN TO WAR SETUP.—ECA Director Paul Hoffman says: "Unless Western Europe becomes economically healthy and politically stable, and militarily strong, the U. S. . . . will have to become a garrison state, with the return of controls and . . . the war setup."—*Quick*, Dec. 19, 1949.

TRUSLOW DEMANDS HONEST CURRENCY.—Francis Adams Truslow, president of the New York Curb Exchange, told a group of Canadian financial leaders that "we must restore integrity to our systems of money."

Mr. Truslow said that devaluation of currencies implies a threat to human freedom in the imposition of further controls to increase production and make devaluation work. Two trends, he said, have been developing during the past several years. "We have seen on the one hand a rising thirst for government-granted security, for pensions, for medical aid, for relief of various sorts from uncertainties which men have faced independently in the past. On the other hand, we have for several years experienced a falling-off in the purchasing power of our moneys. In many ways the same policies of government have both whetted this thirst for security and debased the money in which that security is measured," he charged.

The people must seek honest men for their representatives in government, Mr. Truslow concluded.—*The New York Times*, Oct. 20, 1949.



Let's Ask the DOCTOR



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

I have been told that pasteurization of milk gives no protection whatever against undulant fever. Is this true?—M.D.

Pasteurization doubtless gives a relatively high protection against undulant fever as evinced by the fact that city people show a very much lower incidence of the disease than do country people, the latter, of course, using more unpasteurized milk than the former, since nearly all milk consumed in cities is subjected to pasteurization. I believe it is true that in certain sections where undulant fever seems to be particularly virulent there have been cases where it may have come from pasteurized milk. I believe, however, that among those who are most familiar with this disease the opinion prevails that pasteurization is fairly protective against the disease if it is adequately carried out.

Handling the germ in infected meat or using "rare" meats may transmit the disease readily. Laboratory workers fear to handle this germ because of this fact. Miss Alice Evans, who first identified the abortion disease in cattle as the same germ as undulant fever, herself became infected by handling the germs in the laboratory. Perhaps some of the cases attributed to using pasteurized milk may come from handling or using infected meats, since it must be remembered that the vast majority of cattle that react to the test are sent to the slaughter house where almost all pass the inspector as "prime beef."

What is the value of ultraviolet sunray lamps? Would their use in winter help a person to build up resistance to colds?—M.J.

Sun lamps are definitely beneficial, especially in the winter or in climates where the ultraviolet rays of the sun are not very available. There is not the least question but that they raise the body resistance to all kinds of infections, including colds, and in this way they help in cases of sinus infection where the lowered body resistance often plays a large part in allowing low-grade germs to invade the mucous membranes of these cavities.

Is there any way to stop a sinus drainage? It affects me to the extent that my throat becomes irritated, and I cough a lot.—R.L.

Few conditions are more chronic and stubborn than sinus infections with excess drainage. If the drainage is coming from one side of the nasal passageway, it is possible that a deviated nasal septum may be preventing proper drainage, and an operation known as sub-mucous resection may be essential to bring relief. However it is most often that this condition responds to general measures rather than to local treatments. Sun bathing or the use of a sun lamp over the body generally as well as locally to the face is helpful. Use twenty-five to fifty thousand units of Vitamin A daily, and drink two or three glasses of fruit juice (either tomato or citrus) daily. Vitamin C tablets taken daily may be helpful. Alternate hot and cold applications over the forehead will benefit the frontal sinuses, which are located just above each eye near the center of the forehead. These can be applied with small washcloth compresses wrung from first hot and then cold water. Graduated sprays followed with vigorous friction of the entire body with a dry turkish towel will tend to build up the resistance of the body and increase its vigor. Avoid very much milk in the diet. Use freely salads of raw fruits and vegetables.

My extremities are always cold, and I wonder what can be done to improve the circulation of the blood?—D.S.P.

Have your blood pressure taken to see if it may be lower than normal. Any systolic pressure below 110 is a little too low. If too low you may increase the proteins of your diet somewhat, which could mean more cottage cheese, soy beans, lentils, some eggs, milk or buttermilk, whole-grain cereals, and entire ground corn meal using the yellow corn. Exercise such as walking is especially helpful, and in extreme cases the use of contrast bathing in alternately hot and cold leg tubs is very stimulating to the circulation. For this you might use empty five-gallon honey tins with the tops cut out and the edges rounded to prevent their being sharp. Sometimes the taking of a little

thyroid may be helpful, but this should not be continued too long.

I am troubled with sties on my eyelids; some of them are on the inside of the eyelids. What causes them? What can I do about them?—S.R.

First, be sure that you are correctly fitted with glasses, in case you need them. Get a small bottle of stainless aqueous merthiolate one to three thousand dilution and put a drop into each eye three times a day. Once a day put a small drop of penicillin eye ointment inside the lower lid. Build up the body vigor with every measure possible. Overcome any tendency to constipation, eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetable salads, increase your Vitamin A and C intake, and get plenty of sleep.

Lukewarmness

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giving place to Laodicean lukewarmness, self-sufficiency, empty profession, and false peace, in which the day of judgment is to find the unthinking multitude who suppose they are Christians and are not, . . . The key exactly fits the lock, the impression answers to the stamp, the cast bears the precise outlines of the mould; and it would seem to me like trifling with the truth not to admit that, in the mind of Jesus, they belong together.”—*The Apocalypse*, Vol. 1, pp. 143, 202. Many modern writers confirm this conclusion.

Christ introduces Himself as the “Amen.” Although He is known by not less than 250 names and titles in the Scriptures, this is the only instance where Amen is used as a proper name. It is a Hebrew name indicating firmness, solidarity, or stability. The Laodicean message is one of authority and finality. It ends with a word meaning “it is true.” Coming at the close of a prayer or sermon, amen indicates the end or the last word. In the Laodicean message the Spokesman of the Godhead, who is the Truth, is speaking His last message to Christendom. It is His last appeal for repentance and reformation before human probation closes.

The message is from “the faithful and true witness,” who never exaggerates or minimizes the situation. The picture of the spiritual state of the church is true whether the church realizes it or not. In fact, she does not, as indicated by the statement, “Thou knowest not.” The testimony of many witnesses in these days is not dependable, but Christ speaks the truth with authority and certainty. He never glosses over or whitewashes conditions to make them appear better than they really are. Upon our attitude toward His message depends our eternal destiny. The church has compromised with the world and lost her first love, and the situation is nauseating to our divine Lord.

Jesus is also “the beginning of the creation of God,”

or “the Origin of God’s creation,” or “the beginning and Lord of God’s creation,” according to other translations. In other words He is the Creator, and this is confirmed by many New Testament scriptures. See John 1:1-3, 10, 14; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:13-16; Hebrews 1:1-3, 10. The Speaker is able to re-create the spiritually sick Laodiceans and restore them to health and divine favor. The power that created and upholds the worlds is available for the regeneration of His people even in their lukewarm, self-complacent state.

The Laodicean message is a terrible indictment of the modern religious world. Professed Christians have lost the love, devotion, and zeal that characterized the early Christians. The church is not cold-dead and wholly untouched by spiritual power, neither is it fervently hot in apostolic affection and enthusiasm for Christ and the gospel. *Fervent* comes from the Latin *ferventis*, present participle of *fevere* from which we get the word *fever*. It means “boiling” or “to boil.”

Even frigidity is preferable to lukewarmness with Christ. The person who is cold knows it and makes an effort to remedy the situation. Likewise the person who is hot is aware of his state and does not need to be told of his condition. Lukewarmness is a compromise between cold and hot. It represents conformity to the world. Just as lukewarm water is a mixture of hot and cold water, so the Laodiceans have a mixture of religion and worldliness. There is nothing decided about their experience, and their testimony lacks the ring of certainty and authority. One writer declares that “respectability ‘heavy with frost’ reigned in Laodicea,” and another that “the lukewarm have been brought within reach of the holy fire, without having been heated by it into fervor; having religion enough to lull the conscience into false security, but not religion enough to save the soul.”—*Critical and Explanatory Commentary on the Whole Bible*.

Christ threatens that unless there is a change for the better, He will spue or vomit them out of His mouth. “I am ready to,” or “I have a mind to,” is the meaning of the threat, indicating that it may not and need not be executed. Repentance and reformation will avert the threatened judgment. His dealings with them will depend entirely upon their attitude toward His message. The demand is that they be fervent Christians or none at all. There is no neutral ground that is acceptable to Him. His is no idle threat. The execution is being carried out in the experience of thousands of individuals, and the spueing out will take place on a vast scale in the final purging of the church in preparation for the return of Christ to reward the faithful and execute judgments upon the ungodly. It is high time for a great revival of primitive godliness in modern Christendom, and for this visitation of spiritual power every Christian should fervently pray.

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A Wonderful Promise

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taken up." The angels stated that He would return as they had seen Him taken away. Then He shall be seen at His return. In the Revelation of Jesus Christ given to John, it is recorded: "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him." Revelation 1:7. His coming will be visible to all who are living at that time.

His return will also be literal. He was here; His disciples knew Him; they were conversing with a real being when suddenly Jesus was taken from them. His return will be just as real, just as literal. "This same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner." The experience of conversion, when the Spirit of Christ enters one's heart, should not be confused with His glorious second coming. The second advent will be a literal appearing of "this same Jesus."

The return of Christ will be personal, too. "This same Jesus." The disciples had but shortly before been conversing with a personal Saviour. After His resurrection He said, "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself: handle Me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have." Luke 24:39. He will be the same loving, compassionate, and personal Lord when He comes again.

To every Christian, James speaks: "Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." James 5:8. To this Jesus adds: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44.

Ira Couldn't Eat His Supper

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Ira's hand. Ira had become angry and had hit Harold a good sound blow in the face. If the teacher had not appeared just at that critical moment, the chances are each lad would have considered himself very much in debt to the other, and morally bound to pay back every lick with liberal interest.

Under the circumstances, however, the boys had decided it was better to forget the affair and go on with the game. But Ira did not feel just right, somehow. He had lost his temper, and had hit Harold in the face.

It seemed to him that his guardian angel was saying, "Ira, I am so disappointed in you. You did wrong today."

And then the little evil angel would whisper in the other ear, "But Harold did wrong first. He made you do it. He is to blame."

"But, Ira, you are a church member. You were baptized last summer," whispered the good angel.

The other angel answered, "Yes, indeed, so you are. And you are usually good—much better than

Harold. Just once in a while will not matter much."

"Do not keep one unconfessed sin in your heart, Ira," warned the good angel.

"Harold is not a church member. He does not profess to be a Christian," whispered the evil angel. "He does not know anything about confessing wrongs. He would not know what it was all about."

"It does not make any difference whether Harold knows about confession or not. You did wrong, and it is your place to make it right," suggested the good angel.

"It seems to me you are just even. He kicked you, and you hit him. Why not call it square and forget it? He gets into real fights often. No doubt he has forgotten all about that one little weak tap you gave him. See, he is smiling at William about something now. Truly, he has forgotten that you touched his face."

And so it went on all afternoon, until the teacher announced that it was time for school to turn out. Ira had thought it would be a good plan to linger around a little bit, and if Harold came over his way, he would tell him he was sorry. But Harold did not come over his way. He was as anxious as ever to get home as fast as he could and join some of the town boys in a rough game of some kind.

"See here," whispered the evil angel. "Harold has forgotten all about the game you were playing at noon. It is all in the game anyway. Every player expects to get hit once in a while."

With these thoughts in his mind, Ira hurried home and tried to comfort himself by thinking the matter was settled. But the good angel did not want him to carry that sin in his heart. Ira knew he had lost his temper and had done wrong in hitting his playmate, no matter what the other boy had done. But the long afternoon had brought little relief to him, and here he was at the supper table without any appetite.

Of course Ira's mother had noticed that something was troubling her young son, but had decided to let him break the news. It was now dark. Ira decided that now no one could see him go over to Harold's place, and perhaps it would be easier. He told his mother that he was going to see Harold a few moments, and would be right back. To his surprise, his mother gave her consent immediately, without asking a lot of questions as she usually did.

On the way over, the evil angel did all he could to stop Ira. He said, "So you are going to ask Harold to forgive you, are you? Well, well, well. That certainly will be capital sport for him. I venture to say he will yell across the street and tell Phil to come over and listen to you make your confession. Or he may think you have several good licks coming to you, and start to give them right there on the spot. Then what would you do? It would be a pretty come-off for you to go over to try to straighten out one fight, and get into another."

But Ira had had all he wanted of that sort of thing. He had made up his mind that he was no coward, he was no sissy, he was going to march right over there and get that matter straightened out like a man six feet tall.

"Harold, come here," he called when he had reached the front gate. Ira was so glad that he could see Harold through the open door, and that he would not have to meet Harold's mother and explain to her why he had come. Harold came right on out to the gate.

Once more the evil angel tried to confuse him. He suggested the speech. It was something like this: "Harold, I would not have hit you this afternoon if you had not kicked my hand."

The good angel came to the rescue by saying, "That is not confessing *your* part. That is telling him he is to blame for the whole thing."

By this time Harold was standing by him at the gate. It was time to speak. "Harold," Ira began, "I am sorry I hit you this afternoon. I did it before—"

"Oh, that is all right, Ira," Harold answered. "I was surprised at you, for you are a church member, but that is all right. I did not mind it."

Ira felt better right away. He hurried back home and told his mother the whole story. His mother planted a kiss on his hot cheek that night when she tucked him in bed, and said, "Noble Son, there are a lot of grown men who would not have had the courage to do a thing like that. It takes a real hero to acknowledge a wrong. I am proud of your bravery."

Ira had a good night's sleep that night, and made up for lost time when he got to the breakfast table the next morning. Although that heavy lump was out of his throat and his heart was happy, the evil angel was not ready to leave him in peace.

On the way to school that morning, he whispered, "You mark my word, Harold will have some fun out of you today. He is all right by himself, but let him get in a crowd, and he will make it hot for you. The chances are ten to one he has already told Cyrus, and Phil, and Lester, and no telling how many more."

Ira well knew what a torment Harold and some of his friends had been to Maxine when she had tried to stop a fight one day. They had called her a goody-goody and everything else. Ira decided to wait around the corner until time for the last bell, and then make a dash for the school. But who should come along just then but Clarence. Clarence would think it strange indeed if Ira did not go along with him. So Ira found himself drifting toward that schoolhouse at a much greater speed than he desired. Ira tried to keep his eyes away from the playground for fear the boys would start their catcalls.

"There he is," Ira heard Phil call to Harold.

"Oh, yes, there is Ira." It sounded as if there were hundreds of voices yelling his name all at once. Ira stood still, waiting for the boys to start their torment.

In a moment he was completely surrounded by them.

"Say, Ira, we need you on our side. We have found this rope and want to play tug of war. Come and play on our side."

Ira looked up. Instead of every boy in school surrounding him, as he had imagined, there were only Cyrus, Phil, and Harold. Not one word did any one mention about his asking forgiveness the night before. Even Harold appeared to be his sworn companion and friend.

Ira joined in the game, and thanked Jesus that he had not been a coward, but had had enough courage to be a real man and make his wrongs right.

"Foto Fun"

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many forget the empty futility of forever keeping it there. A camera is really good only for the pictures one takes with it, and the effort is so slight and the returns so great for getting it down and using it that it is a real wonder there aren't more shutters clicking everywhere. A little cleaning and checking, a fresh roll of film loaded in, and then a glance about for those delightful pictures that are simply begging to be taken will reward the effort many times over.

The element of magic in every step of the photo picturemaking process is one thing that makes the hobby so much fun. This mixture of optics and art, mechanics and chemistry, which conspires so successfully against old Father Time by "freezing" little slices of the stuff life is made of, is for all to enjoy. Surely this hobby is fully worthy of its ever-growing following.

Incidentally, photography has plenty of beckoning bypaths for the adventurous—paths that lead afar and to many different destinations. But one need go only as far as the inclination dictates. The invention of color photography a few years ago opened up a vast and wonderful field of interest to a great many. To be able by the mere click of a shutter to record on film the full range of glowing color which the eye sees—this had been the fond dream of photographers for many years. The full-color image which always appears on the camera's ground glass or view finder was a constant reminder of this seemingly unattainable desire. But lo, the miracle has happened! Anyone—yes, the rankest novice—can "paint" a lovely scene in all its beauty of color by simply pointing a camera and pressing the shutter release.

It is true that some thought must be given to a few elemental principles, to proper exposure, color composition, etc., but adequate information on these points usually comes with the film. More detailed instruction is available for a few cents; and as to an exposure meter—the twenty-five-cent guides with rotating dial will tell the proper exposure very accurately. Surely now is a splendid time to participate in this hobby.



What Says the BIBLE?

More Case Histories From Dr. Bible's Soul Clinic

Dr. Bible sits in his office. His receptionist, Miss Soul Winner, brings in the patients. He addresses each.

"Mrs. Middle-Aged, why has the light of joy left your face?"

"Dr. Bible, I don't enjoy my Christian experience the way I used to."

"Mrs. Middle-Aged, the Great Physician prescribes a tonic for you. Make the following application at His prescription counter: 'O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.' [Habakkuk 3:2.] The ingredients in this tonic are a faithful doing of what gave you joy in your earlier experience. When you have lost your first love, you must return to your first works [Revelation 2:5], and do what is right no matter how you feel, 'not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together.' [Hebrews 10:25.] If you are faithful in attending church and Sabbath school, sincerely seeking God there, the Great Physician promises you: 'Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age: they shall be fat and flourishing.' [Psalm 92:13, 14.] He Himself will attend your case personally. He says: 'Hearken unto Me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel. . . I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.' [Isaiah 46:3, 4.] Your faithful, loving service, done with implicit trust in God, will rejuvenate your Christian experience. 'And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.' [Job 11:17.]

"Mrs. Sleepless, what is making you so haggard and tearful?"

"Dr. Bible, I keep remembering my past sins. The awful things I did before I gave my heart to God overwhelm me so I can't sleep. I'm afraid the Lord has forsaken me."

"But, Mrs. Sleepless, He says, 'I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.' [Hebrews 13:5.] Why should you keep remembering what the Lord forgets? He says: 'I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.' [Jeremiah 31:34.] You have confessed your sins, haven't you? Then don't insult God by refusing to believe that He has done what He said He would do. [1 John 1:9; Isaiah 44:22; Micah

7:19.] You need to revise your mental habits. [Isaiah 43:18; 1 Chronicles 16:12.]

"Miss Fearing, what is giving you such a fit of trembling?"

"Dr. Bible, I'm afraid."

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.' [Isaiah 41:10.]

"Mr. Feeble, what makes you so hesitant and uncertain?"

"Dr. Bible, I'm afraid I'm not strong enough to be a Christian. I'd hate to make a start and then yield to some temptation and dishonor my Lord."

"You certainly would fail if you trusted in your own strength. 'Thus saith the Lord: Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm.' [Jeremiah 17:5.] But this clinic supplies patients with a complete set of guaranteed braces, splints, and casts that fully compensate for every weakness. Apply at our surgical supply department. [Eph. 6:10, 11, 13-18.]

"Miss Sensitive, what has given you such a rash of injured feelings?"

"Dr. Bible, I can't stand what people say about me. Their tongues are so mean. My temperature rises every time Mrs. Smart treats me the way she does. I just can't stand it ever to go to church again."

"You need to interpose something between yourself and the world. This is your prescription. Get it from the surgical supply department and wear it constantly: 'Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.' [Ephesians 6:16.]

"Mr. Ready-to-Quit, what brought you today?"

"Dr. Bible, I thought the Christian life would be all joy in the Lord, and I've had more trouble since I served the Lord than before."

"Mr. Ready-to-Quit, that proves that you are no longer a servant of Satan, and he is enraged against you. [Revelation 12:12.] But 'resist the devil, and he will flee from you.' [James 4:7.] You must not give up, which is just what Satan is trying to make you do. Persevere, and all will be well in the end [Isaiah 50:7; Matthew 24:13; Revelation 14:12.]"



SCIENCE Insights



Dr. I. C. Diller of the Institute of Cancer Research reports that she has found fungi in every type of human and mouse cancer so far examined. She cautions that this is not sufficient proof that fungus is the causative agent.

NEW HORMONE SEEN AS LEUKEMIA CURE.

—The hormone ACTH brings dramatic recoveries from acute leukemia, the quick-killing blood cancer, three physicians announced recently. These recoveries may be only temporary. It is still too early to tell, they said. They told of tests on three children and two adults. All five recovered after getting the hormone for twenty-four to thirty days.

The disease came back in one child three weeks later. ACTH again stopped it. The other four were still well with almost no sign of leukemia from one day to five weeks after getting the hormone.

The report was made by Doctors O. H. Pearson, L. P. Eliel, and T. R. Talbot, Jr., of the Sloan-Kettering Institute and Memorial Hospital, famous cancer center here. They spoke at a New York academy of medicine discussion of the wonder hormones, ACTH and cortisone.—*The Nashville Tennessean*, Jan. 13, 1950.

RADIATION PROTECTOR SEEN IN CITRUS WASTE.—Two scientists from Florida Southern College reported today that they had isolated a vitamin in citrus waste that gave protection against atomic radiation. . . . The vitamin, Vitamin P, could be produced cheaply from citrus waste. They have been conducting research for three years.—*The New York Times*, Dec. 2, 1949.

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FAST ROCKET "LINER" HELD POSSIBLE NOW.—It would travel 9,140 miles an hour, take off vertically, engineering group is told. A trans-continental rocket liner, capable of crossing the nation in less than an hour, was described . . . to the fourth annual national convention of the American Rocket Society at the Statler Hotel.—*The New York Times*, Dec. 2, 1949.

OCEAN DEPTHS INHABITED.—We have every reason to believe that the lowest depths of the ocean are inhabited. We expect further exploration to prove this.—Prof. Hans Petersson, Swedish scientist.—*Pathfinder*, Nov. 30, 1949.

ANTI-HISTAMINICS UPSET.—About one out of every five persons taking anti-histaminic pills for the common cold will be upset by them, Dr. Perrin Long, professor of preventive medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, declared in Washington, D. C.

Disturbances in appetite, lessened ability to perform their job, sleepiness, and palpitation of the heart are among the symptoms that come from anti-histaminics, in the experience of doctors who have prescribed them for hay fever and other allergies.—*Science News Letter*, Dec. 24, 1949.

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Bearing a Noble Witness for Christ

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conviction of the certainty of His saving love and grace, He deepens the desire to be saved, even though the longing one may be tempted to say, "God wouldn't love a sinner like *me*! He wouldn't let *me* bear witness to His saving love!" Some *listen earnestly* to Jesus, *behold* the tenderness of His saving love for them, *acknowledge* the depth of their sinfulness, and *yield* to the drawing of His transforming grace.

Then as they believe, their prayers will be answered. They *claim the answer at once*, and a glad realization comes to them that it is even so—that they *are* made new in heart, saved by grace.

Then day by day, as their experience deepens, as they enter and enjoy more and more the blessings of salvation, how happy they are in the keeping power of their Saviour, and with what joy they tell the story of His saving love for them! These look forward to the happy years of eternity.

The Man Who Wouldn't Look Up

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to that of the scribes and Pharisees. We must humble ourselves before God. We must take refuge in the blood of the cross, which they did not. Jesus Himself said: "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20.

But what about the other man? He believed in prayer, too. Like the Pharisee, the publican went up to the temple; but because he felt so unworthy, he stood "afar off." That was the way he felt about it. But by standing afar off, he was getting near to God. We read it in so many words: "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." Psalm 34:18.

And it is written: "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the . . . heart of the contrite ones." Isaiah 57:15.

As this publican, under condemnation for his sins, came into the temple and began to pray, he kept smiting upon his breast in token of his grief at the sins that he had committed. He spared not himself that God might spare him. He accused himself that God might excuse him. He punished himself that God might deliver him. Then he prayed that mighty prayer, which is always answered, "God be merciful to me a sinner." The actual meaning of these words is, "God be merciful to me (that is, be propitiated toward me) through sacrifice." Or "let an atonement be made for me—me, a sinner"—as if he should say, "If ever there was a sinner, I am he."

These are almost the exact words of the apostle Paul, when he said: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." 1 Timothy 1:15. And Jesus declared, as we read in Luke 18:14: "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

This is the great law of the kingdom of heaven. But how few are willing to humble themselves, to admit their need of God's forgiveness! How few in this our day pray the publican's prayer!

Friend, if you are unsatisfied with your part in present conditions, why not do what the publican did—why not start praying—really praying—the prayer that the publican prayed: "God be merciful to me a sinner"? That means to recognize God's authority over your life. It means to recognize His willingness to forgive. It means to accept God's way to salvation and spiritual peace. Nothing less than the atonement of the cross will suffice.

Christ can help you. Have no fear. He offered up His broken body to give men another trial. "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:25.

No man has sunk so far into sin but that Christ can lift him up if he will but come, repent, confess.

Several years ago a mayor of Boston let his beard grow, dressed in old clothes, and went out to see how the other half of the world lives. He scouted the slums of the city and took a night's lodging in a cheap boardinghouse, where he had to chop wood for his bed and breakfast. But he was not used to such work. Finally a young man stepped up to him and said, "Give me that ax, Mister. You don't know how to swing an ax."

When the young man finished chopping the wood, the mayor said to him: "Here is my card, Son. Call me this afternoon, and I'll give you a job."

The young man looked at the card and said to himself: "Poor man, he's crazy. He thinks he is the mayor." Then, out of curiosity, he went that afternoon to the address given; and, to his great surprise, was ushered into the mayor's office. He was given a job, too, with the exhortation, "Now keep still and don't tell anyone about this."

But he did tell it, and the city newspapers came out with big headlines: "Greatest Social Stoop in the World!"

Yet that stoop was nothing compared to the stoop our blessed Lord effected when He became our Saviour. From the glory of heaven He stooped to human nature, lower still to death—yes, even the death of the cross. He died for you there. That was the greatest stoop, not only of human history, but of all time and of all eternity—the stoop that made Him our only, but all-sufficient Saviour and holy Redeemer.

Great Mothers

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thou . . . shalt conceive, and bear a son. Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: . . . for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines." Judges 12:3-5. The habits and practices of the prospective mother, truly, have much to do with the future of the child. In order to train a child in the way it should go, the training should begin before its birth.

When Babylon and the world were in need of a man to whom God could commit a message of salvation, an angel was sent with the commission, "Make this man to understand the vision." This man, Daniel, at the age of eighteen years (when a captive) was commanded to eat at the king's table which was laden with delicacies, meats, and wine. True to his early training by a godly mother, he "purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank," but said, "let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink." To this godly mother, Babylon and the world stood indebted for the saving influence of a Daniel. To make possible a Daniel, God had first to search out a woman to whom He could entrust his early training.

Addressing Timothy, Paul said: "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." 2 Timothy 1:5. "From a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation." 2 Timothy 3:15. This *unfeigned faith* was handed down from grandmother to mother, and from mother to son. Heredity and early training determined the future of this man Timothy.

During the first twelve years of his life Moses, the deliverer of Israel, was the pupil of his mother. After this he entered the home of royalty, and was then to be recognized as the son of Pharaoh's daughter, the prospective heir to the throne of Egypt. The mother's early training was never effaced. "When he was come to years" and the time had come for him to take the throne, he had to make a decision upon which depended the deliverance of Israel. He *refused* to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt." Hebrews 11:24-26. When God needed such a deliverer, He had to go first in search of that godly woman to whom He could commit the early training of His chosen one.

The lives of John and Charles Wesley stand forth in more modern times as products of a mother's godly

influence. The *Encyclopedia Britannica* says of John, the fifteenth child: "His mother's training *laid the foundation of his character*, and under her *instruction the children made remarkable progress*." Charles, her eighteenth son, wrote no less than 6,500 hymns. By precept and example this mother taught her sons. When the fullness of time was come for a great reformation, God sent for these men *made of a woman*.

George Washington's fruitful life was not a mere happenstance. His mother, we are told, made a practice of spending an hour in secret prayer, devotion, and Bible study each morning before attempting to conduct the morning worship with her family. To lay the foundation of a government which was to be a refuge for the oppressed of Europe and a home for religious freedom, God had to go in search of a Mary.

It was mother who taught us the first little prayer, "Now I lay me down to sleep." We can recall mother taking us by the hand and leading us to the house of worship. Mothers in days past were keepers of home. They did not smoke or drink. Cigarette-smoking women were not found in the prayer meeting.

We can rest assured that the cigarette will *never* produce a *Mary*, an *Elisabeth*, or a *Hannah*.

Doctor Richardson, a physician of renown a half century ago, recognized this. In his book *Diseases of Modern Life*, he said: "If a community of youths of both sexes whose progenitors were finely formed and powerful, were trained to the early practice of smoking, and if marriages were confined to smokers, an apparently new and physically inferior race of men and women would be bred."

Doctor Hofstatter of Vienna tells us that the women of Vienna smoke "because of a superstition held by them that by doing so they are not likely to *have* children. This belief, he says, is widespread, especially in eastern Europe and in Turkey. From his own observation, he says, he is convinced that there is a foundation for this belief. Among his many women patients who were *heavy smokers* he says he "had only a *single one* that was not childless, or who had not stopped having children when her *heavy smoking* began." The women working in the tobacco factories in Vienna, he tells us, "seldom have children." We know that insects and vermin when exposed to tobacco fumes, or to a dilute solution of nicotine, are killed almost instantly. Naturally, we must conclude that the delicate germ plasm from which the infant is developed cannot escape injury when bathed in blood containing the same poisons.

In America the results of the smoking of cigarettes by women are not as apparent as in Vienna, since the practice is one of recent years. As women of America fall victims to "the little white slaver," not merely will the ability to propagate be lessened, but the race will degenerate. The future of the race is dependent on the *Hannahs*, the *Elisabeths*, and the *Marys*.

GOD'S TWO BOOKS

By Mary Hunter Moore

Nests

This is the season when every male bird is in his gayest apparel and spirits, and is gallantly and tunelessly patrolling the fence along the marches of his domestic domain. The poet's bluebird, "shifting his light load of song from post to post," is really warning the world off his homestead. In Ontario the cascades of tinkling bobolink notes are rippling along the edges of the fields as the black-plumed knights warily escort passers-by, flitting ahead of them along the fences until the strangers have moved elsewhere. In Tennessee orioles flute from thick-branched trees. Mockingbirds shout and clown on ridgepoles or telephone poles. Sparrows do it less musically, but far more vociferously and belligerently.

Why all this circling of bits of woodland, meadow, or city lawn with song? Nest-building is in progress, or mother birds are already incubating their eggs. Gorgeous Sir Cardinal, blazing in red and black, whistles from the tulip tree in the yard corner, "Pretty! Pretty! Pretty! It's you! It's you! It's you!" Thus he cheers his hard-working mate. His flaming colors appear in muted tones in her costume, and she flits silently to and from the bridal wreath bush in the porch corner. There's a cardinal castle erecting there. Don't think her old man is a lazy windbag because he sits on the treetop and shouts. He is setting up a vocal "No trespassing" sign.



Each mother bird has chosen her nesting site. Perhaps she approved the one father chose when he returned in the earlier migration. Maybe he put straws in several tempting boxes, holes, or tree crotches, sang hopefully around them, and waited for *Her* to arrive and approve. Maybe she rewarded him with a caress. Or maybe she said he had no architectural taste and was not supporting her in the style to which her father accustomed her, and chose her own site. Perhaps she accepted his gift of building material. Perhaps she raked it out scornfully. Perhaps he brings her a straw while she works, and tries to weave it in,

only to be told that his claws are all big toes, and as a nest weaver he is a better orchestra leader. He cheerfully resumes singing, knowing that soon she will be perfectly willing for him to assume half the job of mouth cramming.

Birds are marvelously human. Anyone with keen eyes and patience to watch can catch them in many domestic scenes perfectly understandable in gesture and tone.

All bird life at this season centers about the nest. The nest means life, and life calls forth all the instincts of parenthood. A glimpse of the Creator's own fatherhood is in these tiny, feathered bits of life. They seek homes, just as human hearts seek "a country,"—"a better country, that is, an heavenly." As the father bird chooses a nesting site, so our Father is preparing for us "a city." As the birds in David's day flew into the tabernacle courtyard and nested in the hollow corners of the altar (Psalm 84:3), so our hearts will be at rest only in "the house of the Lord," where "the loves and sympathies which God Himself has planted in the soul, shall there find truest and sweetest exercise."

Women Criminals Tell Why They Went Wrong

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wrong; among them were craving for excitement and infatuation for some worthless scoundrel. Some claimed that they were ruined by alcohol. Others maintained that their craving for money and fine clothes led them to crime. Others blamed their present situation on their association with the wrong crowd. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion among these women that if they had had the proper training from their parents, they would not have fallen into their present situation.

The home training, or the lack of it, in their early youth was responsible for the fact that they did not have the love of God in their hearts. They had nothing in their lives to hold them to the right way of living. As far as moral training was concerned, there was a great void. Perhaps parents would do well to contemplate the statements by these women inmates of the Detroit House of Correction. We might ask ourselves these questions: Are we giving our children a Christian training that will hold them to the right ways of living? Are we substituting for parental care and training the modern baby-sitters? Have we taught our children the difference between right and wrong? Have we trained them to love God? Do we develop the habits of churchgoing and Bible study and prayer?

Perhaps if parents would measure up to these things, the juvenile delinquency problem would be corrected. Parents do not want to take the blame for the mistakes of their children, but we are inclined to believe that in most cases they are at fault.

? PLEASE EXPLAIN ?

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

Does Romans 7:2 mean that marriage is not legal in the Lord where the mate is not dead?—F.C.B.

Romans 7:2 needs to be compared with Matthew 5:31, 32 and other references in which Christ showed that there are two things which break the marriage tie: death and adultery. Marriages may be legal by the law of the land that are not right in God's sight.

Give me other instances of communism in the Bible besides the one in Acts 2:44, 45, and 4:32-37.—J.H.

It can't be done; for communism is not taught in the Bible. There is one solitary instance of a group's having a "common purse"; but it was the gang of thieves and murderers described in Proverbs 1:10-16. Also the supposed communism of the first Christians is a case of mistaken identity. It was stewardship, not communism. There is a world of difference.

Stewardship teaches that nothing that a person possesses is his own (Acts 4:32), but is the gift of God (1 Chronicles 29:10-16); and it is to be unselfishly used for the service of others as God directs (Acts 2:45; 4:34, 35). Communism denies God's ownership of anything, and distributes not according to individual needs but as the state chooses. Communism strikes at the government of God by violating the principles of the eighth commandment. The equality of stewardship is that of love, esteem, and service among free men (Acts 5:4); that of communism, of slavery.

Does Galatians 3:19, 24 apply to the moral law of Ten Commandments, or is it speaking of the ceremonial law of Moses?—C.M.H.

Galatians 3:19 definitely speaks of the law that was added because of transgression. The verse also reveals that said law was to remain in force until the Seed come which was promised. It was the ceremonial law of Moses that was added because of transgression. The Ten Commandments were not added because of sin. They existed before sin, else there could not have been any transgression, "for where no law is, there is no transgression." Romans 4:15.

The adding of the ceremonial law was done so that the people would carry out a round of ceremonial services pointing to Christ who was the Seed that was to come. In the ceremonial law the people were instructed to slay an innocent lamb, without blemish, and

other animals. These innocent animals were a type of Christ who was to die for sin. The Seed that was to come was Christ. When He came and died on the cross, He abolished this ceremonial law which was added because of sin and which was to point men to Christ.

Galatians 3:24, 25 refers to a law which was our schoolmaster that was to bring us unto Christ. Verse twenty-five says: "But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." Then verse twenty-six says: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." The law that was a schoolmaster was also the ceremonial law of Moses. It compelled the people of God to go through the ceremonial practices that pointed to Christ. But after Christ came, the schoolmaster was no longer necessary. Since His death on the cross the slaying of animals has been unnecessary. We are saved altogether by our faith in Christ.

It is unfortunate that anyone would interpret Galatians 3:19, 24 as applying to the Ten Commandment law. It definitely applies to the ceremonial law of Moses.

Will there be babies and little children in heaven?—E.D.

The Bible tells us that there will be little children in heaven. In one of Isaiah's descriptions of heaven, found in Isaiah 11:6, 8, we find that he definitely speaks of children in heaven: "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. . . . And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den."

Quite often in this same connection the question is raised: Will children grow up in heaven, or will they remain children forever? The only Bible reference that we know of on this matter is found in Malachi 4:2, which reads: "But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall." This indicates that the children will grow up in heaven. It is a pleasant thought to know that there will be children in heaven. Most of us love the little ones and would miss them if they were not about. God is going to see to it that His people are exceedingly happy, and we believe that children enter into His plan to bring this about.



God So Loved the World—

His Children Will Show the Same Unselfish Spirit

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THE HOUSE was strangely empty as Mrs. Ewing sat on the porch—the first time since Richard and his wife came for their last visit before sailing to their mission station in Ethiopia. Her eyes absently followed the school boys along the street. It seemed such a short time since Richard had been one of them. She roused herself to remember his last words in answer to a question.

"Yes, it is a difficult place, Mother, but I shall succeed. You have put your brand on me—yours and God's."

At her startled look he had repeated softly, "For God so loved . . . He gave."

Now he and Elizabeth were gone, to give their lives in service.

As Mrs. Ewing pondered his words, she thought of the little clock which had wakened him every morning through high school and college, and which Richard treasured affectionately. It had stood on his desk in the manse of his first pastorate. Now it was

packed among the things going to Ethiopia.

"It has always been a symbol to me of your giving, from the time I first remember you, Mother, that night in the storm when you gave me a glimpse of God's love and care. All through the years you gave your time and love. You led me to know that there is only one purpose in life—giving self in service. You, Mother—and I say it reverently—taught me that God so loved He gave His Son to serve and at last to die that all might love Him. You gave your love, your time, your very Christ-filled heart that I might grow to purposeful manhood. Ah, Mother! What else can you do now but to give more through me? What else can I do but give myself to serve through love those who need Him?"

Twilight hid the flowers along the path, yet Mrs. Ewing sat in her chair on the porch, Richard's words singing a refrain in her heart.

"You have put your brand on me—yours and God's. 'For God so loved . . . He gave.'"

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