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LETTERS

From Our Readers

Sirs:

I just happened to glance through one of your April copies of OUR TIMES magazine. I am very much interested and would like an April issue. Let me know how and where I can get it. Marshall, Tex.

Mrs. D.M.F.

Sirs:

It was a real pleasure to see the June issue of OUR TIMES. I enjoyed the whole journal, every article, enjoying especially the thought that a yoke is a help rather than a burden. Clearwater Lake, Wis.

H.C.H.

Sirs:

I enjoy reading OUR TIMES very much. Although I did not subscribe to it, I have been receiving it through the mail for several months and would like to thank the person responsible. Littleton, Colo.

Mrs. F.E.M.

Sirs:

Someone has sent us a copy of your fine little magazine, and I think the inmates would enjoy reading it regularly. Is there any way that we might have twenty-five copies sent to us every printing? We do not have funds for this and must rely on the kindness of others for these contributions. But the need here is great for the written Word of God.

Most of the men and women who are sent here are at the very bottom of their lives, and they are ready for Christ and need Him to climb up out of their dark despair. And in their newness in Him, they thirst for the written Word that they may learn more.

And so in behalf of the inmate body, I will thank you for any consideration that can be made to us.

Chaplain, — Penitentiary.

Sirs:

Please stop sending your magazine as I am not interested in your brand of religion that quotes the Bible in one page and slams another religion in the next page. This world needs some more tolerance at this very upset stage of this pagan world. Pasadena, Calif.

Mrs. J.M.

Editor's Note: We are glad to agree that we quote the Bible, but we also warn of false religions. Christ Himself rebuked the very leaders of His own church, not once but often, for their hypocrisy and perversion of the Scriptures as well as their impositions of man-made rules and regulations on Israel. In Matthew 16:1-4, Christ called them hypocrites that could not discern the signs of the times. In Matthew 23:27, He told them they were like whited sepulchers that appear beautiful on the outside, but were full of uncleanness. In verse 33, He used still stronger language, calling them serpents, a generation of vipers. Christ did not for one instant have TOLERANCE for the teaching of man-made doctrines in place of Scriptural doctrines.

Sirs:

It seems to me that the noticeable attention and painstaking effort that have been put into the whole make-up of this magazine [OUR TIMES] is worthy of comment. It is in a class by itself. I really do not find just the right words to express my appreciation. Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Mrs. N.E.C.

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The Cover

Our cover picture this month is by Camera Clix.

THE STORY is told of a young minister who preached a smooth and polished sermon entitled "Repentance." Though presented with flowery language and with outstanding oratory, the sermon did not move the people to exclaim, "What must we do to be saved?"

When the young pastor was seated, an aged minister of the old school arose from his seat in the front pew and with uplifted hands marched down the aisle shouting, "I'm going to hell! I'm going to hell! I'm going to hell!" Naturally many members of the congregation were shocked and horrified.

As the old man reached the back of the church, he turned around and marched down the aisle to his pew. His arms were still raised high, but this time he was shouting, "I'm going to heaven! I'm going to heaven! I'm going to heaven!"

There were those who never forgot this experience. Disorderly meetings are never to be advocated, but the dear old preacher taught a never-to-be-forgotten lesson. It was his way of showing the people what he understood by the word repentance. It was his way of saying, "It takes more than lip service or good intentions: it requires definite action on the part of the individual."



EWING GALLOWAY

RIGHT ABOUT FACE!

The First Step to Christ

By Arlyn D. Stewart

The question of repentance goes to the heart of personal religion. Emphasis on personal Christianity is not popular in some church circles. Many are being led astray by a theoretical religion that emphasizes only the social gospel. Theoretical Christianity never saved a soul; it is powerless to do so. A living, vital, personal experience of abiding faith and dependence on a loving Saviour is the greatest need in the world today.

The Bible clearly teaches that the principles of Christianity ought to be applied to all the relations of life; nevertheless, Christianity is essentially a personal matter. It must be experienced as a power in the life of the individual if it is to be of any value.

Repentance as a basic requirement in Bible Christianity is emphasized all through the New Testament. John the Baptist, the forerunner of the Messiah,

preached such a message, saying, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 3:2. When Jesus came, He announced the same word, "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:15. When the people reminded Him of certain persons who had suddenly perished, He said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3. One of His closing messages to His disciples was that they should preach repentance and remission of sins to all nations of the earth: "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24:47.

Throughout His personal ministry here on earth, the Lord Jesus stressed this matter of repentance; for it is the only way to get rid of sin. God can forgive
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The Power and Influence

It Far Transcends All Other Literary Masterpieces

THE INTRODUCTION of sin into the world brought separation between God and man. This necessitated a revelation to man of God's character, His purposes for the human race, and His will for human conduct. This revelation is embodied in the book known as the Holy Scriptures.

The reason that a book seems essential to the maintenance and permanence of religion is that literature is the nearest approach that can be made to reliability. Written truth possesses qualities that neither reason nor the church can possibly have absolutely. It has *durability*, which enables it to stand the test of time; *universality*, which makes its appeal to the whole world; *permanency*, which makes it everlastingly valuable for humanity; and *purity*, which assures its supremacy over all other literature.

The authority of the Bible is supreme. It is above reason. Not that these necessarily conflict, but the Bible is the light of reason, of human thought; it comes from God. Reason may be, should be, employed upon it. Reason examines its claims, weighs

its evidence, tests, sifts, inquires, and studies; but the moment it has become convinced, it accepts the truth. Reason then takes a subordinate place and makes the Bible, the revelation of God, supreme. Thus, reason demonstrates its reasonableness.

The authority of the Bible is supreme. It is above the church. The church is a witness to the Bible; it is not its author. It is a keeper of the Bible; it is not its maker. The Bible is the law of the church—it is God-given law.

No, this is not bibliolatry. We do not interpose the Bible between ourselves and truth. We use it as a channel to learn truth, which is embodied in it. We do not interpose the Bible between ourselves and Christ. We employ it as a medium by which to come to Christ. When I desire to study the stars and use a telescope for that purpose, I do not interpose the telescope between myself and the stars. I use it as a medium. And thus it becomes a help to me, not a hindrance.

The Book is not bowed down to because it is a book. Reason is not repudiated because it is reason. The church is not set aside because it is a church. The situation is merely this: We want the best available form of the revelation of God to man. And we have this in the Bible and nowhere else. Thus, the Bible becomes our final and supreme authority.

This authoritative Book carries a vitalizing power with it wherever it goes. Out from it flows an energy and an influence which changes lives, transforms human character, gives strength to the weak, imparts courage to the depressed, and brings hope to the dying. In brief, the Bible is a real dynamo of spiritual power.

Nor is this to be wondered at, for "where the

The Bible is of transcendent interest and importance to every member of the modern home.



of the Bible

By Carlyle B. Haynes

word of a king is, there is power." Ecclesiastes 8:4. And this is the word of a King, the King of the Universe Himself. The Bible, therefore, is clothed with vital, life-giving power. Its words are living words, having in them a glowing energy and a heavenly brightness that makes all other literature cold and dead in comparison.

The Bible is old, but it has not grown feeble and weak. Its power grows as the years go by. Kingdoms perish, but it remains. It outlives its enemies and marches in triumph over the graves of its critics, while the weapons of those who have assailed it lie broken and impotent all about it, shattered by its impregnable might.

This is a fulfillment of the words of Christ: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." Matthew 24:35. The empire of Cæsar, which dominated the world, is gone. The pride of the pharaohs is fallen. Tyre is a rock for bleaching fishermen's nets. Sidon has left scarcely a relic of its one-time glory. But the Word of Christ still endures. It speaks today with undiminished power. It spreads through the world with unimpeded speed. Every weapon formed against it has perished. All things which threatened to extinguish it have only aided it. It proves every day how transient is the noblest monument man can build and how enduring is the least word which God has spoken.

Many a grave has been dug to bury it in. Many a fagot has been lighted to burn it with. Many a Judas has betrayed it with a kiss. Many a Peter has denied it with an oath. Many a Demas has forsaken it. But it has passed down the centuries unharmed, its influence and power growing as the years go by. Its prophecies are still testifying to its divine foreknowledge. Its promises are still bringing comfort and strength to millions. Its invitations are still being accepted by myriads who are thus finding peace and forgiveness.

Its words are spirit and life. How different that is from every human product! Milton's *Paradise Lost* is poetry. Shakespeare's writings are drama and tragedy; Cicero's writings are eloquence. But Christ's Word is life. "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." John 6:63.

Single sentences from God's Book have humbled proud spirits; bound up broken hearts; dried up tears of bitterness; replaced sorrow with joy. Other voices



KARL DOMS, ARTIST

Our godly ancestors knew the power and influence of the Bible in the days before religious liberty.

leave only distorted echoes behind them. This voice leaves an impression that never fades. It imparts life. Through it men are born again.

Filled with living energy, pointed with penetrating power, are the words of the Bible. "The word of God is quick [living], and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12.

The influence of this Book on human lives has been constant and unvarying through the centuries and quite independent of race, culture, tradition, or national characteristics. It has enabled millions to rise above their sufferings and find satisfaction and rest in God, to live lives of gentleness and goodness, to bear the scorn of the world while remaining devoted to God, to be an influence for righteousness and truth in every part of the earth.

The Bible has in it a power which enables it to transcend the bounds of race and nationality. Although the Jews have been and are hated by all nations, the Hebrew Scriptures have something in them so far above anything the Jews could have imparted to them that they have passed from race to race and from people to people, broken through racial and national

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DAILY TRIUMPHING THROUGH *Victorious Faith*

By John W. Halliday

HOW GRANDLY noble is the one who maintains a steadfast faith in God and in Christ; who believes ever in success in some form in all that he does; who is always trusting in God's guidance; who is happy in heart because of his fixed faith; who is strong and fervent because of his firm faith in God's mighty power being constantly exercised in his behalf; who in apparent defeat still believes in victory for the right; whose steady faith prevents discouragement; and whose perpetual faith is ever opening the way for more and greater victories!

Every child of God on earth may present an example of shining, victorious faith. The whole church of believers at Thessalonica were commended by Paul for their fast-growing faith, for he wrote, "Your faith

groweth exceedingly." 2 Thessalonians 1:3. It is wonderful how one's faith in God and in Christ can develop, even though it might have been weak for a time. And what victories appear in daily lives—victory upon victory—over every obstacle on every side every day. No wonder the apostle John wrote near the close of his long life of noble service for Christ: "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4.

What a sound basis there is for triumphant faith in the sure promise: "We know that *all* things work together for good to them that love God." Romans 8:28. How certain also are the great results of faith, as found in the promise made especially to a father who pleaded for an evil spirit to be cast out of his child: "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, *all* things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I *believe*." Mark 9:23, 24. How great are the rewards of triumphant faith, not only in this world but also in the world to come, according to the marvelous promise: "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 2 Corinthians 4:17.

We need to believe not only in God but also in Christ, who declared, "Ye believe in God, believe also in Me." John 14:1. What faith Jesus had in His Father moment by moment, for He said, "The Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works." John 14:10. We are to follow Jesus in faith also, for over and over again He said, "Follow Me." Matthew 9:9. Jesus gave a wonderful example of the faith we are to exercise in our most trying moments when He triumphed in His most trying moment by faith in His Father. This faith exercised by Jesus has been well expressed in the following words:

"Amid the awful darkness, apparently forsaken of God, Christ had drained the last dregs in the cup of human woe. In those dreadful hours He had relied upon the evidence of His Father's acceptance heretofore given Him. He was acquainted with the character of His Father; He understood His justice, His mercy, and His
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BRAUN ET CIE

Although Christ's faith failed not in Gethsemane, God sent an angel to comfort Him.



CLYDE PROVONSHA

Christ's victory over death is the assurance of our reward of eternal life at His second coming.



PLOCKHORST

ALIVE FOREVERMORE

*Seven Great Truths
the Empty Tomb Teaches*

NAPOLÉON'S troops had approached the peaceful little village of Feldkirch, a mountain city just inside the Austrian border. It was 1799. The town fathers felt that the city would surely fall, for this was the second time in only a few weeks that Napoleon's troops had assaulted their village. The first siege had failed; but the opposing force was now much stronger.

It was Easter Day!

"Let us at least ring the church bells this Easter morning," said the villagers. "We must have one moment of triumph, and show that we are unafraid."

In the valley below, the French were struck with consternation. They thought, "Surely the Austrian Army must have come to the relief of the town during the night; that's why the bells are ringing." Afraid to risk their forces against such odds, the French officers ordered their troops to break camp; and the men were in retreat before the brave clangor of the bells died out.

History relates that the French attack on Feldkirch

was "repulsed." But legend has handed down through the years a fuller story—a story of how the bells spelled victory for a tranquil but brave little town that Easter morning.

Similarly, there is victory and courageous living for Christians today when they discover the true meaning of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

By Robert L. Osmunson

The first great truth taught by the resurrection is that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God." 2 Timothy 3:16. The very

details of Christ's death and resurrection were predicted years before they took place. The fact that He was to be crucified with criminals was predicted by the prophet Isaiah. (Isaiah 53:12.) His burial was also foretold by Isaiah. (Verse 9.) This prophecy is remarkable when it is remembered that burial of crucified persons, especially in a sepulcher, was absolutely forbidden by Roman law. The fact that Jesus was to survive the chemical change we call death was predicted in Psalm 16:10. His body was not "to

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Philip unfolded God's Word to the eunuch who, having understood and accepted, requested baptism in the waters close at hand.

IN CHRIST'S parting legacy to His disciples, He bequeathed to them a great charter of evangelism: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:18-20. (Mark 16:15.)

In Mark's version of the same far-reaching commission, the vital truth is emphasized: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved," Mark 16:16. The word "baptize" is borrowed from the Greek, and in standard Greek-English lexicons is defined thus: "to submerge, to immerse, to plunge, to bathe." In Bible times it was a word in common use. The apostles of Christ understood it perfectly, and their practice throughout New Testament times was in full accord with the command of Christ.

At Pentecost Spirit-filled men preached with divine eloquence, declaring the resurrection of Christ from the dead. As a result, many "were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the re-

How Did the

Did They Sprinkle, Pour, or Immerse?

mission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:37, 38.

In common with the Jewish leaders, multitudes had rejected Christ; but now, thoroughly repentant, three thousand persons "gladly received His word" and were baptized.

Since so large a number were welcomed into the church on "the same day," it is suggested by some that the immersion of so many in the limited time available was improbable. They declare that some more rapid mode, like sprinkling or pouring, must have been employed. However, there are several well-authenticated instances of multitudes being immersed in one day. In July, 1878, missionary J. G. Clough and five assistants baptized 2,222 believing Telugu of India in six hours. It is evident that the twelve apostles, with the support of more than a hundred other disciples (Acts 1:15), had no difficulty in baptizing 3,000 on the day of Pentecost.

In the years following, the gospel church made rapid growth. Believers "went everywhere preaching the word." "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them." And "when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized." Acts 8:5, 12. Note the order: they heard, believed, and were baptized. It is stated that "both men and women" received the rite. Let it also be observed that neither in this instance nor elsewhere in New Testament times are infants or children included or mentioned as candidates.

Soon after this, Philip met Ethiopia's secretary of the treasury. This prominent man had visited Jerusalem to worship, and was returning to his native land. By invitation the evangelist rode in the chariot with the distinguished official and unfolded to him the prophecies of the Old Testament and their marvelous fulfillment in the advent, life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

The heart of the treasurer was deeply stirred by these good tidings. "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he

By Roy F. Cottrell

Apostles Baptize?

commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, and the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing." Acts 8:36-39.

How remarkably the Unseen wrought in this experience! An angel directed Philip to the place on the highway (verse 26). The Holy Spirit instructed him to approach the chariot (verse 29). When the ordinance had been administered (verse 39), Philip was "caught away" by the Spirit.

In these unusual ways, the importance of the incident is emphasized, and the divine approval is clearly shown. When a person fully understands and believes with all his heart (verse 37), there should be no delay, no period of probation to determine whether the candidate will "hold out." When anyone, young or old, truly catches the vision of his crucified and risen Lord, it is time to hear and obey the words spoken to the penitent persecutor, Saul of Tarsus: "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Acts 22:16.

Since much of the district between Jerusalem and Gaza is a dry, desert waste, some individuals discredit the account of "both Philip and the eunuch" going "into the water" and coming "up out of the water." But the word "desert," from the Greek word *eremos* (Acts 8:26), does not necessarily indicate a dry, barren place, but an uninhabited region. In the "desert place apart" where Christ fed the five thousand, He commanded the multitudes to "sit down on the grass." Matthew 14:13-21. Concerning this age-old highway leading south from Jerusalem, both ancient and modern writers mention at least two places along the route where there is sufficient water for baptism by immersion. Several of these designate the flowing fountain at Bethsur as the probable spot of this memorable incident.

The first public proclamation

of the gospel to a company of recognized Gentiles was given by the apostle Peter to the household of Cornelius at Caesarea. The remarkable vision at Joppa and an angel's visit to the centurion's home clearly indicate that the meeting was of divine appointment. The apostle preached to them the good tidings of a crucified and risen Christ, declaring "that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins." As the message came from Peter's lips, the Holy Spirit "fell on all them which heard the word." Acts 10:43, 44.

Some have marveled at this reversal of the usual order, for usually baptism by water precedes baptism by the Spirit. The reason is clear. At that time the heralds of the gospel were not prepared to receive Gentiles into full fellowship; but with the seal of heaven's approval, Peter's hesitant mind was convinced; and he said, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord." Acts 10:47, 48. This narrative is in complete harmony with the gospel program emphasizing that the work of the evangelist

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Somewhere in the Pacific, with an overturned and shell-shattered amphibious tractor as a backdrop, two soldiers were baptized into Christ's ranks.



EVENTS *of Our Times*



INCREASE IN TEEN-AGER NARCOTIC ADDICTS.—The New York City Police Department asserts that narcotic addiction has risen about 10 per cent, with virtually all the increase among teen-agers in the Bronx. Distributors work in centers where the teen-agers congregate.

SURPRISE.—Dolls and other toys from the United States, part of the American Legion's "Tide of Toys" for Europe orphans, are surprising and thrilling the tots, some of whom have never owned playthings before.

WE QUOTE.—Arthur Krock said: "In the conflict which World War III would be, the United States could not produce domestically enough petroleum and

petroleum products to meet both combat and industrial needs."

OAK BLIGHT.—Will our lordly oaks become extinct because of a microscopic fungus? *Chalara quercina*, a relative of the fungus that causes Dutch elm disease, is already well entrenched in the upper Mississippi Valley and is spreading east and south. This particular fungus attacks about twenty-eight species of oak trees. Research workers of the U.S. Department of Agriculture are trying to learn how it jumps from one locality to another.

FROM SPAIN AND ROME.—A front-page editorial in *El Correo Catolan*, which speaks for Roman Catholicism in Catalonia and for the archbishopric of Barcelona, boldly proclaimed: "We do not hesitate to affirm that we would prefer to see ten million communists in Spain to one million Protestants." When a strong-arm squad wrecked a Baptist chapel in Rome, they left pamphlets which declared, in part: "The spirit of the Inquisition is still in us and we are ready to use it."

FREEDOM.—Gen. Dwight Eisenhower (on the growth of Federal power): "Freedom as we know it is in no greater danger from without than it is from our own lack of understanding of this creeping paralysis from within."

TRUMAN PLEDGES WAR ON CRIME.—President Truman has pledged the support of our federal government in fighting the upsurge in organized crime (which lives off gambling) across the U.S.

ALARMING PROBLEM—TELEVISION.—Parents of children in the Homewood public schools, near Chicago, received a note from the nurse last week warning against "over-indulgence" in television.

"It is alarming," read the note, "how many children are complaining of headaches and of feeling drowsy in classes. In some instances children have been sent home because their eyes have a burning sensation or because of headaches. Others frequently are absent because they are too sleepy to be awakened after a late hour of television."



ACME

The William Keenans of Port Washington, N. Y., prepare to move to a sparsely settled region in Montana, where they hope they need not worry about atom and hydrogen bombs during the next war.

A Former Card Player's Story

By Henry H. Graham

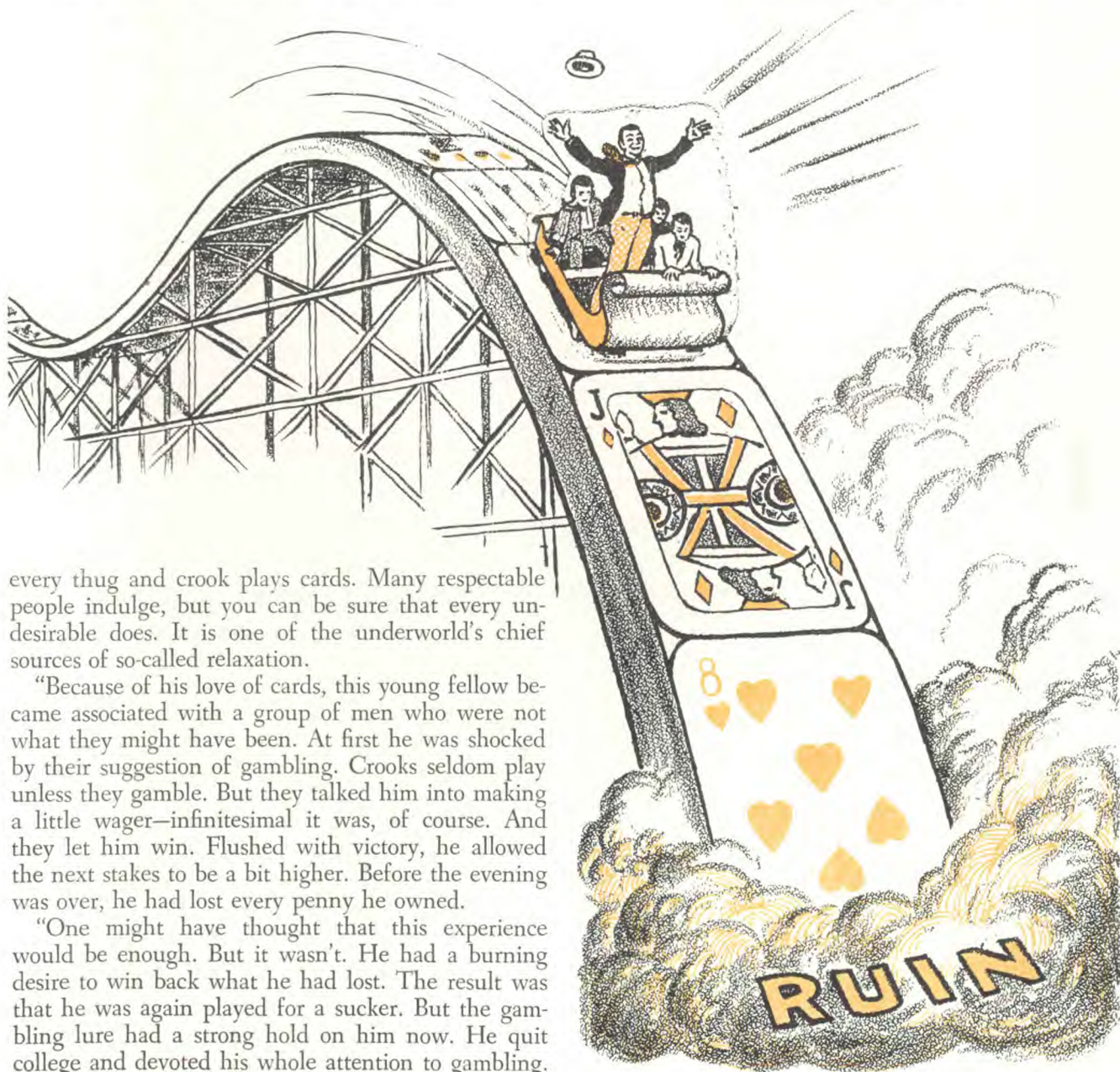
NOT LONG ago a young man said to me: "I used to think there was no harm whatever in playing pinochle, bridge, and other card games—at least not the way I played them. Although I enjoyed participation in a friendly game—never with stakes of any kind—I played little and did not allow it to interfere with useful pursuits. Many of my friends played cards occasionally, and we had a number of evenings together.

"In the group, however, was one young fellow who went to the bad through cards. As is well known,

Today he is a common bum. I doubt that he ever amounts to anything. He has disgraced himself and his parents, blighted his future, and, in reality, made a fool of himself.

"And I was the one who taught him how to play cards! Oh, how I have suffered because of that! I've talked with him, trying to straighten him out and get him to change his ways. Yet I am really to blame. My mistake was to get him interested in cards in the first place.

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every thug and crook plays cards. Many respectable people indulge, but you can be sure that every undesirable does. It is one of the underworld's chief sources of so-called relaxation.

"Because of his love of cards, this young fellow became associated with a group of men who were not what they might have been. At first he was shocked by their suggestion of gambling. Crooks seldom play unless they gamble. But they talked him into making a little wager—infinitesimal it was, of course. And they let him win. Flushed with victory, he allowed the next stakes to be a bit higher. Before the evening was over, he had lost every penny he owned.

"One might have thought that this experience would be enough. But it wasn't. He had a burning desire to win back what he had lost. The result was that he was again played for a sucker. But the gambling lure had a strong hold on him now. He quit college and devoted his whole attention to gambling.

OF ALL the infamous characters known to the human race, the most notorious is Satan, alias "the Devil." Almost everybody has heard of him. But if you should go to a public library and ask for a biography of this fiend of fiends, you probably would not find a book written about him, although his criminal record far exceeds that of all the bad men of earth put together.

To some the Devil is a nonexistent, mythological character such as the man in the moon, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Santa Claus. To them he is delightfully pictured in cartoons as a cunning, grinning, red-skinned imp with goat's horns and hoofs, a spiked and whiplike tail, and holding a three-tined fork in his hand.

Others think of Satan as the superintendent and chief stoker of hell, especially appointed by God to torment mercilessly and unceasingly the souls of all men who die without having repented of their sins. He is supposed to have a host of lesser imps aiding him in the task of roasting bad men, women, and children in billows of devouring flame and sulphurous smoke. It is imagined, too, that he and his helpers find plenty of spare time to go about over the earth and tempt people living here to do all the evil they can.

The only authentic source of information about Satan is the Holy Scriptures. His name is a word meaning "enemy" or "adversary." In the Hebrew Old Testament the term always appears with the definite article as *ha-satan*, "the enemy." He is the prince of rebellion and lawlessness. "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning." 1 John 3:8. Sin originated with the devil.

In the Greek New Testament the noun *diabolos*, commonly translated "devil," means "slander," because Satan is the principal liar and deceiver of all times. He slanders the character of God and entices men to believe the falsehoods which he propagates concerning Him. Christ said to certain wicked men: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8:44. Hence he is "called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world." Revelation 12:9.

At first Satan was known in heaven as *Lucifer* ("Light Bearer"). Isaiah says: "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!" Isaiah 14:12. Referring to him as the spiritual king of Tyre many centuries ago, Ezekiel says: "Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold:

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the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire." Ezekiel 28:12-14.

The Archangel over the angels of heaven is Michael, who is Christ. (Jude 9; 1 Thessalonians 4:16.) The cherubim are the angels who attend the Deity on His throne. (2 Kings 19:15; 1 Chronicles 13:6.) Among those angelic attendants, upon whom the glory of God shone, Lucifer was "the anointed cherub." Thus, he was the prince of the angels. "I have set thee so," says the Lord. That is, God Himself had conferred upon this angel the high honor of occupying a place next to that of the Son of God.

Lucifer was made "full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty"; and he possessed great talents for music, that he might ably fulfill the high office to which he was appointed. Under his direction, the other angels performed

their ministry for God. He sounded the keynote, and in sweetest harmony the heavenly choirs praised the Eternal One with hymns of worship, gratitude, and joy.

In the beginning there was not the slightest taint of sin in Lucifer. "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee," says the Lord. Ezekiel 28:15. When created, this great angel was pure and holy. However, that he might render to his Creator the great service of love entrusted to him, it was necessary that Lucifer should have freedom of the will. Possessing the power of choice, he could refuse to serve God. This he chose to do.

Just what were the motives that led Lucifer into sin? The answer is in these words which God spoke to the disobedient angel: "Thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will

By Robert Leo Odom



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Lucifer, "the anointed cherub," was the prince of angels in heaven until pride and ambition brought him to open rebellion against God, causing him to become Satan, the adversary of all good.

ascend above the heights of the clouds; *I will be like the Most High.*" Isaiah 14:13, 14.

Seeing that the Son of God exercised greater authority than he and received the adoration of the beings created by God, Lucifer permitted envy to spring up in his heart against Christ. God had made clear that worship should not be given to the angels. (Revelation 19:10; 22:9.) But Lucifer wished to be a god. "I will be like the Most High," he said to himself. He said to Christ, "All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me." Matthew 4:9.

Lucifer permitted his unholy ambition to become

the dominant trait of his character. Note the selfishness in his thoughts: "I will ascend . . . I will exalt . . . I will sit . . . I will ascend . . . I will be."

Lucifer proposed to set up an independent government of his own, that he might rule as supreme over the creatures whom God had created. "I will exalt *my throne* above the stars of God," said he. Isaiah 14:13. Thus he hoped to make himself ruler over all the worlds in the starry universe.

This was all said at first by Lucifer secretly "*in his heart*," for he did not dare then openly to advocate rebellion against the Lord. In his conversations with the angels he slyly cast insinuations against the character and government of God. In this way he made himself the Devil, the slanderer. God had made Lucifer a high and holy angel; but Lucifer made himself Satan, the enemy of God and man.

So opposed became Lucifer to the divine law, that he decided to revolt. He persuaded *one third* of the other angels to war against God (Revelation 12:4.) Federated in their evil designs, they "kept not their first estate." Jude 6. That is, they abandoned the posts of duty to which the Lord had appointed them.

All that God and the loyal angels could do to persuade Satan and his followers to desist from their evil purposes was in vain. "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness," said the Lord. Ezekiel 28:17. That proud, rebellious cherub would not humble himself in repentance before his fellow angels, because he had been the wisest and most beautiful among them. Hardening his heart in stubbornness, he decided to fight to the finish against God. The majority of the angels, however, remained loyal to their Creator.

"And there was war in heaven: Michael [Christ] and His angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: *he was cast out into the earth*, and his angels were cast out with him." Revelation 12:7-9.

Satan and his angels were "cast out into the earth." They were not hurled immediately into a lake of fire to torment dead, sinful human beings. But after tempting our first parents to join in the rebellion against God, Lucifer attempted to set up his kingdom in our world.

When asked on one occasion where he had come
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MODERN SCIENTIFIC MARVELS IN PROPHECY

By Taylor G. Bunch

THE ANCIENT prophets were called "seers" because they could see what others could not see—the future. To them the Lord lifted the curtain that veils the unknown future and showed them events and conditions centuries and millenniums before they occurred. Their prophetic eyes seemed to focus especially on our generation, when the reign of sin will end in the return of Christ to establish His everlasting kingdom. They declared "the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done." We now live in what the Scriptures call "the last days" and "the time of the end."

After revealing to the prophet Daniel a series of visions of events reaching from his day to the second advent of Christ, the angel Gabriel said to him: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4. This is the only book of the Bible ever sealed, but only until a certain time when it would be opened and understood. Then many would search it through, and knowledge of its revelations would be great. "The time of the end" is not the end itself, but a short period before "the end of the world."

"And many shall inquire, and knowledge shall be increased" is another translation. Since the creation of the world there has never been such an age of inquiry, research, investigation, discovery, invention, and increased knowledge along all lines as our own. This is the age of science. We are delving into the long-hidden secrets of nature and are discovering its wonders and making use of its powers. Science has revolutionized modern life and has ushered us into a new world unknown to our forefathers.

Many of the powers of nature which were once considered our enemies have been harnessed to serve the human family. The lightning, once looked upon as the bolts of vengeance of the offended gods, is now our servant and friend. The strange and mysterious power of electricity now lights and heats our homes, cooks our meals, operates our machinery, transports our merchandise, carries our messages, and brings information and entertainment to our firesides.

Inventions and discoveries are taking place so rapidly we may be inclined to think that these fields of

progress will soon be exhausted, but there is no end in sight. During May (1949) the United States Patent Office issued 2,500 patents; some of the inventions are of great importance. If this same rate prevails throughout the year, the total will be 30,000. As I said, this marvelous era of increased knowledge was seen and described by the prophets of God millenniums ago.

The prediction that "many shall run to and fro" in "the time of the end" indicates an age of travel and traffic as well as an age of new traveling conveniences. Since the days of Abraham to within recent years, there was little or no change in this respect. Little of the world was known. Then a restless spirit of adventure and discovery seemed to seize mankind, ushering in a new age. Men crossed unknown and uncharted seas, entered trackless wildernesses, and braved the frozen regions of the north and south. Within a short



period of time this once large planet seemed to shrink, until it is now a small world with all nations close neighbors.

The prophet Isaiah declared that "in the last days" the land would be "full of silver and gold" so that there would be no "end of their treasures," and "neither is there any end of their chariots." See Isaiah 2:2, 7. *Chariot* means "to convey, ride, or drive." "Car" is an abbreviation of chariot. It is any means of

conveying persons and things from place to place. Today there are no less than 3,000,000 railway cars on 500,000 miles of track in the United States; and the passenger coaches, or chariots, transport in number each year the inhabitants of the earth. There are also about 35,000,000 automobiles on our streets and highways. Surely we have reached the time when there is no end of the chariots.

To "run to and fro" calls for fast chariots, and these are described in Nahum 2:3-6. Here we are told that in the time of God's preparation for the finishing of His work in the earth, "chariots shall be with flaming torches," and "shall rage in the streets," and "shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings."

More than two hundred years ago Sir Isaac Newton, the great philosopher and scientist, read this prophecy and said in comment: "I believe that in the providence of God, though the method now be entirely hidden, men will yet travel on the earth at the rate of fifty miles an hour. . . . There will be a marvelous increase in the speed of transportation on the earth." Fifty years later the French skeptic Voltaire, commenting on Newton's prophecy based on Bible forecasts, said: "The study of prophecy has led the prince of philosophers to make a fool of himself." The infidel then indulged in some forecasts of his own. He said that "the Bible is an exploded book," that "its sales are fast falling off," and that "one hundred years from now there will not be a copy in existence."

The hundred years are now in the past, and who is the fool, Newton or Voltaire? There are now about as many Bibles as inhabitants of the globe, and they are printed in more than eleven hundred languages. As far as sales are concerned, the Bible is the most popular book in the world and is in such demand that it cannot be printed fast enough. The highest price ever paid for a book was paid for an original copy of the Bible, and Voltaire's writings can scarcely be sold any more. At a recent public auction his entire works brought a very meager sum. The very press on which Voltaire printed his prediction was later used to print the Scriptures, and the room is now used by the British and Foreign Bible Society as a storage place for Bibles.

What about the present speed of chariots? It is difficult to keep pace with the latest speed records. An automobile made a speed record of 369.23 miles an hour on the salt flats of Utah a few years ago, and a jet-propelled plane crossed the continent in four hours. A rocket-propelled plane has been built to fly 1,700 miles an hour, which is more than twice the velocity of sound. Soon we will be able to circle the globe in a day. We wish that Voltaire could be awakened long enough to see what is happening now and to be reminded of his statement ridiculing Newton for his belief in the Scriptures.

The *National Geographic Magazine* of March, 1916, reported an address by Josephus Daniels, who was then Secretary of the Navy, in which he said: "While we live in a day when there are some things yet to be righted in the world and some problems yet to solve, it is nevertheless a privilege of men of this generation that we live at a time when the dreams of poets, seers, and prophets have been translated into realities. The finest things in our world are dreams. 'Where no vision is the people perish,' wrote one of the old seers; and another, whose vision seemed to overlap centuries and even millenniums and focus itself upon our own times, said: 'Many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased.' It is indeed wonderful what some of those ancient wise men foresaw. Did

When Dawns Eternal Morn

By Mary Miles

When dawns eternal morn at last,
And glory floods this weary world,
When shades of night are ever past—
Shades as of flags that are close-furled—
Grant that as conqueror I come
In garments shining as the light,
Not stand before Thee shamed and dumb,
But sinless be in Thy pure sight.
Forever, Lord, before Thy throne,
Grant I shall see Thy kingly face,
Grant I shall know as I am known,
A trophy of redeeming grace.

Nahum get a foreglimpse of automobiles when he wrote: "The chariots shall rage in the streets. They shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches; they shall run like the lightnings?"

Does the statement, "They shall jostle one against another in the broad ways," refer to the great increase of accidents because of these fast chariots? In the United States there are as many as 900,000 collisions on the highways in a year, involving 1,800,000 cars, or chariots. The death toll is between thirty-five and forty thousand a year, with a million injured. Could anyone today stand on a busy street corner on a dark night and see the numberless modern chariots rushing by with their flaming headlights and give a better

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GIVE YOUTH A CHANCE

Youth, With Their Vision and Energy, Can Be a Mighty Force for Good

By Frances Taylor

MUCH IS said of the scientific wonders of this age with its radio, television, airplane, and atom and H bombs. But perhaps the greatest marvel of our time is the modern youth with their restless energy, adult knowledge, and their ability to achieve whatever they set their minds to

accomplish. Their zeal is often a wonder to adults.

Just as the discovery of the power of the atom can become a curse or a blessing to humanity, so can our youth degrade or elevate the human race. The prevalence of juvenile crime demonstrates what happens when energies are misdirected. But outstanding examples of youthful leaders in many fields point clearly the true way for our youth, the useful life for them. But who can direct them into this way? The responsibility of guiding the youth rests with adults.

We learned about youth movements in Europe in war days, and we hear of similar movements today in various sections of the world. Boy Scout and Camp Fire leaders are accomplishing much. Religious youth movements are doing a fine work in this country and abroad. Youth leaders are making great strides today for both evil and good. Unscrupulous leaders drag the youth to their destruction; conscientious, godly leaders march them into channels of right living and into the kingdom of heaven.

What about the church's responsibility? Is each church, small or large, keeping abreast of the times? Is it leaving the work for youth to others?

What every young person wants most is self-expression. He longs to prove to himself and to the world that he is an adult and has the ability to achieve, to become a leader. This explains why some fine boys and girls seek inferior associates, who may lead them into crime. These noble youth are searching for someone to look up to them, to follow them. Instead they unconsciously imitate their low comrades and find themselves in trouble.

I once asked a neighbor girl why

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Youth want to participate in the world's activities, to use their knowledge and abilities, to release their restless energy. Conscientious, godly leaders may direct them into channels of right living and into God's kingdom.

she had changed high schools. With bitterness upon her attractive young face, she said, "Because no one ever asked me to sing or to play. Where I now attend, I play the piano for assembly part of the time, and often I am invited to sing in special school programs."

Wise parents, teachers, and church leaders will unite to direct this dynamic force in their youth. Christian youth are not to be less aspiring or less ambitious, but are to make sure that these aspirations and ambitions are aimed in the right direction. The world needs leaders, and the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. Thus the young people should be given leadership in worth-while channels that direct to good citizenship and to the glory of God.

All youth must be included in this program of leadership, not just a select few who may appear to be especially talented. Surprising as it may seem, any young person of average intelligence may become a leader. It has often been proved that sometimes the timid, backward child surpasses the seemingly brilliant one in adult life.

Before the youth movements became common, I accidentally stumbled upon a great truth while teaching a small county high school. I had just received my college degree and was eager to make good in the community as well as in the school. The school superintendent had charge of the village church young people's meeting the first Sunday night. The attendance was small, and the meeting was dull and uninteresting. The following day when my superintendent asked me to take the meeting the coming Sunday night, I wanted to refuse but dared not. My school-work was extremely heavy, and I had no time to spare; besides, it was preaching night, an event that occurred but once each month.

In the emergency, I drafted the high-school students. To my surprise, not one refused or even hesitated to take part. I wanted to see many of them on the program. They seemed delighted, and all that they asked was to be given specific directions as to what was expected of them. The students who were talented in music were particularly happy to be given the opportunity to use their abilities.

Sunday night came, and the small church was packed. True, it was preaching night, but the attendance was large mainly because the youth, under the direction of the new teacher, were to take charge. The program was a triumph for me, and all that I did was to occupy the leader's chair in front and to call for the various numbers.

After the program the superintendent rushed up to me and asked, "How did you ever induce these youngsters to take part in a meeting?"

"What a fine society!" said the young district minister. "I have never seen so enthusiastic a group of young people."

The youth were interested and enthusiastic because it was *their* meeting; they, not adults, were giving

the program. Truly, youth demand participation in their own affairs.

Yes, our young people and children want a part in the activities of the world. They chafe at being ignored, held down, and treated as children who must wait years and years to grow up before having a share in the affairs of life. What a hold the church and the school might have upon their youth if they would but take advantage of this great opportunity!

The following school year I was given the privilege of carrying out my ideas of youth leadership. I was considered the official leader of the young people's society, but I was merely the adviser, the sponsor. The high-school students knew it was their meeting, and it was their responsibility to make it interesting and successful. They had their own program committee, but I made sure that each member had a chance to participate and to take his turn at leading. Yes, and a young person, not I, sat in the leader's chair.

It was a real surprise when a timid, little freshman girl came to me and asked if I thought her capable of leading out. I assured her that she could do it, and she did give a program that was just as interesting and worth while as any the most talented seniors gave. We cannot tell, I discovered, what goes on inside the heads of some of these backward young persons. Our business is to see that every boy and girl has a chance to develop his talents.

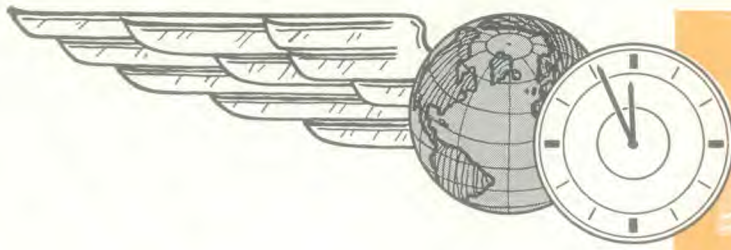
For several years I experimented with this high-school-age group. I found that no matter how busy a student may be, or how much fun he may be having, he is always ready to participate in any public activity that gives him experience in leadership. And this is as it should be, for he soon becomes a citizen who must be ready to take his place in the great affairs of life.

One year while I was sponsoring the young people's meetings, the minister, an elderly man, said to me in an injured tone, "That high-school bunch all come out to their youth's meetings, but they clear out before preaching begins."

It was the truth, and it was too bad; but half a loaf is better than none at all. It was better for the young folks to attend one meeting and to have a part in the programs than to stay away and attend no religious service. As I see it now, that group might have been induced to attend Sabbath school by letting them take charge under adult sponsorship.

The more one sees of the modern youth, the greater the surprise. Today many schools train the first graders to direct their own rhythm bands. To see an eighth grader standing upon a table directing a band of one hundred instruments makes one feel that modern youth can achieve anything they aspire to.

The church must keep abreast of the times. Where the children and youth have a separate room for Sabbath school, it is easy to give the leadership to
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In the Light

By

★ Sad Plight of the Sunday Schools

IF THE PRESENT trend among the youth of America continues, religion is destined for a tremendous slump in the next generation. An article in *Everybody's Digest* of June, 1950, says that "facts show religion is not safe beyond our generation." Said article declares that "though our population has soared by millions in the last quarter of a century, Sunday-school enrollment still is about twenty-one million, which it was back in 1926. And on an average these children attend only one Sunday out of three. Worst of all, another twenty-one million reach maturity without formal religious training of any kind."

We have been informed in this article of the condition that we have suspicioned for some time. Not only is it true that millions of boys and girls are staying away from Sunday schools, but those who do go are apparently, in many cases at least, imbibing very little of what they hear. In a religious quiz that was conducted in cities scattered throughout seventeen states from Massachusetts to Washington, Protestant children flunked badly with an average mark of 35 per cent. Catholic youngsters did slightly better, about 46 per cent.

The amazing revelation resulting from this religious quiz was this: The small group of admitted non-churchgoers faired only slightly worse in the examination than did the Protestant boys and girls. Their average was 30.4 per cent. In other words, they had almost as much knowledge of the Bible as the ones who were attending Sunday school.

We are not too surprised at this situation. Undoubtedly highly imaginative and stimulating movies, crime books, television programs, sporting events, and other exciting amusements are making the Bible and Sunday school very dull matters to the youth of America.

The fact of the matter is that the minds of the youth are so crowded with the cheap and frivolous that they find it exceedingly difficult to concentrate on intellectual and character-building classics, and in particular the Bible.

The above-mentioned article tries to explain the reasons for the small attendance at Sunday schools. Poor teachers and poor surroundings are blamed. But we do not believe that these are fundamental reasons. This thrill-finding and excitement-seeking age lies at



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Dr. Harold C. Urey, a leading atomic scientist, urges the U. S. to build the H bomb, warning that if Russia alone develops it, she may use its threat to intimidate other nations to surrender.

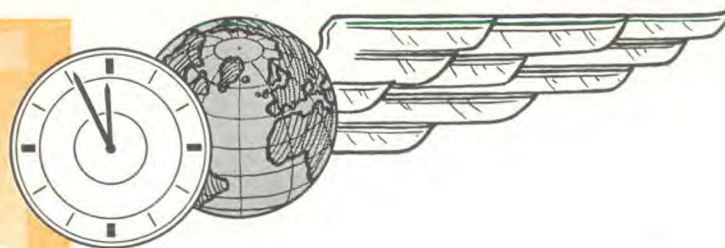
the root of the matter as the basic causal factor. In the matter of surroundings, or environment, the Puritans of the colonial days had nothing compared with what the churches have today, but they did have the attendance of the youth. The power of the Holy Ghost was in the churches, and the love of the world was not as prominent as it is today.

Some churches are trying to bring the world and its excitements into their Sunday schools as attracting measures. One church has added a prancing pony to their Sunday-school allurements. A certain pastor answers all Sunday-school questions through his ventriloquist dummy, Victor. A woman Sunday-school teacher uses clothespin dolls to dramatize Bible stories for her classes. A somewhat imprudent parish enticed youngsters with all-day suckers, using a sound truck to visit the neighborhood. The latter prompted a police investigation. Moving pictures and religious comic

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books are also late innovations used in an attempt to reclaim the youth. Some of these things may not be objectionable, but it is doubted that they will solve the problem. The great need is for a dynamic Christianity that is empowered by the Spirit of God and that does not fear to set forth God's standard of primitive godliness.

There are thousands of youth today who will respond to such Christianity and will follow consecrated leaders who determine fearlessly and courageously to teach the truth. But let us not forget that these leaders must live what they teach if they are to command respect and retain followers.

But the sad fact remains that there are not enough such individuals. There is a crying need in our world for men like John the Baptist, Noah, Elijah, and the apostle Paul. Many of the so-called Christians of today have become, as Bible prophecy says, "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." 2 Timothy 3:4, 5.



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August Kern, internationally known maker of orthopedic appliances, shows a polio victim a model of an aid to patients like him.

★ When Abundance Is a Curse

A DILEMMA of huge proportions faces the U. S. government in the matter of overwhelming surpluses of farm products that have been purchased by the government in order to keep up prices. Four billion dollars has been spent to date, resulting in the accumulation of mountains of potatoes, eggs, wheat, and other farm products. There are seventy-six million pounds of eggs worth ninety-eight million dollars, fifty million bushels of potatoes with storage costs running into millions of dollars a year. In addition to these, there are huge quantities of corn, butter, cotton, dried milk, turkeys, beans, grain sorghums, soybeans, cheese, wool, rice, and linseed oil.

The government stocks are increasing every year until a situation has been created which, as the *Reader's Digest* of July, 1950, says, "obliges the government to pray for hailstorm, flood, drought, locusts, and all the other traditional enemies of the farmer."

The government has asked the farmers to plant fewer acres of potatoes, and the farmers have obliged by planting the rows closer together and using better fertilizers. The result has been that we are growing more potatoes than ever. With new machinery, new seed, new fertilizers and insecticides, a spectacular increase in production has resulted. The potatoes are causing a five-hundred-million-dollar drain on the Treasury.

The expense to the taxpayers for this program also increases each year. Just one of the storage places for eggs, which is located near Atchison, Kansas, has nearly two million dollars invested in necessary refrigeration machinery. In addition to this there is an electric bill of approximately \$22,000 a year to keep the machinery going. The government spends another \$136,000 on salaries for the workmen.

With the superabundance of farmers' crops mounting into ever-increasing piles, and the cost to Uncle Sam for purchases and storage of the same increasing into a multimillion-dollar burden, we are led to raise the question: "How much privilege can you enjoy before you lose title to being 'underprivileged'?"

This strange paradox is just one of the many major problems facing the leaders of the U. S. government today. Though it has not been requested, the American people should pray for those who are at the helm of the Ship of State; they need the integrity, wisdom, and judgment that only God can impart.

SATURDAY

Is It the Christian Sabbath?

By George S. Belleau

THE GREAT controversy that began in heaven before the creation of the world has been continued on earth. Adam and Eve joined Satan in his rebellion against God's law. When Satan advocated his religion against God's truth, he had to set a mark that would distinguish his worshipers from the followers of the true God. This mark, or sign, of apostasy among all the sun-worshiping nations was Satan's attaching of sacredness to Sunday.

God also had a mark, by which the pagan world knew His followers. While almost the whole world worshiped the sun on Sunday, God had a "little flock" who worshiped Him on Saturday, the true Sabbath. Their observance of the seventh-day Sabbath indicated which God they worshiped. All the pagans knew that the Israelites were Sabbathkeepers because their God desired them to be such, and had commanded its observance. God had told Israel: "Moreover also I gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them. . . . And hallow My Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that ye may

know that I am the Lord your God." Ezekiel 20: 12, 20.

It was Jesus Christ who created the worlds. "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us *by His Son*, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, *by whom also He made the worlds.*" Hebrews 1:1, 2. John declares: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. *All things* were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." John 1:1-3. John does not leave us in darkness as to who the "Word" is: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Verse 14.

It was this Word of God, Jesus Christ His Son, who created all things. He it was, therefore, who made the seventh-day Sabbath: "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made;

and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made." Genesis 2:1-3.

Jesus Christ blessed, sanctified, and rested on the seventh day. It was to be a different day from the other six days of the week. Christ Himself cannot change the fact that He made the seventh day of the week the Sabbath and blessed and sanctified that day. The word "Sabbath" means rest. The Sabbath was to be a memorial of creation, a rest day. Thus, the seventh day was distinguished from all other days of creation by God's blessing and sanctification.

The other six days were to be work days. The fourth commandment states: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord



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The busy world has forgotten what God has told us to remember—His Sabbath day, the day made in commemoration of creation.

thy God." Exodus 20:8-10. What makes the Sabbath holy? The presence of the Lord makes a thing holy. (Exodus 3:1-6.) God is present in a special way on the Sabbath, bringing peace and joy to the heart of the observer of that day; for was not this seventh day made richer and set aside for a holy use?

Some two thousand years after creation we find that the Creator—the Son of God—still taught His people to keep the seventh day. In Exodus 16:4, we find that God used Sabbath observance to prove Israel: "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in My law, or no." In verses twelve to thirty-one, we read that God allowed a double portion to be gathered on the sixth day, Friday, and performed a miracle every Sabbath by keeping this bread from heaven sweet and fresh. If Israel tried to keep manna over on any other day of the week, it spoiled; but not so on the Sabbath. God rained no manna on the seventh day. Herein was the test of God to prove them. But we read that some went out to gather manna on the Sabbath: "And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. And the Lord said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep My commandments and My laws?" Verse 28.

It was God the Son who was thus proving Israel by the test of manna. It was Christ who went with Israel and gave them their drink and food. Paul makes this clear: "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ." 1 Corinthians 10:1-4.

The One who led and fed Israel in the wilderness is the same One who gave the law on Mount Sinai. That same law tells us, in the fourth commandment, to "remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work." Exodus 20:8-10. The book of Nehemiah records that Christ was the mighty Lawgiver on Mount Sinai and the great Leader in the wilderness. It was He who led Israel by the cloud of fire and provided for their temporal needs of bread and water in the desert. (Nehemiah 9:12-15.)

Christ came and lived on earth to show us how to live the Christian life; He gave us the perfect example. We find Christ observing the same Sabbath while



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God's church in these last days will be keeping all His commandments, including His Sabbath day, and looking forward to keeping it in the new earth, as Isaiah tells us.

here that He kept on the day of creation—the same Sabbath He gave to Israel: "And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read." Luke 4:16.

Christ also recognized the fact that the Christian church some forty years after His ascension would be keeping the same seventh day that He had always kept and taught; for in His prophecy regarding the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70, He admonished His followers: "But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day." Matthew 24:20. If the Christians were to pray that their flight be not on the Sabbath day some forty years *after* the ascension, He certainly must have expected the Sabbath day still to be observed by His followers.

As the Saviour looked down to the end of time, He saw His remnant church—the last church—keeping *all* the commandments. But He also saw Satan persecuting His people who keep the commandments. "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have

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[This is the first part of an interesting story for children that will be published in three consecutive installments.]

TERRY, THE MONKEY

By Velma E. Zimmerman

ONCE UPON a time there was a little monkey who had a long curly tail. His name was Terry, and he lived in a zoo cage all by himself.

"Why should I be locked up?" he asked in monkey talk.

Of course no one answered him!

"I think I have been here in this cage long enough. I am going to get on the other side of these bars. Just see if I don't," he said.

Now Terry had lived in that same cage all his life. Day after day he had walked around and around that cage and climbed those bars. He had drunk out of the same little pan. He had slept on the same limb. He had eaten the fruit and vegetables which Keeper Tom gave him. There was always enough. Each week he had more than two pounds of bananas, apples, carrots, parsnips, turnips, potatoes, celery, and lettuce. It was good food, but Terry was tired of it.

Well, Terry got tired of doing the same thing day after day and having people stare at him while he did it. And he made up his mind to do something about it. Being a monkey, Terry didn't have much of a mind; but when he set his head to do a thing, he was quite determined.

"Things have to change," he said. "I've had enough. I want to go somewhere, so that I won't have people staring at me."

Terry had decided that as long as he lived in that zoo cage things would never be any better. He would have to let people stare in at him. He would have

to eat monkey food and sleep on the same limb. He would always drink out of that same little pan—day after day as long as he lived. And that might be as much as thirty years.

As long as he could remember, he had been walking around and around in that cage and getting nowhere, except to the next corner. And when he got to the next corner, there was nothing left to do but walk around again.

Of course, no thinking person could blame Terry for wanting to do something about it. It was a rather tiresome life he led; but he played a *wrong* trick on Keeper Tom in order to change things.

Keeper Tom liked him even if Terry was a monkey that didn't have much of a mind. Tom was a good friend to Terry. He cleaned Terry's cage and gave him his monkey food. Of course, he locked the door of Terry's cage. That was part of his work, and besides he didn't want anything to happen to Terry.

But one night when Keeper Tom came to clean Terry's cage, Terry pretended he was asleep.

Keeper Tom was careless, thinking there was no danger that a sleeping monkey would escape. And when he went into Terry's cage, he not only left the door unlocked but open just a little.

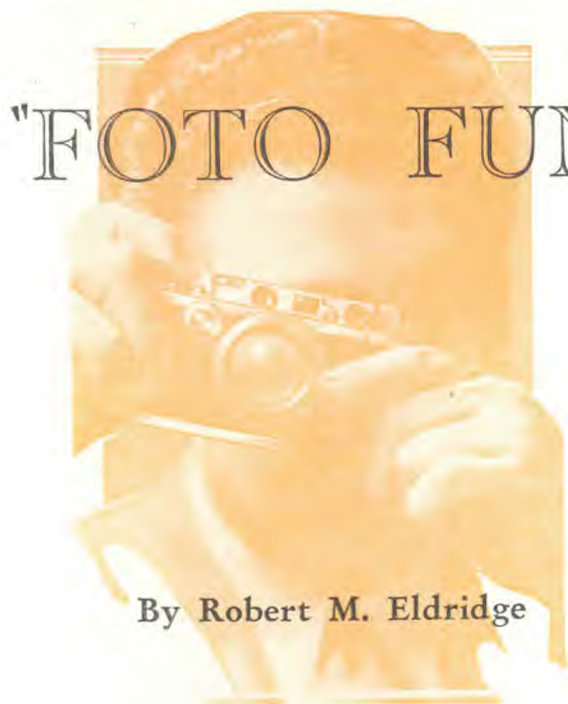
This was just the chance Terry wanted. Being quick, like all little monkeys, he jumped out of the cage. Then he locked the door before Keeper Tom knew what was happening.

Without even waiting to look at how surprised Keeper Tom might be, Terry hurried down the hallway. As he passed by the parrot cages, he jabbered, "You have prettier tails than mine." And without even waiting to say, "Please, may I," he reached in and grabbed a handful of pretty green feathers. As the parrots squawked and screamed, he hurried out of the zoo into the world.

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"FOTO FUN"



By Robert M. Eldridge

PERHAPS some readers of "Foto Fun" can remember when taking pictures by flash was considered one of the dangerous indoor sports. Time was when a prudent person gave a cursory check over his fire insurance policies before taking that flash shot of the party grouped around the player piano. When everyone was properly placed and cautioned, a nervous hand struck a match, gingerly igniting a very short fuse; and promptly everybody was blinded by a sulphurous blast that filled the house with choking smoke and completely ruined the biscuit tin on which the charge was fired. Strangely enough, some fairly good pictures were often forthcoming—that is, if one didn't mind some of the subjects' eyes practically popping out of their heads while others' eyes were tightly shut. Perhaps it was a blessing that, because of the smoke, one or two such picture efforts in one evening were about the limit.

Thanks to a great deal of experimentation and research on the part of electric light manufacturers and photographers, all this is changed. Gone are the fire dangers and the smoke, the frayed nerves and powder burns. A clean little bulb, with a powerful and much faster flash of good photographic light and no hang-over, has taken its place.

Early electric-flash picturemaking was not without its hazards, however. Exploding flash bulbs, with resulting burns and cuts from flying glass, called for further refinements; and the present-day shatterproof, sure-fire, incredibly brilliant flash bulb is the result. Incidentally the explosion problem was solved ingeniously by dipping the bulb in a transparent substance, which gives it a shatterproof coat without affecting its light-giving qualities.

I hear someone say, "Of course the news photogra-

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pher has to use flash on his night pictures, but why should the amateur be to the expense of using flash?" There are several reasons that easily justify the extra cost of a shot taken with flash. Although it is true that each lamp yields only a single flash and may cost between ten and twenty cents, yet its light practically guarantees a good picture and has these additional

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Choice Thoughts FOR CHILDREN



By Inez Brasier

Our Names

"AND THE disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." Acts 11:26.

Every one has a family name. That name represents the kind of person one is. Let us think of Mr. Brown. He is kind to everyone. He helps those who have no one to care for them. He is always honest. His name stands for kindness, helpfulness, and honesty. And when anyone else is like that, the neighbors all say, "He is just like Mr. Brown."

When Abraham Lincoln was just a very young man, he stopped to put a tiny bird, too small to fly, back into its nest. One day when he was working in a grocery store, a poor woman came in to buy something. He gave her the wrong change. He soon found he had made a mistake, but he could not leave the store until night. Then he walked miles to give her the right change. His name now stands for honesty.

But the greatest name of all is Jesus. We read in the Bible of all He did for others when He lived on earth. We learn how He came to show us how to live as He did and how to be like Him. We are known by the name of Christ—Christians. That means Christlike. We are His children; and He says to us, "Little children, . . . love one another." John 13:34, 35.

We honor our father's name when we are obedient to His wishes, when we are helpful and courteous and kind. And when we do these things, we also honor the name of Jesus Christ. We are known as Christians, for our name means just what we are. Folks will say, "He does not steal. He is not mean. He is a Christian. She is kind. She is helpful. She is a Christian."

Soon after Jesus came to earth, the people who loved Him in the town of Antioch were called Christians. Now, all over the world, those who honor Him in being like Him are known by His name—Christians.

Jeremiah's Prophecy

(Jeremiah 6:16-19)

By Mrs. L. D. Avery-Stuttle

I stood one night 'neath the moon's pale light,
And methought that a voice I heard;
'Twas loud and clear to my listening ear,
But sweet as the song of bird.
And I bent my head as the words were said
And borne from the far-off sky—
And my spirit knew that the words were true—
The words of the Lord Most High:

"Seek ye, and see, and turn, turn ye
From the paths of sin today;
Seek ye the word of your gracious Lord,
And ask for the good old way;
For why, oh, why will ye sin and die?
For now will the Lord forgive;
Seek ye, and see, and turn, turn ye—
Turn ye to the Lord and live."

But the world replied in her pomp and pride,
In a voice like the raging sea,
When its billows rise to the far-off skies,
And the storm king rideth free—
"We will not hear, and we will not fear;
We have chosen the paths of sin;
For the paths of God that our fathers trod,
Lo, we will not walk therein."

"Will ye not repent? I have watchmen sent;
Oh, list to the trumpeter's voice."
But the old world smiled like a foolish child—
"Depart! I have made my choice.
We will not hear, and we will not fear,
And we will not walk with Thee.
We have placed our feet in the pathway sweet—
The path that is broad and free."

Then the plagues of God, like a chastening rod,
Fast fell over sea and land,
And the sons of earth in their godless mirth
Were smitten by the angel's hand.

Ah, the day of doom—it will surely come,
When Mercy no longer pleads;
Haste while you may, while it's called today,
And the Saviour intercedes.

Right About Face!

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every sin that is sincerely repented of. The Holy Scriptures plainly teach that the only sin that God cannot forgive is the unrepented sin. It is for this reason that God pleads with men everywhere to repent. His infinite heart of love longs to forgive, but He cannot do so if men refuse to acknowledge their sinful ways. "Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin." Ezekiel 18:30.

Repentance, then, is not a social theory, but is rather the essence of practical Christianity. It is an individual matter. It means sorrowing for sin and turning away from sin. Men cannot renounce sin unless they see its sinfulness. And until men turn away from sin through a heart-conversion, there can be no real change in the life. Many see the need of a changed life, but they fail to understand the true meaning of repentance. There are those who are sorry that they have sinned. They even make an attempt at an outward reformation, because they fear that the consequences of their wrong-doing will bring suffering and shame upon themselves. But this is not true repentance according to the Word of God. These lament the results of their sin rather than the sin itself.

Esau was a grown man who cried bitterly over what he had done, but the New Testament records this experience and indicates that this was not true repentance: "For he found no place [margin, way to change his mind] of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears." Hebrews 12:16, 17. Judas, after betraying the Master, exclaimed, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood." Matthew 27:4. The context shows that he was not sorry for his terrible sin, but was fearful of the final judgment. He was sorry, not for what he had done, but for the difficult, guilt-bound position in which he found himself.

David, king of Israel, committed terrible sins. Adultery and murder were charged to him. In his agony he prayed from his heart: "My sin is ever before me. . . . Purge me, . . . wash me. . . . Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:3, 7-10. This prayer of David after his fall gives an accurate picture of true sorrow for sin. His repentance was deep and sincere. There was no attempt to deny his guilt, no desire to escape the threatened judgment. David saw the enormity of his transgression; he saw the pitiful condition of his soul; he loathed his sin. He prayed not only for pardon but also for purity of heart. He longed for the joy of holiness—to be restored to harmony, safe in the fold of the True Shepherd.

True repentance as pictured throughout the Bible is actually beyond the reach of men's own power to accomplish. It is obtained only through Christ, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. An outstanding

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Christian writer comments: "Just here is a point on which many err, and hence they fail of receiving the help that Christ desires to give them. They think that they cannot come to Christ unless they first repent, and that repentance prepares for the forgiveness of their sins. It is true that repentance does precede the forgiveness of sins; for it is only the broken and contrite heart that will feel the need of a Saviour. . . . The Bible does not teach that the sinner must repent before he can heed the invitation of Christ, 'Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' Matthew 11:28. It is the virtue that goes forth from Christ, that leads to genuine repentance. . . . But whenever they make an effort to reform, from a sincere desire to do right, it is the power of Christ that is drawing them."—*Steps to Christ*, pp. 29-31.

Actually it is the goodness of God that leads men to hear the loving call to turn to the Lord Jesus as their only means of salvation. He longs to save; He calls; He pleads. He stretches forth His nail-scarred hands in entreaty, because He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9.

When men come to Christ in response to His gracious invitation, when they permit His Spirit of love to work upon their hearts, He is able to accomplish His grand purpose of granting repentance. Thus Peter declared of Jesus: "Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." Acts 5:31.

Give Youth a Chance

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them. All the offices may be held by the children and youth. They may not be qualified to teach the classes, but all other activities may be carried on by their own members. Each child should be given his turn.

In a one-room church this plan is not quite so easy, yet the children may still have their opportunities. If church leaders would follow such a program and along with it hold bimonthly church socials, or parties, as the youth prefer to call them, the church, large or small, might become the center around which the community gathered. In such a worth-while program, in such an atmosphere, there would be little call for police and juvenile officers. Then each church would be filled to capacity with fine, clean, interested young people, who would soon grow up to command effectively the affairs of the nation. If the United States were made up of such citizens, the other nations would forget hatred and wars and long to emulate our country.

Our youth are the future leaders of the world. They have been neglected too long. Let us give them a chance. Let us arouse ourselves and act today!

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Daily Triumphant Through Victorious Faith

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great love. By faith He rested in Him whom it had ever been His joy to obey. And as in submission He committed Himself to God, the sense of the loss of His Father's favor was withdrawn. By faith, Christ was victor."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 756.

This unceasing faith every child of God may have; and it may be vividly seen from the following incident, which illustrates also the saving faith that every unsaved one may have in the infinitely tender and faithful love of God. In Boston, some years ago, an old, withered, broken-down woman was seen peering in at saloon doors and, when they were closed for the night, scanning the faces of those coming out. The next day she would be seen at the hospital searching every face that lay on a pillow of suffering. Then she would be seen in the police courts, scrutinizing the faces of those who were brought in for trial. At last a hospital nurse won her confidence and asked, "Whom are you seeking?"

"Oh, I have been seeking my boy!" she answered. "I have been seeking him for twenty years. I have gone through the states for twenty years. I have been at all the prison doors, at all the saloon doors, and at all the hospitals; but I have never seen him. Will you tell him—some day he may be brought to this hospital, and I feel that I must soon give it up—will you tell him that two never flung him aside? Tell him that two remained faithful to him to the end? Tell him that God and his mother for twenty years have walked the American cities in search of him; God and I have been looking for him."

God has been searching for His long-lost sons and daughters day by day and year after year. Who can measure the tenderness of an earthly father's love for his lost boy or girl? The heavenly Father looks upon each unsaved one as His own lost child, so tenderly dear are they to Him. Deep and true are His efforts to follow and find and save, even though "twenty years" or all of one's life He has been seeking to save each one. And in the heart of many a one there springs up a deep appreciation of the fact that his Father in heaven has "never flung him aside," but has loved and sought for him still. And as he dwells upon His loving mercy, a deep longing arises for a realization of its fullness.

God hears the pleas of the penitent person, and there descends upon him such a measure of God's mercy that he lifts up his face, and draws near to God. He pours out his earnest prayer: "O God, I accept Thy love and mercy, and come home to Thee gladly, to serve Thee faithfully. Blot out my sins, and give me a new heart. And fill me with triumphant faith."

Then, how heaven's arches ring with highest praise over the wondrous tidings that another lost son or daughter of God has accepted His wonderful salvation!



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.

What is mysophobia?—M.G.

Mysophobia is defined as an insane dread of filth or contamination.

How can a person suffering with superinsulinism avoid the overweight that comes from the extra eating made necessary by the frequent collapses of vitality?—M.M.

This presents quite a problem. Insulin tends to rise according to the amount of blood sugar present, so that an effort should be made to keep the level as constant as possible at the lowest level possible and yet avoid the weakness or shakes. This may require eating smaller amounts and a little more often. Also use very little pure sugar, which is taken up quickly by the blood stream. Use freely foods which require some digestion as starches, fruits, and fresh salads. A little juice taken between meals may help some.

Are the so-called antibiotic medicines, namely, sulfa, streptomycin, and penicillin, harmless? Should they be taken for colds and common ailments?—K.M.

These so-called miracle drugs have without doubt saved thousands of lives, but they have also had their bad effects even when used expertly by well-trained medical men. Certain individuals are allergic to some or all of them, and some very prominent medical men have been outspoken against the sulfa group particularly. Most of the common infections will respond to one or more of these remedies, but in the case of a common cold and other virus-caused diseases, very little help can be expected from their use. Both the form and dosage of any and all of these medicines should be in the hands of medical men who have a wholesome respect for their untoward effects. No drug of any kind can take the place of correct living habits nor entirely replace the time-honored methods of diet and physiotherapy, including hydrotherapy and simple rational treatments that leave behind improved elimination and tissue function, with no harmful effects.

Would you advise the use of sedatives or sleeping medicines in a case where one is very nervous or cannot sleep very well?—G.L.

Probably the most abused of all drugs are the so-called sedatives or sleeping medicines. It is not surprising that in this age of nervous strain and emotional disturbance we should find people everywhere seeking to calm their nerves with whatever may be offered. Fear and worry with resulting nervous exhaustion seem to be taking possession of almost everyone. Several years ago one of the leading internists at the Mayo Clinic told me that nearly all the registrants at the clinic had one thing in common; namely, they all complained of being "all tired out." Truly, as the Bible says, "men's hearts are failing them for fear."

To calm the negative emotions, many take up the use of alcoholic liquors, others resort to the drugs found in tobacco, and many use the stimulating drugs found in tea and coffee. All leave the user worse off than they found him. Since sleeping drugs are so often prescribed by physicians, their use is not looked upon with the wholesome fear that the danger warrants. All sedative and sleeping medicines, however, should be shunned like poison, which they are in fact, and should be looked upon strictly as emergency medicines to be used only under physicians' directions; and only such physicians should be employed as have the same reluctance to prescribe them.

No one should settle down complacently to a drug habit. Well, suppose you cannot sleep without them, someone may say. Men somehow got along in this old world for nearly six thousand years without any sleeping drugs as we now know them. A better plan is to make a study of the problem and ascertain why one cannot sleep. It may be worry over financial or social problems, worry over what could happen from atomic bombs, or worry that one may not sleep unless he takes the pill. A little child struggles and cries to stay awake—and sleeps like a log. An adult retires hoping and praying to sleep and frightens sleep away watching too closely for its appearance. Try this some time: Go to bed not caring whether you sleep or not; in fact, it might be well to try the babies' method of hoping to stay awake. Then see if the little sleep gremlins don't slip up on you in the dark. Farmers do not

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What Says the BIBLE?

Catching Up With Our Words

A group of us sat about my friend's pretty luncheon table renewing a friendship of some years before. Said one happily, "Isn't it delightful to call back old friends, old scenes, old joys!"

Said another: "That reminds me! My husband says—he sells television equipment, you know—that they are working on something by which they hope they can catch up with all the words that have been said in the past, and they can hear all history over again." Her remark was oh'ed over, and the conversation rippled on. But I withdrew into an eddy of thought.

Could it be true that all past words were traveling on somewhere in the universe, and someday we would catch up with them and hear them again?

"There is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was anything kept secret, but that it should come abroad." Mark 4:22. "For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither anything hid, that shall not be known and come abroad." Luke 8:17. "For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops." Luke 12:2, 3. "The thing that is hid bringeth He forth to light." Job 28:11.

But is modern television or radio the means by which the words of the past will be revealed?

"I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Matthew 12:36. "In that day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ." Romans 2:16. "Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the heart." 1 Corinthians 4:5.

How is God able to reveal all the words of the past and even the secrets of all hearts?

"Shall not God search this out? For He knoweth the secrets of the heart." Psalm 44:21. "O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether." Psalm 139:1-4.

But is it not possible for me to conceal my thoughts so thoroughly that they will not be found out?

"Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God? Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding." Isaiah 40:27, 28. "Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? And who knoweth us?" Isaiah 29:15. "Mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from My face, neither is their iniquity hid from Mine eyes." Jeremiah 16:17.

But I do not want every word I have ever said to be revealed before the universe. Is there no way at all that they can be concealed?

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." Acts 3:19. "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins." Isaiah 44:22.

My friends about me were talking of the wonders of modern science—of radio and television and things yet in the dream stage. I thought with a great sense of relief and security that that revelation of the words and acts of all the past is not in the hands of scientists, but in the power of the just and righteous Judge of all the earth, whose judgment is merciful because by His own blood He has blotted out my sins and promised me His own grace and power to control my tongue.

The present world situation calls for earnest thought. . . . The good fight must go on until all the world hears and the message is fully proclaimed at any cost. Alone and in prison, Paul thought not of surrender but of world conquest. The two empires were already engaged in a death struggle, and Paul knew which was to win. "In real life," says an eminent preacher, "Nero sits on the throne and Paul languishes in prison, and many years must pass before people begin calling their dogs Nero and their sons Paul! But that time comes! As God lives, that time always comes."—SAMUEL M. ZWEMER, in *How Rich the Harvest* (Revell).

Alive Forevermore

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see corruption." And verily Christ was resurrected.

The fact that these events all happened as predicted proves that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. Man does not have the ability to foretell the future accurately. By rising from the tomb as the Scriptures said He would, Christ established the truth that prophecy came by "holy men of God [who] spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:21.

The second great truth established by the resurrection is that Christ is divine. The resurrection proved the truth of Christ's words: "I lay down My life, that I might take it again. . . . I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." John 10:17, 18. The words, "I am the resurrection, and the life," could be spoken only by Deity. "In His divinity, Christ possessed the power to break the bonds of death." He is truly God—a fact taught also in other places in the Scriptures. See John 1:1-3, 14; Hebrews 1:1-8.

The third truth established by the resurrection is that salvation is given man through faith in the risen Lord. Human beings can now receive forgiveness for sins and come to God through Christ. "The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23. Christ paid that price on the cross. And because He arose, we too have hope of eternal life. "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain." 1 Corinthians 15:14. But now Christ has risen. We have the testimony of His own Word. (Revelation 1:1, 18.) And He was never known to lie. We have the testimony of the apostles recorded in the Gospels. We have the testimony of the angels (Matthew 28:5-7) and of the soldiers (verses 11-15).

If Christ did not rise from the dead, surely His bitterest enemies knew about it. All they had to do to stop Christianity was to produce the body of Christ. But this was never done.

"He is risen!" And hopeless sinners can look to Christ, who is seated "on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man." Hebrews 8:1, 2. Christ is our great Advocate with the Father, and it is because He lives that we may approach God for forgiveness of sins. When we come to God through Christ and receive forgiveness of sins, we pass from death to life; for it is sin that separates man from God.

The necessity of baptism is the fourth truth established by the resurrection. Christ ordained that the act of baptism was to be the rite performed in honor of His resurrection. "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that *like* as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6:4.

Notice how appropriate is the symbol. In death a man has no breath, his eyes are closed, he is prone. In baptism a man holds his breath while he is laid back

into the water; his eyes are closed, as in symbol he buries the sinful man. Then the individual is brought up out of the water, as Christ was raised from the dead; and he is to walk in "newness of life" by the power of Christ.

Christ's victory over death is assurance that He has power to resurrect the sleeping saints to give them their reward. This is the fifth great truth. Jesus said, "The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28, 29. "Now is Christ risen from the dead. . . . For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming." 1 Corinthians 15:17-23.

This leads us to the sixth truth established by the resurrection: the time of the resurrection of the righteous dead is at the second coming of Christ. When Jesus comes again in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory, when every eye shall see Him (Matthew 24:27, 30; Revelation 1:7), He will call the sleeping righteous from their dusty graves. He promised this in those very comforting words found in John 14:3: "I go [to] prepare a place for you. I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

The seventh truth is the certainty of the final end of sin and Satan. The devil's doom was made sure that Sunday morning when Christ broke the bonds of death. Just before the crucifixion Jesus asserted that the time had arrived for "the prince of this world [to] be cast out." (John 12:31.) The utter end of sin is also promised in Nahum 1:9: "Affliction shall not rise up the second time."

Jesus' resurrection makes certain that the wicked will receive their just reward. (John 5:28, 29.) "Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Revelation 20:15. But after that Christ will "make all things new." (Rev. 21:5.)

The resurrection, therefore, points out the fact that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, that Christ is divine, that forgiveness of sins may be ours through faith in the risen Lord, that baptism honors our Lord's resurrection, that we who accept Christ have the certain hope of the resurrection at the second coming of Christ, and finally that the extermination of all evil, sin, and sorrow is assured.

How Did the Apostles Baptize?

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is not complete until those who have been won to Christ are welcomed to the household of faith through the gateway of baptism.

Paul's ministry followed the same divine blueprints. When God opened the hearts of Lydia and her friends,

they embraced the message and were baptized. When the alarmed jailer at Philippi cried out in the anguish of his soul, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" the apostle answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. . . . And he [the jailer] took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway." Acts 16:30-33. In this way the jailer and his family became members of the gospel church.

As a result of Paul's labors at Corinth, "many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized." Acts 18:8. In each case, the great commission of the Master was faithfully carried out, and heart surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ was followed by baptism.

In the city of Ephesus, Paul met "certain disciples" who, though sincere and earnest, possessed but a twilight knowledge of the great truths of redemption. They had been baptized as followers of John the Baptist, but knew little of the life and mission of Christ. Paul now told them of the Saviour's ministry and teaching, His shameful death, His triumphant resurrection, His great commission, and the promise and coming of the Comforter.

His message brought joy and thankfulness to these isolated disciples. With clearer light and a purer faith, they gladly manifested their belief in a crucified and risen Lord, and were rebaptized in the name of Jesus.

Frequently the question is asked, "Do you think I should be rebaptized?" In harmony with Scripture teaching we reply: If you were baptized before the age of full understanding, Yes. If you have never been buried with your Lord beneath the baptismal waters, Yes. If after once surrendering the heart to Jesus, you slipped again into careless, lawless ways, Yes. If in an unguarded hour you committed a great and terrible sin that brought reproach upon the name of Christ and a shadow upon your whole Christian experience, Yes. Also, if upon diligent study of the Scriptures you find your life practice out of harmony with the divine precepts and condemned by the law of God, Yes. In all these cases the Scriptures advise you to follow your Lord in baptism, that you may rise to walk with Him "in newness of life."

Following in the footsteps of the Master means joy, peace, and complete satisfaction.

A Former Card Player's Story

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"Today, when I hear anyone say, 'Cards never do any harm,' I do a little straight-from-the-shoulder talking, not mincing words. I think I have partially atoned for the error I made in teaching that young man to play. But I shall probably suffer for it as long as I live. When he went to the bad, I knew why so many right-thinking people refused to play cards. I had never thought cards could lead to anything so utterly tragic.

"I now realize that the person who plays cards is threatening his future. For these games often lead to the formation of bad associations and hence to drinking, smoking, and other sinister habits. I also realize that card games are purely a waste of time. They do not train the mind, as some people argue. Frequently they lead to estrangement of old friends—the disruption of friendships that one would think nothing could break up. Bitter words fly back and forth across the table during heated arguments concerning certain plays. One thing leads to another; sometimes even gunplay flares. Since America was settled, hundreds of men have been shot to death at poker tables. The danger of disrupted friendships is especially great when people play for money; it is great enough when nothing of intrinsic value is at stake.

"I haven't played cards for many years—not since I unwittingly started that young fellow on his way to ruin. I shall never play again. I do not wish to be responsible for blighting the life of another person, or even contributing to it. Besides, I do not want to fritter away my own time.

"Nobody enjoys a harmless game more than I do. There are all sorts of indoor pastimes that are clean and safe. There are table tennis, bowling, and innumerable other games. The person who refuses to learn to use playing cards and who sticks steadfastly to his decision has nothing to fear. He will never be in a position of danger. It is easy to say, 'Oh, but I wouldn't gamble.' Many a person has made that statement in good faith; living up to it is difficult.

"I know women who spend nearly every afternoon at the bridge table. They neglect their homes and waste much time. But these things are not the worst. They play for prizes, either cash or merchandise. Often they lose their husbands' hard-earned money. If their children gambled, most of these same women would be horrified and try desperately to put a stop to the practice. Yet when these mothers themselves gamble, their advice and threats carry little weight. They are not good examples. And a good example is much more effective than preaching against an obvious evil.

"I know several men who spend many evenings at the poker table, winning or losing money. Yet these same men would be shocked if their growing sons gambled. Every child has the right to a father who serves as a good example. The card-playing gambler is not that kind of a father. Thousands of children have taken up cards because their parents played.

"One has a lot more fun with a good, inspiring book than at any card table; and reading increases knowledge, too. Books are wonderful companions, and they are almost unlimited in scope and availability. Every youth should make each day count for something worth while; he should realize that hours are precious. Time is valuable—too valuable to fritter away at the card table. Think it over and see if I'm not right. Be honest now. Isn't it the truth?"



By Caris Lauda

Keeping a Level Eye

GREETINGS, Teen-agers!

September! That is the month when we all start back to school. Some folks are happy about it, some aren't. I hope you are all excited about returning to school and that you will make this school year the best ever. Here is a story, just to help us in our thinking this school year:

Burton and Johnny were very, very happy when their Scotch cousin, Willie, came to live with them. He was little, but he was very bright and full of fun and far advanced in school. At the close of the first day of school, when the teacher called the roll and the boys began to answer, "Ten," if they had not whispered during the day, he replied, "I have whispered."

"More than once?"

"Yes," answered Willie.

"As many as ten times?"

"Maybe I have," faltered Willie.

"Then I shall have to give you zero," said the teacher sternly. "And that is disgraceful."

After the close of school, Johnny said to Willie, "Why did you say you whispered today?"

"Well, I did," said Willie. "And I saw others doing it, too; so I asked to borrow a book, then I lent a slate and asked a boy for his knife; and several other times I whispered, for I supposed it was allowed."

"Oh, we all do it," added Burton, Johnny's brother, blushing as he said it. "There isn't any sense in the law. Nobody could keep it, and nobody does."

"I will, or else I will say I haven't," said Willie. "Do you suppose I will tell ten lies in one heap?"

Only a few days passed, and the boys all saw how it was with Willie. He wasted no time at school. He studied hard, and when recess and noon came, he played with all his might. After some weeks the boys started to answer nine and eight more often than they used to, and the schoolroom seemed more quiet. Sometimes when Willie's mark was even lower than usual, the teacher would smile, but say no more words of disgrace. Willie never preached to his two cousins, neither did he tell tales. He didn't brag that he was honest and that they were cheating, but his life made an impression on the boys; and they were ashamed of themselves by just seeing this sturdy, blue-eyed, little Scotch boy, their cousin, tell the truth. It made them feel like real cheats. They loved him, although they did call him "Scotch Granite" because he was so firm.

At the end of the term, Willie's name was very low

on the credit list, because he had always told the truth when he whispered; and when the credit list was read, he had to try hard to keep from crying, for he disliked to be so low on the list. He was glad at least that he had told the truth. At the close of that last day of school the teacher made a speech. She mentioned different men who never told of their greatness, who never wore medals, and yet they were great; and their friends—everyone—knew that they were great. They needed no medals or great speeches to make them great, for they had kept a level eye; and everyone knew they had, and thus they were considered great. She mentioned Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and many others who would have died rather than give up their faith. Luther, Melancthon, Huss, and Jerome were cited as examples of those who were willing to die rather than give up their convictions. The teacher said, "Now, boys, you will see what I mean when I give a little gold medal to the most faithful boy in school, the one who really is the most conscientious in his deportment among you. Who do you think should have it?"

"Little Scotch Granite," shouted all the boys at once.

Yes, it does pay to keep a level eye. You may not be popular with the crowd. Some boys and girls may not even associate with you. They may call you goody-goody, but I would rather lose them than play the cheat, wouldn't you? No one likes cheats. None of us does. Neither does God. Some may cheat and win the game, but they only cheat themselves. I would rather fail than live a lie, wouldn't you? I would rather suffer defeat than fear to meet another's eye, wouldn't you? It never pays to cheat, for one only cheats himself. Edgar A. Guest gives us this lesson:

"I'd rather never win a prize
Than gain the topmost rung of glory
And know I must myself despise
Until death ends my sorry story.

"I'd rather fail in every test
Than win success by base deceit.
I'd rather stand upon my best,
Be what it may, than play the cheat.

"I'd rather never win men's praise
Nor share the victor's joy and laughter
Than trade my self-respect for days
And hate myself forever after."

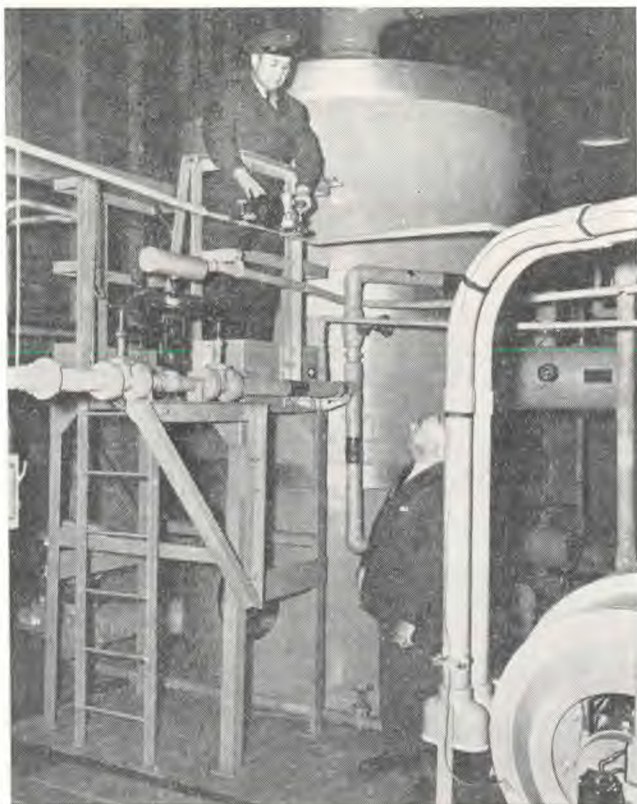
To keep a level eye one should fill his mind with Bible truths, and be able to say as did David in Psalm 119:11, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee."

I'll be writing to you again next month.

Sincerely your friend,
Caris



SCIENCE *Insights*



ACME

The nation's largest sea-water distillery, which makes impure salt water fit for drinking purposes, will be dismantled and shipped to Bermuda for use by the Air Force.

H-BOMB DENOUNCED.—Several British scientists have roundly condemned H-bombs as instruments of war, declaring they will have no part in their development. Dr. G. O. Jones of Oxford declared "no one pretends that the hydrogen bombs can be anything but a war measure—no new peacetime blessings are promised to salve the consciences of scientists and the public." Another prominent scientist declared that the manufacture of atomic weapons was the "prostitution" of science. Others stated that the United States had no alternative other than to try to make the H-bomb.

VIDEO HELPS DEAF YOUNGSTERS.—New York City's Lexington School for the Deaf, said to be the country's oldest institution of its kind, is using television as an aid in teaching 255 deafened youngsters, aged 2½ to 19 years. This school has always pioneered in more effective methods of teaching the deaf and in the development and improvement of hearing aids. The children watch video programs and are thus led to imitate proper speech habits, although

lipreading and speech by this means is remote from classroom instruction.

ATOM SPEED PLANE.—Leading aeronautical engineers have been told that an atomic-powered airplane that can fly nonstop around the world at "extremely high speeds" and land with plenty of fuel left is a definite possibility. There are no insurmountable engineering or economic roadblocks in its path.

COMBINE TWO OPERATIONS.—A new insecticide has been placed on the market that may be mixed with cleaning water for washing woodwork, walls, floors, sinks, and other surfaces where insects are likely to be found, thus combining two housekeeping operations in one. The product is made with a 5 per cent solution of chlordane which kills roaches, moths, termites, and ants. It may be used on anything not harmed by water and will not leave a stain. It leaves an invisible film of insecticide on the washed surface after the water has dried that will repel insects for about three months.

STOP THAT DRIP.—A dripping faucet or shower can waste 15,000 gallons of water a year, and a small steady leak can waste 1,000,000 gallons a year. Save water and larger bills—close the valves properly.

"BARRIER CREAMS."—A "barrier cream" has been placed on the British market for workers who handle dyestuffs, chemicals, explosives, oils, acids, alkalis, and grease. The cream is spread over the hands until an invisible "glove" is formed. If the hands are plunged into ordinary tar and then into warm water, the tar falls away. This should prove a boon to many workers.

H-BOMB PROTECTION.—Dr. Ralph Lapp, head of the Navy's nuclear research division, said, "Horrible as it may sound, we must be prepared to lose 10 to 15 million people in the first day of the superbomb. In a certain sense we are like the man who lives in a tar-paper shack and develops a flame thrower to protect himself."



COMING *Next Month*



"Coming! The World's Greatest Famine," by A. E. Wade.

"Bombs or Plagues?" by Kenneth Holland.

"No Other Refuge," by H. M. S. Richards.

"What Will You Be When You Die?" by Robert Leo Odom.

"God's Plan in Miniature," by Francis A. Soper.

"Atomic Power," by E. A. Brodeur.

The Power and Influence of the Bible

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barriers, migrated without violence into unentered regions of the world, and found a home among savage tribes and various ancient and modern nationalities, which have been separated by every conceivable difference of climate, government, custom, culture, development, and religion. Everywhere its influence has been the same.

The Bible has had, and has now, the power of multiplying itself and of impelling men to produce enormous masses of literature about it. Altogether astonishing is the ceaseless activity of men in translating, teaching, explaining, interpreting, propagating, and defending this Book. Every succeeding generation and each race, community, or nation that falls under the fascination of the Book seem smitten with the same incurable contagion of doing for or against this Book what it would not dream of doing for or against any other book in the world.

It stirs men and moves them to intense activity. It induces them to encounter every form of peril and to make the most gigantic sacrifices just to get the mere chance of preaching it; it moves them to undergo the most enormous labors in order to translate it into difficult and barbarous languages; it impels them to submit to the most arduous drudgery in order to reduce spoken languages to written form so that the Book can be made to speak in these languages.

This one Book, which is just a small part of what is known as the literature of the world, has attracted to itself, and has had concentrated upon itself, vastly more thought and has called forth more works—explanatory, illustrative, apologetic—upon its text, its meaning, its exegesis, its doctrines, its history, its geography, its ethnology, its chronology, its evidences, its inspiration, its origin, than all the rest of the literature of the world put together.

In addition to the great multitudes of books in favor of the Bible, there are great numbers against it, attempting to refute its teachings and overthrow its claims, denying its truth, denouncing its doctrines, directly or indirectly opposing its influence, and correcting its followers. If they could all be collected, they would make an immense library.

And all the while the Book itself has never answered back, never taken its own part, never made any explanation or rejoinder. It passes along the ages in majestic silence, saying not one thing except that which it has always said, speaking no word but what it has always spoken, taking no notice of the tumult it creates, taking no part in the controversies it arouses. But it survives both friends and foes and continues to give its testimony through the passing centuries. Its enemies die, pass away, and are forgotten. It lives and grows in power.

Yes, the old Book is filled with divine energy and

power. Its words live because it is the Word of the living God. And it should always be remembered that it is not merely the *living* Word, but the *life-giving* Word as well. The life of God Himself is imparted to the one who believes and appropriates the Word.

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Modern Scientific Marvels in Prophecy

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description than did Nahum about 2,600 years ago?

Other translations indicate that these last-day chariots would be made of steel and be propelled by fire and used for war. "The shields of his heroes are red, his mighty commanders in scarlet, his chariots flash fire in the day of review, and they brandish their spears! The chariots rush on in the streets, they charge in the squares like the flames, and like lightning they leap."—Fenton.

The text indicates that there would be chariots of steel propelled by fire. No horses are mentioned. The spears or weapons of war are shaken as these ponderous steel tanks rush madly along with their flaming headlights and fire-belching cannons. The valiant men of war stumble and fall as they hasten to the covering of prepared defenses.

"The gates of the rivers shall be opened." Nahum 2:6. The gate of a river is its mouth, or opening into the sea, the bar, or harbor. For commercial and war purposes the gates of practically every river have been dredged and have undergone vast and expensive improvements in these days of preparation for the end of the reign of sin.

In answer to Job's request to contend with the Almighty, the Lord asked him eighty-four questions regarding the things of nature and their future use by man. In these questions are revealed secrets unknown to man except in recent years of increased knowledge. One question was, "Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?" Job 38:35. Is this a forecast of the use of electricity for sending messages? "Hello" is strictly an American word, which is sort of meaningless. In England and other countries, "Are you there?" and "I am here" are used instead. Does the marginal reading "Behold us" predict the use of television, in which the likeness as well as the voice is transmitted by electricity?

In the questions in chapter forty-one regarding the mighty leviathan of the great deep, is the modern steamship prefigured? "By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning. Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out. Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron. His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth." The chapter then speaks of flakes, or armor plates, protecting leviathan's body so that arrows and slingstones are helpless; and he laughs at all weapons of war. The deep is made

"to boil like a pot of ointment," and "he maketh a path to shine after him" as he plows through the mighty deep. Is this a description of a modern armored battleship in action? The picture can hardly apply to any sea fish or animal known.

Is the airplane prefigured in Isaiah 60:8: "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?" Is the dove's flying through the air and then alighting at the window or doorway of her bird-house used here as a symbol of the airplane alighting and entering the hangar? When General Allenby captured Jerusalem during the first World War, he applied Isaiah 31:5 to the warplanes by which he helped capture and later defend Jerusalem.

Jesus declared that just before His return there would be "signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth." Luke 21:25. No event has ever been so widely advertised as the second advent of Christ. We see thousands of signs every day in every automobile, streetcar, railroad train, and airplane. In fact, every modern invention tells us that we have come to "the last days" and "the time of the end," when Christ is preparing the world for His return.

The chief purpose of these inventions, which speed up travel, communication, and ways of doing things, is that the gospel commission to evangelize the world may be carried out with dispatch. Jesus declared that "all power" in heaven and earth was given Him to give to His messengers so that they could fulfill this commission. Scientific marvels truly are a mighty factor in sending "the everlasting gospel" as an angel flying "in the midst of heaven" to "them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people," so that He can "finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." See Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 14:6; Romans 9:28.

Although many of these inventions are being used for evil purposes, it is the duty of the church to make use of them in the speedy accomplishment of her divinely appointed task. They should be used to the utmost limit in bringing the inhabitants of the earth to a speedy, final decision as to whether King Jesus shall be their Sovereign.

Saturday

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the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17. One is not a commandment keeper if he keeps nine and breaks one, "for whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." James 2:10. When Christ says the remnant church keep His commandments, He means all ten.

The redeemed will also keep the Sabbath of creation throughout eternity. Isaiah tells us: "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall

remain before Me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith the Lord." Isaiah 66:22, 23.

We have taken the history of God's Sabbath from Eden to Paradise. Saturday is the Christian Sabbath. It is God's mark, His seal. Worship on that day, in obedience to the Creator's wishes, distinguishes His people.

Jesus Christ is the only Leader. We must follow Him. "He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked." 1 John 2:6. We who want to follow Jesus in complete obedience will reject the errors of paganism and will align our lives with the Word of God. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." John 13:17. This is what the Bible calls "your reasonable service," for if we love Him, we will keep His commandments. (John 14:15.) "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." Matthew 19:17.

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advantages: It gives the photographer independence of all other light sources, day or night; it does not raise the temperature of surroundings and causes no discomfort to the subjects; it is fast enough to catch a child at play; it exposes a portrait before the subject can blink his eyes; it requires no expensive fast-lens equipment; and it cuts the time of preparation for the shot by eliminating stringing and connecting wires, mounting light reflectors, etc. Generally speaking, a picture that is worth taking is worth the flash lamp to illuminate it. Of course, other means of lighting are equally good under many circumstances.

A great many inexpensive cameras these days are equipped with built-in flash, which requires no external synchronizer for making certain that the shutter is open when the flash bulb fires. But the advantages of flash can be enjoyed even by the box camera which has no built-in arrangement and cannot be rigged to a synchronizer. This is done by using what is called the "open-flash" method. Place the camera on a solid support and focus on the picture area. Place a flash bulb either in a hand-flash unit or an ordinary electrical socket. Then, after setting the camera shutter on "time" or "bulb" and lowering room lights so they will not affect the film while the shutter is open, press the shutter release and immediately flash the bulb; then close the shutter promptly. The flash should, of course, be well out of the picture area. This will have the effect of giving a fiftieth to a hundredth of a second exposure.

Be very sure that in preparing for the picture the flash lamp does not come in contact with current before you are ready for the exposure.

GOD'S TWO BOOKS

By Mary Hunter Moore

Sparrows

I love English sparrows. Over long years of fighting aversion to these pesky pests, I have developed a deep regard for them. They illustrate the plan of salvation better than any other birds.

It was not by accident that Jesus chose sparrows as symbols of the members of the human race—there is much resemblance. They are careless and untidy and selfish and quarrelsome and ungrateful and noisy and impudent and destructive and—sparrows! They are not fit to associate with. Spare their nest under the eaves, and they will fill their benefactor's house with vermin. Put out bird food, and they allow no others at the feeding station. They harry the modest blue-birds away from birdhouses they cannot use themselves. Even the jolly and wholesome house wrens vanish before the pugnacious bad manners of sparrows. Dainty orioles and royal cardinals shun the company of filthy sparrows fighting over ordure in the road ruts. No birds could sink lower.

It is hard to find anything good to say for sparrows. We dislike them so much we seldom stop to really look at one and see that it is not entirely without beauty.

Poor sparrows! If they had human thoughts, a lot of their pugnaciousness would be hurt feelings. We cultivate the association of our big human brothers, they might say, and do they love us for it? Not as you could notice. They lavish all their liking on the flashy-colored birds. It's no use trying to be good; nobody loves us. (How many of the mean things done by human beings have grown out of thwarted longings to be loved!)

But Someone loves the sparrows. There is Someone who notes their needs and marks their deaths—Someone who quoted His care for the sparrows as the symbol of His care for me. I wonder if He can see anything more to love in me than I do in sparrows. But Jesus loved sparrows because they needed His love—just why He loves me.

Also Jesus knew that sparrows had not always been so degraded; they were not so unlovely in Eden. And once in a while now a sparrow has a little flash of its former beautiful nature. Once I heard astonishingly sweet bird tones coming very softly from one of my office windows which was hidden by a bookcase. Peeking, I saw on the sill two sparrows loving each other with strokings of wings and kisses of bills and

the sweetest bird love-tones I ever heard. And once Fern and I, chatting on my house steps, were startled by a burst of glorious melody, unknown in our bird acquaintance. It came from an English sparrow on the eaves above us. We both saw and heard while he repeatedly sang.

Sparrows are finches, made a little lower than their cousins the grosbeaks and the goldfinches and the buntings and the canaries. Jesus loved them for what they were in Eden and what they will be when He re-creates them in the new earth—just exactly why He loves us.

GEMS of TRUTH

Youth is always too serious and just now it is too serious about frivolity.—G. K. Chesterton.

It is the cleverest thing in the world to be merely happy, and the unhappiest to be merely clever.—Maarten Maartens.

In times of crisis we must avoid both ignorant change and ignorant opposition to change.—John Stuart Mill.

Manners are the happy way of doing things; each one a stroke of genius or of love, now repeated and hardened into usage.—Emerson.

Those who know best are certain that government can never by itself create general happiness, abolish greed, blackout want and disease, establish social justice and bring about world brotherhood.—Raymond Moley.

Were we directed from Washington when to sow, when to reap, we should soon want bread.—Jefferson.

Whatever crushes individuality is despotism, by whatever name it may be called.—John Stuart Mill.

Nothing is so galling to a people, not broken in from the birth, as a paternal, or, in other words, a meddling government, a government which tells them what to read, and say, and eat, and drink, and wear.—T. B. Macaulay.

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from, Satan answered: "From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." Job 1:7; 2:2. When he tempted Christ in the wilderness, Satan "shewed unto Him all the kingdoms of the world. . . . And the devil said unto Him, All this power will I give Thee, and the glory of them: for *that is delivered unto me*; and to whomsoever I will, I give it." Luke 4:5, 6. Lucifer lied when he said, "That is delivered unto me." The truth is: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24:1. God has never surrendered His sovereignty over our world. But because the vast majority of the inhabitants of earth have yielded to the temptations of the devil and persist in sin against God, they have given their allegiance to Satan as their ruler. It was in this sense that Christ spoke of Satan as "the prince of this world." (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11.) Paul calls him "the god of this world." (2 Corinthians 4:4.) Even in the matter of religion the vast majority of people follow the errors of the evil one. (Matthew 7:13, 14.) "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Romans 6:16.

Satan and his angels have not yet been cast into the lake of fire. They are now on earth busily stirring up men to rebellion against God. (Revelation 16:14.) When Christ was about to break the power of the evil one over a crazy man, the demons cried out: "Art Thou come hither to torment us *before the time*?" Matthew 8:29. The devils knew that the time had not yet come for them to be punished.

"*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: and before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. . . . Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. . . . Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.*" Matthew 25:31-34, 41. "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone." Revelation 20:10.

As each sinner will be rewarded "according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22:12), the sufferings of Satan will far exceed those of any other transgressor of the law of God. After he has been tormented enough to meet the demands of justice, Lucifer will be wholly destroyed. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezekiel 18:4, 20. "The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23. As John foresaw the wicked in the

judgment, he wrote: "Fire came down from God out of heaven, and *devoured them*." Revelation 20:9. "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea; all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh *shall burn them up*, saith the Lord of hosts, that *it shall leave them neither root nor branch*. . . . And ye shall tread down the wicked; for *they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet* in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts." Malachi 4:1, 3.

Satan and his followers will be completely destroyed. The Lord has said to him: "I will bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, *it shall devour thee*, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all of them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee; . . . and *never shalt thou be any more*." Ezekiel 28:18, 19.

Yes, the ultimate triumph of right over wrong, of truth over error, will be complete and eternal. There will remain neither a vestige of sinners nor a taint of sin in all the great universe of God.

Let's Ask the Doctor

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take sleeping medicines. Turn farmer and get out-of-doors long enough to get good and tired and see what happens when you "hit the hay."

As an antidote for worry just remember who keeps you breathing while asleep and your heart beating, which is entirely beyond your control. "Let not your heart be troubled" is still good counsel, and it comes from One who is big enough and interested enough in us to help us in all our problems of whatever nature, either large or small. Before retiring, read a chapter in the little book *Steps to Christ*. If you do not sleep much for a night or two, do not take it too seriously. No one ever died from staying awake too long when there was a bed handy. Do the best you can, keep your conscience clear, and go to bed not caring whether you sleep. If you must lie and think, turn your mind to the goodness of a loving heavenly Father who cares for each of His children as though He had no other interests.



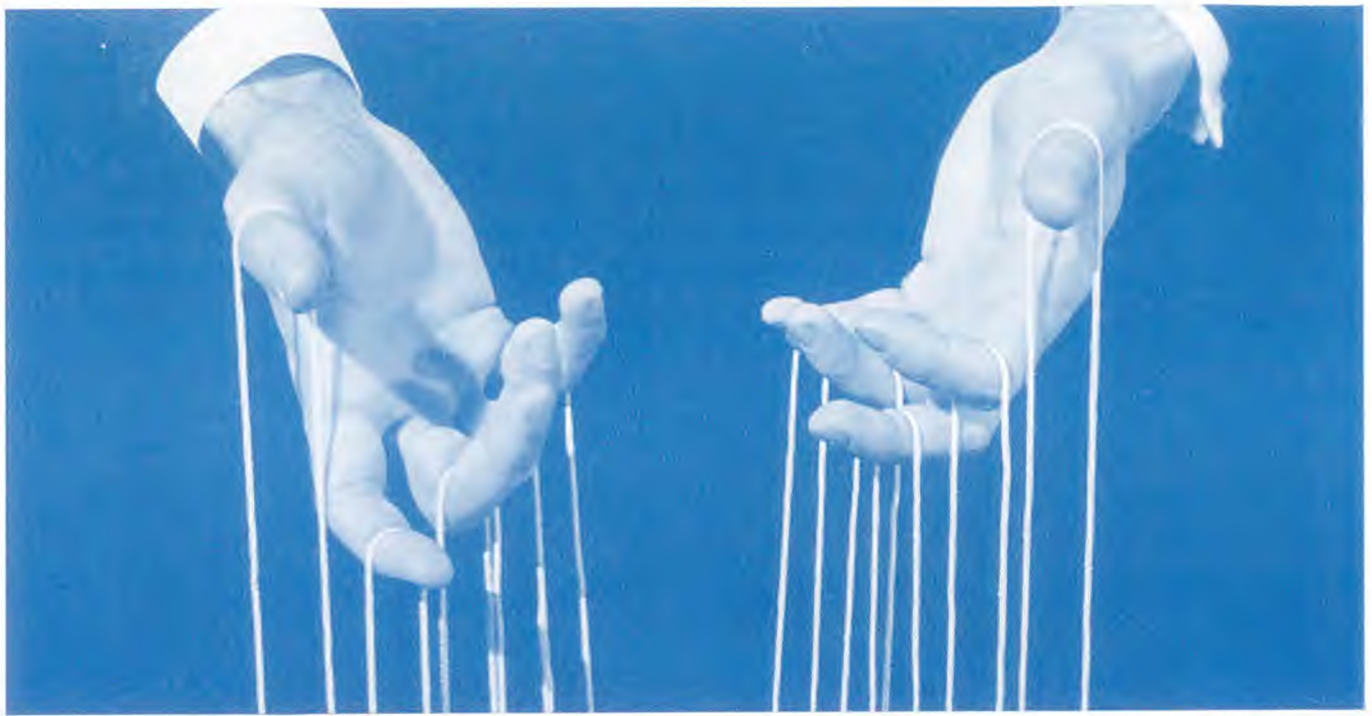
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"They Are Puppets"

How to Be Free From the Fettering Strings of a Relentless Taskmaster

By Edna Atkin Pepper

YET HERE can be the universal temple, the cathedral of the earth, the prayer room of all races, creeds, and sects, all communing with a Supreme Being in the realization that without it they are puppets!" This statement was made by H. L. Phillips in the *New York Sun*.

Mr. Phillips referred to the proposed chapel of prayer in the new United Nations headquarters. There will be nothing of pomp or panoply to distract the worshiper from his communion, simply a great slab of marble as a memorial of our boys who gave their all. "Communing . . . without it they are puppets!"

I am reminded of the puppet stage on display from the French Thank You Train. The dolls had fine wires bound tightly about them, and these extended up through the theater where they could be grasped by the one in control of the situation.

"Without it they are puppets!" And so there is placed before us a choice of two destinies: We may commune with God, in the prayer room, in church, at home, on the street, anywhere, or we may refuse the privilege.

There are no enslaving chains or wires binding any of us to God. The "ties that bind" Christians to Him are of the kind that bind children to a loving earthly parent.

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Galatians 5:1. "There is neither bond nor free, . . . for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28.

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36. There is but one alternative, for "his servants ye are to whom ye obey." Romans 6:16. The "sons" are free, but those who reject God's proffered liberty are but puppets on the scene of action. Invisible bonds, stronger than steel, encircle the puppets. Finally, they are grasped in the relentless clutch of a hard and ruthless taskmaster.

Those who refuse to commune with God will not feel the pull of the strings immediately. That would frighten them. They would struggle and cry to God for help and find deliverance. No. Satan lulls them to contentment by the tawdry color and glitter of the stage setting. Pleasure is the sedative that deadens the senses so they do not feel the web that holds them fast and directs their every move until it is too late.

Would you be free of puppet strings? There is one way: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

