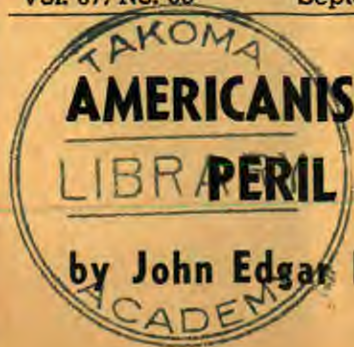


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WHY FRANCE FELL

AFTER France had fallen before the blitzkrieg blows of its ancient enemy, Marshal Petain sorrowfully told his people by radio that they had lost because they had too few friends, too few young men, too few guns, and because they had wasted the victory years since 1918.

"We will learn our lesson from the lost battle," he said. "Since our victory our sense of enjoyment has predominated over our sense of sacrifice. We have not exerted enough effort. . . . Today we are in distress."

Following the tragic fall of France, Marshal Petain led the people in a service of silent prayer in front of the memorial to the dead of the World War, in Bordeaux.

It was a frank confession, and all who heard the aged marshal knew that what he said was true.

Wasted years. Enjoyment instead of sacrifice. Then defeat and distress.

Petaín's words might well have been uttered by the leaders of many another fallen country, for in them lies the secret of the sequence of debacles that have shocked Europe and the world these past few months.

An old English village near Yarmouth after the bombers had passed by.



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A
SURVEY OF
**WORLD
EVENTS**

by the
EDITOR

Following the Great War of 1914-18 the return of peace meant for many merely the return of opportunity to make money and to seek pleasure. Less work and more play became the main objective of multitudes. Hours of labor were reduced while wages soared. "Bread and circuses" the people demanded, and bread and circuses they got. Even the most vital responsibilities were shirked that hardships might be avoided and money be made available for more of the luxuries of life.

Now, too late, in the hour of defeat they see the folly of it all.

Perhaps other countries, too, should give heed to these words. Perhaps this great land might give them serious thought. Perhaps here also the same subtle, softening processes of decay and deterioration have been proceeding. When one considers the innumerable saloons, dance halls, picture theaters, and other similar places of amusement and indulgence, not to mention the constant, nation-wide strikes for more money and

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less work, one cannot but be filled with apprehension.

And not only nations, but churches also, might peruse Petain's words with profit. How true it has been in years gone by that great religious institutions, built at enormous expenditure of effort and zeal, have begun to decline with the passing of the sacrificial spirit of their pioneers.

The lesson indeed is for us all. Always we must be on our guard lest "our sense of enjoyment" predominate over "our sense of sacrifice." We must not let one victory, one successful achievement, cause us to relax our efforts or to sap our ambition to excel. The call of Christ is for unreserved consecration now and always, until the final triumph of truth has been won and the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. There is no discharge in this war.



TO MANY people today the world presents a picture of hopeless confusion. It is as though a tornado had struck a prosperous modern city and left it a heap of wreckage, with all means of communication cut off and only wild rumors leaking through to tell of the damage done.

The lights have gone out and men and women are groping helplessly in deepening gloom. Truth and error have become so interwoven that it is becoming increasingly difficult to know what to believe. War reports are so conflicting that none can tell the true course of events. Propaganda mills of every warring nation grind out their stories of military victories and political successes, totally regardless of the facts.

As we listen to the radio or read the newspapers we can never be sure whether or not we are the victims of some campaign of falsehood.

We find ourselves today, says a writer in the New York *Herald Tribune*, back in Plato's cave of shadows. "We sit with our backs to the sunlight of reality, watching the succession of shadows cast by propaganda barrages, by inspired news releases and even more carefully inspired suppressions, by the comings and goings of diplomatists, by mysterious troop movements. And from these shadows we attempt to deduce some idea of what is really going on outside. It is confusing; and one seldom feels much confidence in the accuracy of the result."

"Now that press reports and opinions are turned on and off, in most countries, by the pull of a lever and for the most

OUR COVER PICTURE

In these days when a hundred destructive forces are seeking to wreck all that is best in democracy, when the world is filled with hatred and cruelty, it is heartening indeed to see such noble-looking youth holding aloft this beautiful symbol of freedom, peace, and good will.

obscure reasons, their evidential value becomes almost nil; and now that every slightest move is calculated for its effect, the moves are rapidly ceasing to have any intelligible effect at all."

Backs to the sunlight in a cave of shadows! What an accurate picture of multitudes today! Minds all confused and distraught, filled with fears and apprehensions.

But what can be done?

Turn round and face the sun! Turn toward the light. For there is light for our time, streaming from heaven to earth. It comes to us in the Bible, that wonderful Book which has illuminated the path of the just from time immemorial. It has light and understanding for us all.

No one who studies this Book need be in confusion. Shadows caused by false reports and lying propaganda vanish before its radiance. For it helps us to see God's hand in human affairs; it reveals a divine plan behind all the upheavals and tragedies caused by ungodly men; it unveils the future and declares definitely the promise of a better and brighter day.

Like its divine Author it gives "light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Luke 1:79.



Soldiers of the Egyptian Army preparing for an expected Italian invasion.



THE general longing for an understanding of the cataclysmic events of our time, for some voice of authority that will clear away the prevailing confusion and help men to see where the world is going, is no doubt responsible for the amazing revival of interest in Bible prophecies.

Traveling over the country from city to city and from state to state, we have been impressed with the number of people anxious to know the meaning of the prophetic symbols mentioned in the Scriptures. There is a definite hunger for more knowledge of these important matters. Many are sure that the Bible holds the key to the present world enigma, and are longing for someone to make it plain to them.

This new interest in prophecy no doubt accounts for the extraordinary welcome accorded the Special Prophetic Issue of the *Signs of the Times*, dated July 2. Although published but a few weeks ago, the circulation of this number has already reached the phenomenal total of 375,000 copies. For a time orders poured in from all parts of the country at the rate of 10,000 a day.

Fifteen tons of paper were used in the printing of this popular number. Fifteen tons of prophetic interpretation!

Readers will recall that this was the issue in which particular attention was directed to the great metallic image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream,—the prophecy contained in the second chapter of Daniel,—and the question was asked and answered, "Will One Man Rule the World?"

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Americanism IN PERIL



WASHINGTON - HAMILTON - MADISON - FRANKLIN
READ-SHERMAN-PINCKNEY-LIVINGSTON-MORRIS-KING

THIS nation's present position of prominence did not result from accident. As a nation we became great through thoughtful planning for the future and through an invincible determination to translate those plans into action. The time has now come when we must plan anew, otherwise hordes of schemers with fantastic ideas that sprang from unworkable and alien philosophies from abroad will eat away the otherwise firm foundations upon which our nation is built. Vile and vicious forces are today

seeking to tear our America asunder—killing freedom, ravishing justice, and destroying liberty. The one achievement above all others which America must preserve is that of good citizenship. By

NOTE: This contribution is somewhat different from the regular matter appearing in the "Signs of the Times," but the issues with which Mr. Hoover deals are so vitally important at the present time that we feel his utterance deserves the widest publicity and his work the most earnest support of every believer in law and order.—Editor.

Enemies Within
the Gates

The Battle With Destructive Forces

by

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation



this I mean a preservation of our democratic institutions, freedom, liberty, respect for country, and better government through the efforts and will of all our people.

Without a superior stalwart national citizenship, everything is insecure. The ideas which international propagandists would foist upon us are the very antithesis of American citizenship. Churches have been closed by the mere whim of a dictator; the members of the clergy have been humiliated. As has been the case in other lands, homes can be wrecked, businesses ruined, jobs lost forever, and personal security relegated to fearful outrages of secret police more criminal than even the worst murderers they can accuse.

Some of our dangerous gangsters have come from foreign shores. The worst of these, however, are not the murderers or

racketeers. Far more dangerous are those who advocate revolution under disguise. Such masqueraders have not as much respect for constituted authority as has the average robber, highwayman, or murderer; at least the latter admit their crimes and, in many cases, accept their punishment as just and due. Those who would subvert liberty meanwhile shout most loudly for the protection of the Constitution while seeking to destroy its sacred guarantees. There is no such thing as liberty unless it is liberty under law.

A great many false notions of liberty are now quite common, due to plausibly-worded propaganda designed by the seducers of our liberties to mislead Americans.

The notion is prevalent in too many communities that liberty means, "Do as you wish, as long as you don't get caught." That is why 4,067 serious crimes are committed every twenty-four hours. That is why a human life is sacrificed on crime's altar every forty-four minutes, and that is why a robbery occurs every 9½ minutes, a larceny every 36 seconds, and a burglary every minute and a half.

Because of misdirected energy and perverted teachings, we have in the FBI today the fingerprints of some five million persons who have been arrested for an offense more serious than a traffic violation. Before this year comes to a close, approximately one million persons will have heard the clanging doors close behind them as they enter jails, prisons, and reformatories, and all because they had not been properly schooled in the true meaning of liberty.

Because of misinterpretation of liberty, often deliberately brought about by inciters of violence, the nation is paying a crime bill which in three years would equal our national debt. Hence every decent citizen should rededicate himself to a furtherance of liberty in its truest sense, defined by our democratic traditions. There is only one way to ensure liberty to all peoples. That is by a firm adherence to justice, such as has been provided and established in our American heritage, and in our Constitution which we must preserve for the future at all costs!

America's duty to the future demands that the cherished principles of liberty be preserved for all time. We can do this best by striking at the forces which assail liberty—the lawless, the thoughtless, and the exponents of totalitarian serfdom and slavery.

We must and shall cope with this effort to enslave us through perversions of the truth. The first line of defense is the home, with its all-important atmosphere of expectations and fond hopes for the future and the training so necessary

to develop future generations of Americans.

Modern law enforcement has demonstrated its ability to cope with the hardened criminal, but at best that is only first-aid treatment. The only permanent cure lies in killing the infectious and deep-seated germs of lawlessness with a thorough prophylactic, which is best administered by proper home training and environment.

Sinister forces of the underworld constantly seek new places to work their evil. Youth, more youth, are sought for this purpose. We must inoculate our young against such treacherous germs. This means proper home training, proper precept, and proper example. We can prevent more crime in the high chair than in the electric chair, whether that crime be against property or against our nation.

Youth must be told about the slime and dirt that infest the underworld. Dishonesty is one common denominator found in all criminals. It must be met with the daily teachings of the virtues of honesty. In teaching honesty, you are also teaching Americanism. You are piercing smoke screens of falsehood and subterfuge thrown up by enemies of America.

The corruption of our youth by subversive activities is a violation of our American liberties and is an attempt to lure us into the fear, the injustice, and

the slavery of totalitarian barbarism. And this is so regardless of the high-sounding names of hypocritical "front" organizations. Our greatest asset is intellectual freedom. Our worst menace is intellectual debauchery, which is as rotten and untenable as the filth from which it springs. Certainly we have a right to inquire into the character of our children's education. We have the inalienable right to see that they are taught the true principles of Americanism and nothing else. If young Americans are to be educated for the future, parents must accept the responsibility of seeing that this education is properly given for a better and safer nation.

What are you doing to make your child recognize his good fortune in living in this favored land? Are you teaching him a respect for his country and its institutions? Does he respect the American flag as a symbol of liberty? Does he respect honorable forces of law and order? Have you compared his plight with that of boys and girls in other lands? Does he go to church, and is he taught that he is responsible to God rather than to some dictator who denies even the power of the Deity and charges that religion is the opiate of the people?

A flood of vilification has recently been loosed upon all things American by scandal sheets which espouse the cause of foreign isms. We must counter with

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God Give Us Men

by J. G. HOLLAND

God give us men. The time demands

Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands;

Men whom the lust of office does not kill;

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;

Men who possess opinions and a will;

Men who have honor; men who will not lie;

Men who can stand before a demagogue

And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog

In public duty and in private thinking!

For while the rabble with their thumb-worn creeds,

Their large professions and their little deeds,

Mingle in selfish strife; lo! Freedom weeps!

Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice

sleeps!

God give us men!



Fossil FOUND ALIVE!

Scientist Claims Discovery
of Man's "Extinct" Monkey An-
cestor Still Living in Malay States
Another Evolutionary Myth Exploded

by BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ALLEN

TARSIVS, the smallest monkey, has been called by scientists the "root of our family tree." It was supposed to have perished from the earth during the so-called "Eocene age," some fifty million years ago, but it has just been found alive! It was found in the jungles of the Malay States. A live pair have been brought to America by a Yale professor, and are being kept in a specially prepared tropical room.

Dr. Leona Baumgartner, writing in *Collier's* magazine, said: "The point of the story is that, if evolutionists are right, not only the two tiny monkeys, but the distinguished scientists as well, are descendants of the furry little animals of fifty million years ago. TarsivS, the monkey, has not changed. Man has.

"And so, in effect, the scientists who come to look at TarsivS are seeing man's oldest surviving ancestor, a living fossil. The phrase 'living fossil,' was applied to TarsivS by Dr. Chester Stock, the paleontologist from California, when he first saw the two TarsivS in the torrid room at New Haven."

Dr. Baumgartner described how, during the so-called Eocene period, great numbers of these animals, consisting of twenty-one different kinds, lived in various parts of the world. "Then, to all appearances, they died out." "They were put down as an extinct species—until modern zoologists found living specimens in the Malay States.

"Then came the big surprise. Experts who compared modern TarsivS with those fifty-million-year-old remains found only trivial differences. They are as much alike as two pins.

"TarsivS alone of the higher animals has lived in our changing world without changing too. Some scientists refuse to believe it possible. But the proof is now sitting at New Haven."

Dr. Baumgartner might have added, that, like TarsivS, the whole ant family most emphatically denies all evolutionary theories, because the earliest ants found, those in so-called Tertiary shales, supposedly fifty-five million years old, and those in the fossil amber of later "ages," are just like the ants

of today, with all of their slaves, "milk cows," classified workers, larvae, pupae, and all their peculiar ways. See *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 14th ed., vol. 1, pp. 738, 739; Maurice Maeterlinck, *Life of the Ant*, pages 22-26; Dr. William Morton Wheeler, *Social Life Among the Insects*, pages 117, 118; Dr. D. F. Jones, *Genetics*, page 26.

But to return to TarsivS. He is a little monkey about the size of a two-week-old kitten. He is called TarsivS because of the long tarsal bones in his hind legs. With these he can jump twenty times his own length. The ends of his toes are padded with cupped pads like those of the tree toad, enabling him to stick to smooth surfaces. His hands are remarkably similar to man's, and they, together with the placenta of the female, are pointed to as his closest approaches to man. He is a heavy eater of moths, lizards, grasshoppers—all live food. His eyes are large and goggled, covering about two thirds of his face, and are immovable. However, he can turn his

head easily in a complete circle and rest his chin on his backbone as can the owl. But here is a remarkable fact. All of the TarsivS fossils found in the supposed fifty-million-year strata are as large as foxes. The living ones are only runts, like man, as compared with their former size. This is a common fact, however, when living animals are compared to those of the fossils of that older world which the Flood destroyed. In the history of every plant or animal on earth, living or extinct, scientists are forced to mention a certain time when "they all suddenly died off," and only runts—and few of them—have been found since. Strange to say, the larger monkeys are nearly the only exceptions. Man is very definitely no exception.

In our research among human remains we have developed two principles by which we distinguish the true pre-Flood life from that which has been fossilized since that time.

The first principle is that fossils of true pre-Flood life are more than likely to be found in or on major strata, not necessarily related to modern drainage or superficial deposits. The second is that such fossils are likely to be mingled with other fossils which have been extinct since the Flood, most of which are larger than related forms living today.

The fact that only one kind of TarsivS out of the twenty-two listed was saved is in harmony with the Bible account of the Flood, which states that only one pair of a "family" (margin, Genesis 8:19) was saved. Some other families of animals appear since then to have divided, under Mendel's law, as they did before the Flood, mainly amidst increasing degeneration and extinction. But TarsivS, however, the very animal depended upon by theorists to have produced man's ancestral line, has now been found not to have changed at all, except in marked degeneracy. This is now reluctantly admitted by the sponsors of ape-man philosophy.

The fact of degeneration of life is so firmly fixed that, to be logical, these theorists would have to choose as man's ancestor some animal now much larger than man, or else explain away universal degeneracy, which they have never even

attempted. Degeneration is a taboo subject with them. It is too embarrassing.

The writer wished to learn the latest view as to what relation the Tarsius had to the lemur, so often referred to as in man's remote line. He therefore visited the laboratory of a high authority who is named in the article in *Collier's* from which we have quoted. A personal letter from him states that the Tarsius is "close to" the stem group from which man sprang, while Dr. Baumgartner places Tarsius *directly in line*. But when we get right down to definite facts, not even their *theories* are definite, on which few of them agree. "Delightfully elusive" describes it.

The helpers in this laboratory showed us the statements from the three most authoritative source books. We were dumfounded at what they revealed. These three authorities state that Tarsius is the most remote of all monkeys from the lemur, except the aye-aye, a small, more ratlike creature not counted in man's line. The Tarsius and the lemur are *not even rated as belonging to the same family!*

Therefore, as between these two animals, which are *further apart than all other monkeys*, there is less chance of finding any logical connection than between any or all other monkeys. And yet positive statements are frequently made that both the Tarsius and the lemur are in man's direct line. Where is the supposed authority, or unity, or accuracy of science here? We quote one of the statements as a sample, taken from Richard Lydeker, *New Natural History*, page 237:

"TARSIVUS A LEMUROID. These two strange creatures, although sufficiently nearly related to the lemurs to be included in the same great group, yet differ so markedly, *not only from the lemurs*, but likewise from each other, as to make it necessary to refer them to two *distinct families*."

The other two references are *Living Animals of the World*, by a number of authorities, page 31, and a separately bound volume from *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 1933, *Mammals and Birds*, page 99, in discussing the topic, "Tarsius a Suborder of Apes, Monkeys, and Lemurs."

Another radical misfit was the finding last spring of a live fish off the coast of South Africa which the noncreationists had hitherto classed as extinct since the "Eocene(?) age, fifty million years ago," the same supposed age as the Tarsius. The fossils of this fish were found to be of cartilage instead of true bone, and this had long been taken to be a mark of vast geologic age and long extinction. But the live fish was exactly like the fossil fish, and away went another pet theory. The implications are even more damaging.

Even more important and disconcerting to agnostic geologists was the finding in the Grand Canyon in the summer of 1938 of a petrified jellyfish in strata that were classed as Algonkian—*supposedly a billion years before these theorists allow for any life at all on earth!* That fossil is now in the Carnegie Institution in Washington, D. C. (*Science*, August 26, 1938.) Authorities are nonplused to account for it because, *to them*, it violates a fixed "law of nature," the rock-age system.

In the *Science News Letter* of October 29, 1938, there appeared pictures of man's footprints in sandstone said to be of the "coal age" some two hundred forty-nine million years *before man appeared on earth*. Later, in two articles in the *Signs of the Times*, I showed the inconsistency of this theory, and that the true explanation is the Flood of Noah. Many more pictures, with another discussion of such footprints, appeared in the *Scientific American* for January, 1940, still with no solution whatever that can

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This picture, reproduced by kind permission of "Collier's" magazine, shows the two specimens of Tarsius monkeys captured in Malaya, now at Yale University. They are here almost life-size.



THOMAS

IT HAS been indeed marvelous how man has been able during this last generation to harness the forces of nature and make them subservient to his will. From a material viewpoint life has been completely revolutionized by the arrival of the modern machine age. Powers of nature have been made to minister to man's comfort and happiness, and, alas, to his discomfiture and misery as well. To man's sorrow it has been discovered that the same forces may be and have been put to a wrong as well as to a right use. Many believe today that the scientific discoveries that were designed to save and bless mankind will eventually destroy our modern civilization.

More wonderful than the fact that these scientific miracles have come into being within a single generation is that they were foretold and described in the Scriptures thousands of years ago. That the powers of nature would be used to operate new weapons of war and engines of destruction is indicated in one of the questions the Lord asked Job: "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?" Job 38:22, 23. It is possible that this may have reference to the "great hailstones" used during the seventh of the seven last plagues as the artillery of heaven to destroy the wicked. See Ezekiel 13:13, 14; 38:21-23; Revelation 16:16-21. But our text seems to indicate a relation between the forces of nature and new and powerful weapons of warfare that will be used in the last days.

Does this text have any reference to the discovery of TNT, the most powerful explosive known and useful only in

war as an agent of destruction? This explosive was developed by two young American chemists at Heidelberg, Pennsylvania. The first eight thousand pounds manufactured contained a pound of impurities, and while it was awaiting shipment to France from a New Jersey harbor it exploded, and the cost of insured window glass alone was \$1,000,000. More care was used the second time and sixteen thousand pounds were produced with but one pound of impurities. In the harbor of Halifax the second explosion occurred and partially destroyed half the city.

Learning that a German chemist working along the same line had gone to the Swiss Alps to get snow for use in his laboratory because of its purity, the American chemists began a new experiment. They found that snow and hail are contractions formed at 32° above zero. They took their explosive materials in liquid form and crystallized them at the temperature of snow and hail. The result was an explosive that could be safely shipped to France for use in the World War, where TNT played an important part during the closing days.

A picture of the use of gunpowder in weapons of modern warfare is given in Revelation 9:17, 18. By almost universal consent the sixth apocalyptic trumpet

and "second woe" is a description of the Ottoman Turks and their military campaigns. They fought largely on horseback, and this prophecy describes the uniforms of the cavalymen and new weapons of warfare in which it appeared to the prophet in vision that "fire and smoke and brimstone" issued out of the horses' mouths. It is a significant fact that firearms were first used in warfare during the campaigns of the Turks and the wars of that period. The historian Gibbon declared that during this period "the use of gunpowder in cannon and bombs appears as a familiar practice."—Gibbon, *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, vol. 4, p. 370. Hand grenades and small firearms were first used at that time. The use of heavy cannon was an important factor in the capture of Constantinople by the Turks. Where the Saracens had so often failed with the sword, lance, and arrows, the Turkish soldiers succeeded with gunpowder and cannon.

Of the invention and use of gunpowder in warfare Gibbon says: "The chemists of China or Europe had found, by casual or elaborate experiments, that a mixture of saltpeter, sulphur, and charcoal, produces with a spark of fire, a tremendous explosion. It was soon observed, that if the expansive force were

GUNPOWDER IN THE

*More Amazing Predictions
of Modern Discoveries*

How Science Confirms the Scriptures

by

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DER BIBLE!



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compressed in a strong tube, a ball of stone or iron might be expelled with irresistible and destructive velocity. . . . It was disclosed to the Turks by the treachery of apostates and the selfish policy of rivals; and the sultans had sense to adopt, and wealth to reward, the talents of a Christian engineer. The Genoese, who transported Amurath into Europe, must be accused as his protectors; and it was probably by their hands that his cannon was cast and directed at the siege of Constantinople." "The incessant volleys of lances and arrows were accompanied with the smoke, the sound, and the fire, of their musketry and cannon. Their small arms discharged at the same time either five, or even ten, balls of lead, of the size of a walnut; and, according to the closeness of the ranks and the force of the powder, several breastplates and bodies were transpierced by the same shot."—*Id.*, pp. 237, 238, 427, 428. What vast improvements have been made in these new engines of destruction since their first use during the sixteenth century! Mechanized and motorized warfare is now the order of the day on land and sea, in the air, and under the water.

But not all modern inventions threaten the destruction of the human race and their boasted twentieth-century civilization. The powers of nature are also be-

ing harnessed to save life. In this age of scientific wonders medical science has come into its own and is keeping pace with the greatest achievements of man. Through the efforts of medical scientists the average span of life has been greatly lengthened in some countries and the infant death rate lowered to a remarkable degree. Many previously dreaded diseases have been conquered, and others will doubtless soon succumb to the attacks of science.

The Bible is the greatest of medical books. It deals largely with the science of healing, both of the body and of the soul. It reveals the only hope of complete restoration from sin and its results, the chief of which are sickness and death. The psalmist declared that it is God who "forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." Psalm 103:3. The disease of sin and the diseases of the body as the result of sin are closely related. Only divine power can heal them both. No physician or medicine can actually heal. They can only make it possible for nature to do its restoring work, and the laws of nature are the laws of God. God is the Great Physician, and earthly physicians succeed only as they work in harmony with His laws. Christ used the healing of the body as a means of reaching hearts so that He could heal the soul and bestow the life that is "more abundant." He was the great medical missionary. He spent more time in healing the sick than in preaching, and He commissioned His disciples to heal the sick and preach the gospel of the kingdom that heals the soul. To increase the span of physical life without bringing healing to the soul and building character that gives assurance of eternal life is worse than useless.

The Bible contains instruction in diet that is the very foundation of modern dietetic science. The original diet given man by his Creator will stand all the tests of time and scientific investigation and discovery. Regardless of what men with perverted appetites may say or do, it still remains an indisputable fact that all the food elements by which men and animals live and grow come from the mineral kingdom through the vegetable kingdom, and need not be taken second-hand. Daniel and his companions demonstrated to the satisfaction of their captors in the court of Nebuchadnezzar in



To John it appeared that "out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone."

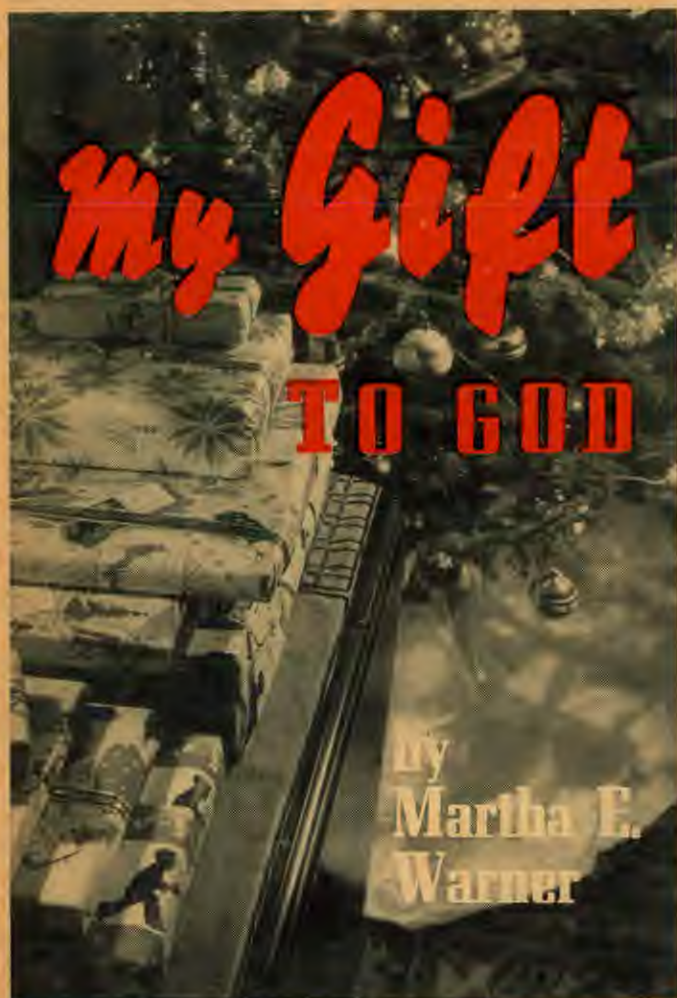
Babylon that even a ten-day simple vegetable diet produced physical results that were clearly visible, and by the end of three years the Hebrew students far excelled their Babylonian classmates in physical strength and beauty as well as in mental vigor and literary attainments.

Preventive Medicine

Dr. Percival Wood, the officer in charge of the medical unit of the British forces operating in Palestine and other parts of Western Asia during the World War, declared that "Moses is the founder of preventive medicine." He studied carefully the Mosaic record of the diet regulations and rules of hygiene and sanitation enforced upon the hosts of Israel during their wilderness sojourn, with the result that "there was not one feeble person among their tribes." Dr. Wood concluded that the same results could be obtained in an army in the same region. He endeavored as far as possible to enforce the same strict preventive measures in the British army, with remarkable success, which called forth the statement quoted above. Another medical authority recently said that "the laws of health given out through Moses are now commending themselves to Christian physicians." Physicians would do well to study carefully all the instruction the Lord gave through Moses regarding physical health and healing.

While quarantine and isolation wards are considered quite modern, the Lord told Moses to place those with certain

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GENDREAU

ONE morning as I turned on the radio, I heard a voice say, "Take it away, fellers, take it away." Then from over the air came the strains of an old, old song, "Take my life," and it was dedicated to a Mrs. So and So.

I was hoping the words of the song would be sung, but I was disappointed, for after it had been played through twice, the program changed to a different type of music.

But my interest was aroused. I used to sing that song. I should know the words, but did I? Confidently I began—

"Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee,"
"Take my moments and my days;
Let them—Let them—"

And there I stopped, for I could not remember the next few words, even though I knew the line would end in something that rhymed with days.

I went for a hymnbook, but the song was not to be found. I hunted in another, but the song was missing. I took a third, and there I found it—the old familiar song which carried me back to a schoolhouse where a prayer meeting was being conducted and the people were singing that song with me, as I played it on a wheezing old organ.

How happy I was that night, and how much those words seemed to mean to

(First of a new series based upon Frances Havergal's beautiful hymn of consecration.)

me! How earnest, how sincere, how solemn, and yet how joyous, giving my life into the hands of my heavenly Father!

Then I questioned, Am I as happy, as earnest, as sincere today as I was that night back in the schoolhouse? And if not, why not?

"Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee."

Just what do those words imply? Simply this. In them we are asking God to take as a gift our life,

sinful, imperfect as it may be. And the Lord must do one of two things. Either accept our gift, or reject it.

Which will He do? The answer comes in His own words: "Him that cometh to Me I will in nowise cast out." There-

fore we may rest assured that if we have given, God has accepted. It is a blessedly settled thing.

A woman showing me her Christmas presents, said, as she held up a garment, "Would you think anyone would send such a thing to me, for it is nothing I can use." And it wasn't.

"What are you going to do with it?" I asked.

"Oh," she replied, "give it to someone else next year and let her pass it on."

But that is not the way God deals with our gift, "for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him,"—which is my life, unless I, by slipping back into the old ways, take back my gift.

It is when our faith is dim that the old doubts and fears arise to trouble us, and we begin to question, Why does God allow this to happen to me? We seem to forget that His ways are not our ways.

Right here I am reminded of an old long-handled blackened spoon that was given to me a few years back. It was said to be of brass and was of unusual shape and design.

I went to work on it. I soaked it in salt and vinegar. I used abrasive powders and cleaning fluids time and time again for days until the discoloration began to give way and the shining metal appeared. Then I worked all the harder, until it began to shine and shine and could be used for a mirror. It was and still is, a thing of beauty.

But isn't this something like the process God goes through with our life, when He accepts it all blackened with sin?

Consecration

by FRANCES
RIDLEY
HAVERGAL

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages for Thee;
Take my silver and my gold,—
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine!
Take my heart,—it is Thine own,—
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.



Before it can become a shining life, the discoloration of sin must be removed.

Because of our lack of faith, our unbelief, our stubbornness, the process may take years. It may take sickness, sorrow, loss of loved ones and all that is dear to us; but if through it all we are willing to leave our gift in the Father's hands, then He will lovingly and tenderly work with it until it becomes a shining life, one that will in a measure reflect Him.

If any who read my words have delayed in making this gift to the Lord, for fear they will not hold out, to them I would urge, Do not wait longer. Just give your life, and ask God to keep it. And He will, I know He will.

"Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee."

Fossil Found Alive!

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be harmonized with supposed geologic time. These damaging footprints are showing up in many places. In this latest article, the geologists say if these are really man's footprints, "we may as well quit and get a job driving a truck."

But these facts, and many more, about fossils, and whole strata, and even dozens of whole systems of strata missing or out of place unaccountably, or even in reverse order from the supposed time schedule, *are not the main thing*. Though they completely blast away the supposed solid rock foundation of noncreationist geology, with all its modernistic theological and philosophical offspring, this is only clearing the ground for the true science of the history of the earth. The features now commanding the most interest are the astonishing geological, archaeological, historical, and astronomical discoveries so rapidly coming to light by which this true history of the earth is being pieced together. Rapidly a new science of geology is coming into being. As a result of all this research and discovery, the God of the Bible will once more be known and worshiped as Creator of the heavens and the earth.

Americanism in Peril

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a constant program of education, designed to penetrate this thinly veiled propaganda.

We must learn to judge people by what they think. These totalitarian tricksters are the very first ones who would introduce un-American, violent, murderous types of spy systems into our country. They desire to break down true law enforcement in every part of America under the guise of the protection of alleged civil liberties so that they may, in turn, destroy the very things that they

pretend to revere. Then they seek by a type of confidence game to steal away your liberty, your home, and your Constitutional rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

These perverted people scream about the denial of civil liberties in this country, although nowhere on earth is there less liberty, civil or of any other nature, than under the foreign governments they so vociferously champion. It has been proved time and again that here they have every civil liberty which possibly can exist, that they possess in America more honest safety in life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness than in any other nation in the world. And when their rights allegedly are violated, the courts of a free land are open to them. Their rights are as closely guarded here in America as the rights of subjects are defiled in the countries whose views they espouse. Therefore, what these people want is not civil liberty. They already have that. They are demanding, under

a pretense of misapprehension, and deliberate falsehood, nothing more nor less than licentiousness—the right to take what they will of our possessions and our traditions and desecrate them.

It is America's duty to perpetuate a heritage that will continue to be a beacon light of freedom and equality to oppressed peoples the world over.

We must ever be on the alert to protect our democracy from the bacteria of barbarism. We need to stand firmly and fearlessly on democratic principles and upon no other foundation.

Our task requires patience and forbearance. It requires the faith of our fathers, and the courage of present-day pioneering.

The motivating spirit of America must ever be justice. We need have no fears, so long as justice reigns. May we consecrate ourselves to this sacred cause in order that our nation may retain its supremacy as the exemplification of true democracy.

5. RECREATION

YOUTH'S PROBLEMS

by D. E. REINER

YOUTH without happiness and laughter would be like salt that had lost its savor. No one loves a sour-faced, prune-wrinkled old joy-killer. And of all youth in the world who should be sincerely glad and inwardly happy, it is the Christian youth. He has a remedy for the ills of the past, a sure promise for the present, and a grand hope for the future.

Youth need recreation, and if of the right kind it puts buoyancy and new vigor into life that makes for ruggedness, strength, and endurance.

Unfortunately the devil has devised a counterfeit system of recreation which weakens the body, breaks down morals, and blasts the life. Let us consider a few principles that will guide us in choosing wisely in this matter.

Any bodily exercise which overstrains the nerves and leaves the body scarred, which is carried on in a spirit of reckless abandonment, is undesirable. When "play" calls for the use of brute force to the harm of others, no trophy we may carry away from the field is worth the price.

Any fun or pleasure we may have that leaves regrets, which means the lowering of standards, and the breaking down of morals, should be resolutely shunned.

It is not right to expose others to great dangers and wicked environments that we might be entertained. From establishments that deliberately sacrifice manhood, purity,

and innocence to provide us with "amusement," we should flee as from leprosy. In this category I would list without hesitation the modern theater, the dance hall, the saloon, the poolroom, the gambling den, and the night club. These are Satan's playgrounds. No one can be safe in such places where the powers of hell are strong. The tendencies are downward, the undercurrents are terrific, and the results are ruined souls. Broadway Christianity will never get us into heaven. We cannot enjoy all the world enjoys and go to heaven too. We must learn to choose and make our own decision as to which way we wish to go and how we wish to finish in the end of the race.

The longing in every normal heart to achieve and to finish well is of divine origin. Every youth should aim to make a mark in life, but not at the expense and humiliation of others.

Every sincere youth can decide for himself what is right and what is wrong in the field of recreation and amusement by asking himself the following questions:

1. By whom is it staged and controlled?
2. Where is it held and who frequents it?
3. How much does it cost?
4. What are its demands on time, health, and character?

"You are the fellow that has to decide
Whether you'll do it or toss it aside.
You are the fellow who makes up your mind
Whether you'll lead or will linger behind—
Whether you'll try for the goal that's afar,
Or be contented to stay where you are.
Take it or leave it. Here's something to do!
Just think it over. It's all up to you!"



GENDREAU



IS CHRISTIANITY JUST A FIRE ESCAPE?

by

CARLYLE B. HAYNES

THE religion of Christ has often been used as a fire escape. "Become a Christian or go to hell," has been an all too prevalent method of proclaiming the gospel.

But while the horrible teaching of an eternally burning hell has made many infidels, it has never yet made a Christian.

Such a doctrine drives men away from the gospel instead of drawing them to it.

There are those who strain to maintain their orthodoxy by frantically clinging to the appalling belief that during all the ages of eternity, while heaven is resounding with the songs of the ransomed, hell will be echoing with the curses and groans of the damned.

They would have us think they really believe that the time can never come when the love of God, the wisdom and almighty power of God, will have so successfully triumphed over the works of the devil as to have destroyed them utterly, nor over death and hell as to have abolished them.

They want us to believe that the justice of God will never have so satisfied itself by the sufferings and torments of the lost as to be willing to permit them to expire.

They would have us accept the horrible corollary that the foundations of the government of God can never be so secure, and the loyalty of His children so assured, that this awful exhibition of His wrath, rolling up like the smoke of a furnace forever, can be permitted to stop.

But we will not accept it, we do not believe it, and we resent such a caricature of our loving heavenly Father.

For when intelligent, thinking men stop to consider all that is involved in the belief in suffering that is absolutely endless, what it must mean for creatures just like themselves to writhe and toss on billows of flame without dying, forever and ever, or without the least possible hope of relief, and that countless millions have already sunk into this place of tor-

ment and are being followed by other myriads daily, and when they take in the thought that this means not only the vast host of sinners whom they have not known, but their own children and loved ones and friends who go out of life without any indication of having accepted the gospel, they are so appalled at the necessary conclusions which logic and their creed force upon them that their faith cannot endure the terrific strain put upon it, and they give way to infidelity and agnosticism.

We do not believe in the theory that unbelievers can be scared into accepting religion by hearing descriptions of a place which burns eternally, and into which they are told they will be cast at death if they do not accept religion and join the church.

As a matter of fact there is no such place except in worn-out systems of theology.

The place itself does not exist.

I should safeguard that remark at once by saying that such a statement is not meant to convey the idea that there will be no punishment for sin.

It is not meant, either, that all men will be saved.

The Bible teaches no such thing.

What is meant is that the perfervid descriptions of the place of torment were born only in imaginations driven crazy by the heat of a false theology.

An eternally burning hell has no existence in reality, and has no place in the teachings of the Bible.

Let me go beyond this and say with all emphasis that there is no such place of torment now. There will be none until the end of the world.

Men do not go to hell when they die. This we have conclusively demonstrated from the teachings of the Bible.

Dead men who have been wicked during their lives upon earth are not now in hell. They are in their graves, at rest, perfectly unconscious.

No man is suffering the final punishment for sin now.

If the doctrine which teaches that at death a wicked man will go to a place of torment is true, this would entirely destroy the truth of the Bible teaching about a resurrection from the dead.

The teaching of the Bible is that men are raised from the dead, brought to life from an unconscious sleep, to receive their reward or their punishment.

Why should they be raised from the dead to receive a punishment which they have already been experiencing ever since they died?

If this doctrine of punishment in hell at death is true, it would entirely destroy the truth of the Bible teaching of future judgment.

The Bible teaches that the judgment of all men will take place in connection with the second coming of Jesus Christ, an event still in the future.

But if men are already receiving all the torments of hell, what need would there be of judging them?

Shall they be brought from hell to see whether a mistake has been made in their cases, and whether they, after all, should have been sent to heaven rather than to hell?

The great Biblical doctrines of the resurrection and the future judgment must be given up if this anti-Scriptural teaching of rewards and punishment at death is retained.

They simply cannot both be believed at the same time.

For nineteen centuries the story of Jesus and His love and His sufferings for men has been told with tears.

Multitudes have heard it and wept.

Hardened hearts have been broken by it and souls have grown sick of sin because of its love and pathos.

Now, can it be possible that the same God whose love was so great for men that He sent His only-begotten Son into the world to save them, has, during these same nineteen hundred years, been torturing and tormenting innumerable hosts of "immortal souls" and keeping them in the most awful torment which could be suggested by His wisdom and inflicted by His power?

The two things do not go together. We prefer to accept the gracious gospel of Jesus Christ rather than this terrible pagan philosophy.

No, the Bible does not teach that there is a place of torment in which the wicked are suffering now.

The Bible does teach a future state of rewards and punishments beyond this world, and on the other side of death.

Scriptures Speak of Future Judgment

This punishment takes place, not while men are dead, but after they are raised from the dead.

And the suffering connected with it will not be eternal, though its effects will be, but will continue only long enough to inflict upon men that just punishment which is their due according to the deeds they have committed in this life.

Nothing in addition to the plain words of Scripture is needed in order to show the truth of this.

Turning to these words, our sole teacher, we let them speak for themselves.

Solomon clearly pointed out the need of a future judgment when he wrote: "I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there." Ecclesiastes 3:16.

That makes plain that ultimate justice cannot be obtained in this world. It is vitiated by the ungodliness of men.

Consequently, if there is to be final justice there must surely be a great and supreme court of final appeal.

And this fact Solomon declares: "I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work." Ecclesiastes 3:17.

Beyond all doubt, therefore, the Scriptures teach a future judgment.

And this judgment is not at death nor in death. Nor does it follow immediately after death.

This will be evident from the fact that God holds men responsible, not only for the commission of their own deeds, but also for the consequences resulting from their deeds.

Thus Jeremiah declares that God's "eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." And, "I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." Jeremiah 32:19; 17:10.

Now, it is obvious that while the ways of a man may be manifest at his death, the "fruit of his doings" will not be manifest until the very end of time.

Thus the streams of poison which had their sources in infidel pens may continue to flow through all time, while the Christian fortitude of the martyrs, and the faithful, self-sacrificing zeal and earnestness of true Christians, may be a fountain of perpetual blessing to the world until the close of human probation.

Therefore the final reward or punishment for these things must be delayed until the ultimate results of every good and evil action can be surveyed at a glance and the fruit of a man's doings rightly estimated.

So it is beyond the domain of death that the Scriptures fix the time of judgment.

"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Hebrews 9:27.

Job fixes the future judgment *after* death, not *in* death. Seeing that such a judgment was required by the inequalities of life, enlightened by inspiration he reasoned thus:

"One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet. . . . And an-

other dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure. They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them. Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against Me. For ye say, Where is the house of the prince? and where are the dwelling places of the wicked? Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens, that the wicked *is reserved to the day of destruction?* they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath." Job 21:23-30.

Unjust Reserved Unto Judgment

This same truth that the wicked are not now being punished in hell, but are being reserved in their graves to the day of judgment, is taught in the New Testament:

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be *reserved* unto judgment; and spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the Flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; . . . the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to *reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.*" 2 Peter 2:4-9.

Peter's argument is clear. God, in times past, has wrought great deliver-



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ances and great judgments. Therefore He is a judge of men.

And these past acts of God are but types of future deliverances and punishments.

God will deliver the "godly," and will "reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished."

The "day of judgment," then, is not at death; men in death are only reserved in the prison house of death to be "brought forth to the day of wrath."

Plainly, the time of judgment is after death, following the resurrection from the dead.

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Gunpowder in the Bible!

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contagious diseases in isolation camps, and quarantine them till it was safe for them to re-enter the camp and mingle with their fellow Israelites. See Leviticus 13:45-52. This was three and a half millenniums before the germ theory of disease was proved a fact through the invention of the microscope. That Job was suffering with a disease caused by germs was known to the Lord and recorded in Job 19:26. His flesh was being eaten up by disease germs or "skin worms." That plagues were caused and spread by germ-infected air was no secret with the Lord twenty-five hundred years ago, as indicated in Jeremiah 9:21: "For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets." It is now known that certain diseases are hereditary and run their course in three and four generations, or they often reappear in the children of the third or fourth generation. Thirty-five hundred years ago it was divinely stated that certain law violations of the fathers would be visited upon their children "unto the third and fourth generation." See Exodus 20:5. This is especially true of certain diseases caused by immorality.

The world had but little conception of the motive power of the heart and the circulation of the blood till the discovery was made by William Harvey in 1628 A.D. More than twenty-five hundred

years ago the wise man, writing under divine inspiration, said that at death "the silver cord" is loosed, and "the golden bowl" is broken, and the pitcher is "broken at the fountain" and "the wheel broken at the cistern." See Ecclesiastes 12:6, 7. This text pictures the veins and arteries as a network of canals with the heart as the fountain or cistern as well as the wheel that forces the liquid from the golden bowl throughout the entire physical system. The text indicates plainly that the life of the body depends upon this continuous flow of blood. In Leviticus 17:11 it is stated that "the life of the flesh is in the blood." This is a scientific fact which has been known and recognized by man only since the invention of the microscope in the sixteenth century made possible the counting of the red and white blood corpuscles which are now known to be the very life cells of the living tissue.

Man's Body the Greatest Machine

The human heart is the greatest of all pumps. It automatically works seventy-two times a minute with a momentary rest after every "beat." Its muscular sense is so wonderful that it knows when to speed up and when to slow down in order to keep the blood flow proportionate to the needs of the body. When we are lying down or resting, the heart pump sends about five pints of blood through the arteries every minute; but when we are working hard or exercising vigorously, it forces all the blood of the body (averaging four quarts) twice around through the many miles of pipes or canals (the arteries, veins, and capillaries) every minute. The blood not only supplies food and oxygen to a vast population of billions of cells, but also carries away the wastage of the entire body. Surely it can be said that man is "fearfully and wonderfully made," and only an all-wise Creator could have designed such a marvelous system.

How true it is that whenever the Scriptures touch the field of science in any of its phases there is perfect conformity between them! It cannot be otherwise because one truth never contradicts another truth. Truth always speaks with authority even when its voice comes out

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The Flight of Time

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Soul Saving

SOMEONE expostulated with Matheson, the evangelist, that he was killing himself with his labors, and he ought to have rest. He replied: "I cannot rest while souls are being lost; there is all eternity in which to rest after life is done."

James Gordon Bennett gave \$25,000 to Stanley as he was about to commence his search for Livingstone. With the gift he said: "Draw on me for all you need—but find Livingstone." Millions of God's children are lost today, and only our consecrated zeal will find them. Can we not hear the agonized voice of God speaking to us: "Draw on Me for all you need—but find My child." J. M. HOWARD.

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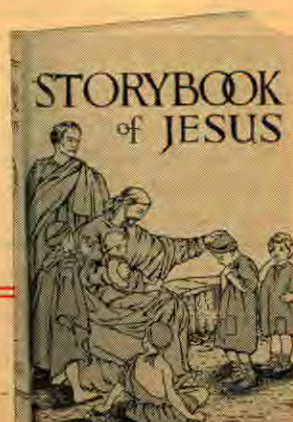
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"In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime."

THUS have Christians sung from generation to generation down through the ages since that memorable day when the Son of man hung upon the cross. As we once more think upon the words of this grand old hymn, our hearts are impressed anew with awe and reverence. By faith we see Christ hanging on the cross. We close our eyes in meditation a moment. We think of what this scene means to us, to the world, to the universe. Jesus, the Son of God, hanging on the cross! Never was there such a spectacle as this. He who is the Creator of all things—nailed to the cross! He is the King of kings, but now His throne is the cross. He is the Ruler of the universe, but now His crown is one of thorns. He at whose feet the angels and cherubim with reverence worshiped is now being mocked and derided while on the cross. He who is the adoration of all the heavenly hosts is now bleeding, suffering upon the cross. He owns the universe, but now He has not where to lay His head. Behold Him on the cross!

He left His Father's home in glory and came down to this dark earth to dwell among men that we might dwell with Him on high. He left the adoration of angels to receive the scorn

and the rebuff of those whom He came to save. "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." John 1:11. He took upon Himself our nature that we might be clothed with His nature. He came to walk with us in this world of sin that we might walk with the angels in glory. He became an outcast among men that we might become the sons of God. His dwelling was with the lowliest of the low that we might dwell with the saints on high. He bore our sorrows that we might be partakers of His joy. The curse of our sins rested upon Him that we might receive pardon and stand justified before God. He wore a crown of thorns that we might wear a crown of glory. He was despised and rejected of men that we might be honored and accepted of God. He was bound, He was nailed to the cross, that we might be liberated from the shackles of sin by which we were bound. He died that we might live!

Behold Him on the cross! Was there ever a sacrifice like His? Truly, the glory shining from that cross overtowers all "the wrecks of time." It dispels the darkness of earth. Its glory beams shed light to the darkest dens of sin. Yea, truly, "all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime." Behold Him on the cross!

Beholding Him there can melt the hardest heart. The immeasurable love flowing from the cross can break down the hardest barrier. The warmth of that love can plant within the soul a peace sublime. Hard indeed must be the heart that can withstand the plea of love, so grand, so fascinating, so stirring, so profound, that no plumb line can ever reach its depths. No voice can ever express, no language ever describe, such matchless love. It was manifested to us upon the rugged tree. Behold Him on the cross!

"We may sound the depths of ocean,
We may brave its heaving main,
We may climb the highest mountain,
And its lofty summit gain;
We may look with cloudless vision
On the jeweled arch above,
But we cannot know the greatness
Of a Saviour's dying love."