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THE great leaders of the Protestant Reformation at first had no intention of leaving the Catholic Church. They hoped to bring the church back to the primitive teachings of the apostolic church, but they found this to be an impossible undertaking. Therefore, the only alternative was to come out of Romanism and start a Protestant organization whose creed was "The Bible and the Bible only as the rule of faith." However, the difficulty the Protestant reformers encountered was that some of the leaders wanted to come clear out of Romanism and reject all the errors introduced by the Catholic hierarchy, while others proposed compromises for the sake of expediency so they might win more from Catholicism. The result was disagreements, and the splitting up of the Protestant movement into numerous sects.

The truth of God's Word had been so perverted and altered by the Papacy that it was next to impossible for the early reformers of Protestantism to discern the full extent to which the Catholic Church had gone astray from the plain teachings of the Bible. John Robinson, the pastor of the Pilgrims who departed from Holland to find a home in the New World, in his farewell address to the Pilgrims as they left for America said:

"Brethren, we are now erelong to part asunder, and the Lord knoweth whether I shall live ever to see your faces more. But whether the Lord hath appointed it or not, I charge you before God and His blessed angels to follow me no farther than I have followed Christ. If God should reveal anything to you by any other instrument of His, be as ready to receive it as ever you were to receive any truth of my ministry; for I am very confident the Lord hath more truth and light yet to break forth out of His Holy Word. . . .

"For my part, I cannot sufficiently bewail the condition of the reformed churches, who are come to a period in religion, and will go at present no farther than the instruments of their reformation. The Lutherans cannot be drawn to go beyond what Luther saw; . . . and the Calvinists, you see, stick fast where they were left by that great man of God, who yet saw not all things. This is a misery much to be lamented; for though they were burning and shining lights in their time, yet they penetrated not into the whole counsel of God, but were they now living, would be as willing to embrace further light as that which they first received. . . .

"Remember your church covenant, in which you have agreed to walk in all the ways of the Lord, made or to

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Follow On

Never has God revealed all truth through one man. Each generation must "follow on" to know "present truth."

By C. S. Longacre

be made known unto you. Remember your promise and covenant with God and with one another, to receive whatever light and truth shall be made known to you from His written Word; but withal, take heed, I beseech you, what you receive for truth, and compare it and weigh it with other scriptures of truth before you accept it; for it is not possible the Christian world should come so lately out of such thick anti-Christian darkness and that full perfection of knowledge should break forth at once."

As we read our Bibles for ourselves, we discover that John Robinson was right when he asserted that the Protestant churches did not come clear out of Roman error and darkness, and failed to make the "Bible and the Bible only" their "rule of faith." They still clung to some of the Roman Catholic errors and traditions.

One of the most deeply rooted errors was that the church had the right to control the conscience of the individual in all religious matters and to define and punish heresy under the penal codes of the state. While the reformers rejected many of the errors taught in the creed of the Roman Catholic Church, they still clung to the doctrine and spirit of intolerance toward all dissenters and unbelievers.

Even the Pilgrim Fathers did not comprehend the great fundamental principle of religious liberty for all men. They had lived so long under the regime of a union of church and state, as well as government support, that they thought Christianity would perish from the earth unless the government sanctioned religion by its laws and aided it with its finances. Both the Pilgrims of the Plymouth Colony and the Puritans of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, placed the secular power in the hands of church officials—and the inevitable result was religious persecution of all dissenters and nonconformists.

Not until Roger Williams arrived in America, eleven years after the Pilgrims landed, did the true torch of religious liberty illuminate and dispel the anti-Christian darkness that had already dimmed the dawning of a new day for the oppressed people who



had fled to the shores of the New World.

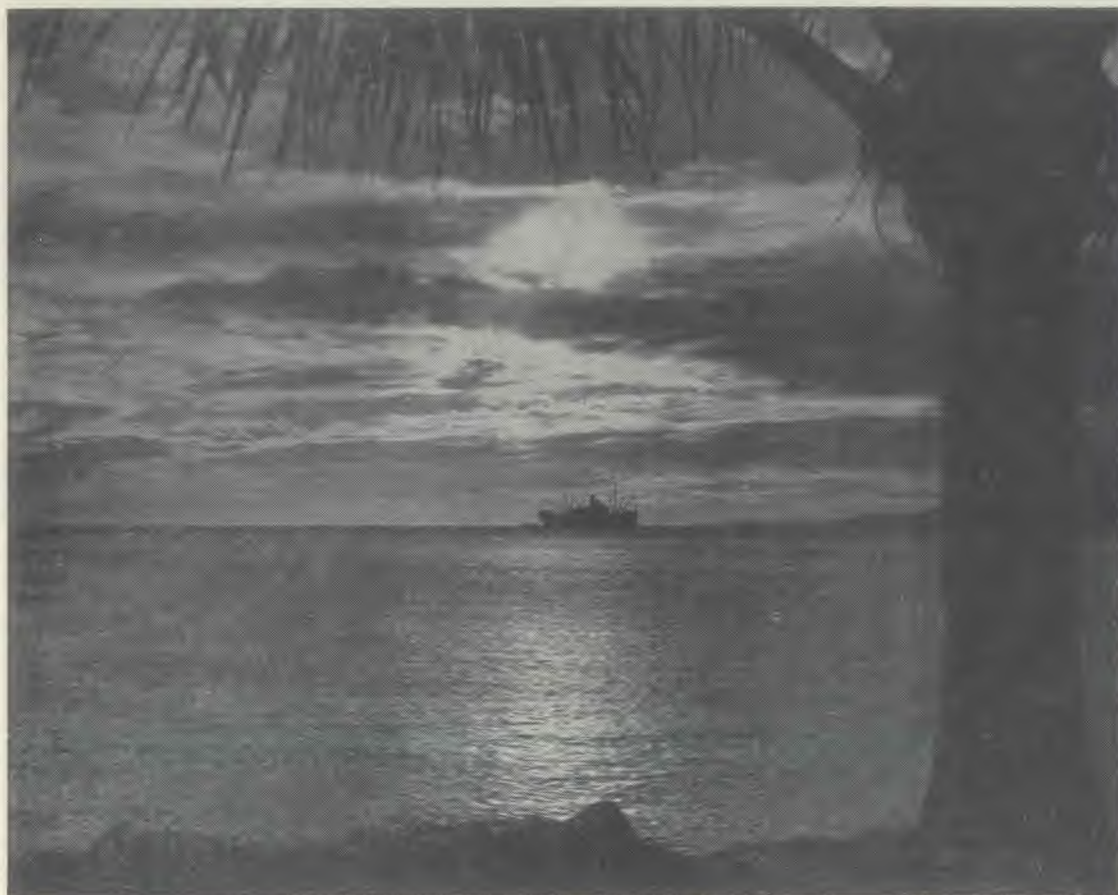
The historian Bancroft says Roger Williams "was the first person in modern Christendom to establish civil government on the doctrine of the liberty of conscience, the equality of opinions before the law."

For teaching the doctrine that the civil magistrate had no right to enforce religious obligations or to punish religious offences, but that the conscience of the individual in religious matters was paramount to the exercise of governmental authority, Roger Williams was banished, by the Puritans, from the New World. The spirit of intolerance among Christian sects and believers has done the cause of Christianity more harm than any other evil trait or factor.

We read in the Scriptures that the psalmist in referring to Christ, said, "Thy gentleness hath made me great." No matter how much piety a person may profess, if he is intolerant, bigoted and fanatical, his loud profession of religion is neutralized. There are some sincere Christians who believe it is a part of religion to look sad and gloomy instead of being happy and wearing a smiling face. There are some good Christians who always look on the dark side of life, and murmur and complain when things go wrong. There are many Christians who always carry a "chip on the shoulder," and when somebody knocks it off they give him a piece of their ill-mannered minds, and think it is a virtue to lose their patience when

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CREATION'S MEMORIAL



H. ARMSTRONG ROBERTS

By
Dallas
Youngs

No work of man compares with the creative work of God. It is God's will that His wonderful work of creation should be remembered. Therefore, He established a memorial of it.

NOTE TO READER: After you have carefully read and studied Pastor Flynn's Bible lesson, turn to page 18 and see if you can answer the questions of the Bible Quiz. This is your Bible comprehension test.

WE ARE studying about a memorial that is older than any living person, older than any nation—as old, in fact, as the world itself,” announced Pastor Flynn as he again on Wednesday night stood before his Bible class at the Saunders’ home. “The very antiquity of this memorial demands our closest study and our profoundest respect. I have reference to the Sabbath, which dates from the creation of the world.

“A memorial is designed to preserve the memory of something. In every nation memorials have been erected to preserve in the minds of succeeding generations the memory of its great men. In Washington, D.C., the Wash-

ington, Jefferson and Lincoln memorials are famous, and are visited by tens of thousands of people every year. As nations establish memorials to perpetuate the name and work of their founders and preservers, so has God established a memorial to perpetuate in the minds of all the people of the world His name and His work of creation. It was God’s plan that through the celebrating of His memorial, His wonderful work as Creator and Founder of the earth might continually be kept in the minds of His created creatures.”

“How long is God’s memorial to last?” inquired Mrs. Hoover.

“There are two references that come to my mind,” responded Pastor Flynn. “They are both in the Psalms: ‘Thy name, O Lord, endureth forever; and Thy memorial, O Lord, throughout all generations.’ Psalm 135:13. ‘The

works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. His work is honourable and glorious: and His righteousness endureth forever. *He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered.*’ Psalm 111:2-4.

“During the history of the world some men have rendered a meritorious service to their country and to their fellow men, but no work of man, no matter how great, can compare with the work of God in the creation of the sun, moon, stars and earth. Every part of the earth reveals the handiwork of God. The entire range of creation, animate and inanimate, proclaims His glory. The earth in its trackless flight around the sun, the seasons, the rainfall, the sunshine, are continual reminders of God’s power and sustaining care.

“It was God’s design and purpose

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that the observance of His memorial, the Sabbath, should keep men from idolatry. As long as men observe the memorial of God's creative power they will not worship idols—they cannot. To-day, it may be truly said that if every person had observed the Sabbath there would be no idolatry, no atheists, no infidels. The history of the world shows that when God's memorial is not recognized and observed, men begin to worship the creature rather than the Creator."

"Pastor Flynn," spoke up George Ryan, "the thing I am puzzled about is this: Which day is the creation Sabbath? I got into a discussion about that at the office to-day. Some said one thing and some another. It seems that there are some who maintain that the true Sabbath is the seventh day of the week, and there are others who say that the old order of things was done away with and that Christ made the first day of the week the Sabbath day. How are we going to know what is right?"

"That is a good question, Mr. Ryan, and I am glad you have raised it," smiled the teacher. "I am well acquainted with the fact that some have one idea on the matter and some another. Some people even say that there is no certain day for anybody to observe any more. Only one satisfactory answer can be found to any of these questions, and that is the answer given by the Bible.

"This is the way God commanded it: *'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, 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, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.'* Exodus 20:8-11.

"Reference here is made to creation, and when we turn back to the creation record we find that God established a certain day to be the memorial of His wonderful works: '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.

"We do not find, as we read these references, that God ever made a

mountain, a river, or an ocean to be a memorial of His created works. All these are mighty testimonies of God's great power in creation, but He did not choose any of them to perpetuate His might and power in the minds of earth's inhabitants. On the other hand, He appointed a day, a unit of time. In His work of creation God worked six days in bringing the earth to the state of perfection of which He could say, 'It was very good.' But on the seventh day He rested, not because He was fatigued from His labours, but as an example to each succeeding generation of men to rest also.

"Not only did God rest on the seventh day, thus making it the Sabbath day, and setting an example for all mankind, but He further set the day apart by blessing and hallowing it for all time to come. The seventh day of the week, the Sabbath day, then, is *holy time*. Man cannot make a day holy. He cannot make anything holy—only God can do that. Men may set aside a day as a national holiday, but that does not make it a holy day. They cannot impart to it a holiness which they themselves do not possess. But God hallowed, blessed and sanctified the seventh day because it was upon that day that He rested from His work of creation. The seventh day therefore became the birthday of the world, and is not subject to change or alteration.

"Every person wants to know the truth about this, even though the truth cuts directly across his preconceived ideas. This is not a question of what others do or say. It is a question of what God says and requires of me as an individual.

"What says the Bible, the blessed Bible?

This should my only question be; Teachings of men so often mislead us,—

What says the Book of God to me?"

"I remember reading somewhere about the Sabbath being a sign," said Mr. Saunders. "Does the Bible say anything to that effect?"

"Ezekiel 20:12, 20 is evidently what you read," replied Pastor Flynn: "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."

"I should like you to notice that it says here that the Sabbath is not only a sign between God and His people, but also a sign of sanctification. There are many people who

claim to be sanctified, but they do not have the sign of sanctification. No person can be sanctified in disobedience, and all who are truly sanctified will assuredly have the sign of sanctification.

"God has made the Sabbath a distinguishing mark that sets apart, or sanctifies, those who are obedient to Him. It is a sign between God and His followers. It is a test of obedience to-day as was 'the tree of the knowledge of good and evil' in the Garden of Eden."

"I was just wondering, Pastor Flynn," said Mr. Goldstein, "how long this sign will endure. Will it not come to an end when Christ comes, or perhaps at the end of the millennium?"

"The Sabbath will endure as long as the fact of the creation of this earth endures. Exodus 31:17 says, *'It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed.'*

"So long as the fact of this earth's creation remains, so long will the Sabbath remain as the memorial of that creation. A fact of history is not subject to alteration or change. A man might not like the date of his birth. He might succeed in getting the court to declare him to have been born on another day, and he might observe that day as his birthday; but after all had been said and done, the fact would remain that the day which the court decreed would not be his birthday. The same is true of the birthday of the world. It has come to pass that most of the world observes a day as the Sabbath which is not the creation Sabbath, but the fact that it does so does not make another day the Sabbath day.

EWING GALLOWAY



"We learn from Isaiah 66:22, 23 that the Sabbath will be observed in all eternity. '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.'

"The reign of sin will be brought to an end, but not the Sabbath. The time will come when God the Father will establish this earth as the headquarters of all universal government, and will reign and rule the universe from this planet. He is going to move the New Jerusalem, His capital city, from where it is now to this earth, and then, according to this inspired passage that I just read from Isaiah, all the redeemed saints of the earth are going to journey from the places where they live in the earth to the Holy City every new moon and every Sabbath day to worship God face to face.

"The institution of the Sabbath was given to the human race before Adam and Eve plunged it into sin. We have enjoyed the blessings of this sanctified and holy day during this awful reign of sin, and we have the prospect of its benediction upon us throughout the unending ages of eternity.

"The redeemed will, throughout all the ceaseless ages of eternity, remember God's creative power: 'Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.' Rev-

elation 4:11. Time after time God challenged the false gods to create, to make something out of nothing. The fact of creation is the great distinguishing mark of the superiority of the true God, and the Sabbath is the memorial of this earth's creation, and a sign between God and His people.

"Suppose I read again Exodus 20:11: 'In six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.' The word 'wherefore' means 'for that reason.' That is to say, because of the wonderful fact of creation God blessed and hallowed the Sabbath day, and commanded that it be kept holy by all His followers."

"The thing I should like to know is this," said Mr. Hoover: "Do Bible commentators and writers generally admit the fact that the seventh day of the week is the Sabbath?"

"Yes, many of them do. I have some of their statements here which I shall be glad to read: 'The most judicious commentators agree that Adam and Eve constantly observed the seventh day, and dedicated it in a peculiar manner to the service of the Almighty; and that the first Sabbath, which Philo (one of the most ancient writers) calls the *birthday of the world*, was celebrated in Paradise itself.'—John Kitto, quoted in *Source Book for Bible Students*, p. 460, edition 1919.

"'And sanctified,' Hebrew, *kadash*. It is by this term that positive appointment of the Sabbath as a day of rest to man is expressed. God's sanc-

tifying the day is equivalent to His commanding men to sanctify it. As at the close of creation the seventh day was thus set apart by the Most High for such purposes, without limitation to age or country, the observance of it is obligatory upon the whole human race, to whom, in the wisdom of Providence, it may be communicated. This further appears from the reason why God blessed and sanctified it, viz., "because that in it He had rested," et cetera, which is a reason of equal force at all times and equally applying to all the posterity of Adam; and if it formed a just ground for sanctifying the first day which dawned upon the finished system of the universe, it must be equally so for sanctifying every seventh day to the end of time. The observance of the day is moreover enjoined in the Decalogue, which was not abolished with the peculiar polity of the Jews, but *remains unalterably binding upon Christians in every age of the world*. . . . The sanctification of the seventh day in the present case can only be understood of its being *set apart* to the special worship and service of God.'—George Bush (Presbyterian), quoted in *Source Book for Bible Students*, p. 458, edition 1919.

"The religious observance of the Sabbath was the first statute or command of God to men. This institution was a sign between God and them to keep them in remembrance of the creation of the world.'—Dr. Adam Clarke on Ezekiel 20:12."

Now that you have read and studied the lesson *Creation's Memorial*, turn to page 18 and fill in the answers to Pastor Flynn's Quiz.

SATAN'S WAYS

MAKING his first emergence on this earth, the serpent (Satan) said to Eve, "Ye shall not surely die" (Genesis 3:4), and using this delusive platform as a springboard, he has carried on his programme of deception on a world-wide scale, until he has succeeded, at last, in bringing this world to the brink of disaster. Working on a greatly accelerated programme in these last days, he fulfils the words of Scripture, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Revelation 12:12.

In order to ascertain that the devil of Revelation 12:12 is the serpent of

Genesis 3:4, we need only read Revelation 12:9, "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." We find here the identification of a world-wide deceiver, whose phenomenal success has become altogether too apparent in our day.

This international deceiver of more than human wisdom—designated as the "son of the morning" within the

angelic host (Isaiah 14:12)—has successfully injected himself into the political, religious and social aspects of the world's civilization, until the present world disorder points to a future chaotic state.

Two great systems are coming to the front in our day, one in the political field and the other in the religious. The world is being manoeuvred by an unseen, subtle hand into a position where people will virtually have to choose between one and the other. The nature of our choice makes no particular difference to the enemy of mankind, since whichever side we choose, we are on his side. We should thank God, however, that there will also be an opportunity

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for everyone to choose the truth. We need not be surprised, of course, if in the next war Christian nations will again be forced into a position where they will have to solicit the help of Satan in one quarter, to put his forces down in another.

Not only will the archdeceiver make his appearance through irreligious and godless systems in these last days, but he will accomplish his most effective work as an angel of light, and through various religious organizations. "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light," wrote the apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 11:14.

We have just had a visitor from the United States of America here in Stockholm, Sweden, from which city these observations are made, who claimed to possess the gift of healing. Many thousands have gone to hear him, many of whom have sought healing. The claims made by this man and various members of the church of which he is a member, have been refuted by leading newspapers and prominent individuals. One newspaper suggested that a committee of five responsible persons be permitted to examine individuals before and after claimed healing. "We haven't time for anything like that," was the reply of the healer and his associates.

When Jesus at one time healed a leper, He asked the healed man to go and show himself to the priest, "for a testimony unto them." Luke 5:14. The Master Healer was not afraid to have anyone scrutinize His work. This so-called healer in Stockholm should have welcomed investigation, since if healings could be established as genuine, his programme would be greatly strengthened.

One reporter succeeded in interviewing a lady who claimed that the hearing in her one deaf ear had been restored. He held his wrist up to her "deaf" ear and said, "Can you hear my wrist watch?" Exultantly she exclaimed, "I certainly can!" When the reporter then showed her that he didn't even have a watch on that wrist, it became evident that her "restoration" was phenomenal indeed.

Since the Saviour referred to the master deceiver as "the prince of this world" (John 14:30), we may well speak of this earth in its present state as the enemy's territory. The moving-picture industry may, we believe, be particularly so designated.

A number of years ago, the Child Welfare Committee of the League of Nations analyzed 250 films, in which they found 97 murders, 51 cases of adultery, 19 seductions, 22 abductions and 45 suicides. Among the principal characters in these 250 pictures were 176 thieves, 25 prostitutes, 35 drunk-

ards, and so forth. That the industry has further deteriorated during subsequent years, can undoubtedly easily be established on the basis of similar up-to-date investigations.

The Research Council which made a thorough investigation of the contents of current picture plays, found that the big themes in pictures are: love, 29.6 per cent; crime, 27.4 per cent; sex, 15 per cent, making a total of 72 per cent. Of 115 pictures selected at random, 59 showed killing technique. There was a total of 449 crimes, or about four crimes for each picture.

No wonder one can read statements such as the following from the *Boston Spectator*: "The screen is a menace to the growing population. . . . It aims its product at those whose low tastes make them impervious to the vulgarity of pornography, passion masquerading as love, discussions of the

double standard, and other unlovely aspects of modern civilization. The producers of the motion pictures purvey filth for the sole purpose of reaping profit. They have delved into the garbage cans of our social structure, and extracted from them as story material everything that stinks."

A broadcast just came over the radio from London. The speaker, an Englishman, professed his love for America and Americans, but he wonders why Hollywood is permitted to misrepresent the great United States to the world through its films. What an opportunity, he pointed out, Hollywood has to give the world something worth while and uplifting from a wonderful country. Instead, he stated, the country is portrayed as being rotten to the core, full of filth and crime instead of being grand, good

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None of the wicked ways of Satan, we suppose, works the havoc to the human race that the imbibing of alcoholic beverages does. By this means he captivates millions upon millions.



DAVID W. CORSON, FROM A. DEVANEY, N.Y.



WORLD AS WE SEE IT!

**A Prophetic Interpretation
of Current Events!**

Is God to Blame?

IN ONE newspaper that comes to our desk we read of 50,000,000 Chinese men, women, youth and children threatened with starvation. Within the week the *Reader's Digest* came to our desk, telling of unprecedented millions of pounds and bushels of surplus food products.

The *Digest* article, which was condensed from *Fortune*, says that the United States has a government-purchased surplus of five million bales of cotton; 400 million bushels of wheat, worth approximately 900 million dollars; 600 million bushels of corn, worth about 900 million dollars. In addition to this the U.S. has 70 million pounds of dried eggs, enough, says our source of information, to supply all the United States bakers for five years. These eggs are stored in almost every conceivable place, even in the caves of the earth; but now, some of them are more than five years old, and are spoiling. What to do?

Moreover, the U.S. has purchased and stored 100 million pounds of butter, a quarter of a billion pounds of dried milk, as well as great quantities of tobacco, soybeans, dried fruits, such as peaches, apricots, prunes and raisins.

As yet we have said nothing about potatoes. In one Maine county, we understand, the United States government has purchased, to peg the price, more than a half million dollars' worth of "spuds." Great mountainous heaps of them have been dumped, because potatoes are one food that cannot be stored in warehouses, old oil tanks and the caves of the earth.

This farm-price-supporting programme dates back to the days of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Henry Wallace, when it was advocated to plough under every third row of cotton and kill every so many pigs. The theory was that prosperity could be artificially created by creating scarcity. This theory was a bit confusing when considered on a nation-wide scale, and the government checks for not growing pigs, or cotton, or wheat, or potatoes looked good to the farmers. And it did get votes—no question about that. What farmer, receiving government checks,

would vote against the political regime that was being so nice to him?

But here is another angle to the scarcity-surplus problem. Some people when they read of 50 million Chinese threatened with starvation, or other millions in India who have never known freedom from hunger, say: "How can God, if He is just and good, permit such a terrible thing?"

God is "just and good," and He made man upright and good, too, in the beginning; but man has sought out many devices. There has been no shortsightedness on the part of God. The good earth produces more than enough to feed everyone. The "sand in the bearings" is that men are greedy, selfish, and motivated by racial and national hatreds.

Why could not some (a sufficient quantity to



In some localities great mountainous heaps of potatoes are dumped to rot; in other parts of the world there is starvation. Why cannot the surplus be used to supply the shortage?

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As in the case of the surplus of potatoes, wheat and corn, there is a U. S. purchased surplus of millions of pounds of eggs, dried and stored in many places, which are now spoiling. Why let them spoil? Why not feed the hungry?

prevent starvation) of the surplus wheat, corn, eggs (that will spoil anyhow), together with other surplus foodstuffs, be moved into the starvation area of China, irrespective of whether that area is nationalistic or communistic, that Chinese fathers and mothers and boys and girls might live?

Why cannot the nations of earth live together like the neighbours in some communities? In communities that this writer knows of personally, and others that he has read about, when a farmer's barn burns down the neighbours band together and rebuild it. When loss and misfortune overtake residents of certain communities it is the standing practice that all others contribute, and liberally, too, of time and means to relieve as far as possible the misfortune.

This is, we believe, as God would have it. Why cannot such a spirit prevail among earth's community of nations? Yes, why not? *Why not?* It is the spirit of Christ. We recommend it wholeheartedly.

False Christs

EVERY ONCE in a while some individual tries to convince the world that he is the Christ returned the

second time according to promise. Some years ago during a series of evangelistic meetings which I was conducting, a well-dressed intelligent-looking man handed me a sizeable document designed to prove that he was the Christ. Also, he tried to convince me that I was John the Baptist, his forerunner. Later, when I refused to accept the idea, he behaved in a very unchristlike manner.

Not many years ago a young Asiatic Indian claimed to be the Messiah. Father Divine, negro of New York City, claims to be god on earth. The popes, likewise, claim to be other gods on earth. However, the latest to come to our attention is The Voice of Christ the Living, Via Torino, 47—Milano. Announcement is being made by a series of tracts sent out at rather regular intervals evidently from Italy. Pictured is a long-haired, bewhiskered individual with the proclamation, "I am arrived." This, presumably, is the christ.

One of a number of tracts received to-day contains a threat to editors who fail to concur with the idea. It reads as follows: "From January 1, 1950, the Christian editor declining to diffuse the Voice of Christ the Living is charged of apostasy!"

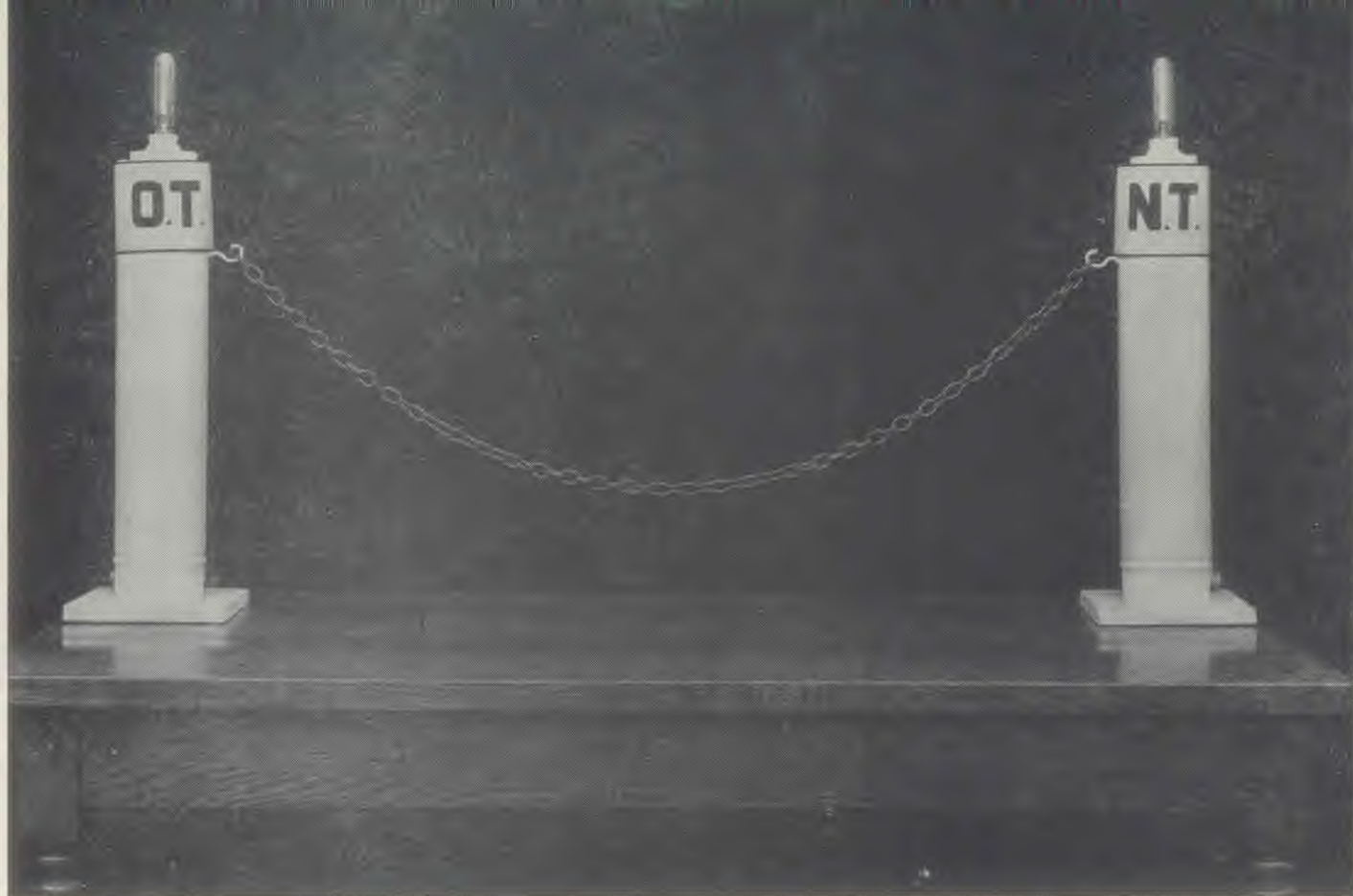
Many are deceived by these claims to divinity. Many, seeking relief and security in this troubled world, come to believe these preposterous claims to be true. They are convinced that these human beings are actually God or Christ on earth. But how can we know? How can we be certain?

That is not hard if you will read and believe the Bible. Jesus foresaw this very thing when He was upon the earth, and told us how we might distinguish between the true and the false. "If any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: behold, He is in the secret chambers; believe it not." Matthew 24: 23-26.

This is the warning that in the last days such deceivers would appear; and would, if they could, deceive the very elect. Following the warning, however, Christ gives the way by which we may be sure: "As the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:27.

Owing to the fact that none of the false christs and prophets are able to duplicate or even to imitate the manner of Christ's second coming, all we have to know is to understand the Biblical teaching of the way in which Christ will return when He comes the second time. It is as the lightning that flashes across the heavens. He comes with clouds, and every eye shall see Him. (Revelation 1:7.) He returns in the same manner in which He went away. (Acts 1:9-11.)

An understanding of the fact that when the true Christ comes it will be a literal, visible event, seen by all, will forever prevent us from being deceived by false christs.



REVIEW AND HERALD

The INSPIRED TWO

By Carlyle B. Haynes

THE whole Bible is a divine revelation. It contains the record of war, which has been set forth in a former article, and God's participation in war. The significance of this, however, is quite in harmony with the divine philosophy of history revealed when both Testaments are taken together. There is no need of covering up the record of the Old Testament, or minimizing it, or casting it aside. Rather, it should be explored for its meaning. The light of God's full revelation should be allowed to shine upon it.

It is not surprising that the Old Testament is the one referred to so widely to justify war. As we have seen, its historical books are full of accounts of war. The followers of God were almost constantly engaged in war.

It is not without significance that it is the Old Testament to which those go who would justify war. However, both the Old and the New Testament are from God. Make no mistake about that. Both are divinely inspired. The Old is not made useless by the New.

Both constitute the revelation of God's will to man. The latter does not set aside the former.

In the Old Testament, however, God worked through a *nation*, a *temporal* kingdom, the only *material* kingdom God has ever had on earth, the kingdom of Israel. God was its Lawgiver; God was its Chief Executive; God was its Chief Justice. The powers of the judicial, the legislative, and the executive branches of government centred in one person. That person was Jehovah.

That is not true to-day of any nation. God does not work that way any longer.

In the New Testament God is seen working through a *church*, scattered through all nations. Civil affairs He has given over to civil rulers, chosen by the people. He neither legislates, executes nor judges in temporal matters.

In the New Testament, therefore, a complete change is introduced. The coming of Christ into the world made a difference. This is not a difference

in God, not a difference in His ultimate purpose, but a difference in relationship, in attitude, in obligation, in responsibility, on the part of the servants of God, together with a difference in the methods and agencies by which God's ultimate purpose was to be realized.

The Divine Principle of National Security

The Old Testament sets forth plainly the principle of national security, that upon which God not only dealt with the Hebrew nation, but deals with all nations. This will be found in many places, repeated on many occasions, demonstrated through centuries of history, and iterated and reiterated by the ancient prophets. It is put tersely by the prophet Azariah: "The Lord is with you, while ye be with Him; and if ye seek Him, He will be found of you; but if ye forsake Him, He will forsake you." 2 Chronicles 15:2.

It was this basic principle and truth which gave many of the leaders of

God's people invincible courage when faced by insuperable odds and brought them victory over hosts that vastly outnumbered them. Their leaders rang it out again and again to rally God's people. Thus when Assyria invaded Judah and invested Jerusalem, king Hezekiah "spake comfortably" to the people, and said:

"Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him: with him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah." 2 Chronicles 32:7, 8.

Of king Uzziah of Judah we are told that "as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper." "God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians." 2 Chronicles 25:5, 7.

When Moses endeavoured to restrain the Israelites from presumptuously trying to conquer the land of promise after their sin in departing from God, he told them that they were not to presume to go up, because God was not with them. Nevertheless they presumed to go, and because they went without God they were defeated. (Numbers 14:42-45.)

Lesson Not Learned

Notwithstanding the judgments of God upon them delivered in numerous defeats by their enemies, the Israelites did not learn the lesson God was endeavouring to teach them. Just before his death, in that impressive "song of Moses," the founder of the nation cried:

"They are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end! How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up?" Deuteronomy 32:28-30.

In one of the numerous wars between Israel and Judah half a million Israelites were slain. The record which gives the account of it also gives the reason for it: "Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the Lord God of their fathers."

From the very beginning of their national history when they were miraculously delivered from Egyptian bondage, this lesson of God's being on their side when they saw to it that they were on God's side was taught them. As they stood in fearfulness at

the shores of the Red Sea, Moses spoke to them and said: "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord. . . . The Egyptians whom ye have seen to-day, ye shall see them again no more forever. The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." Exodus 14:13, 14.

Even the Egyptians came to understand, at least on this occasion, that Jehovah was against them: "The Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, and took off their chariot wheels, when they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians." Exodus 14:24, 25.

The conquest of Canaan by the Israelites under Joshua is attributed by Joshua to God's help. (Joshua 10:42.)

King Jehoshaphat of Judah fought great wars against surrounding nations. The record is that the "Lord had made them to rejoice over their enemies." 2 Chronicles 20:27.

Throughout their history the pledge which God had made to them at the beginning never failed of fulfilment except as they nullified it by departing from Him. (Deuteronomy 20:1-4.)

Victory in war is the consequence of God's aid. Defeat is brought about by His opposition. This lesson was held before His ancient people through all their history. Still they failed to learn it. (Leviticus 26:17.)

War as Divine Judgment

The time came when they acknowledged that God's word to them on this matter was fulfilled. (Psalm 44:9, 10.)

David mourned and lamented about God's taking the part of his enemies and making his own sword futile. (Psalm 89:38-43.)

The Old Testament states clearly that a wrong attitude toward God may be a cause of war. (2 Chronicles 16:7-9.)

The reason for the revolt of subject kingdoms is given as departure from God. (2 Chronicles 21:8-10.)

The cause of the revolt against Solomon, and the division of God's people into the

two kingdoms of Judah and Israel, is plainly stated to be Solomon's apostasy from God. (1 Kings 11:5, 11, 14, 23, 26.)

Divine judgment, divine punishment are the purposes for which God has often used the dread instrument of war. God makes this plain in most solemn and impressive statements. (Deuteronomy 32:39-42; 2 Chronicles 15:6; Job 19:29; Ezekiel 23:22-24.)

War is one of the agencies which God will use in His final judgment to purge His enemies from the earth and bring them to a complete destruction. He has used this same agency through all the centuries. He will use it in His last "strange act." (Zephaniah 1:14-17; Isaiah 13:3, 4, 9; 32:2-5.)

It will be apparent that the teaching of the Old Testament is very positive regarding war as the judgment of God upon those who rebel against Him, and depart from obedience to His law. Indeed, it is so positive and pronounced that many Christian leaders, unable to harmonize its statements with their conception of God as a God of love, have revolted against its use in their churches. They do not seek to understand the deep meaning of these statements and the underlying philosophy of truth which God endeavours to teach in this inspired record of His dealings with men and nations.

The whole Bible is from God. The Old as well as the New Testament is divinely inspired. The New Testament rests securely upon the foundation of the Old.

REVIEW AND HERALD





Tobacco Smoke Screen

The United States Federal Trade Commission has recently been taking a look at cigarette advertising claims such as, "Less nicotine," "Soothes the nerves," "Relieves fatigue" and "Aids digestion." The observations of the FTC are not flattering to the tobacco trusts. As an instance, it says that the only effect upon digestion, physiologically, if it has any at all, is harmful. It has ordered the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company to stop advertising that its cigarettes aid digestion or relieve fatigue; also to stop using testimonials which are not factually true. After checking Camel cigarette testimonials the FTC found that some of the people did not smoke at all, some could not read, some could not tell the difference between Camels and other brands, and some had no idea what had been attributed to them in the testimonials used.

The Lorillard Company was told to stop advertising that Old Gold cigarettes contain less nicotine, tars and resins and are less irritating to the throat than other leading brands since, said the FTC, it is impossible to maintain a uniform level of nicotine content in cigarettes over any considerable period of time. The FTC also says that instead of "king size" cigarettes being easier on the throat they are actually more harmful because they contain more tobacco and therefore more harmful substances.

Rampant Tuberculosis

Many people will be surprised to find that tuberculosis is neither on its way out, nor is it under control, even in the United States. A half million people in that country still have the disease and 50,000 die from it there every year. This claim was recently made by Dr. Edward O'Brien, president of the Michigan State Tuberculosis Sanatorium Commission, who recently returned from a world tour during which he found tuberculosis still far too common.

The only hope mankind has of wiping out the disease is through vaccination, Dr. O'Brien declares. This would have to be mass vaccination—probably with B.C.G. (*Calmette-Guerin bacillus*). This vaccine had a bad name for long years following a disaster in Germany in 1930 when a bacillus of another culture was used in inoculating children. B.C.G. has now been proved, however, as in occupied Japan, where thirty-one million vaccinations have been given, cutting mortality 88 per cent in the group treated. Many scientists now believe that mass vaccination of the world's entire population of infants would completely wipe out the disease in a few generations.

War Crimes

Amid grave doubts on the part of many as to the justice of the trials of war criminals, Field Marshal Frisz Erich von Manstein was sentenced to eighteen years in prison for his alleged participation in crimes against international law. Since von Manstein is sixty-two, it is doubtful whether he will ever see the light of freedom again. Strange as it may seem, Britons had raised 1,620 pounds for his defence. Among other contributors was a man by the familiar name of Winston Churchill. Contribution, twenty-five pounds.

THE one who is nearest to Christ and most like Him should be the one most admired by honest men and by angels. While this is so he will see the least in himself to admire. When Isaiah, that man of God, beheld in vision the glory of the Lord he said, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because *I am a man of unclean lips, . . . for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of glory.*"

The nearer we come to Christ, the more marked will become the contrast between His character and ours. As new glimpses are daily obtained of His character of love, we shall continue to feel as did Isaiah, but by beholding we *unconsciously* become changed more and more into His divine image and shall continue to press toward the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

This explains why Paul, the apostle, who is most admired by readers of God's Book and is regarded as the greatest of all the apostles, referring to himself, said he was "not meet [worthy] to be called an apostle," and "unto me, who am *less than the least of all saints,*" and "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth *no good thing,*" and "we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Jesus Christ, and have *no confidence in the flesh.*" This was not a play of words on the part of Paul. It expressed how he felt. Those who feel most unworthy will be the most highly exalted ones. "The man whom God is leading will be dissatisfied with himself."

Among believers and converts of Paul, it was a common and faithful saying, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; *of whom I am chief.*" 1 Timothy 1:15. In this lay the secret of the power which attended the preaching of the gospel in those early days. It explains how in the space of a little over a quarter of a century Paul, in addressing the Colossian believers, could say, referring to the spread of the gospel, it "*is come unto you, as it is in all the world.*"

There was a time in the experience of Peter when he was unwilling to make this acknowledgment. When Jesus said to him, "Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and *when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren,*" Peter in self-confidence said unto Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with Thee, both into prison, and to death." Luke 22:31-33. Peter meant every word of this. When Jesus said, "All ye shall be offended because of Me this night," Peter took exception, and answered, "Though all men shall be offended because of Thee, yet will I

Changed by Beholding

By D. H. Kress, M.D.

never be offended." Matthew 26:31-33. By intimation he said, "My associates may be offended, but I never will. You can depend on me." He was surprised that Jesus had so little confidence in him.

Peter also said, "*Though I should die with Thee, yet will I not deny Thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.*" Verse 35. Possessing such confidence in themselves, they felt no special need of prayer. A little later, after Jesus had been pleading with God in prayer, "He cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with Me one hour? *Watch and pray*, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but *the flesh is weak.*" Verses 40, 41. How miserably Peter failed. Not merely did he forsake Jesus, but when the crucial test came, he denied with an oath saying, "I do not know the Man," and a little later "began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the Man." Verses 72, 74. Peter now had a revelation of himself and lost confidence in the flesh. "He went out, and wept bitterly."

Through prayer, the commission "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," was made possible.

Prayer and a dependence upon God brought Pentecost, and power for witnessing. Marvellous was the change which took place in Peter's ministry as he depended wholly upon God. What the work had been in need of was not a change of men, but *changed men*. Where do we read in the Gos-



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Whether pertaining to righteousness or sin it is a self-evident truth that by beholding we become changed. Such being the case, the importance of keeping the mind fixed upon eternal realities becomes immediately apparent.

pels of Matthew, Mark, Luke or John pleading with God for special grace and help? We find no such record. Jesus felt His own need and He did the praying.

Later it was different. The book of the Acts of the Apostles is a book of prayer from beginning to end. After Judas, the man in whom they had such confidence, had betrayed their Lord, and one had to be chosen to take his place, "*they prayed*, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two *Thou hast chosen.*" Acts 1:24. They did not feel capable of making a selection. They felt that they could not depend on their own individual judgment as they had previously. How differently they would have disposed of this before their failure! Counsel and prayer was now their dependence. This spirit of prayer runs all through the book of Acts. The book of Acts should in reality be termed the *Book of the Prayers of the Apostles and the Acts of the Holy Ghost*.

After this change, great power attended the message. Thousands were converted in a day. We read that at

one time, while they were engaged *in prayer*, the place where they were assembled was shaken. (Acts 4:31.) Not merely that, but prison doors were thrown open in answer to prayer. (Acts 5:19; 16:25, 26.) Miracles of healing took place; even the dead were raised to life, so mightily did God work. (Acts 9:40, 41.)

No glory did they ascribe to themselves. All glory was given to God. Whatever they accomplished, God was recognized as the doer of it. "Nothing is apparently more helpless, yet really more invincible, than the soul that feels its nothingness and relies wholly on the merits of the Saviour. . . . Those whom Christ has forgiven most will love Him most. These are they who in the final day will stand nearest to His throne," as trophies of His mercy. They will be the greatest monuments of His forgiving and all-conquering grace.

God grant that we shall be numbered with that throng who shall sing the New Song, saying, "*Thou art worthy.*"

In beholding, they became changed—and so may we.



BIBLE ANSWERS

by your
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Send your Bible and religious questions to "The Bible Answerman"
Box 398, Oshawa, Ontario.

Dear Bible Answerman: What is the good or purpose of the resurrection if the wicked are already being punished in hell, and the righteous are now being written in that book?

Frankly, if such be the case, we cannot see any purpose in the resurrection. Yet there is nothing taught more plainly in the Bible than the fact of the resurrection. "Marvel not at this; for 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.

From this quotation we understand there are to be two resurrections. First, the "resurrection of life," and second, the "resurrection of damnation." The resurrection of life takes place at the time Jesus returns from heaven the second time. "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and *the dead in Christ shall rise first*." 1 Thessalonians 4:15, 16.

Dear Bible Answerman: Were there angels before the creation of this world? C. W.

There is no question but that angels in great numbers were in existence before the creation of this world. Job says, "When the morning stars [angels] sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." This has reference to the time of the earth's creation when the angels, viewing the wonderful handiwork of God, sang for joy.

We know that the devil was once a

high and mighty angel in heaven who became rebellious and was cast out of heaven and confined to this earth. And not only was Satan himself cast out of heaven, but also millions of other angels whom he had influenced to join him in his rebellion against God and His government. The record of the casting out is found in Revelation 12:7-9:

"There was war in heaven: Michael 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."

We understand from the fourth verse that one third of the angels were cast out of heaven. "His tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth."

From 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6 we learn more about these fallen angels: "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." "The angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."

Angels are a separate and distinct order of creation from human beings. They are a higher order of creation, as man is a higher order than the animals. It is said of Jesus when He was born of human flesh that He was made a little lower than the angels.

The fact that the angels were in existence before any human being was created or died disproves the idea that when a good person dies he becomes an angel. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Human beings will never become angels, any more than a horse or a cow will become a human being.

Dear Bible Answerman: In Exodus 34:28 it says, "And he wrote . . . the ten commandments," meaning Moses. And in Exodus 31:18, it says they were "written with the finger of God." O. A. W., Alberta.

It has sometimes been argued from this statement, Exodus 34:28, that Moses wrote the ten commandments. And, perhaps, were nothing else said

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about it in the Bible, we might understand it that way. However, in Exodus 34:1 it is written, "The Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which

thou brakest." The same thing is said in Deuteronomy 10:2. In Deuteronomy 10:4 it distinctly states that He (God) "wrote on the tables, according to the first writing." Exodus 32:16 says, "The tables were the work of God, and the writing was the

writing of God, graven upon the tables."

In the light of this we must regard the "he" in Exodus 34:28 as meaning "the Lord," which is quite understandable when consideration is given to the Hebrew idiom.

SATAN'S WAYS

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and mighty. The pity of it all is, he continued, that the world knows very little of America beyond what is being pictured in Hollywood films. Perhaps clean U.S. movies for world exhibition would make far greater and lasting contributions than Marshall Plan funds. Something to think about, indeed.

A case in point is the recent arrest and conviction of the well known moving-picture star, Robert Mitchum, who was indicted by the Los Angeles County grand jury on charges of possessing marihuana and criminal conspiracy.

Will the popularity of this actor suffer because of the conviction? Apparently, he will continue to play his part in pictures that will be seen by millions. At present, about \$5,000,000 in pictures is tied up in Mitchum, and the moving-picture industry is not apt to fire one of its top assets. The studio employing the actor described Howard Hughes, largest RKO stockholder, as a "fellow who stands by his stars," and said Hughes would con-

tinue to do so, even in the face of public disapproval. Two months in jail will make Robert Mitchum, idol of bobby soxers, a bigger star than ever, one of his bosses predicts.

In large cities and elsewhere, the devil advertises and disposes of certain products in which he has a special interest, with astounding success. Space will permit naming but one—liquor. The dragon of early creation days has succeeded in deceiving governments and lawmakers into thinking that liquor can be controlled by various types of sales regulations.

The only successful way to control the alcohol octopus is to outlaw its sale, and pour existing stocks into gutters and other outlets, instead of down the throats of citizens originally created in God's image.

Satan's mighty and intricate system is marked for certain destruction, and the deceiver himself will share in this destruction. We read his epitaph in Revelation 20:10, "The devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever."

Against the deceptions of Satan there is a sure remedy: Prayerful Bible study and an acceptance of Bible truths in respective lives. Multitudes will meet with eternal loss because of neglect here. By studying the Scriptures, not only will we be able to recognize Satan's almost innumerable deceptions, but lives lived in harmony with Bible precepts will be too strong for the enemy to overcome. A well known writer has said: "None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict." . . . "Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures, and who have received the love of the truth, will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive."—*Great Controversy*, pp. 53, 625.

My friend, are you studying your Bible in these trying and tremendous times, when the great deceiver is climaxing his programme in the earth? If you are, you need not be deceived while others despair, and as you live out its precepts from day to day, you will triumph over the enemy here and rejoice with the redeemed forever.

FOLLOW ON

(Continued from page 3)

somebody steps on their toes. Nobody likes a sorehead, a grumbler, a confirmed faultfinder, a heretic hunter, a holier-than-thou professor of religion, who is mean and cantankerous over little annoyances, and who for spite refuses to speak to one and to even up accounts.

We read in the New Testament that they brought to Christ "a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake." There are professed Christians who will not speak to you when they imagine you have insulted them or done them a supposed injury. They are dumb. They pass you on the street and are dumb. They will not speak to you when you speak to them in a friendly way. They just give you the silent treatment, ignoring your presence. They undoubtedly are in the same class as the dumb devil-possessed man who was brought to Christ. After the dumb devil was cast out, "the dumb spake." Such dumb devil-possessed Christians we

need to bring to Christ. He has the only remedy to cure such dumbness.

We need a Christianity that counts, a Christianity of good cheer which causes a Christian to "rejoice always," as Paul said. Wherever Christ went, He dispensed joy and happiness. He assuaged sorrow with words of comfort; He dispelled gloom with sunshine; He brought joy to the heart that was stricken with grief; and at the very hour of His betrayal by Judas, He said to His disciples: "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Christ wants the Christian to represent Him by being cheerful, joyful and happy. Christians ought to be the happiest people in all the world. Paul calls the hope of the Christian "the blessed hope." It robs the tomb of its terror. With the psalmist, he says: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." There is nothing that can cloud the sunny, smiling face, nor ruffle the happy disposition, nor quench the light of joy of a genuine Christian who has experienced the second birth of the Spirit and a changed heart.

A real Christian is not only true, loyal and obedient to sound doctrine as taught in the Bible, but he is anxious to represent to the world in his life the true virtues and characteristics in the life of Christ. He will manifest the same kindly disposition toward sinners, and the same love for the erring, as did Christ when He was here on earth.

In spite of the faults and imperfections we see in others, we should love and respect one another. We must seek to win and draw sinners instead of driving or forcing them. We must seek to make Christianity inspirational and not legalistic; attractive and not repulsive; joyful and not gloomy. The only power that should ever dominate the human heart is the power of divine love. That is the Christianity that counts, and draws all to Christ. If the love that was manifested in the sacrifice of Christ for sinners on the cross of Calvary fails to draw the sinner to Christ, then all other means to win sinners will fail. Let us lift up Christ—He is our only hope of salvation and our only deliverer from the power of the grave to mansions in glory.



The DOCTOR'S VOICE

Send your health queries to the Doctor's Voice, Box 398, Oshawa, Ont.



Eczema

Question: I am a girl of twelve years. I have eczema very badly and I would like to know how to get rid of it. I have tried many medicines; none have helped me.

ANSWER: Clothing should be light and porous, consistent with warmth. Premises should be kept as clean as possible and free from dust. A sponge bath or shower, or even a tub bath of short duration, with absolute minimum of a bland soap even daily is usually well tolerated and soothing. Routine skin tests or elimination diets are usually recommended to rule out allergy to specific foods. In the weeping stage, ointments are usually withheld and drying liniments such as calamine are applied. Ointments such as tar or Lassar's are used in the more chronic stages when the skin is dry. Oils are not used on the scalp. Adequate rest and freedom from worry and anxiety are important.

Measles

Question: Can measles be prevented?

ANSWER: In 1949 antimeasles serum was given to 121 young children in the Victoria area. In this particular group only children under two years were treated. Of the 121 children so treated, eighty-nine developed no apparent disease, twenty-four had "mild" attacks, and eight moderate to severe measles. It may be added that penicillin can effectively be used to prevent or treat some of the more serious complications such as pneumonia, and otitis media (earache). These latter complications usually appear between the third and the fifth days of the illness. High fever, earache, or abnormal spells of coughing should therefore be reported to the physician in addition to the regular notification of public health authorities.

High Blood Pressure

Question: My father has high blood pressure. He is crippled. Will he be able to work? He was in the hospital for three months.

ANSWER: High blood pressure is not incompatible with reasonable longevity and usefulness in occupations which are not strenuous. It is presumed that in this case your father has had a stroke. The amount of rehabilitation in these cases is usually surprising. Greatest hindrances to progress are depression and discouragement. A cheerful, hopeful outlook promotes good health. Medical supervision of diet and other factors is important.

Cough

Question: A boy eight years of age had whooping cough two years ago. Since that time he coughs very badly when he gets a cold, and sometimes if he is running or playing he even throws up. Could it still be caused from the whooping cough?

ANSWER: The average untreated case of whooping cough lasts six to ten weeks. A complication of the disease is chronic bronchitis, occasionally asthma, and also bronchiectasis. The latter is due to overdistention of the terminal air sacs with impaired drainage, resulting in susceptibility to respiratory infections and chronic cough.

Canker Sores

Question: What can be done for canker sores that appear often and last for about a week at a time?

ANSWER: Canker sores are sometimes due to allergy to certain foods. Black walnuts are said to be particular offenders. For local application, gentian violet 3½ per cent aqueous solution or triple dye, as was used at one time for burns, is as soothing as anything and promotes healing. It should be applied several times daily.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS, or "polio," as it is called for short, is one of the most feared and dreaded of childhood diseases. Although it is called an infantile disease, actually it is no respecter of age, for it strikes adults as well as children and infants.

When and how it appears, and why it picks out widely separated areas, are questions that have often puzzled medical science. But as a result of an all-out drive in research to track down this enemy of health, much more is now known of how it gets about and why it produces such widespread havoc with nerves and muscles when once it gets inside the human body.

Let us take you into a laboratory where they have just completed an experiment. This was almost five years ago, but it proved what had been suspected about polio for some time. A young man is peering through a high-powered microscope. Slide after slide of nerve tissue is studied; every detail of size and structure is noted. Finally he looks up at his assistant, who is also looking at slides.

"Edward, this is it! Every single one of these specimens shows damage of nerve tissue far beyond those in the first group we studied. That means one thing; the animals they exercised until they were completely fatigued are more susceptible to polio organisms than those who get the same dose of germs but are kept quiet and do not have to combat fatigue."

His assistant, also a research fellow on infantile paralysis, nodded his head in reply, and then added, "Doesn't it begin to look as though chilling, overexertion and fatigue figure high in the list of things that will allow this polio organism to do the most damage?"

"It surely does. Remember that group of animals which they made swim through cold water till they chilled and how frequently they came down with polio as compared to the other group which had the same number of organisms placed in their bodies, but which did not swim in cold water?"

"Yes," the doctor replied, and added, "I just wonder if perhaps there is more to the chilling of the body's surface when one goes swimming than there is to the idea that you might pick up polio from the water itself."

"You mean that the individual already has the organism in his body, and chilling and fatigue merely tip the scale so that the bug can get started?"

"That's right."

Thus began to unravel one of the secrets of how polio gets a foothold.

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POLIO – the Great Crippler

What to Do During an Epidemic

And it is one of the most important things for parents to know in regard to the care of their children during a polio epidemic. *Do not* allow your child to become over-fatigued. See that he gets plenty, even extra amounts, of sleep. During this time curtail late hours and late parties. Be sure he is getting a good, well-balanced diet, starting the day off right with a good breakfast of fresh fruits, milk and grains. Although there is no specific treatment at the present time known for infantile paralysis, we do know that bodily resistance at top-notch level is vitally important. Don't take a chance by getting chilled or exhausted.

A good example of what fatigue has to do with this is the story of Bill, who came into the hospital with a very severe form of poliomyelitis. He hadn't felt very well for one or two days and thought it was cold or flu. He then decided the best way to get rid of this was to play three sets of tennis. A good workout would rid him of his so-called "flu." Instead, after three sets of tennis, he could hardly drag home, and the next morning he had paralysis of both lower limbs. Now we can't say for sure that he would not have had the paralysis at any rate, but the chances are that he did not help himself one bit by trying to work off his bit of cold. Just in passing, might we say that this is not a good way of treating a cold anyway. Rest in bed is the very best thing to do for any disease when it is in an acute stage.

There are some things to be on a lookout for during the polio season. Any child who complains of symptoms that you might mistake for flu or even a head cold, and in addition complains of his neck or back or of very sore muscles, should have the prompt attention of your family physician. Another type of case will start with symptoms very similar to those that follow eating green apples—tummy ache, and perhaps nausea and vomiting, and in some instances, diarrhoea. If this is accompanied by a stiff neck and back, again you should seek medical help immediately.

There is a great deal that can now be done for polio that couldn't be done a few years ago. The remarkable effects of hot packs that were intro-

duced and popularized by Sister Elizabeth Kenny are used in almost all of the larger clinics. And as long as the child has the ordinary variety of polio, you can expect him to have a good recovery. Now even the most severe cases have a chance beyond anything that could be expected only a few short years ago.

By

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May we list for you and your children five rules, as given by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, to follow during the polio season, which runs from May through October:

"1. Avoid crowds and places where

close contact with other persons is likely.

"2. Avoid overfatigue caused by too active play or exercise, or irregular hours.

"3. Avoid swimming in polluted water. Use only beaches or public pools declared safe by local health authorities.

"4. Avoid sudden chilling. Remove wet shoes and clothing at once, and keep extra blankets and heavier clothing handy for sudden weather changes.

"5. Observe the golden rule of personal cleanliness. Keep food tightly covered and safe from flies or other insects. Garbage should be tightly covered and, if other disposal facilities are lacking, it should be buried or burned."

Follow these hints and you can be assured of having protected yourself and your family with the best health programme we now know against polio.

Polio, like most other diseases, attacks when the resistance of the body is low owing to overwork, lack of an adequate balanced diet, sudden chilling or undue exposure. Here it is indeed true that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.



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Creation's Memorial

(This is Pastor Flynn's Bible Quiz. After you have carefully studied the lesson, see if you can answer the questions.)

- Underline the correct answers:
As a memorial of creation, God:
(a) Built a bridge. (c) Set apart the seventh day.
(b) Wrote a book. (d) Erected a monument.
- God's memorial will last:
(a) Forever. (c) Throughout all generations.
(b) To the end of this world. (d) To the end of the millennium.
- The Sabbath day is:
(a) Common time. (c) As any other day.
(b) Holy time. (d) Sanctified time.
- Isaiah 66:22, 23 teaches us that the Sabbath will be:
(a) Observed throughout all eternity. (c) Done away with.
(b) Disregarded. (d) Observed in the new earth.
- Draw a connecting line between text and subject:
Exodus 20:11 "Thy memorial."
Ezekiel 20:20 "God blessed the seventh day."
Exodus 31:17 "Hallow My Sabbaths."
Psalm 135:13 "I gave them My Sabbaths."
Exodus 20:8 "It is a sign . . . forever."
Genesis 2:3 "Rested the seventh day."
Ezekiel 20:12 "Remember the Sabbath day."
- Select a word from the list to fill the proper blank:
Created, equivalent, made, seventh, hallowed.
(a) God's sanctifying the day is to His commanding me to sanctify it.
(b) "Wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and it."
(c) "Thou hast all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were"
(d) "The day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God."
(e) "On the day God ended His work which He had; and He rested on the day from all His work which He had and God blessed the day and sanctified it."
- Complete the following statements:
"It shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me."
- "Thy name, O Lord, endureth forever; and"
- "....., to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work, but"
- Why are men unable to make anything holy?

UNSPEAKABLY glorious in form and feature, in majesty and power, in tender beneficence, and in the express image of His Father, was God's only-begotten Son from the days of eternity.

The prophet Micah declared, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, . . . out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be Ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Micah 5:2. Thus the apostle Paul wrote of Him, "Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men, and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Philippians 2:5-8.

Some may ask, "Did Christ Himself, when on earth, teach the same thing?" Indeed He did. He said: "I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world." "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am." "The bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. . . . I am the bread of life." "I came down from heaven." John 16:28; 8:58; 6:33, 35, 38. And in communion with His Father, before entering Gethsemane, He prayed, "O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was." "Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world." John 17:5, 24.

In the beginning, what clear relation did the Son of God sustain to the vast universe? God brought forth His only-begotten Son before the creation of the universe. He foresaw the possibility of sin, of disobedience to His sacred law, and made provision to meet such an emergency. If sin should appear, and if the rebellious could be restored to loyal obedience, the wonderful work of creation would thus be upheld. But how could they be restored to harmony with God's holy, unchangeable law? How could God be just and yet forgive? That was God's mightiest problem! In solving it He had only one through whom He might work, His only-begotten Son.

God would give such a happy experience to those who would return to Him and accept pardon through His beloved Son, that the redeemed would continue in their love and loyalty to Him. So by having His only-begotten Son create the universe, God laid a sure foundation for its wonderful continuance through the plan of redemption by "the precious blood

of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you." 1 Peter 1:19, 20. How wonderful was God's creative and redeeming plan! No wonder perishing souls all over the world gladly accept His plan of salvation and are saved!

Complete to every extent in every direction was the creative work of God's "dear Son," for it is also re-

God plan from the very beginning through His beloved Son. Thus every noble attribute, every tender aspiration, every resource of omnipotent power, every element of unspeakable glory, was at the command of Christ at the very beginning of all; and after the fall of man as well, in the marvellous work of restoration or redemption! And as the joys and blessings of the home life constitute such an important part of the lives of all the inhabitants in all the worlds of God's

ance, with their branches drooping under their load of tempting fruit, of the richest and most varied hues. It was the work of Adam and Eve to train the branches of the vine to form bowers, thus making for themselves a dwelling from living trees covered with foliage and fruit. There were fragrant flowers of every hue in rich profusion. In the midst of the garden stood the tree of life, surpassing in glory all other trees. Its fruit appeared like apples of gold and silver, and

Creative - Redemptive Glory

By John W. Halliday

corded: "By Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist." Colossians 1:16, 17. "God . . . created all things by Jesus Christ." Ephesians 3:9.

Think of it! The average speed of all the stars is about 12.2 miles a single second of time, or 732 miles in only a minute. Yet one of the stars, Arcturus, regarding which God asked Job, "Canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?" (Job 38:32), has the amazing speed of 257 miles a second, or more than 15,000 miles a minute. What inexpressible power and glory was therefore manifested by the infinite and eternal Father through His dearly beloved Son, in bringing into glorious being and upholding so wondrously so vast and marvellous a universe with all its amazing movements and exceeding greatness and glory!

Astronomers are now discovering some of the other worlds created through Christ, apart from our solar system. Dr. K. A. Strand, astronomer of Swarthmore College, has given clear proof of the discovery of a third object associated with the double star Cygnus, the Swan. By mathematical calculations he has shown that it is about 216,000 miles in diameter, or about sixteen times the size of Jupiter, and that it circles the giant sun in Cygnus once in 4.9 years. A similar discovery in the constellation of Ophiuchus has been announced by the University of Virginia, and still another has been reported by McCormick Observatory.

What an extraordinary plan of creation and redemption, therefore, did

vast creation, let us notice a beautiful description of the creative handiwork of Christ, in the fashioning of the home of our first parents in the Garden of Eden at the beginning of the world:

"In this garden were trees of every variety, many of them laden with fragrant and delicious fruit. There were lovely vines, growing upright, yet presenting a most graceful appear-

had the power to perpetuate life." —*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 47.

What encouragement there is in all this knowledge of the tenderest love, the mightiest power, and the greatest glory of God revealed so richly and fully through His only-begotten Son from all eternity, to turn to that Son with all the heart and rejoicingly accept Him as the all-sufficient Saviour, the all-powerful Redeemer, who can and does and will save to the very uttermost all who accept and follow Him!

God's Son, the divine creative agent, in due time in fulfilment of prophecy veiled His glory in human form, and lived and died according to the redemptive plan determined from the foundation of the world.

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MAIL TIME

By
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God's Word, the Bible, is in fact a letter sent from heaven. We should peruse its pages with far more earnestness than any letter penned by a human friend.

IF YOU happen to know how full of anticipation a child is around Christmas time, then you know something of how I feel every morning around eleven o'clock. The reason is that at that time the mailman leaves many delightful surprises in our mail box. And should he happen to pass me by, as he did twice last year, I think, "What *have* I done to be so treated?"

This morning, however, was not one of those mornings, for the box was filled almost to overflowing with papers, magazines, circulars and letters, all of which I hastily carried into the house as I tried to decide which should be given first attention. Recognizing a familiar post mark on one of the letters, I said, This is the one. And as I opened it, I wondered if there would be any change in the closing words.

But there was not, not a word, a letter or a comma, for he wrote as he had been doing for months and months, "Wishing you every needed blessing." Oh, why, I questioned as I read, why does he not just once in a while tuck in an added blessing? Even though I might not be in need of it, surely it would be appreciated. At least I thought it would.

Maybe, maybe, I mused, blessings are a bit like money. Probably there are many people in this old world who by careful planning make their money cover their needs; but even so, they are not satisfied, and often wish

they had more. If they were rich, they say, they would do this and that. Always they would be willing to "help the other fellow." But would they, I wonder? I fear that once they got hold of the "more," they would hold it so tightly that only death could make them part with it; and then, and then, it might be too late to provide for their souls.

And likewise blessings. If I were to receive even just one more than I need I might become so well satisfied with the pleasures of this life that I would not be aware of the fact that I was drifting, drifting without an anchor, away from God.

Then as I thought about it, into my heart came a wave of thankfulness for the assurance that God knows what is best not only for me, but for all His children, and for the promise that He will supply not all our wants or desires, but all our *needs*. Therefore it was in harmony with God's plan for my friend to close his letter with the words, "Wishing you every needed blessing." After all, what more could one ask or want?

If there be a moral in this little storyette, I shall leave the reader to find it; as for me, I am hoping that in the near future, the mailman will leave in our box another letter from this friend who tells me in such a nice way to be content with such things as I have. For that is really what his words imply, only it has taken me such a long while to find it out.