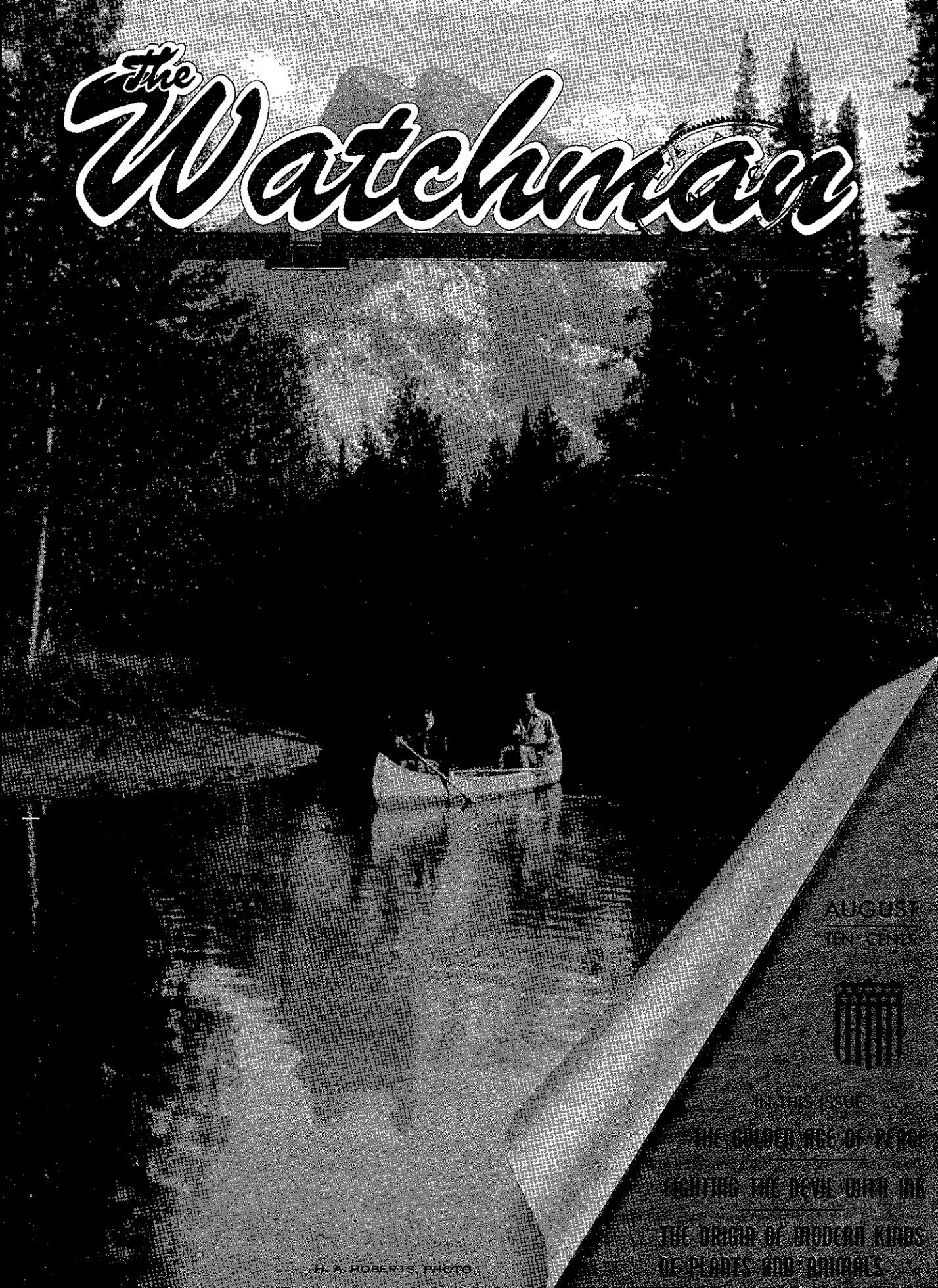


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Wall Street in New York City was jammed with financial district workers to celebrate the reported end of the war in Europe on May 7. At the right is seen the statue of George Washington in front of the Treasury Building, while Trinity Church appears in the background.

THE DOCTORS DISAGREE

IT MUST be very disheartening to those professed Christians who have discarded belief in the Bible story of creation for faith in the modern theory of evolutionary origin of things, when they read a news report such as this:

"How old is the Milky Way? Astronomers have long considered it one of the older galaxies; Sir James Jeans deduced from its shape that the Milky Way (which includes the Earth) is probably in an advanced stage of senility. But this week one of the world's most eminent authorities on galaxies, Harvard's Professor Harlow Shapley, suggested that Sir James had it all backward. According to Shapley's theory, the Milky Way is in the first, not the last, stage of evolution."—*Time*, April 23, 1945, p. 89.

If, when you read the speculations of the world's wise men relative to the origin of the universe, you feel tempted

to throw the Holy Scriptures into the dump heap of mythological lore, don't do it. In the first place, the doctors disagree with each other about these things. In the second, the Good Book thus far has well withstood all the attacks of the skeptics. The Bible is still the safest and most sure guidebook that the Christian has.

"IT WILL NOT LAST LONG"

MAJOR General J. F. C. Fuller of the British Army wrote for *Newsweek* (March 5, 1945) a column entitled "War Tides," in which he reviews the course of events in connection with World War II.

Reviewing the efforts to secure the world against war during the past 2,000 years, he says: "Now, . . . it is apparent that the next restriction will be sought in the creation of some kind of international police power. If so, then I am of the opinion that it will not last long because,

since human nature is as it is, the policemen will ultimately quarrel and the whole system will tumble down."

The British general knows human nature too well to be fooled by plans for a dream world to be secured by human effort. Some thinkers have gone so far as to predict that there will be a World War III, and are writing about it.

Although human efforts to establish a lasting world peace are doomed to failure, we need not despair. In Daniel 2 we have divinely portrayed by means of the great prophetic image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream the course of universal history from 606 B. C. to the second advent of Christ. The prophet said that there would be four universal empires—Babylon (the head of gold), from 606 to 538 B. C.; Medo-Persia (the breast and arms of silver), from 538 to 331 B. C.; Greece (belly and thighs of brass), from 331 to 168 B. C.; and Rome (the legs of iron), from 168 B. C. to A. D. 476. Rome would be divided into, and succeeded by, lesser kingdoms—the nations of western Europe (the feet and toes of iron and clay). Concerning every effort to reunite these nations into a single world organization, God said: "They shall not cleave one to another." Daniel 2: 43.

The stone that was seen to strike the metallic image in its feet, and dash it to pieces, would become a great mountain filling the whole earth. Concerning it Daniel said: "In the days of these kings [the nations of western Europe represented by the toes of the image] shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." Verse 44.

Everlasting peace in a regime of righteousness that shall have no end will come for humanity only when Christ shall return to set up His kingdom of glory.

Error

IN SOME copies of the July issue of THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE it is said on page 7 that "on Sunday, March 4, 1923, as many as 6 bills were signed by President Coolidge." This is an editorial error. It was President Harding who signed the bills on Sunday.



THE CURSE OF THE Flying Roll

A Reckoning Day Is Coming

By HOWARD J. CAPMAN

SOME years ago a British aviator, flying over New York City, greeted that great metropolis with huge sky-written letters, "Hello, U. S. A." Entertaining manufacturers frequently have used the sky-writing method to advertise their merchandise. Political campaigns are publicized by flying banners pulled glider-like through the sky by aviators.

An ancient prophet saw God's flying roll move through the sky, as recorded in Zechariah 5: 1-4. "Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll. And He said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits. Then said He unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it. I will bring it forth, saith the Lord of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by My name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof."

All Bible translators agree that the original word for "roll," or scroll, means the same as the Greek noun *biblion* (small scroll). In Ezra 6: 1, 2, we have an example of the word for "rolls" translated as "books" in the marginal reading. In Jeremiah 36: 2 we read that the prophet took "a roll of a book," and wrote therein all the words of the Lord.

The flying roll described by Zechariah measured 20 by 10 cubits. Using the standard cubit, which measures 18 inches, we see that this banner placed in mid air measured 35 by 15 feet. Such an impressive sky sign is certain to arrest the attention of men.

According to the Douay version of Zechariah 5: 3, these words were said by the angel concerning the flying roll: "This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the earth: for every thief shall be judged as is there written: and every one that sweareth in like manner shall be judged by it." Thus is pronounced God's terrible curse upon the thief and the blasphemer who break the commandments of His perfect law. The apostle James records God's judgment against the murderer and the adulterer for their violation of His holy law. (James 2: 10-12.) In the judgment day all men will be judged by this same law of God. The words of Solomon aptly apply here: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14.

It is clearly taught in the Bible that God wrote His law—the Ten Com-

mandments—upon two tables of stone. (Exodus 31: 18; 32: 15, 16; Deuteronomy 4: 13.) On the first table was written man's duty to his Creator, as contained in the first four commandments. On the second table God outlined man's duty to his neighbor, as expressed in the last six commandments of the Decalogue. These two cardinal principles—love to God and love to one's neighbor—embrace the whole conduct of mankind. (Matthew 22: 36-40.)

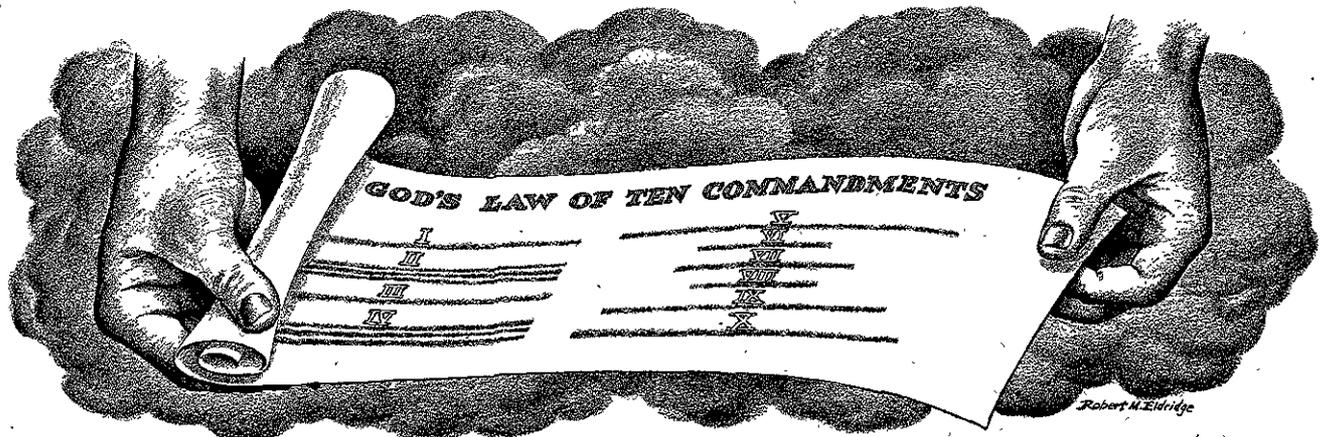
This truth is forcefully stated by the great Charles Spurgeon in his sermon on the "Perpetuity of the Law." He says: "If you love God with all your heart, you must keep the first table, and if you love your neighbor, you will keep the second table."

It is evident, then, that the blasphemer would be judged by the first table of the flying roll of Zechariah, "as is there written" on one side of it. The thief would be condemned by the second table "as is there written" on the other side of it, according to Zechariah's prophecy.

While the Decalogue was written upon two tables, and divided into two parts, yet it is one law. The apostle James speaks to this point in James 2: 10, saying "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is

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In the great final judgment hour God's immutable law of Ten Commandments will be spread before the universe, and the children of disobedience will find in it their irrevocable condemnation.



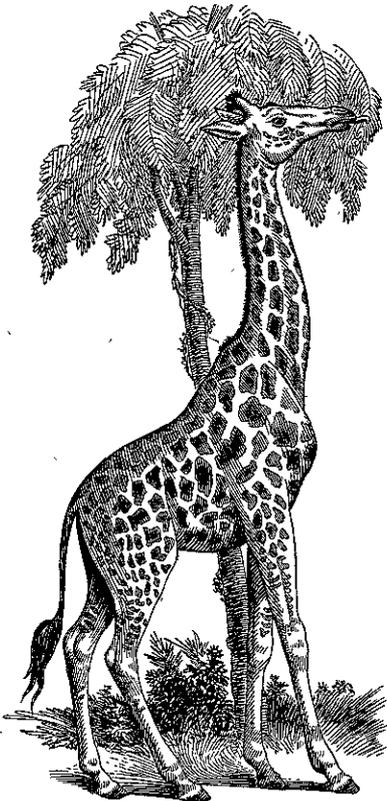
The Origin of Modern Kinds of Plants and Animals

Variations Have Their Limitations

TO A LARGE percentage of men and women, and boys and girls, it is a readily recognizable fact that the study of plants and animals has an irresistible appeal. No small portion of this appeal is doubtless due to the existence of endless variety in color, general form, proportion, and size among organisms.

This organic diversity is an observational fact more or less familiar to everyone. It delights our senses in a way that could never be accomplished if individual plants and animals, even when members of the same kind, were as alike as are the individual objects from the man-made molds of our factories. But the fact of variation in nature is borne in upon the comprehension of one who is inquisitive enough to attempt to find two leaves exactly alike on a single tree. Such a feat remains to be accomplished.

In harmony with the Creator's original decree, birds and animals reproduce after their kind.



By FRANK L. MARSH, Ph. D.

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The same difficulty that is experienced when a human being is sought who looks just like someone else is met throughout the animal and plant kingdoms when an actual search is conducted for identical-appearing individuals. This fact of variation is as refreshing, consciously or unconsciously, as is the appearance of another sunset because it is sure to present to our marveling appreciation a combination of form and color that has never before existed to delight human eyes.

However, equal with the fact of diversity stands the fact of discontinuity in variation among organisms. Even when we consider variation among the members of some group such as the trees, we find that there is not a single series of differences running throughout the group so that oaks imperceptibly grade into elms and elms into maples. Neither do we find among the primates that men grade gradually into the great apes and the apes into the Old World monkeys. With all the multiplicity of variation that has actually occurred among the oaks, among the elms, among the maples, and among men, among the great apes, and among the Old World monkeys, there appears a clear-cut locus within which all variants always remain as they cluster around the modal point of oaks, of men, or about the distinguishing characters of any of the separate kinds of organisms.

This situation in nature is a very obvious one which is recognized by all individuals who have to do with the naming of plants and animals, i.e., taxonomists. There is never any question whether the tree is an oak or a maple. The oaks, the elms, and the maples stand out clearly outlined as distinct kinds in nature. The problems which press upon the taxonomist are the determination of the particular "species" of oak, problems which are by no means easy of solution in view of the prevalent hybridization among oaks, and of the effects of processes of variation within the oak kind.

Likewise, with man, the taxonomist has not the slightest difficulty in determining whether a particular specimen is man or great ape. This is true even though a dissection manual for the human body can likewise be used in tracing out the organs of the skeletal, muscular, nervous, digestive, and other systems in the body of apes. The most degenerated and mutated man is still distinctly human and easily identified as a man. And the most educated, bathed, groomed, and perfumed great ape is still distinctly a gibbon, or an orangutan, or a chimpanzee, or a gorilla, and is never confusable with a man.

The modern classification system of plants and animals would not be possible if organic forms varied in a continuous distribution. Its existence witnesses to this absence of an unbroken series of intergrades. The separate clusters of individuals are designated as categories in the classification system. In commenting on this fact Theodosius Dobzhansky, Professor of Zoology, Columbia University, says on page 4 of his book "Genetics and the Origin of Species":

"The discontinuity of organic variation has been exploited to devise a scientific classification of organisms. Evidently the hierarchical nature of the observed discontinuity lends itself admirably to this purpose. For the sake of convenience, the discrete clusters are designated races, species, genera, families, and so forth. The classification thus arrived at is to some extent an artificial one, because it remains for the investigator to choose, within limits, which cluster is to be designated a genus, family, or order. But the classification is nevertheless a natural one in so far as it reflects the objectively ascertainable discontinuity of variation, and in so far as the dividing lines between species, genera, and other categories are made to correspond to the gaps between the discrete clusters of living forms. Therefore the biological classification is simultaneously a man-made system of pigeonholes devised for the pragmatic purpose of recording observations in a convenient manner and an acknowledgment of the fact of organic discontinuity."

The inquiring, matter-of-fact mind wishes to know if this same distinct discontinuity has existed among living things since their first appearance upon the earth. That is, have present-day forms evolved from simple, possibly one-celled ancestors, during geological time; or were the separate kinds placed upon the earth at the beginning of its organic history? The only objective record of former times, whether of geologic proportions or of briefer span, is to be found in the stratified rocks of the earth's crust.

The actual situation in this record is portrayed very well by the evolutionist A. H. Clark, of the National Museum, in his book "The New Evolution." On pages 100, 102, and 104 we read the following statements:

"When we examine a series of fossils of any age we may pick out one and say with confidence, 'This is a crustacean'—or starfish, or a brachiopod, or an annelid, or any other type of creature as the case may be. . . .

"Since all the fossils are determinable as members of their respective groups by the application of definitions of those groups drawn up from and based entirely on living types, and since none of these definitions of the phyla or major groups of animals need be in any way altered or expanded to include the fossils, it naturally follows that throughout the fossil record these major groups have remained essentially unchanged. This means that

the interrelationships between them likewise have remained unchanged. . . .

"Since all our evidence shows that the phyla or major groups of animals have maintained precisely the same relation with each other back to the time when the first evidences of life appear, it is much more logical to assume a continuation of the parallel interrelationships further back into the indefinite past, to the time of the first beginnings of life, than to assume somewhere in early pre-Cambrian times a change in these interrelationships and convergence toward a hypothetical common ancestral type from which all were derived. This last assumption has not the slightest evidence to support it. All of the evidence indicates the truth of the first assumption."

Recognition of this same fact of marked discontinuity in the fossil record is also given by G. G. Simpson, recognized geologist of the American Museum of Natural History, in his new book, "Tempo and Mode in Evolution." On page 99 of Dr. Simpson's book we read:

"The facts are that many species and genera, indeed the majority, do appear suddenly in the record, differing sharply and in many ways from any earlier group, and that this appearance of discontinuity becomes more common the higher the level, until it is virtually universal as regards orders and all higher steps in the taxonomic hierarchy."

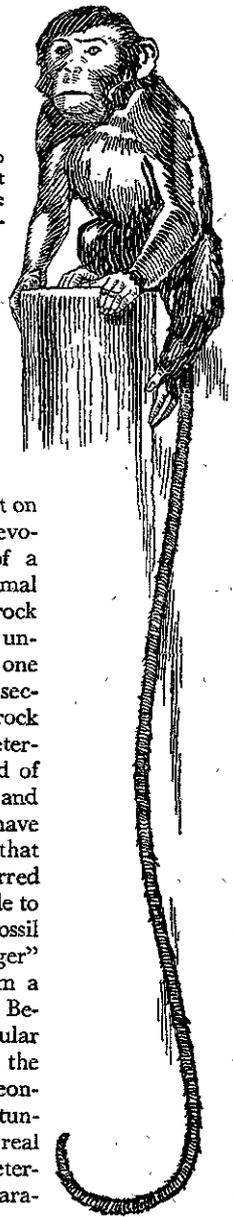
Again, on page 105 we read: "On still higher levels, those of what is here called 'mega-evolution,' the inferences might still apply, but caution is enjoined, because here essentially continuous transitional sequences are not merely rare, but are virtually absent."

In studying any reference to "earlier" or "later" fossils it is extremely important to bear three facts in mind:

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The many varieties of plants seen in the vegetable kingdom reveal the wisdom and greatness of Him who created the world.

Science has come to the conclusion that simians are not the progenitors of the human race.



first, in no one spot on the earth has the evolutionary story of a single plant or animal been found in rock layers which lie in undisturbed order one above the other; second, the age of a rock layer is largely determined by the kind of fossils it contains; and third, geologists have to assume first that evolution has occurred before they are able to pronounce one fossil "older" or "younger" than another from a different location. Because of this circular type of reasoning the conclusions of paleontologists are unfortunately of very little real value to us in determining the comparative age of fossils.

But one very important fact which can be gained from the rocks is that from the first appearance of life upon this earth the same categories of plants and animals existed which now populate the earth. In a number of cases the fossil forms have

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HAVE YOU READ IT?

TO MINISTERS, teachers, and students in general, we heartily recommend the reading of Dr. Frank L. Marsh's scientific discussion of the theories of evolution and special creation, which has recently appeared in the form of a 304-page book entitled "Evolution, Creation, and Science." The author, listed in the latest edition of "American Men of Science," is fitted through specialized training and original research to make such a worth-while presentation of this vital subject. The findings of science prove the Bible story of the origin of plants and animals true. Cloth binding for only \$2.25, postpaid. Order from THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE.

The Golden Age of

PEACE

Is a Millennium of Universal Concord Nigh?

By ROY F. COTTRELL



THE TWENTIETH century opened with boundless optimism. The wonders of science and invention were revolutionizing almost everything upon the globe. Orators, authors, and editors talked of universal good will, and many acclaimed the dawn of a millennium.

But suddenly a thunderbolt from Mars brought a rude awakening, and the world found itself in a war-maddened race for destruction. The armistice during two decades appeared as but the breathing space for another and deadlier conflict. For several years the world has been ablaze. Multitudes are dazed, anxious, and bewildered; and in this time of almost universal heart failure, they wonder if the Bible really has a message for this crucial age.

Yes, it speaks with confidence, and its prophecies clearly reveal that as we approach history's climax, conditions in this world will drift from bad to worse; and that the closing scenes will be characterized by war, distress, crime, savagery, infidelity, and irreligion. In contrast to the many false theories and groundless conjectures concerning the future, the Scriptures give positive evidence that the vast multitudes of earth will not be converted, and that there will be no gradual, evolutionary change toward world betterment and civic righteousness.

Laying aside popular fancy and speculation, we find that the Bible definitely teaches:

(1) That the second coming of Christ will mark the beginning of the millennium.

(2) That just prior to that event there will be a final clash of armaments known as Armageddon, on which battlefield multitudes of the slain will lie unwept and unburied. (Revelation 16: 12-17; Jeremiah 25: 31-33.)

(3) That this earth, desolate and without human inhabitants, will become Satan's prison-house for 1,000 years.

(4) That the saved will reign with Christ during that period, not upon the earth, but in heaven.

(5) That at the close of the millennium, the wicked dead will be raised.

(6) That Satan and all his followers will then receive their punishment.

(7) And that this earth, purified by fire from sin and sinners, will become the glorified, eternal homeland of the saved.

The term "millennium" does not occur in the Bible. It is derived from two Latin words, *mille*, meaning "thousand," and *annus*, "year." The 1,000-year period is mentioned six times, all of which are in the twentieth chapter of Revelation. Of the redeemed from this earth, the prophet writes:

"They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead [the wicked] lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection." Revelation 20: 4-6.

Christ and His apostles taught that "there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." (Acts 24: 15; John 5: 25-29.) Our Saviour also gave the definite promise, "I will come

The dream world of the future envisioned by men is not the eternal paradise prepared for us by God.

again." John 14: 3. That glorious, visible, literal, premillennial event will bring fullness of joy to every sincere Christian.

"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: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thessalonians 4: 16, 17.

Our Lord's second appearing, according to these words of Inspiration, occurs at the beginning of the millennium when the living righteous, together with the resurrected saints, ascend to their heavenly home.

At the same time, those living upon the earth who have rejected the gospel of salvation are instantly consumed. It is written:

"You who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power." 2 Thessalonians 1: 7-9.

Left without a shelter in that fateful hour, the enemies of God are unable to endure the celestial glory that suddenly

bursts forth upon this world. At the conclusion of the battle of Armageddon, the wicked are consumed with "the spirit of His mouth," and destroyed "with the brightness of His coming." (Psalm 97: 3; 2 Thessalonians 2: 8; Hebrews 12: 29.) The results of this retribution are vividly described:

"Evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried." Jeremiah 25: 32, 33.

In graphic phrases the seer of Patmos describes the return of Jesus as "King of kings and Lord of lords," and then tells of Satan's enforced vacation:

"And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, the old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and cast him into the abyss, and shut it, and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more until the thousand years should be finished." Revelation 20: 1-3, American Standard Version.

The term "bottomless pit" (in Greek "abyss") here mentioned is employed to represent the chaotic condition of the earth during the millennium. In the beginning, "the earth was without form, and void" (Genesis 1: 2); and the prophet Jeremiah uses the same expression to describe the emptiness and desolation of our planet during the 1,000-year period:

"I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heaven were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by His fierce anger." Jeremiah 4: 23-26. The great cities of earth will then lie in dismal ruin; all the productions of human skill and genius will be destroyed; and darkness will again cover the earth as it did prior to the original creation.

The "chain" and "key" in the hands of the angel, are emblems of authority. It will not be a chain of iron, or steel, or brass, but a chain of circumstances which Satan will be powerless to break. All the righteous will then reside with Christ in heaven, beyond the reach of the enemy's power; all the wicked will be silent in death on earth, so that Satan cannot disturb or deceive them; and the world

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PAGAN RECORDS CONFIRM ACCOUNT of CRUCIFIXION

By WILLIAM A. SPICER

SOMETIMES the skeptical opposer of Christianity objects that the only record of Christ's death for man is found in the writings of His followers. But this is not the case. The fact of His appearance as a teacher among men, and of His death, found place in current Roman history, set down by pagan pens.

Tacitus, writer of Roman annals of the times from the death of Augustus to the death of Nero, did not live in the time of Christ, it is true, but he wrote the annals of the period, following contemporary Roman records. Under the annals of the reign of Tiberius he found the name of Pilate as the governor who ordered the death of one called Christ in the province of Judea.

Telling of Nero's effort to shift from himself the suspicion of having set the great fire of Rome, Tacitus wrote:

"But neither human help, nor imperial munificence, nor all the modes of placating Heaven, could stifle scandal or dispel the belief that the fire had taken place by order. Therefore, to scotch the rumor, Nero substituted as culprits, and punished with the utmost refinements of cruelty, a class of men, loathed for their vices, whom the crowd styled Christians. Christus, the founder of the name, had undergone the death penalty in the reign of Tiberius, by sentence of the procurator Pontius Pilatus, and the pernicious superstition was checked for a moment, only to break out once more, not merely in Judea, the home of the disease, but in the capital itself, where all things horrible or shameful in the world collect and find a vogue."—*Annals*, Bk. 15, chap. 44 (in Loeb Classical Library, "Tacitus," Vol. 4, pp. 282, 283).

The official records of the times of Tiberius and of his successors were appealed to by Tertullian, who became a convert to Christianity about the year 190. In his *Apology*, addressed to the "Rulers of the Roman Empire," he wrote:

"Tiberius accordingly, in whose days the Christian name made its entry into the world, having himself received intelligence from Palestine of events which had clearly shown the truth of Christ's divinity, brought the matter before the Senate, with his own decision in favor of Christ."—

Apology, chap. 5 ("The Ante-Nicene Fathers," Vol. 3, pp. 21, 22).

The matter before the Senate referred to here was a proposal by Tiberius that Christ be accorded divine honor and that His statue be placed among the statues of the recognized Roman divinities. (What a travesty it would have been—the Eternal One, who created all things and upholds all things by the word of His power, being represented in marble or bronze along with the deified heroes and the dumb gods and goddesses of Rome!) Tertullian recited further:

"The Senate, because it had not given the approval itself, rejected his proposal. Caesar held to his opinion, threatening wrath against all accusers of the Christians. Consult your histories: you there will find that Nero was the first who assailed with the imperial sword the Christian sect, making progress then especially at Rome."—*Ibid.*, p. 22.

The point is that Tertullian was bold to cite the rulers to their own records, then in existence. We count Tertullian an authority in religion, as he was one of those leading in the predicted "falling away" from the primitive faith. But he would never have dared to cite the Roman rulers to their own archives unless the records were there.

These records, by pens of pagan scribes, were evidently generally known in Roman official circles. In the early times Flavius Maximus, governor of the Roman province of Cilicia, in Asia Minor, was pressing one Probus, a Christian, to sacrifice to the emperor, threatening to put out his eyes if he refused. Maximus said:

"Fool, do you not know that he whom you are calling upon was a man who under the authority of a governor named Pilate was fastened to the cross for his crimes? Records of it are preserved."—*Ruinart* (cited in A. J. Mason's "Historic Martyrs of the Primitive Church").

The archives at Rome preserved accounts of the execution of Jesus in Judea. Naturally the weak-kneed Pilate would send reports and explanations to Tiberius, as the Jewish rulers had threatened to make accusation against him to Caesar.

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Fighting the Devil with Ink

IN PRE-WAR days there stood in the city of Strasbourg, Germany, a remarkable monument erected to the memory of Johannes Gutenberg, the father of modern printing. In his hand he held a tablet on which were inscribed the words, "Let there be light,"—fitting words, indeed, to be uttered during the dense darkness with which the devil had enshrouded the world for 1,000 long years of general ignorance and superstition.

During the long period of the world's moral midnight the art of reading was the possession of only a very few, and printing was entirely unknown. Then came Johannes Gutenberg with his great discovery. This came in the providence of God at the right moment to prepare the way for the Protestant Reformation which was to awaken the world from its slumber of many long centuries.

The early reformers seized upon printing as "the latest and greatest gift by which God enables us to advance the things of the gospel." Martin Luther, the prince of all the reformers, was so prodigious a writer of books and pamphlets, and so ardent a publisher, that his obsession for the inkpot was early illustrated by an interesting legend. It is said that on a certain occasion Luther was confronted by the devil with a formidable list of all his sins. As he read them down one by one, he was completely overwhelmed by the sense of his dreadful guilt. When about in despair with his seemingly hopeless condition, he noticed that the devil stood alongside with his hand covering a certain place at the foot of the list. He demanded that Satan remove his hand, and then was revealed the comforting scripture, "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7. In anger Luther picked up his inkpot and flung it at the devil. It struck the wall and left there a large stain.

This interesting story is believed to be true by many of Luther's followers, but whether that be so or not it certainly illustrates this fact, that the ink bottle and the printing press were the chosen implements of warfare used by the great and godly men of the Reformation in fighting their battle against the devil. History leaves no doubt on this question. When-



A Globe-Girdling Religious Education
Effort for the Masses

By HAROLD M. BLUNDEN

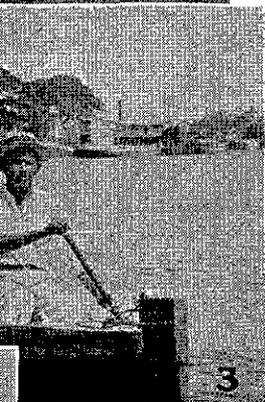
ever Luther was tempted by the devil, or confronted by his foes, he seized his pen and his ink bottle and wrote another tract or pamphlet, setting forth the grace and mercy of God toward poor sinners. And these treatises, being sent forth on their mission throughout all of Europe by the agency of Christian colporteurs, broke down the barriers that ignorance had erected in the minds of men, and shed forth a flood of light into many an honest heart. They turned the tide of Europe's civilization, at the same time laying well the foundations of the Christian church of modern times.

It was the printing press also that made possible the multiplication of the Holy Bible and the magnificent work of the great Bible societies during the past century, whose intrepid colporteurs have carried the precious Book of books, printed in their own mother tongue, to all the nations of earth. At present 1,068 languages speak forth the blessed message of divine love through the printed pages of the Bible.

It is significant that God in His providential plan, both in the Reformation and in the dissemination of the Bible, chose to publish His glorious message through the personal contact of colporteur evangelists. Colportage and the press are necessary to each other in the publication of the gospel.

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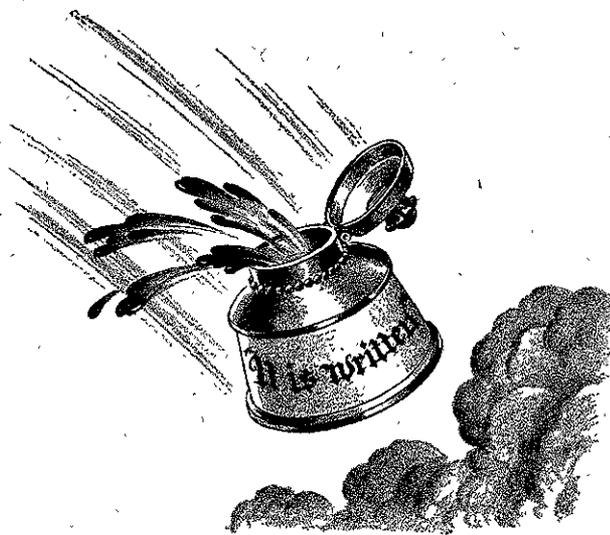
byways of the world, taking the printed page from home to home. These missionary salesmen travel along the waters of the Amazon into the interior vastnesses of Brazil; on muleback they go among the valleys of the high Andes; afoot they trudge the lonely jungle trails of Burma and Java; astride a bicycle they pedal from village to village on the wide African veldt; by wheelbarrow they wend their way among the rice fields of China; on sleds they visit the far-flung farms of Canada by winter; and by water they make their way clear down the Mackenzie River to the Arctic Ocean. Up and down the streets of the teeming metropolises of the world, everywhere and every time, with no heat too hot, no cold too frigid, no mountains too high, no stream too deep, do these dauntless and consecrated literature ambassadors of Christ go in the blessed ministry of the printed page.

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rich solace of God's special message for these stirring times.

This literature is designed to prepare men and women for the most solemn and dreadful events ever to occur. The judgment of God, the glorious second coming of Christ, the resurrection of the righteous, and the final destruction of the wicked are events that are of vital concern to all who have ever lived. And the purpose of this literature program is to warn all people of all nations that these things are right upon us.

More than 3,000 of these colporteurs every day traverse the highways and the

MANY times the human body is referred to as a machine, and indeed it is, and a most marvelously beautiful and complicated one too. If you have ever watched mechanics setting a big boiler or engine, you have probably observed how carefully they leveled it, to be sure that no undue strains come upon it from poor distribution of the weight. In many machines this is very important, and if an engine is to work in all sorts of positions, as in an airplane, it is carefully secured to the base or foundation to keep the parts in as near perfect relative position as possible. Otherwise something is likely to bind or break. Therefore position is important, and it is just as important in the human mechanism as in the hundreds of other machines we see all about us, and upon which we are so dependent today. Therefore a little study of the body positions, or "posture," is important if we would make the most of our wonderful bodies and keep them in the best condition possible.

Why Good Posture Needed

Our bodies are highly elastic, and will stand a lot of "punishment" in the way of faulty posture and still do fair work. But they can always do better work if position or posture is correct, for then all parts are in the best possible relation to one another, and can work together more in harmony. If posture is poor, it brings strains upon the bony structure as well as upon the ligaments and muscles, and the body tires much more readily, and the organs within the body are often compressed or stretched, so that they cannot do their best work.

In order to work well, the body should be in as near balance as possible. We are made to stand erect. Hence we have the support of two feet, instead of four, as have most animals. We have seen that insects have six legs, spiders have eight, and some other creatures have many more, such as centipedes. With them there is little need to worry over balance. But with only two feet to carry us, the nearer a perfect balance we have, the less

strain there is upon the working parts. So with us posture is very important.

The head is quite a heavy mass, and it is on the end of a long spinal column. The spinal column rests on the bones of the central part of the body, on the pelvis, so it is like a weight at the end of a long pole. If you must move the weight by holding the other end of the pole, it will require considerable strength, much more than if you hold it from the middle of the pole. That is, it is on the long end of a lever. If the body is not erect, and the body is stoop-shouldered, it requires much more effort on the part of the muscles of the back to support the head,

Sit and Stand Straight

Good Posture Is Essential to Good Health

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than when one carries the head over the center of the body. (See Fig. 1.) The head being too far forward, it makes the shoulders incline too far back to help keep balance, and thus brings on other strains, often backaches. Also this posture tends to relax the abdominal muscles, and so the digestive organs tend to fall too far forward.

When the body is in proper posture, the center of the top of the head should be very nearly over the center of the foot. This brings the weight into the position where it is best balanced, and puts the least strain upon the other structures. The shoulders are square, the chest up, the abdomen in, and the muscles taut, with knees and feet carrying the load above them with ease. (See Fig. 2.)

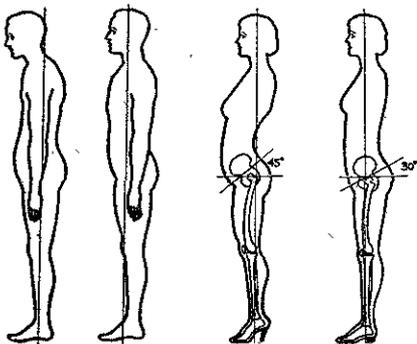
Many things tend to throw the body out of position. Perhaps the most common is the tendency to slouch or lounge instead of standing straight. Muscles form habits, and if one decides that it is best to stand straight, the muscles soon



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Good posture, both for health and appearance, is regarded as highly important in any army.

take on the habit of holding the shoulders back instead of letting them droop. One sees this beautifully illustrated by the West Pointer and the cadets from other military schools. Most boys, upon reporting at such schools, have relatively poor posture, and one of the first things required is "to brace," that is, to walk with the shoulders very far back, painfully so to many at first, until the habit of standing straight is established. This habit formed in youth is likely to remain through life, and it is not usually difficult to pick the men who have had military training.

Another very common cause of poor posture is faulty shoes. The normal foot is designed to have the heel at essentially the same level as the rest of the foot. We have added heels to our shoes, often much too high, and this throws the mechanism of the body all out of line. The troubles start in the foot, for now the weight, instead of being well distributed, is thrown forward mostly onto the toes and the front joints. This bends the knees, and tips the pelvis forward. To help correct the balance, the backbone bends forward too much and makes the abdomen stick out. Thus the mechanism of the body is upset, and the bad posture often produces backache as well as foot, knee, and leg pains, which are generally credited to something else. (See Fig. 3.)



The faulty position of the feet leads often to deformities, and we find the joint of the great toe enlarged (bunion), and calluses forming on various parts where pressure is great, which results in cramped (hammer) toes, etc.

In walking the feet should be straight ahead and parallel, not turned out (splay foot). If the feet are held straight, the weight is properly distributed on both outer and inner edges. If they are much turned out, the weight comes too much on the inside of the foot and ankle, and not only gives a bad walking gait, but tends to cause strains on the arches of the feet, and they gradually sag (flat feet). Children normally move with their feet in correct position, and should be encouraged to maintain it.

By studying the accompanying diagrams you will readily see why it is so important that posture be correct. If children complain of pain in joints or in the back, they should be examined at once to be sure that nothing is wrong with the bones, and then be taught correct posture, which is often a cure for such pains. There are no "growing pains" that are normal. Such pains result from something wrong, and this should be discovered as soon as possible.

Ten Suggestions

Dr. Philip Lewin, an orthopedic surgeon, ("orthopedic" means "pertaining to straightening the child," or rather his deformities), has put so much into a few words as to correct posture, that I quote him:

- "1. Stand tall.
- "2. Sit tall.
- "3. Walk tall and "chesty," with weight transmitted to the balls of the feet.
- "4. Draw in abdomen, pulling it upward and backward.
- "5. Keep the shoulders high and square.
- "6. Flatten the hollow of the back by rolling the pelvis downward and backward.
- "7. Pull the chin downward toward the collar button.
- "8. Separate the shoulders from the hips as far as possible.
- "9. Lie tall and flat.
- "10. Think tall."

As so much correct posture (see Fig. 4) depends upon the mind, the above stated method of helping to acquire and maintain a correct posture is excellent for everyone, and especially for youth. It is well worth practicing, for good posture is not too common. And when the child sees a man who is really straight, he probably will remark, "I'll bet he had military training."

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Replies to Health Queries

This information for the readers of THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE is supplied by Owen S. Parrett, M. D., a physician and writer of wide experience. Questions should be addressed to the doctor in care of this magazine.

Are citrus fruit juices harmful in the case of kidney trouble?—I.M.S.

Fruits and fruit juices are the most friendly of foods so far as the kidneys are concerned. They actually make the body fluids more alkaline, provided they digest normally. To assure normally alkaline diet one should take one or two glasses of juice daily together with liberal amounts of both fruits and vegetables. Eliminate tea and coffee from the diet, and it is best if no meat be eaten, as meat is one of the most acid of foods, being very hard on both heart and kidneys on account of the uric acid, of which it contains fourteen grains to the pound, while tea and coffee contain theine and caffeine, essentially identical with uric acid.

What medicine would you suggest to lower blood pressure?—P.L.K.

Drugs have very little to do in altering the course of a case of high blood pressure, although the nitrates and sedative drugs are some of the many used for this purpose. If I or any member of my family had high blood pressure, I would use no drugs whatsoever to lower it, as to do so is merely treating symptoms without getting at the cause. The best plan is to eat very lightly of the best foods, which are the fruits and vegetables, a little whole-grain cereal, some cottage cheese, and a little milk or buttermilk. No tea or coffee or meat and very few if any eggs should be used. The above diet is entirely adequate; and if in addition one can avoid all worry and nerve tension and take daily walks or other light exercise to make the muscles a little tired, and spend some time in the sun and fresh air taking nude sun baths where possible, such measures will do everything possible to improve the condition.

If I cannot sleep without medicine, would you advise me to lie awake? How long can one stand to go without sleep?—O.M.B.

Sleeping medicines are useful and legitimate only to be used temporarily as emergency medicines. Their continued use should be shunned as the worst possible program. Nearly all, if not everyone, can acquire the ability to sleep at least a reasonable amount. The first requisite is to eliminate over-anxiety about the whole matter of sleeping, because an attitude

that one just must sleep will probably keep you awake most effectually. Eat light evening meals, such as a little hot soup or a dish of peach sauce, crisp toast, and a hot drink. Avoid both tea and coffee. Take enough exercise during the day to become muscularly (not nervously) tired. Eliminate worry by leaving your troubles to the One who keeps your heart beating and makes you breathe while you are sleeping, after making your particular wants and fears known to Him by free expression. Avoid anything exciting as a topic of conversation or reading just before retiring. Have a hobby that you greatly enjoy and like to think about and let your mind ramble on this or other pleasant topic. See that your feet are warm, using a hot water bottle or electric pad if necessary. Take a few deep, slow breaths to relax, using the abdominal type of breathing. If you happen to find yourself awake, do not make the mistake of turning on a light and reading a book, or getting up and walking around, which is admitting defeat and creating a bad habit that will try to repeat itself. Remember, don't try to sleep. I have never known one to die from lack of sleep with a bed handy by.

Pagan Records Confirm Account of Crucifixion

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We may well know that even pagan remembrance of that event of infinite importance did not die out quickly. Two hundred years after the crucifixion, a Roman emperor, Alexander Severus (A. D. 222-235), made a proposition regarding Christ. Lampridius, the biographer of Severus, wrote, "He also wished to build a temple to Christ and give Him a place among the gods."—"Severus Alexander," chap. 43, sec. 6, in "Scriptores Historiae Augustae" (Loeb Classical Library, Vol. 2, pp. 266, 267).

But already, by the preaching of the Word, the power of the gospel was bringing the living Christ to men and women in all the ancient world.

"Between 1919 and 1922, in Russia among a surveyed population of 120,000, one person in 40 died of typhus."—"Newsweek," June 4, 1945, p. 87.

THE SO-CALLED "rapture" theory teaches that Christ is coming the second time secretly and invisibly, His angels taking one of the elect away here and another there to meet Him in the air. It holds that this secret coming will introduce a special period of seven years, at the end of which Christ will come again.

At the beginning of the seven-year period, it is said, antichrist will appear as a world prince—or "beast-king" (as a leading exponent of the theory styles him). He is supposed to be symbolized by the composite beast of Revelation 13: 1-10.

The rapturists claim that at the beginning of the seven-year period this

there is no truth in it. It is the result of violating a fundamental principle of Scriptural interpretation. This becomes evident in examining some of its prominent features.

What is the source of the seven-year period in the rapture theory? It is the seventieth week of the 70-week period of the prophecy of Daniel 9: 24-27. "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people." The 70 weeks are made up of seven weeks, three score and two weeks, and one week—a total of 490 prophetic days—each period following the other in unbroken succession. In symbolic prophecy a day represents a literal year. (Ezekiel 4: 6.) Both Moffatt's and

and to build," was that given by Artaxerxes in the seventh year of his reign, which was 457 B. C.

According to Daniel 9: 24-27, 483 years (69 prophetic weeks) of the 490 were to reach to the Messiah, who was Christ. (John 1: 41.) The decree was put into effect in the fall of the year 457. (Ezra 7: 9.) Hence the 483 years would reach over into the fall of A. D. 27. This year was to mark the appearance of Christ as the Messiah, that is as "the Anointed." Andrew, in referring to Christ, said to Peter at this time: "We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ." John 1: 41.

Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit

Is The Rapture Theory Truth?

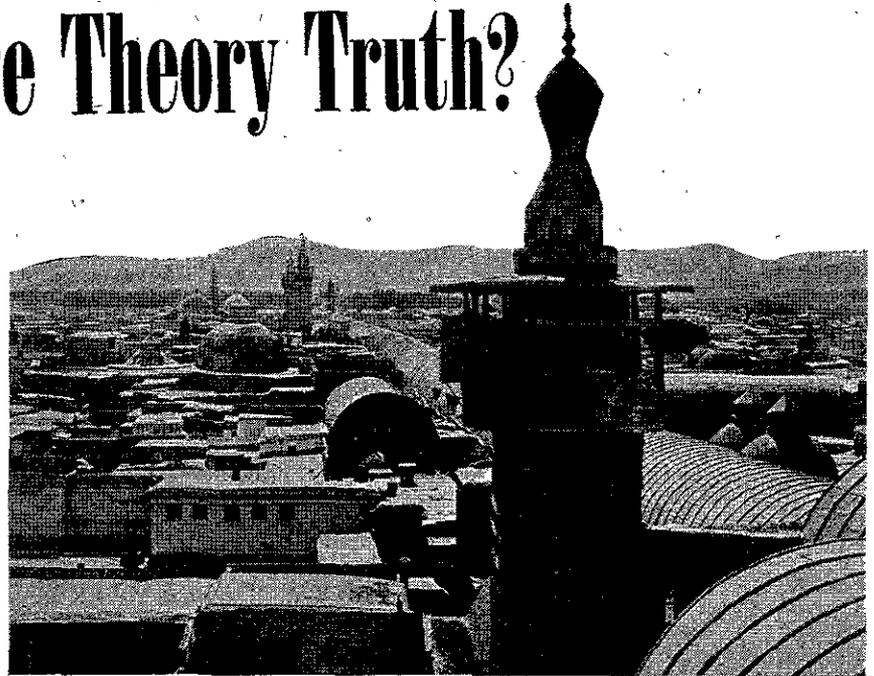
A Discussion of the Seventieth Week of Daniel 9: 24 - 27

By JESSE C. STEVENS

world ruler will enter into a league with the Jews, undertaking to protect them. They declare also that the Jews, persecuted in many countries, will flock to Palestine, happy and believing themselves to be safe; and that the magnificent temple of Ezekiel's vision (chapters 40 to 47) will be built on the ancient temple site, now occupied by a Mohammedan mosque, and the ceremonies of the ancient Mosaical sanctuary will be resumed.

After three and one half years antichrist, they claim, will repudiate his treaty or covenant with the Jews, and this will "cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease" in the middle of the seven years. Instead of the adoration of God by the Jews in the temple, they say, the worship of antichrist, the beast-king, will become the established religion, not only of the Jews, but also of the world. It is alleged that this event in the middle of the seven years will mark the beginning of the great tribulation of Christ's prophecy of Matthew 24: 21, 22. The tribulation will be caused, it is held, by "the violation of the covenant between the antichrist and the Jewish people, and the substitution of man worship for the worship of Jehovah in the Jewish temple at Jerusalem."

Now the truth about this theory is



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This is a view of the city of Damascus, showing the street called Straight, which is covered by the long rounded roof traversing the width of the city. It was here that the apostle Paul joined the Christian church.

Smith-Goodspeed's translations read, "Seventy weeks of years."

Daniel 9: 25 tells when the 490-year period began. "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and three score and two weeks."

When the vision was given to Daniel, the 70-year desolation of Jerusalem (Jeremiah 25: 11; 2 Chronicles 36: 21) was about ended, and now there was to be restoration. Three decrees by Persian kings—Cyrus (Ezra 1: 1), Darius (Ezra 6: 1), and Artaxerxes (Ezra 7)—had to do with the restoration (Ezra 6: 14); but the complete decree, meeting in full the specification of the prophecy "to restore

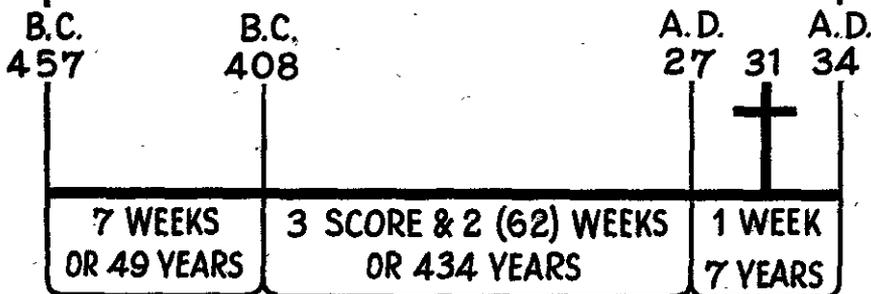
(Matthew 3: 16; Acts 10: 38) at His baptism, to begin His messianic work. His baptism occurred in A. D. 27. (See marginal date of Luke 3: 21 in Oxford Bible.)

Daniel 9: 26 reads: "And after three-score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off but not for Himself." This plainly refers to Christ's vicarious and atoning death on Calvary's cross.

"And in the midst of the week He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease," we read in verse 27. The seventieth week reached from the fall of A. D. 27 to that of A. D. 34. Half way between these two points the crucifixion of Christ occurred, that is, in the spring of A. D. 31. By His death He caused the sacrifices of the Mosaic law to cease, because He as

"SEVENTY WEEKS ARE DETERMINED UPON THY PEOPLE--"

490 YEARS



This outline shows the correct chronology of the 70 prophetic weeks of Daniel 9: 24, 27, so that the 70th week is presented in its true setting.

"the Lamb of God" (John 1: 29, 36), was the antitype of all the sacrificial offerings of the earthly sanctuary (Hebrews 9: 8-12; 10: 1-9). "Reconciliation for iniquity" was to be made in the seventieth week. (Daniel 9: 24.) ("To atone for iniquity" is Leeser's translation.) This was done by the death of the Son of God. "We were reconciled to God by the death of His Son." Romans 5: 10. At His death "the veil of the temple was rent in twain from top to the bottom" (Matthew 27: 51), showing that the sacrificial services foreshadowing His death had lost their validity. If space would permit, it could be shown that every event of the seventieth week, as given in Daniel 9: 24, occurred between A. D. 27 and A. D. 34.

The rapturists acknowledge that the 69 weeks of Daniel 9: 25 are to be interpreted as 483 literal years, and that they reach from the time of the Persian kings to that of the first coming of Christ. But by their peculiar method of interpretation they detach the seventieth week from the 70-week period, which is a unit, and carry it over into the even yet future, and mark its beginning by the "rapture." This is "private interpretation" (2 Peter 1: 20), apparently devised to make the Bible square with a man-made theory. The seventieth week, with all of its events, is now more than 1,900 years in the past.

The antichristian power foretold in prophecy arose in the early centuries of the Christian era, and has been doing its work on earth for more than 1,400 years. It is held by the rapturists, and we concur, that the "little horn" of Daniel 7: 8, 25, the "man of sin" of Paul's prophecy (2 Thessalonians 2: 3-8), and the composite beast of Revelation 13: 1-10, 18, are the antichristian power that would oppose the true church of God.

Daniel, in vision, saw four beasts rise from a raging sea. They were a lion, a bear, a leopard, and a terrible monster

with 10 horns. Another horn arose among the 10, displacing three of them. This eleventh horn is the symbol of antichrist.

The angel Gabriel told Daniel that the four beasts represented four kingdoms, and that the 10 horns were 10 kingdoms that would arise out of the fourth kingdom. (Daniel 7: 17, 23, 24.) The little horn—the antichrist—arose among these 10 kingdoms which succeeded the world kingdom represented by the fourth beast.

Before Daniel was given this vision, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had a dream of a great metallic image with four parts—head of gold, breast and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron, plus ten toes of clay and iron mixed. (Daniel 2.) No one can fail to see the parallel between the four parts of the image and the four beasts, and between the 10 toes of the metallic man and the 10 horns of the fourth beast.

It was revealed (Daniel 2: 19) that the four parts of the image represented four successive world powers, beginning with Babylon. (Verses 36-40.) They were Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. Rome was a world power when Jesus came to earth. (Luke 2: 1.)

Later the great Roman empire was broken up by the hordes who invaded it. Settling here and there in it, they finally crystallized into the kingdoms of western Europe. Edward Gibbon, in his "History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," traces their coming in, gives the dates of their entering, and the places of their final settlement. There were ten, namely, the Franks, the Alamanni, the Vandals, the Burgundians, the Suevi, the Visigoths, the Anglo-Saxons, the Lombards, the Ostrogoths, and the Heruli.

These peoples were the progenitors of the modern nations of western Europe: Franks, France; Anglo-Saxons, England; Alamanni, Germany; Burgundians, Switzerland; Suevi, Portugal; Visigoths,

Spain; Lombards, Italy. The Vandals, Ostrogoths, and Heruli were uprooted.

The collapse of the Roman empire was complete by A. D. 476. The antichristian power foretold in prophecy arose among them. This reveals clearly the time and the place of its rise. Since it arose among the ten horns, it was to be a Roman power. Since it appeared after the 10 horns came up, it must arise after A. D. 476. According to Daniel 7: 25, it "shall wear out the saints of the Most High," which shows that it would be a persecuting Roman power. This power was the papacy. It arose in the past. It is not to rise in the future, although there will be a resurgence of this power after the healing of the deadly wound of the composite beast of Revelation 13.

Fighting the Devil with Ink

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than any other agency employed for the dissemination of light. It has been said:

"The printed page never flinches, never shows cowardice, it is never tempted to compromise; it never tires, never grows disheartened; it travels cheaply, and requires no hired halls; it works while we sleep; it never loses its temper, and it works long after we are dead. The printed page is a visitor that gets inside the home, and stays there; it always catches a man in the right mood, for it speaks to him only when he is reading it; it always sticks to what it has said, and never answers back. Can any limit be put to the extent of its possible influence?"

By reading, prejudices are broken down, convictions are changed, minds are illuminated, beliefs are established, hearts are melted, and souls are reborn in the Kingdom of God. It is impossible to comprehend the amazing energy and extraordinary power to be found in the product of the press. There is no loftier ministry than the printed page.

And so we shall continue to emulate the example of Martin Luther, and by the agency of printing we shall use the inkpot effectively in opposing the devil and all his works until truth shall triumph over error, and light shall replace darkness in all the universe of God.

The Origin of Modern Kinds of Plants and Animals

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the very same appearance as their living descendants. In most cases processes of variation since the fossil forms were laid down have produced differences such as we see today among the geographical races of a single kind which have ap-

parently come from a single ancestor in past centuries. Any variation seems merely to have resulted in greater diversity within each kind but never to have resulted in a succession of forms which terminated in a new kind.

It thus becomes evident from a study of living forms and their fossil ancestors that marked discontinuity has been the situation among plants and animals since the beginning of life upon this earth. The question now arises, Can differences as great as those which do exist between oaks and elms, and between men and the great apes, arise by natural processes? The story of the past is that there is no evidence that these discrete units arose gradually. For instance, we find no satisfactory connecting links between oaks and elms, nor between men and apes. Also among living forms we find no intergrading forms.

This brings us face to face with the necessity of organic change occurring in sudden great leaps that could span with a single bound the great abyss that exists between two kinds. Do processes of variation having such great effects exist? A careful scrutiny of books summarizing the effects of known processes of variation, such as Dr. Dobzhansky's "Genetics and the Origin of Species," reveals that *the very most that can be accomplished by natural processes of change is the production of greater variety among already existing kinds. Nothing really new has ever been known to occur.* In a later article I will discuss these processes a little more at length, but it will have to suffice here merely to state that which anyone will find who studies these summarizations, namely, that all natural processes of change fail both qualitatively and quantitatively in the matter of producing anything more than new breeds, or varieties, or geographical races within already existing kinds.

The student of this problem of origin of kinds—those discrete units in nature such as oaks, elms, and maples, and men, chimpanzees, and green monkeys—finds that a theory of origins which will fit the facts regarding fossils and living forms must be one which states that plants and animals appeared upon this earth as discrete units manifesting every degree of complexity from one-celled forms to the most intricate multi-cellular organisms. This, it will be recalled, is the exact story of origins recorded in the first Chapter of Genesis. The Creator formed each separate stock and set it in the earth to reproduce as long as time should last, according to its kind. All processes of variation since that time have served but to produce the intriguing multiplicity of form and color which delights the student of nature today and which raises within

him a conscious or unconscious adoration of the great Author of all this marvelous workmanship.

The Curse of the Flying Roll

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guilty of all." God's Ten Commandments are like a golden chain containing 10 links. When any one breaks a link, he breaks the chain.

In Hosea 4: 2 God's prophet warns: "By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out and blood toucheth blood." The prophet of the Old Testament and the apostle of the New Testament agree that the blasphemer, the liar, the murderer, the thief, and the adulterer will alike stand guilty before God's law in the judgment day.

In Hosea 4: 6, 9 the Lord reminds spiritual leaders not to forget His law, for the people will copy their ministers. "Like people, like priest," He declares and adds: "I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings."

Like a silent witness in court, the law of God will measure every man who stands before God's judgment bar. The following statement emphasizes this:

"Against every evildoer God's law utters condemnation. He may disregard that voice, he may seek to drown its warning, but in vain. It follows him. It makes itself heard. It destroys his peace. If unheeded, it pursues him to the grave. It bears witness against him at the judgment. A quenchless fire, it consumes at last soul and body."—E. G. White, "Education," pp. 144, 145.

The psalmist, setting forth the helpful effect of obedience to the Ten Commandments upon a person's life, says: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. . . . Moreover, by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward." Psalm 19: 7, 11.

Who can possibly hate the commandments of God which are perfect, sure, right, and pure? Who can tread upon God's holy law which is spiritual, holy, just, and good? (Romans 7: 12, 14.) The only person who can ever hate God's law, and find enmity in his heart against the Decalogue, is a carnal, sinful man. This is declared by the apostle Paul in Romans 8: 7 in these words: "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." From this it is crystal clear that among true, spiritual, Christian people

law-haters or willful transgressors of the Ten Commandments will not be found. Like the Saviour who delighted in the law of God, and had it written in His heart (Psalm 40: 7, 8; Isaiah 42: 21), so all true Christians will love God's law and meditate thereon (Matthew 5: 17-19; Luke 16: 17; Revelation 14: 12; 22: 14; 1 John 2: 3-5; 3: 4, 5).

Carved in the white marble walls of the court house in Worcester, Massachusetts, are these words: "Obedience to Law Is Liberty." How true! The man who obeys the laws of his state never has any difficulty as a lawbreaker. It is always the transgressor of law who gets into trouble. One who, by the grace of Christ, obeys God's law may confidently know that Jesus "became the Author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him." Hebrews 5: 9.

It is a lucid fact of Sacred Scripture that what a man sows he shall also reap. (Galatians 6: 7.) "Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." James 1: 15. "The wages of sin is death." Romans 6: 23. The curse of death came upon the human race through Adam's transgression (Genesis 2: 17), but Christ has redeemed mankind from this curse of death by His own obedience to God's commandments (Romans 5: 10, 12). The curse of the second death going through the earth, as described in Zechariah's vision of the flying roll, will never touch the Christian who loves to obey God rather than transgress His laws. (Revelation 2: 11.) The curse of God will rest upon the willfully disobedient sinner, but heaven's blessing will be the portion of the one who obeys God. (Ezekiel 18: 4, 20; Revelation 21: 8.) "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Revelation 22: 14.

Once on the walls of a king's palace the bloodless hand of God wrote the fateful words, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." Daniel 5: 27. What are the words that God will write on heaven's roll to arrest the gaze of earth's inhabitants as they read His sky writing? The answer is found in Psalm 50, where David pictures the second coming of Christ in His majesty. He declares, "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people. . . . And the heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is judge Himself." Psalm 50: 1-6.

The Ten Commandments are indeed

the very transcript of God's righteousness. Psalm 119: 172 declares, "All Thy commandments are righteousness."

A Christian writer comments in the following language on the revelation of God's righteous law that will appear in fiery, sky-written letters: "Then there appears against the sky a hand holding two tables of stone folded together. . . . The hand opens the tables, and there are seen the precepts of the Decalogue, traced as with a pen of fire. The words are so plain that all can read them. . . . God's ten words, brief, comprehensive, and authoritative are presented to the view of all the inhabitants of the earth."

—E. G. White, "Great Controversy," p. 639.
When Christ returns in the clouds of heaven, every eye shall see Him. (Revelation 1: 7.) Then those who have hearkened unto the laws of God will enjoy fully the reward of the faithful.

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will be without a living human upon it.

Here in this vast uninhabited wilderness, the archenemy will have 1,000 years of enforced idleness to reflect upon the ruin which his rebellion has wrought. This earth actually will become "the bottomless pit" of Satan's captivity.

But turning to a more pleasant picture,

the prophet states: "I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, . . . and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Revelation 20: 4.

They "serve" in His temple; they sit upon thrones; and "judgment" is "given unto them." The record books of heaven are opened. And the dead were "judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." Revelation 20: 12. In this service the redeemed of earth are elevated to association with Christ that they may behold the mercy and justice of God, and have convincing evidence of His infinite wisdom, love, and righteousness in dealing with the impenitent. To this judicial task in the court of heaven the apostle Paul referred as he asked the question, "Know ye not that we shall judge angels?" 1 Corinthians 6: 3.

At the close of the millennium both the New Jerusalem, and its redeemed inhabitants, will descend to earth; and Christ will summon the wicked dead of all ages to awaken from their long sleep. (Revelation 21: 2; 20: 5; John 5: 28, 29.)

The vast multitudes of the unrepentant and unconverted will come forth from their graves with the same sinful

hearts and rebellious spirit that animated them during this life. Satan's 1,000-year vacation will then terminate, and for "a little season" (Revelation 20: 3) he will resume his activity of deception.

"When the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle." Revelation 20: 7, 8.

The length of this "little season" is not revealed. Evidently there is time to construct munitions and implements of war, and to organize the mightiest army this world shall have ever seen. It will be the death struggle of the archenemy, and the last act in the age-long controversy between Christ and Satan will follow:

"And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Verse 9.

In the host without the city are men and women of all classes, nations, and generations—peasant and pauper, distinguished scholars and captains of industry, eminent princes and military heroes who never lost a battle. The Bible nowhere indicates that a second probation will be offered to them, or that they will ever desire another chance. Were the opportunity granted, they would doubtless choose the same course. Their actions will reveal that the same unholy desires that controlled them in this life still urge them forward.

The enemy will approach the Holy City, and for the first and last time the entire family of Adam will be assembled, the righteous inside the city, the wicked forever shut out. The infinite love of God will be manifest to all. His justice in terminating the lives of the finally impenitent who have despised the cross of Calvary, will be fully recognized. Even the enemy and his host will admit that God is true, and that their punishment is just. Then fire will rain from above; the warfare of some 7,000 years' duration against God's government will be at an end; and Satan with his followers will be consumed "root and branch." "This is the second death." (Malachi 4: 1; Revelation 20: 14.)

The fateful experiment with sin will then be forever finished. "There shall be no more curse." Revelation 22: 30. "Affliction shall not rise up the second time." Nahum 1: 9. Yes, purified and disinfected from every taint of evil, this old world will become the reconditioned "new earth," in which happy millions of the redeemed find an eternal home. Let us make full arrangements to be among its honored citizens.

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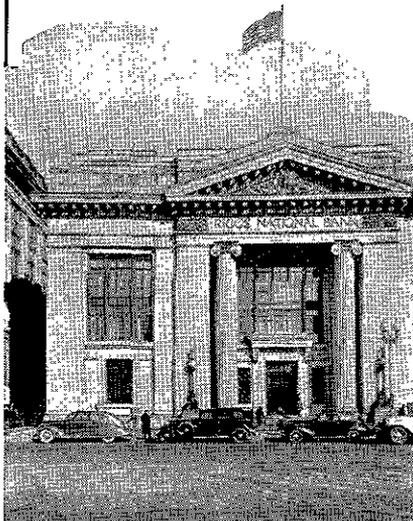
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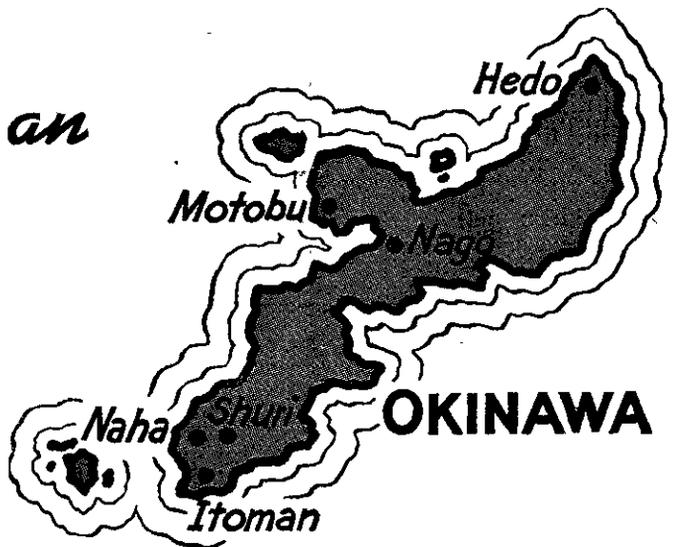
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Unarmed Medic an OKINAWA HERO

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OKINAWA, May 11—Some men of the Seventy-seventh Infantry Division are hailing today as their bravest man a conscientious objector who would not carry a lethal weapon of any kind, but who stayed alone on a high, bitterly-disputed escarpment from which his comrades had been driven and got out 75 wounded men who otherwise faced probable death from intense Japanese fire.

He is Pfc. Desmond T. Doss, 26, of Norfolk, Va., a Medical Corps man attached to the 307th Infantry Regiment. He has received special commendation from the divisional commander, Major General Andrew D. Bruce.

Pfc. Doss, a Seventh-day Adventist, demonstrated his great bravery under fire, furthermore, on the Adventist Sabbath, Saturday, a day on which he almost invariably did not perform even medical duties, but stayed in his tent for prayer, meditation, and reading of the Bible.

On this particular day, he agreed to work as medical aide man only because his commanding officer asked his assistance, pointing out that he was the only corpsman available to a company that was assaulting the escarpment.

"Captain," said Doss, "it is fine with me, but you'll

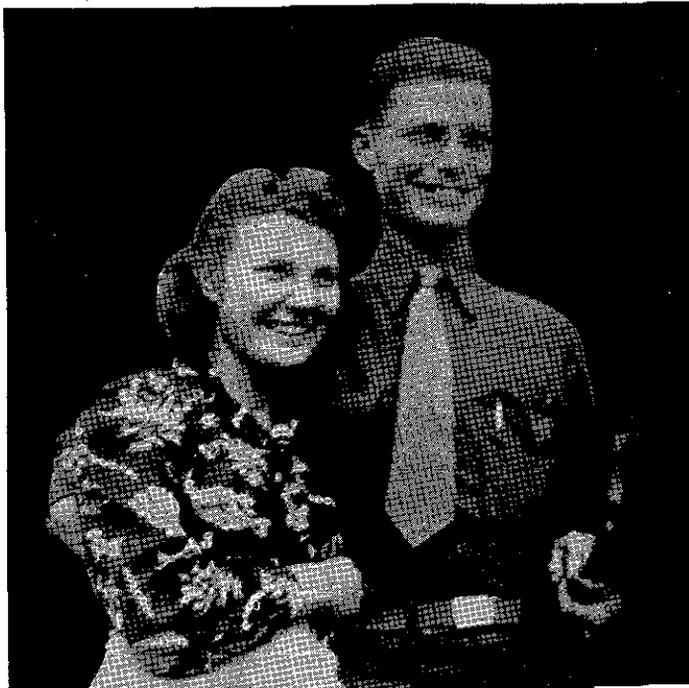
have to wait a few minutes while I read my Bible here."

The company waited. When Private Doss had finished his session of prayer the attack was launched. He went forward with the assaulting force, which gained the top of the escarpment near Hill 187 but was driven back, suffering heavy losses under intense and accurate Japanese mortar fire.

When the company re-assembled at the foot of the hill, Pfc. Doss was missing. About 20 minutes later he was seen on the top of the escarpment waving his hands and indicating that he would lower the wounded men. The company commander ordered him down, but he refused until he had removed the last wounded man.

This was not the first time Pfc. Doss had demonstrated bravery over and above the call of duty. He once went into a cave in whose recesses 50 Japanese were holding out, to give plasma to a wounded American. Last week, an observer

was fatally wounded by Japanese artillery fire, and Doss went out into a clearing in a vain attempt to save his life with plasma and an artificial device that kept the observer breathing for a time.—Courtesy of "The New York Times."



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A recent picture of Private Desmond T. Doss, the Seventh-day Adventist hero of Okinawa, with his wife. This unarmed medical corpsman saved 75 wounded men under vicious Japanese fire on the seventh-day Sabbath.