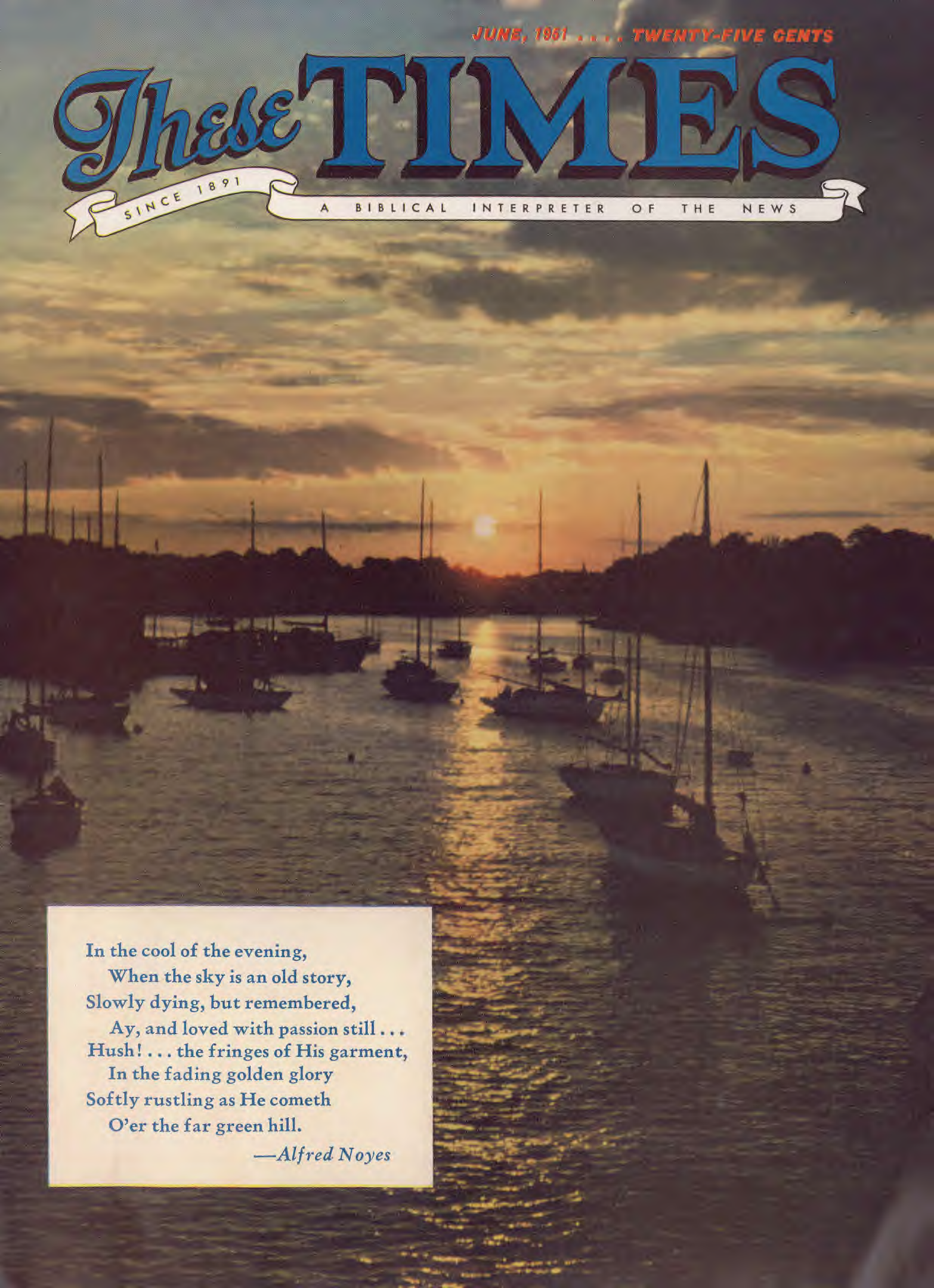


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In the cool of the evening,  
When the sky is an old story,  
Slowly dying, but remembered,  
Ay, and loved with passion still . . .  
Hush! . . . the fringes of His garment,  
In the fading golden glory  
Softly rustling as He cometh  
O'er the far green hill.

—Alfred Noyes



# LETTERS

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### The Cover

Our cover this month is an evening view of a snug little inlet in the harbor of Annapolis, Maryland. Color photo by Robert M. Eldridge.



*Bob and Belle Want More*

*Than Just a Home*

of a happy and rosy future, which is started the moment the beaming pair leave the marriage altar."

With this, the group separated.

No doubt you have heard someone sigh, "All my life I've wished that I could build at least one house," or another assert, "One of these days I'm going to build a house just the way I want it." Probably everyone has had such thoughts at one time or another,

## "Build Thee More Stately Mansions"

*By Arabella M. Williams*

**W**HAT a beautiful wedding, and yet not at all elaborate."

"Yes, it was. How I love to go to these June weddings! To me they seem a little more special, for one imagines that these June brides and grooms have planned for this date a long time. Bob and Belle looked especially happy. I just know theirs will be a beautiful home."

The well-wishers drifted lazily out of the church after one of Springfield's loveliest wedding ceremonies. Some, seemingly buoyed up by the happy occasion, stood outside and talked awhile.

"Is that so? Are they one of the lucky couples who are building a new house?"

"Oh, no. I only meant the kind of a home they are going to have. They plan to locate in a little apartment, but it will have an atmosphere fragrant with tender thoughtfulness; for as Christian young people, they plan to build a Christian home, and happy homes can be built anywhere—on the desert, in the mountains, in a mansion, or even in a one-room apartment."

"That's what makes a wedding so inspiring. It is the beginning of a new home with all the possibilities

for they reveal the natural longing in the heart of man to build something useful, something beautiful. The startling fact, to which man seems entirely oblivious, is that in reality he is building every day, building a structure far more important than a house in which to live. He is building a home which can grow into a beautiful, warm structure of love, sympathy, and devotion, or can degenerate into an empty hovel of hard-hearted selfishness and evil. It can be a little heaven on earth, a sweet place of refuge from the cares of the day, or a veritable hell of hatred and filth. Every June bride and groom has the power of choice, which will guide the principles that mold their daily lives.

Belle and Bob have made their choice. They plan to establish a Christian home, pervaded by the holiness of God; a place where angels love to dwell, where the family habits and practices are in harmony with God's plan.

What are some of the principles that form the material for building such a home? Why is the choice of material so important? "The restoration and uplifting of humanity begins in the home. . . . The

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H. M. LAMBERT

# Confessions of a Lawbreaker

*The Guilt of the Sinner Disappears  
Under the Application of Christ's Blood*

By **Kenneth J. Holland**

*God has a message of mercy for  
the lawbreaker.*

I WAS BORN in Palestine nearly seventy years ago. As a child I was taught to read the law, the psalms, and the prophets. I attended the synagogue and learned Hebrew from rabbis."

This was a Jewish friend of mine speaking to a group of fellow Jews in an eastern city. He realized that his own experience with religion was unlike that of his hearers, and he desired intensely to help his friends begin to enjoy the peace and hope that was now very real to himself.

He continued: "I believed what I was told; that ours was the only true religion; but as I grew older and studied the law more intently, I was struck by the place the blood had in all ceremonies outlined there, and equally struck by its utter absence in the ritual in which I was brought up. Again and again I read Exodus 12 and Leviticus 16 and 17, and the latter chapters especially made me tremble as I thought of the great Day of Atonement and the place the blood had there. Day and night one verse would ring in my ears: 'It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.' I knew I had broken the law. I needed atonement. Year after year, on that day, I beat my breast as I confessed my need of it; but it was to be made by blood, and there was no blood!

"In my distress I at last opened my heart to a learned and venerable rabbi. He told me that God was angry with His people, Jerusalem was in the hands

of the Gentiles, the temple was destroyed, and a Mohammedan mosque was reared up in its place. The only spot on this earth where we dared shed the blood of sacrifice, in accordance with Deuteronomy 12 and Leviticus 17, was desecrated and our nation scattered. That was why there

was no blood. God Himself had closed the way to carry out the solemn service of the great Day of Atonement. Now we must turn to the Talmud and rest on its instructions, and trust in the mercy of God and the merits of the fathers.

"I tried to be satisfied, but could not. Something seemed to say that the law was unaltered, even though our temple was destroyed. Nothing else but blood could atone for the soul. We dare not shed blood for atonement elsewhere than in the place the Lord had chosen. Then we were left without an atonement at all. The thought filled me with horror. In my distress I consulted many other rabbis. I had but one great question, Where can I find the blood of atonement?

"I was over thirty years of age when I left Palestine and came to Constantinople, with my still unanswered question ever before my mind and my soul exceedingly troubled about my sins.

"One night I was walking down one of the narrow streets of that city when I saw a sign telling of a meeting for Jews. Curiosity led me to open the door and go in. Just as I took a seat I heard a man say: 'The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.' It was my first introduction to Christianity, but I listened breathlessly as the speaker told how God had declared that 'without shedding of blood is no remission,' but that He had given His only-begotten Son,

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the Lamb of God, to die, and all who trusted in His blood were forgiven of their iniquities. This was the Messiah of the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah; this was the Sufferer of Psalm 22. Ah, my brethren, I had found the blood of atonement at last! I trusted it, and how I love to read the New Testament and see how all the shadows of the law are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. His blood has been shed for sinners. It has satisfied God, and it is the only means of salvation for either Jew or Gentile."

The Passover week was drawing near and the burden of the old speaker was to lead his friends into the true meaning of this ancient rite. He pointed out their attitude to this important season:

"The Passover week comes regularly to you, my Jewish brethren. I was thinking how you will be observing it. You will have to put away all leaven from your houses; you will eat the Matzoth—unleavened wafers—and the roasted lamb. You will attend the synagogue and carry out the ritual and direction of the Talmud; but you forget, my brethren, that you have everything but that which Jehovah required first of all. He did not say, 'When I see the leaven put away, or when I see you eat Matzoth, or the lamb, or go to the synagogue'; but His Word was, 'When I see the blood, I will pass over you.' Ah, my brethren, you cannot substitute anything for this. You must have blood! blood!! blood!!!"

As the speaker repeated this word with increasing emphasis, his black eyes flashed warningly, and his Jewish hearers quailed before him. "Blood!" I thought: It is an awful word for one who reveres the ancient oracles, and yet has no sacrifice. Turn where he will in the Book, the blood meets him; but let him seek where he may, he cannot find it in modern Judaism.

Then my friend concluded his remarks. "I know," he said, "that many of you want to know the story behind the atoning blood. I have written on this subject, and you will find the material on the literature table. You may have as many copies as you wish."

As the people filed out, I saw many stop at the doors and take the little pamphlet that had been prepared. Taking one myself, I read as follows:

In the beginning, before God exerted His creative power to fashion beings capable of loving Him, provision was made in case sin entered the universe. That provision was the Messiah, God's own Son, the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world.

Sin, unfortunately, did enter the universe when Satan and one third of the angels of heaven rebelled against God's government. And when Adam and Eve were created, Satan strove for the mastery of their minds and won.

In Old Testament times, and in accord with God's plan, men offered the blood of animals in anticipation of the Messiah's atoning death. This act, generally regarded by theologians as an expression of faith in

what God was going to do for the sinner at some future time, should be considered more as an expression of faith in what God has been doing for man since the world began. Otherwise, how could Adam and Eve have survived the divine decree, "The day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die"? Or how could Enoch, Moses, and Elijah have been taken to heaven so long before the cross if there had not been a real plan and program of salvation in operation?

The truth of the matter is that the true sacrifice

## June

I can almost hear them grow,  
Nature's legions, row on row,  
Dazed am I with wealth of bloom,  
Captivated with perfume  
From honeysuckle steeped in sun;  
I watch the roses one by one  
Unfold their satin-petaled hearts,  
Display their varicolored arts.  
Need one ask for greater boon  
Than this rich panoply of June?

—THELMA WELLMAN.



was made at the time when the plan of salvation was originally conceived, for there was never any uncertainty regarding any of its contingencies from the time it was first announced. The scenes of Calvary enacted some four thousand years later were, therefore, merely a momentary revelation to finite minds of what sin had done to the Godhead many generations before, in fact, of what has been going on in the heart of God ever since sin entered the universe. Few give thought to the suffering that sin has caused our Creator. All heaven suffered in Christ's agony, but that suffering did not begin or end with His manifestation in humanity. The cross is a revelation

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# The DESTINATION of the DEAD

*Popular Ideas About This May Not Be Based on the Bible*

SOME PEOPLE believe in all sincerity that when a righteous man dies, he goes immediately to heaven and is "present with the Lord." A wicked man, they say, goes immediately to hell and has to suffer from the moment he draws his last breath on earth.

The Bible does not teach any such doctrine. It teaches plainly that God has appointed a day of judgment that is yet to come. What would be the use of appointing a judgment day at the end of the world to determine what the reward of the righteous will be, and the degree of punishment for the wicked, if both the righteous and the wicked receive their due recompense the moment they die? If all the righteous who have died are now in heaven with Christ, enjoying their reward, what then is the need for a resurrection of all the righteous "at the last day," and for Christ's descending from heaven with all His holy angels to "gather together His elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven"? (Mark 13:27.) And again, why is there a need for a resurrection of all the ungodly, who died in their sins and are alleged to have gone to hell the moment they died, and are there already suffering the punishment of their evil deeds in the flames of hell?

Before Jesus went back to heaven, He told His disciples, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:2, 3.

Christ did not say, "As soon as you die, you will come where I am; I will send death after you to bring you to heaven"; but He did say clearly, "I will come again, and receive you unto Myself."

The Apostle Paul did not expect to go to heaven as soon as he died. Listen to his testimony, given just before he was beheaded: "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I

have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but to all them also that love His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:6-8. Paul makes very plain what he meant by the expression "at that day." In his charge to young Timothy he said, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom." 2 Timothy 4:1. Paul expected to receive the "crown of righteousness laid up for him" at the appearing of Christ "the second time" to this earth.

In Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews he also makes it clear that all the elect of God, from Adam down to the last soul saved, both in the Jewish and Christian dispensations, will receive their reward together, at the same time, "in the last day."

In mentioning those who "died in faith" but "received not the promise," Paul says that God has "provided some better thing for us [of the Christian dispensation], that they without us should not be made perfect." Hebrews 11:39, 40.

Paul makes this fact still more plain: "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.

The Bible plainly teaches that death is not the gateway to heaven. It states that at the resurrection of the righteous dead, which occurs at the second coming of Christ to this earth, all the righteous will be ushered into heaven at the same time.

The wicked dead are not in hell now. They will not be raised from their graves until the end of the

By C. S. Longacre

millennium. Then they will come up out of their graves for a short while. The Bible tersely states, "And fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Revelation 20:9. The Scriptures expressly teach that "the living know that they shall die; but the dead know not anything." Ecclesiastes 9:5.

Christ Himself called death a "sleep." After Lazarus had died, Jesus said to His disciples, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said His disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death; but they thought that He had spoken of taking rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead." John 11:11-14. Jesus did not say, "Lazarus has gone to heaven, and I will bring him down from heaven," but rather, "I will awake him out of sleep."

The Apostle Peter said in his sermon on the day of Pentecost: "Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us unto this day. . . . For David is not ascended into the heavens." Acts 2:29, 34. None of the apostles taught that as soon as men died, the righteous dead went to heaven and the wicked to hell. The Apostle Paul had said, "We shall not all sleep." By that expression he meant to say, "We shall not all die." The righteous

who are alive when the Lord returns the second time to this earth will not need to pass through the portals of the tomb, but they "shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we [who are alive when Christ comes] shall be changed. . . . When this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." 1 Corinthians 15:51-54.

The Apostle Paul says that man is made up of "spirit and soul and body." (1 Thessalonians 5:23.) "The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Genesis 2:7. Before God breathed into man the breath of life, he was unconscious and lifeless. Man "became a living soul" and a conscious entity after God put the spirit of life into him. This spirit came from God and goes back to God when a man dies. (Ecclesiastes 12:7.) The spirit is but the life in man: that which makes him a conscious soul.

Some people believe that man always existed in some form which can never perish or be destroyed. The psalmist taught, "Thou [God] takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust." Psalm 104:29. What happens to a man when his breath leaves him at death? "His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." Psalm 146:4. Man is as dead as before he was created.

The Bible brings out the fact that after a father dies, "his sons come to honor, and he knoweth it not; they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them." Job 14:21. Hence the Bible teaches definitely that the righteous dead are unconscious and cannot watch their living friends. The prophet Isaiah says, "For the grave cannot praise Thee, death cannot celebrate Thee; they that go down into the pit [grave] cannot hope for Thy truth. The living, the living, he shall praise Thee, as I do this day." Isaiah 38:18, 19.

The spirit which God gave to man goes back to God when man dies, but what becomes of the body and the soul of man when he dies? Man's body returns to the dust as it was, the Bible declares. What is the soul, and to whom does the soul belong? The Scriptures plainly teach, "Behold, all souls are Mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is Mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezekiel 18:4. This is God's own statement as to what happens to the soul after it sins. The soul is the man. It must therefore include his intelligence, his conscience, his mind, his heart, his judgment, and the consciousness which makes him accountable for his deeds. It is the man that has to suffer the punishment for sin and that will enjoy the reward of faithfulness.

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FREDERICK SHIELDS, ARTIST

*Earthly circumstances do not daunt those who understand the purposes of God for His faithful servants.*

WHAT A SOURCE of daily power and peace it is to have a clear and certain knowledge of an eternal future! A longing for this blessing inspired the reformers to go forth conquering for Christ. They laid stress upon the scripture, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1.

They believed also the wonderful words of Jesus that show we can have *everlasting* life by faith in Him: "God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have *everlasting* life." John 3:16. (Italics mine.) They believed there would be a resurrection from the dead and that the followers of Christ would live eternally, in harmony with the scripture we have just read. Large numbers were put to death for their faith in Christ, but they also believed in the resurrection and in their glorious future life.

The martyrs believed also the words of Jesus, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." John 3:36. They believed that it would be through Christ Himself that everlasting life would be bestowed upon them at last; for He had said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." John 5:25. They were happy because of the promise of Jesus, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give unto them *eternal* life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand." John 10:27, 28.

Martin Luther, on his way to the Diet of Worms, was allowed the privilege of preaching at Erfurt, where he had been a monk. He spoke from the words of Christ, "Peace be unto you." John 20:21. "Philosophers, doctors, and writers," he declared, "have en-

# The Faith of the Reformers

*The Men of the Reformation Were  
Willing to Face Death for Their Faith*

deavored to teach men the way to obtain everlasting life, and they have not succeeded. I will now tell it to you: . . . God has raised one Man from the dead, the Lord Jesus Christ, that He might destroy death, extirpate sin, and shut the gates of hell. This is the work of salvation. . . . Christ has vanquished! this is the joyful news."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 152.

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By John W. Halliday

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With what clearness and power the great goal of the gospel, a holy, everlasting life through faith in Christ, was set before his hearers by Luther! What a ringing testimony he bore, this greatest of the reformers, as he set forth *everlasting life* as the great climax of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great goal of the acceptance of Him, the great and final result of faith in Him! Thus *everlasting salvation* was the triumphant aim of the great Reformation. And what "joyful news" it is, as Luther declared, for it inspires the most heroic service, the sublimest enthusiasm, and the most fervent steadfastness. When friendly voices said to him, "They will burn you and reduce your body to ashes, as they did with John Huss," he answered: "Though they should kindle a fire all the way from Worms to Wittenberg, the flames of which reached to heaven, I would walk through it in the name of the Lord; I would appear before them; I would enter the

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J. S. VAN CAROLSFELD, ARTIST

*The modern religious world needs men who will stand for the right in spite of any circumstance.*





EWING GALLOWAY

# Are You A Saint?

*You May Be Surprised When You Learn the Bible Definition of This Misunderstood Word*

**A**RE YOU a saint?" A teacher once asked this question of a member of his class. After a puzzled moment, "Oh—no," came the faltering answer, "I don't think I would come in that category."

"What is a saint?" the teacher then asked.

"I'd say he is an individual with an exaggerated case of perfection."

"Have you ever seen one?"

"No, come to think of it, I don't believe I have."

"Then who are the saints?" the teacher continued.

Despite the student's lack of understanding on this point, the Bible speaks definitely in many places concerning a class of people who are God's saints. In fact they seem to be a part of every generation that has lived upon the earth. The answer to the teacher's last question is vital for each of us, for the Good Book tells us that God's kingdom will be given to the saints.

In Deuteronomy 33:3 Moses speaks of the Israelites as being saints. Yet we find, as we study their history, they were far from perfect. David tells us in Psalm 50:5 God made a call to gather His saints together unto Him: those who had made a covenant with Him by sacrifice. Who are the saints? They are people who are willing to sacrifice. Later David said, "Let thy

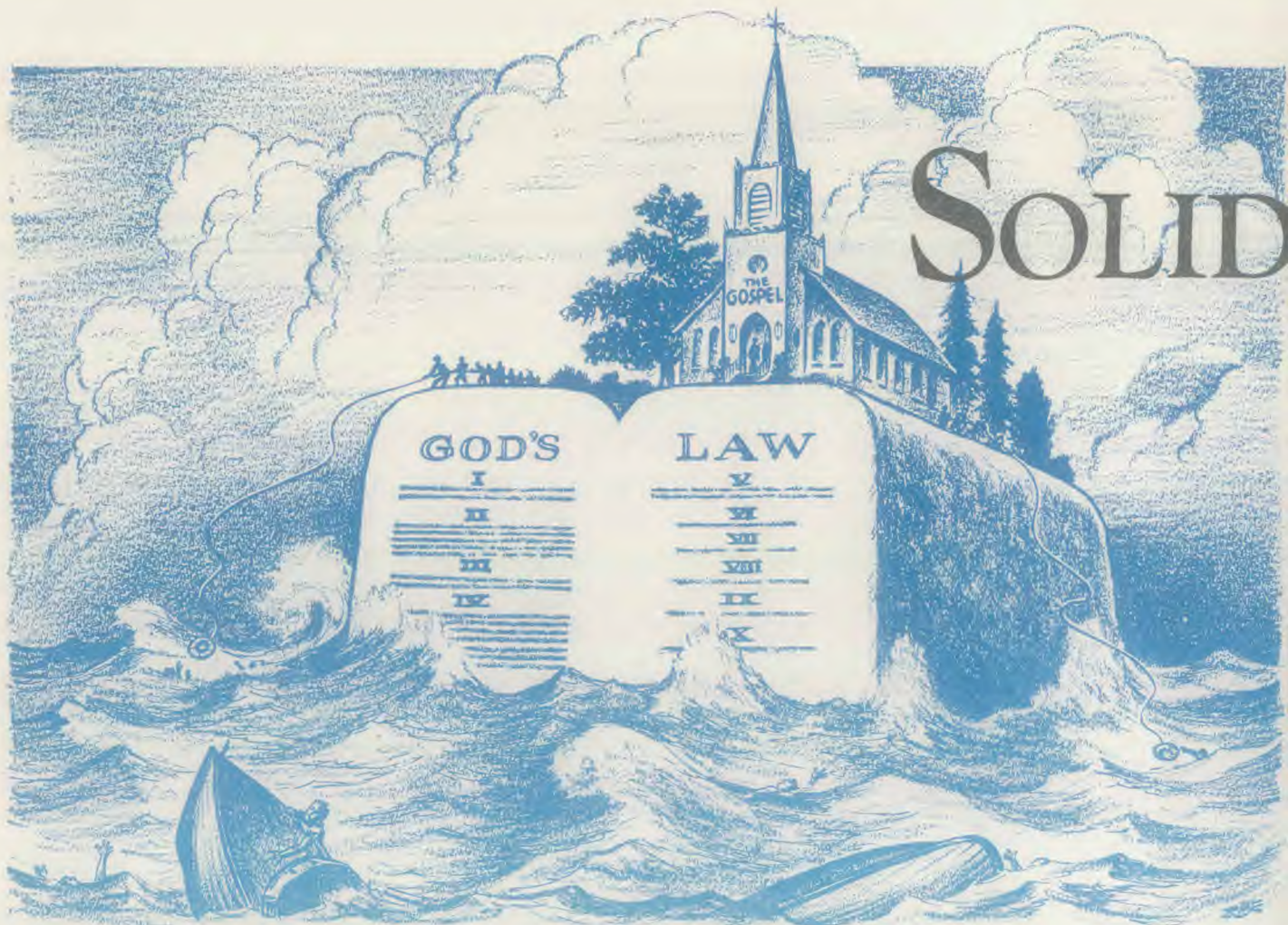
**By Demia K. Wilson**

saints shout for joy." Then we expect them to be joyous, too.

The New Testament gives further clues as to the saints' identification. When Ananias was relating to the Saviour the conduct of Saul, he said, "Much evil he hath done to Thy saints at Jerusalem." Here we see saints bearing persecution. A few years after that, Paul addressed a letter to the church at Corinth which read like this, "To them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints." To be sanctified is to be separated, according to Webster, and it is much akin to being called. If you have felt the call, you know what it is to be separated. Paul also tells us that the Holy Spirit makes intercession for the saints. (Romans 8:27.) So we see the saints are not perfected individuals, but stand in need of divine help. Then John, looking down through the telescope of Bible prophecy, witnessed the prayers of the saints being offered with the incense upon the golden altar before the throne of God. So in the latter days the saints feel their need and are given to much prayer.

In no place does the Bible intimate that the saints have reached a state of perfection although perfection is the standard set before them. Then what is it that

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# SOLID

**I**F THE CHURCH is to triumph, it must have the steady sight of the truth of God, a clear beholding of the standard which God has set, and the acceptance of God and His Word as absolutes in a shifting world. In a recent periodical a man who was neither a church member nor a churchgoer gives an evaluation of the church today. At random he had investigated the programs of a number of churches and set down the results.

Although the report was supposed to be favorable, there was little in it to cheer the heart of one who believes that the prime work of the church is to win men to Christ and hasten the coming of His kingdom. In no instance was anything said about conversion from sin to righteousness, nor was any mention made of any effort to reach the masses with the gospel of salvation. Much was said, on the other hand, of the militant part taken by the churches in the current social problems of their respective communities. Although we do not condemn any church group for taking an interest in the social problems around it, this is not the first work of the church.

"Where there is no vision the people perish," the wise man said; and it is as true today as ever that the church can exist only if it keeps its eyes upon the fundamentals for which it was created.

No church ever existed under worse social condi-

tions than the church that is addressed in the Book of Revelation as the church of Thyatira. To it the Lord did not address a message of compromise with the times, nor did He direct the church to attempt a political or social reformation; for the church's business is not to reform the world, but to redeem men. To the church at Thyatira, then, God said, "He that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations." Revelation 2:26.

From the beginning of the Bible to the end this is the message that God has for His people, and their vision of it must be clear. The times or circumstances or governments in power do not matter. "Thus saith the Lord: Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the Lord's house, *all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word.*" Jeremiah 26:2.

This is the sort of preaching that the world needs today. The fact that people make idols of wealth, pleasure, and ease does not invalidate the commandment "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." The fact that children forget to honor their parents in our day does not mean that God has changed His mind about the matter. The fact that divorce and general infidelity have reached the alarming proportions

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## —An Editor's Credo

*The Strong Church of the Future  
Will Be Built on  
Immutable Principles Found  
in the Word of God*

By Rodney E. Finney

that confront us today does not mean that the seventh commandment has been changed. The man or woman who is unfaithful to the marriage vow is as much under condemnation as ever was the case in the history of the world. That profanity is common and stealing is winked at and that lying may be a national habit do not mean that the judgment is going to leave out consideration of these sins just because they were committed in the twentieth century.

Hell gapes wide for those who think that custom condones sin and that God has no absolute standard of right and wrong. And yet millions of ignorant people who should be enlightened are going on serenely doing as they please, imagining that because a thing is commonly done it cannot be so bad after all. The fact is that modern society has become so materialistic and sensual that custom is no guide to what used to be considered even decent behavior. Recent surveys have revealed that about three quarters of the American people, for instance, do not consciously connect religion with their judgments as to what is right and wrong. Asked what they thought should be the standard of their behavior, many answered, "Just do what you think is right."

It may sound utterly absurd to you who read this, but I predict that the strong church of the future will be a church that will go back to the old standards of absolute truth. One of these days people are going to tire of wandering about after one another in the search for moral values; and when a church is able to point to the eternal Word of God and say, "This

is the way, walk ye in it," people are going to go to that church for help.

The human heart has not changed in the past six thousand years, nor has the mind of God undergone a transformation. The Ten Commandments, the expression of His divine character, were based upon the needs of the universe for a just and unchanging government. In the world's great museums of antiquity may be seen the archeological remains of some of the world's ancient religions. Those who know anything about idolatry in the past know that it was gross and sensual in the extreme. God knew that idolatry would debase the minds and morals of men, and so He forbade it. Although we may not today make molten images for ourselves to worship, we can still be guilty of idolatry—the worship of wealth, or security, or pleasure—and such worship will debase us just as truly as and perhaps more quickly than the idolatry of 2000 B.C. That is why God said to let it alone.

Thus it is with all the commandments. They are given to us by God through His knowledge of the human heart and its needs. They express absolute truths, and absolute truths cannot change.

Much power has been lost to the church through its forgetting this. Twice in the past three decades, for instance, we have seen the majority of churches change their teaching in regard to war. In World War I most of the churches were openly and enthusiastically militaristic. From the pulpit on all sides thundered the wrath of the clergy against the enemy. That the clergy on both sides of the lines indulged in this sort of thing did not seem to strike us as especially illogical at the time.

Following the war there was a great revulsion of feeling, and a wave of pacifism swept through the churches. The clergy was as zealous in this cause as they had been in the previous one. Great resolutions were passed—resolutions which were, in some instances, not founded on a good understanding of the Scriptures. And then came World War II and, all too often, another complete reversal of preaching. Is it any wonder that bewildered and confused people have

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# Are We Christians or Cowards?

*Even the Atom Bomb Should Hold No Terror  
for Us If We Really  
Believe in God*

**Author Unknown**

**A** HORSE knows where the feedbin is. The desert burro knows where to find his "lunch," and daily he heads for the back door of the sourdough's cabin for it. "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib." Isaiah 1:3. "Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed time; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the Lord." Jeremiah 8:7.

Despite the many evidences of the care God has provided for the lower creatures, we who were created in God's likeness forget all too easily the fact that God also cares for us. The Saviour pointed His followers to the birds of the air as they warble their carols of praise unencumbered with thoughts of care, for "they sow not, neither do they reap." Does not God care for them still? Are ye not much better than they? "Away with fear: you are more precious than a multitude of sparrows." Luke 12:7, Weymouth.

Look about you! Is not the grass still growing under your feet? Did not the seeds burst this spring? Does not the sun shine; do not the showers fall? Are not the tall trees still spreading their branches of evergreen? Is not the shade and the life of the trees still a comfort and a rest and protection to man and beast and bird? Yes, even the little green frog that clings to its leaves or smaller branches is not overlooked. God's care is over all! But most important, "He careth for you." 1 Peter 5:7. "The Father Himself loveth you." John 16:27.

Only God knows "the way of the eagle in the air; the way of a serpent on a rock, and the way of a ship in the midst of the sea." Proverbs 30:19. He tells us



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*The God who knows the end from the beginning can protect you and your family  
in these perilous last days.*

that "while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." Genesis 8:22. It is God who supplies all the wants of this earth. "Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord." Jeremiah 23:24.

Behold the glory of God in the heavens! Do they not speak to you? When we consider the heavens and the works of God's fingers, the moon and the stars and the sun, our faith in God should be strengthened. We are witnessing unspeakable evidences of God's might. No normal mind can but recognize in them the working of infinite power. That mysterious life which pervades all nature, "that life that sustains the unnumbered worlds throughout immensity, that lives in the insect atom which floats in the summer's breeze; that wings the flight of the swallow and feeds the young ravens which cry, that brings the bud to blossom and the flower to fruit," that power is beckoning us—you and me—to behold the heavens in their untroubled course and to see the God of love at work.

The two rainbows are still God's constant and everlasting witnesses. The "rainbow spanning the heavens with its arch of light is a token of the 'everlasting covenant between God and every living creature.' And the rainbow encircling the throne on high is also

a token to God's children of His covenant of peace."  
*—Education*, p. 115. As they witness to us, the promises of God will be fulfilled. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." Psalm 34:7. God is in control, and no reasonable mind weighing the evidences can truly refute or reject this fact.

The Bible stands without a flaw. No one has produced any demonstrable evidence that proves any one of its statements to be false. Bible geography, which dares to mention specific mountain ranges and river beds or streams, has stood the test of accuracy and truth. Of all the discoveries of archeology, not one has been in conflict with the Bible or proved it untrue. And every astronomical statement in the Scriptures stands as scientific truth.

Why then do we fear the atomic bomb? Surely God can fulfill the last remaining promises of His Word as faithfully and minutely as He has fed and guided and enlightened this planet in the past. Surely God can and will fulfill His predictions for the last step of the race, in these last moments, and in this last hour, just as He has for the past 6,000 years.

Does He not tell us in the prophecies what will yet happen? Has not the great majority of all the marvelous light of their predictions been enacted and fulfilled? Are not the final movements being acted out as predicted right before our eyes? Why is there this fear of the atomic bomb? Where does this psychosis come from? Christ came to banish the fear of death. (Hebrews 2:14.) Does not perfect love and obedience cast out fear? "He that feareth is not made perfect in love." 1 John 4:18. God's faithful "love not their lives unto the death." (Revelation 12:11.) "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of

*He who created the world  
 still guides it in its course.*



## Prayer for Peace

*God of the heavens high above  
 And fallen earth below,  
 Sweetly the blessings of Thy love  
 To sinful mortals flow.*

*We are the subjects of Thy grace,  
 The cause of all Thy care.  
 Father of all, hide not Thy face  
 From this united prayer.*

*Wildly the tempest sweeps the land,  
 Darkly the storm clouds lower—  
 Nations march at a dark command  
 As they never marched before.*

*Tyrants rise in the awful gloom  
 And fill the land with fear.  
 God of the nations, stay the doom  
 That hangs above us here.*

*Work in the earth Thy peaceful will  
 That angels love to know;  
 Speak, and the awful storm shall still,  
 And the winds of peace shall blow.*

—HERMAN ROBERTS.

death, I will fear no evil." Psalm 23:4. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." Matthew 24:35. The Bible and its promises are the only sure things left on this earth because they are riveted to the throne of God. So trust in God. "Seek ye Me and live." "Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven." Matthew 5:12.

The same God who has guided the nations for millenniums and guided each individual, who controls the heavens above and gives the little brown sparrow just enough life and strength to enable it to wing its course for another day, will see us through. Every

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CLYDE PROVONSHA, ARTIST

WHEN we accepted the Holy Scriptures as a letter from God to men, we accepted His statement that we are lost sinners, that He loves us and has provided a way of salvation for us. When we accepted His gift, He made certain definite promises to us on which we base all our hope for this life and for the life to come. He also required, and we made, certain definite, solemn, and sacred promises to Him. Though these mutual promises mean much to us, we are very likely to forget; so we find it helpful to go over them often.

Let us put this in the first person singular, and let each of us take it to heart. Remember that it applies to me as well as to you—to all of us. And now, let us consider what God has promised me:

*First, He promised me His presence.* We read in Matthew 28:20, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The story is told of a Chinese Christian whose name was Lo, and when he read this text—"Lo, I am with you always"—he thought God was speaking directly to him. And he was right, wasn't he? Christ's friendship can be as real to us as it was to the twelve apostles who were with Him long ago. Wherever you may be, or wherever I may be, Christ by His Spirit is with us.

Some years ago an artist in Paris set up his studio in a cab. As he drove from place to place, he painted street scenes, and into all his pictures of modern Parisian life he introduced the Christ. Even Paris was startled by his daring. In the midst of the follies,

and jostled by the frivolous crowd, stood Christ—His eyes searching, sorrowful, entreating. The artist painted Him, not in His Eastern dress of long ago, but in modern costume. It was the ever-present Christ that he represented. It was the message that Christ is in Paris and London, New York and Shanghai, San Francisco and Sydney today, as He was in Jerusalem two thousand years ago. Not only does He plead with men everywhere, but in a special way He has promised never to leave nor to forsake those who trust Him.

*In the second place, God promised me His peace.* "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you." John 14:27.

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## What We

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*Christ Becomes More Precious  
to Us When We Realize That  
Christianity Involves Mutual  
Pledges and Fulfillments*

By H. M. S. Richards

In Kensington Garden, London, there is a picture of the battlefield of Waterloo some time after the terrible storm of conflict had passed. The grass had grown over the field again. A lamb had come from a near-by pasture and lay sleeping in the mouth of a dismounted cannon. So the artist pictured a most suggestive thing—peace after conflict. But God promises me peace *in* trouble and conflict. The war between God and the soul is ended. Instead of the announcement, "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23), the promise comes to me: "My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

And there, where once in the battlefield of my soul a law condemned my sin, I now "behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

Christ is our peace. Even in the face of death itself we may have peace. S. T. Gordon recalls to our minds the words that the ancients in the days of the Roman Empire placed by the side of their dead: *Non*

est, meaning "he is not." What a difference Jesus makes! That difference we find in those sweet words of John Bunyan: "The pilgrim they laid in a chamber whose window opened toward the rising sun; the name of that chamber was Peace, and there he slept till the break of day." Yes, eternal peace is ours in Christ.

*In the third place, God promised me His joy.* "These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." John 15:11. In Christ there is joy for all who come for it. A hymn writer puts it thus:

Leonardo da Vinci, the great artist, sculptor, and engineer, outlined the actual plan of an airplane hundreds of years ago. But it was never built because men lacked one thing to conquer the air—they lacked power. So they had to wait for the advent of the internal combustion engine. It takes power to ride through the sky. And it takes power to live a Christian life, too. When the engines of our planes cease their mighty pulsations for one minute, they begin to glide down to the earth; and the Christian who loses the power of God in his life begins to slip down to lower levels until at last he is a mere earthling.

# Promised Each Other

Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts!  
Thou Fount of life! Thou Light of men!  
From the best bliss that earth imparts,  
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

*In the next place, He promised me His victory.* "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:5, 4.

Victory is ours—victory over every real enemy of our spiritual life. It is His promise.

*In the fifth place, He promised me His power.* "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8. Here is power to overcome every evil habit, power to do the work of God, power to live for Him! Powerless Christians are a poor advertisement for God's truth.

I was once a passenger on a plane leaving the Heathrow Airport in London. With a mighty roar the great motors lifted us toward the sky, through the heavy clouds, up into the brilliant sunshine far above the earth. We seemed to be in another world. We were headed westward toward the United States. The question came to me, Why have men waited so long to conquer the air?

*We go on now to the sixth promise that God made to me: He promised me His character.* "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." 1 Corinthians 15:49.  
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# EVOLUTION: Theory, Not Fact



*Under the Hammer of Logic  
the Evolution Theory Comes Apart*

By  
**Halverd Jessen Thomsen**

ACCOMPANYING this article is a picture of a restoration of Mesohippus, a "three-toed horse." His remains were found in the White River beds of the lower Oligocene rock formation. Evolutionary scientists explain that he lived on earth during the Age of Mammals millions of years ago. Although he was about the size of a sheep, we are told that he was one of the ancestors of our present horse, which weighs 1,400 pounds or more.

Almost any natural history museum contains a whole series of such restorations, probably with a plausible chart containing the statement that this arrangement demonstrates the evolution of the horse. This might be funny except that many intelligent people believe organic evolution is a proved fact. Science popularizers have spread its teachings into almost every magazine and textbook, and they affirm that evolution is a fact. And all of us are in danger of mistaking repetition for proof.

But is evolution really true? Examine the facts—they are available to you. If you will do this, and at the same time divorce the facts from the theories, you will then see how far the theory of evolution is from being true. Separate the *facts* from the *theories*; then applying a few of the elementary rules of reason, you can quickly satisfy yourself as to the fallacies in the evolutionary theory.

To begin this fascinating search we shall consider some basic scientific principles. Then we shall look into a few facts.

In the course of time mankind has learned many things about nature. Whenever we learn anything about the workings of natural forces or observe certain phenomena, we have discovered a fact. Anybody can have access to this knowledge through books and institutions of learning. But in order to explain the

existence of facts men invent theories, that is to say, they infer from these facts that such and such is so, or that it happened thus and so.

There is no limit to the range and variety of facts which may be used as the basis of an inference. From the fact that we are lucky when we carry a rabbit's foot, we might infer that the luck was due to the rabbit's foot. From the fact that the sun has risen many times, we might infer that it will continue to do so. From the fact that a figure is rectangular, we might infer that its diagonals will bisect each other. From the fact that a political speech sounds convincing, we might infer that the speaker meant what he said. From the fact that certain rock strata contain primary forms of life and others contain more advanced forms, we might infer that the former evolved into the latter. And so on.

Once we are clear as to which are facts and which are inferences, we are able to decide whether the theory is actually true or only probable. If A is French, and most French are witty, it is probable, but not



H. J. THOMSEN

*Evolutionary scientists say that this strange animal, called Mesohippus, was one of the ancestors of the modern horse.*



necessary, that A is witty. The distinction between a necessary argument and a probable one is important in this investigation of evolution.

Any theory containing an unjustified inference is a fallacy. There are at least nineteen fallacies known to logicians, and many of them are found in the writings of evolutionists.

To say this much about facts, inferences, fallacies, and theories is almost but not quite enough. We still need to see how hypotheses, or theories, are proved. One favorite method of evolutionists is the argument of "convergence." In this method of proof or support, the facts, which are called data or evidence, are said to converge on the hypothesis. Or in other words, the theory is said to account for the evidence. The observer stands on a vantage point and looks at all the facts to see where they point. All the facts must point directly at his theory, nowhere else, or the theory is false.

A firm believer in the Bible as God's Inspired Word can be sure that the facts plainly do not all converge upon the evolution theory. Some of the facts point away from evolution. They seriously contradict it and thus entirely overthrow it.



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*Chief Mountain is an insurmountable enigma to evolutionists.*

How can this be? An example from Wigmore's *Principles of Judicial Proof* may make the point clear.

A certain Mr. Webber left home one morning, stating that he was going to a near-by town on business. That day the train on which he was to have returned was wrecked. Neither he nor his "remains" were discovered in the wreckage. But his wife, believing him dead, undertook to collect his insurance, basing her claim on the following evidence:

A lawyer friend saw him in the town to which he had said he was going. The ticket agent saw him

board the train in question. A banker friend who had been on the train, but got off before the wreck occurred, had seen him on the train. A bunch of keys found in the wreck was recognized as his. One of these keys fitted a clock in his house; another fitted the front door; a third fitted the clothes chest. And a piece of charred clothing, found in the wreck, was of the same material as his suit was known to have been.

This is a true incident. Would you have awarded the insurance? Just as the insurance company was considering the claim, Mr. Webber himself turned up. What effect did this single new fact have on the previously converging evidence for the theory that he was dead? It did nothing to change the other facts. It was simply a new fact not accounted for in the theory that Webber perished in the train wreck. A new theory became necessary.

The evolution theorists have amassed a grand array of facts in support of their theory. But there are other facts, inconvenient but genuine, which do as much damage to the evolution hypothesis as did Mr. Webber's reappearance to his wife's conclusion. Among evolutionists it is customary to shelve these unpleasant discoveries since they don't fit into the pattern, or else they try to explain them away. No matter what the facts, the theory must stand even though such an attitude is extremely unscientific.

The Bible teaches that there was a flood, a universal deluge, and that this catastrophe and the changes immediately after it account for many of the geological phenomena we see in the rocks.

Evolutionists scoff at this belief. They say there never was a very great flood. They prefer not to believe in miracles, seeking to account for the facts without a great single catastrophe. They have devised the theory that all the events recorded in the rocks can be accounted for by natural processes now going on. This means they are forced to *assume* (when they should *prove*) that the earth has existed for an almost unlimited time; hence the idea that the world has been in existence for many millions of years.

And there is the issue: catastrophe or uniformity—which? What are the facts? Well, here are a few:

Chief Mountain will do as a starter. Riding lone and high at the northern end of Glacier National Park, Chief Mountain is a beautiful sight on a clear summer day. But this glorious monolith contradicts the theory of evolution. You may not know it, but Chief Mountain is *upside down!* Evolutionists call it "the mountain without roots."

The "young" rocks which should be the uppermost are below the "old" rocks. That is, Algonkian limestone containing very little fossil life is above the Cretaceous sandstone, which is abundant with the fossils of reptiles, conifers, and palm trees. According to evolution, the Algonkian rocks were laid down

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# INTERPRETING

*In the Light*

By

## ★ Recent Atom Bomb Tests

THE MOST frightening pictures that have appeared in the newspapers and periodicals of America in many months are those taken by the light of the atomic blasts occurring in Nevada. Some were taken as far away as Los Angeles and Salt Lake City. The blasts were visible five hundred miles from their source.

It seems that the tests made in Nevada were to try out new ways of using atomic fission in warfare. It is thought that several types of weapons were tried out, bombs, guided missiles, and artillery shells being among those possibly used. In setting off atomic explosions one of the great problems is to hold the blast back long enough for it to develop its maximum power. In early forms of the atomic bomb, such as those used on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the bomb was necessarily large on account of this. "Tamper" material for holding back the explosion made up a good portion of this bulk. It is said that these early bombs were large enough to fill substantially the bomb bay of a B-29.

Probably the weapons tested in Nevada were much smaller and contained greatly improved "tamper" materials to allow them to be made thus. It is not thought that they were necessarily as efficient as larger models could be, but if they exploded at only 5 per cent of the power of the Japanese bombs, they would have power equal to a thousand tons of TNT.

At the time this is being written, it has just been announced that further tests are soon to be carried out at Eniwetok. What the awesome results of these tests may be, we cannot guess.

It seems, then, that we must learn to live with the bomb. To that end wide preparations must be made for possible use of it by enemies of ours, we are told. Many who read these words will have seen some evidence of such preparations, possibly the training of

Red Cross first-aid units or disaster relief squads. Probably it is our duty as citizens and Christians to take part in such activities if we can. In time of emergency the lives of those about us may depend upon a good proportion of such trained persons.

Another facet of these grim preparations is the search for substitutes for blood and plasma. Germany found one such substitute during the war. Others have been found since, but neither the German substitute nor the later ones are really comparable to real blood. The possibility of a demand for the quantities of blood that would be needed at such a time is frightening, especially in the light of the fact that even the minor war being fought in Korea has taxed the resources of the Red Cross in this respect.

The possible salvaging of human life in event of all-out war in which atomic bombs and other atomic



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weapons might be used will not be easy, if it is possible. Whether or not human life can exist on this earth much longer is not an idle question. If it does continue to exist, may not the terrible struggle for mere survival become so stringent that civilization may perish? None

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*Bible Prophecy*

Editor



should be called timid if he shudders a bit at the possibilities that may arise from the Eniwetok tests.

There is comfort for the Christian who believes his Bible in spite of all this, for two reasons:

First, these things have not come upon the world without God's foreknowledge. "Then said He unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: . . . and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Luke 21:10, 25, 26.

Secondly, God still controls the earth and its inhabitants. Destruction will not come upon the earth until God so wills it. Before that time comes, He will save His people. "They shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Matthew 24:30, 31.

## ★ That Smudge on Old Glory

TO US AMERICANS the most beautiful flag in the world is the Stars and Stripes. To see it rippling in a breeze against the blue sky is a thrill that never dulls. But just now there's a smudge across the red-and-white stripes which runs into the blue field and the white of the stars. It ought to be removed, for its presence is a reproach to our beloved country.

Every informed American is aware of the smudge. A part of it comes from the evil of the liquor industry, as bared by the Kefauver Committee. The ironical part of the situation is that at the time the revelations of the committee were being made, the distillers were in Washington pleading against a three-dollars-a-gallon raise in federal liquor taxes. Their prime argument was that such a raise would result in more bootlegging.

It would seem almost incredible that the distillers would have the consummate nerve to make such a plea, that is, if one were not acquainted with their past history. Here's why. Investigations recently have shown that the so-called "legal" liquor men have been shipping liquor wholesale into dry Southern states. The liquor has been shipped in trucks with false bottoms, in other trucks loaded and unloaded at night, and in high-powered cars equipped with extra-heavy springs. Some of the trucks have armed escorts

preceding and following them to protect them from police interference or hijacking.

These operators have broken many laws. In addition to shipping the booze into dry territory the shippers have used counterfeit revenue stamps, have shipped liquor in cases stripped of identification, have covered up profits so that proper income tax could not be collected, and have operated in defiance of Interstate Commerce Commission regulations. Investigations have also linked the names of unsavory underworld characters with the "respectable" liquor wholesalers and distillers.

According to reliable testimony the five biggest distillers in America were informed some time ago of this situation. They promised to rectify it, but according to the testimony they have done nothing although months have gone by.

These are the men who continually fight against any effort to control the liquor traffic. They are the men who will tell us in lavish and expensive advertisements that dry areas are really not dry at all, that any type of local option or prohibition is a failure. They will tell us these things while criminally undermining the efforts of such areas to maintain decency. They are a living demonstration of the truth that the dry forces have often reiterated: the liquor business cannot stay honest.

And so they force their wares upon the public with the connivance of corrupt law-enforcement officers and venal politicians and in spite of the suffering, criminality, and poverty that result.

Other revelations of the Kefauver Committee have not made patriotic Americans feel any better. The slimy trail of the racketeers has led to the very doorsteps of officials that we have been taught to respect and whom we thought to be above any taint of graft.

There is a smudge on Old Glory. Sadly and with the utmost affection for our nation, we must admit it. Admitting it, we do not admit that it must remain so. As Christian people we must throw our active influence against the tide of evil that so far has just about had its own way. By voice and pen and vote we should remove the smudge and let the ensign of our nation wave again in all its beauty.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34. This is the truth that this nation needs to hear and heed once more.

# Why Should It Cumber the Pot?

*Unproductive Christians Are Merely in the Way  
and May Be Plucked Up by the Master Gardener*

By Edna Atkin Pepper



OUR DINING room is a versatile apartment. Actually, we dine there only when we need more room than is available at the cheerful kitchen table. The four windows, two looking east and two north, are our "conservatory." They are almost covered with vines and flowering plants. The northern sills support African violets; the southern, pink-flowering house oxalis, Irish shamrock with its delicate white-starred blooms, a begonia with a heavy burden of rosy blossoms, and the exotic Cuban beauty.

Here, too, are the typewriters, telephone, cupboards, book-shelves, and the small, polished dining table serving as twin desks. Here, also, we are elbowed by more lush growing things, and it was here that I looked up and noticed something.

Here was a plant facing the east windows. It had



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*God's care should bring fruitage in our lives just as we expect blossoms from cultivated plants.*

been bathed in heaven's sunlight every morning, watered with liquid plant-vitamins, and rooted in light, rich soil which should long since have produced soul-satisfying results. I looked at it with distaste. The puny leaves drooped. There was not a sign of a bud. I drew it gently from its earthy bed and examined it for worms. There were none. It just did not care. It was completely indifferent to all the loving labor bestowed upon it.

"Why should it cumber the pot?" I asked. And not without some qualms, I dropped it into the wastebasket, destined for the furnace. "I have a lovely garden oxalis in a tin can on my bedroom window sill," I continued. "It has several old-rose flowers already, and more buds coming. It shall have the beautiful flower pot and bloom where I can see it!"

This was a thought-provoking thing that I had done. The Lord of the vineyard has set out his "pleasant plants" everywhere, just as we have them all over the house. "I will grant them a right fertile soil," He says. Ezekiel 34:29, Moffatt. "I had planted you a noble vine, of right good stock." And to some He adds sorrowfully, "And what a foul thing you have turned, a vine degenerate." Jeremiah 2:21, Moffatt.

What are you developing from your goodly heritage, your "fertile soil"? Are you growing as the Lord has every right to expect from the opportunities He has given you? Or are you fretting because you are denied some dear delight for which you long? Will the Lord of the vineyard wait, or will He weary of your indifference?

"Here have I come for three years in search of fruit on this fig tree without finding any; cut it down, why should it take up space?" But the man replied, 'Leave it for this year, sir, till I dig round about it and put in manure. Then it may bear fruit next year. *If not, you can have it cut down.*'" Luke 13:7-9, Moffatt. (Italics mine.)

"You declare, 'I am rich, I am well off, I lack nothing!'—not knowing you are a miserable creature, pitiful, poor, blind, naked." Revelation 3:17, Moffatt.

If the Lord of the vineyard is trying to make of you a "pleasant plant," follow His leadings. "Grow up before Him as a tender plant." Isaiah 53:2.

## Are You a Saint?

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makes them saints of God? Is it not their willingness to be led of Him; their faith, like Abraham's, which was counted to him for righteousness; their prayers, their influence, and their experiences of victory? When they fail, they do not become discouraged; but looking to Jesus, they arise and struggle upward, turning their very stumbling blocks into steppingstones of a higher experience.

The dictionary goes to some length in the definition of saints, giving names to such things as St.-Andrew's-cross, St. Elmo's fire, St. Martin's summer, Saint Valentine's Day, and so on. It even intimates that some heavenly beings may be known as saints, but we find this simple statement under the same heading, "Any member of a Christian church." We take it for granted that any who become members of a church do so because they are seeking a high Christian attainment, and that is one of the first qualifications of a saint. Yes, saints are but ordinary human beings who are reaching out after a deeper experience. Let us not become discouraged. To Christ be the glory, for He has made the atonement; He has paid the price! Jesus accepts our best efforts, and all things are possible through Him, our Strength and our Redeemer. We are saints as long as we are making a sincere effort toward better living, and all God's sweetest promises are for us. "For the Lord . . . forsaketh not His saints." Psalm 37:28.

If we concentrate our efforts, our thinking, our hopes, our knowledge, and our talents together in a united effort to do God's will; if we are willing to surrender the garments of earth for the cloak of Christ's righteousness, then we can claim the distinction of being saints of God. Because of His great love, we may unite our weakness with His strength, our ignorance with His wisdom, and our humanity with His divinity.

## Solid Foundations--An Editor's Credo

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ceased to look to the church for direction with any feeling of assurance? Can we blame men and women if they are moved to wonder if there *are* any absolute truths?

But truth is absolute—the truth found in the Bible. We may change, the times may change—but *God* does not change. "With whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning," is the testimony of James of the nature of God. Let us restudy the standards of God, then, and find out where we stand in relation to them. If we are planted upon those standards, then let us stand there though the heavens fall around us, for God will not change.

How pathetic is the plight of modern man, amid

all the confusion and uncertainty of the world today, living under the threat of still worse things to come, if he seeks for direction and spiritual stability and does not find it in the church! But though the church may fail, there is an unfailing source of truth to which to go. Observation has taught us that there is no moral certainty outside the Word of God and that man cannot improve upon the divine code of the commandments. We know that man without such direction and certainty is drifting in a sea of moral confusion which too often engulfs him in laxity and dissipation and leaves him cast up, a bit of human flotsam on the rocky shores of disillusion.

In this certainty of Bible truth far more than happiness in this life is involved. There is a judgment to come, awaiting every man, when he shall stand before a righteous Judge who will call every act and thought in review. If he has failed to accept the atoning death of Christ in his behalf and to live according to the divine example, he will be eternally lost.

To every minister of the Word God has commanded, "Thou shalt speak My words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious." Ezekiel 2:7. God has given us a message to preach; we are not to be concerned with consequences or results, primarily, but with carrying out the divine commission.

You who are confused and perplexed as to what is truth will find the answer to your questions in the Word, and only there. There is absolute truth, there is certainty for the future, there is peace of mind through knowing what God will have you do and through doing it.

## Are We Christians or Cowards?

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night we can pray: "If this is my last night on this earth, God save me and those about me for the special resurrection of the righteous." And He will do just that unless He sees fit to have us translated to heaven without seeing death.

As Martin Luther preached and loved and taught the forty-sixth Psalm until they called it "Luther's Psalm," so should we abide in God as our refuge and strength, so should we feed and learn and lean on His precious promises. Saints today are memorizing the ninety-first Psalm as the stabilizer and sure refuge through the last fierce days ahead. This is the matchless Psalm for the matchless bomb: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. . . . *A thousand shall fall at thy side, . . . but it shall not come nigh thee. . . . There shall no evil befall thee. . . . Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him. . . . I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him.*"



# HAPPY HOMES

## How to Find a Comfortable Home

JUNE is the month of roses, brides, and homemaking. Maybe you are one of the happy girls who is about to set up housekeeping, or maybe you are just another housewife on the move. You are confronted with the necessity of finding a dwelling place where you can be near a school for your children or near your husband's place of employment.

Next week our family will move into its twenty-fifth home in twenty-four years. No, we have not been evicted all these times. Our moves have come about because of our work.

These moves have taught us some things about moving that may be valuable to you. Experience is valuable even in such an often-unpleasant task as house hunting.

Suppose we start with apartments: not just any apartment, but one within reach of your purse, one that will be pleasant to live in, that can become a home to you.

Newspapers are valuable aids, but most of the time we have found our apartments through other means. Sometimes building contractors can be your best help. They know the people who are building new homes. These people will soon be moving out of their present apartments. They probably have been living in a pretty good place, too, for people who are interested enough in a home to be building a new one generally live in a comfortable place.

Another person who may help you is the painter and decorator in the locality in which you are searching. Good apartments often do not come on the market until the landlord has had them cleaned and redecorated. Then they are ready for inspection. You can see immediately that contacting decorators places you a jump ahead of the average house hunter. It has a further advantage, too. Many times you are able to have the apartment decorated to your liking and in harmony with your furnishings.

If you know the section of the city where you would like to live, get in touch with the milk man who

delivers in that area. Milk men are called upon for all kinds of extra services, and you will find few who know the people in a given locality better than they.

If you are still in college and need a place close to the campus, a list of the graduating students and their addresses is invaluable. Many students finish their work at the end of a quarter which terminates at a time other than commencement time. Because of this apartments become available every few months. Careful reading of the college paper helps as does scrutiny of the campus bulletin boards. If a faculty member is being transferred and you hear about it, don't wait until the vacated apartment is advertised, go after it directly.

Real estate men may be able to help you, not because they have rental property, for ordinarily they don't; but they may know people to whom they have recently sold property. These folks may be moving out of a dwelling that is rentable, which may be just what you want, and you can become the early bird that gets the nest.

Then there is the method that seems least practical but actually is most rewarding. Get in your car and drive slowly throughout the section where you hope to live. You aren't likely to see any for-rent signs, but you may see houses with no curtains at the windows or with other indications of vacancy.

One of our most pleasant homes was found in just this way. The painters were busy inside, and we rented the house just after it was cleaned and redecorated throughout. This was twenty-four hours ahead of the newspaper ad that would have put it on the market.

To select the best neighborhood is another problem. In every community there are different climates. In coastal cities, for instance, the lower lying areas are foggy; but higher areas only a mile or so away may be

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# Little Old Things

By Inez Brasier

Mother laid her Bible on the table as she finished reading. The story was of the little boy who gave his lunch to Jesus to feed the great crowd of hungry people on the hillside.

"I wish I had been that little boy so I could have given my lunch to Jesus," said Harold. "I'd be so happy! There isn't a thing like that I can do now."

"Do not be too sure about that," mother told him. "It would not surprise me one bit if this very day you found something small that will grow and grow."

Harold knew that when mother said such things, there really *was* something.

"What, Mother? Tell me now," he begged.

"You must watch for it. Now let us repeat the verse you like best in this story. 'Gather up the frag-



ments that remain, that nothing be lost.' Now I must begin to clean your room."

"What shall I do?" Harold asked as they went into his room.

"You may take out all those boxes piled in the end of your closet," said mother.

"What is in them?"

"Look and see," said mother as she cleaned the window.

Harold untied a box. "My little old teddy bear! My old blocks and the wagon they go in! I was just a little boy when I played with them, wasn't I, Mother?"

Mother laughed. "Look in the other boxes," she suggested.

Harold opened them. "My old picture books! My little old red truck and my little tin pail and shovel!"

He looked at all the old toys. The little red truck had lost a wheel. The teddy bear was coming apart. The blocks were dirty, and the paint was gone from the pail.

"Why did you save them, Mother? They are not any good now."

"Are you sure that they are no good?"

Harold saw the smile in mother's eyes.

"Mother! Did you mean these old toys when you said I would find something today that would grow?"

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By Caris H. Lauda

Greetings, Teen-agers!

The other day I met a blind boy. He was nine, and I thought, "How sad for a boy who would ordinarily enjoy baseball, hiking, and swimming to be handicapped by being blind! But, you know, he was an interesting little fellow to watch. He seemed very cheerful. I didn't hear him complain at all. He had learned the art of eating, and he did quite well at it, too. He moved about in the room and from room to room with little difficulty, and as I watched him, I thought of you.

We teen-agers are inclined to complain and find fault and "gripe" about everything. You know, it is easy to do that, isn't it? The weather is too hot or too cold. The food doesn't taste just right. We can't tie our tie so it looks as we want it to. The scarf doesn't match just right. We find fault with father, with mother, and with our brothers and sisters. In fact, we almost have the idea that everybody is crazy but us. Quite a philosophy to have, isn't it? Could it be that everybody is crazy but us?

Reminds me of a fellow that always went down to the post office in the little village every morning. He was the first one down at the post office, and the benches and the railing outside usually filled with loafers and with people wanting to visit with other villagers. Many interesting conversations took place at the old post office daily.

This fellow would go about tapping people on the shoulder, saying, "I'm all right." Another man would come up and sit on the railing, and soon this fellow would tap him on the shoulder and say, "Hi, John. I'm all right." He did this so much that the people started calling him "All Right." As the days went by it was necessary for him to be taken to the state insane asylum, where he could be kept "all right." When people get to thinking that they're just it, that everybody else is odd or foolish, they are in a dangerous state.

You and I have many things to be thankful for—good health, strength, the privilege of seeing. Let us use our eyes to the glory of God. Let us use our eyes today in seeing the pure, for "the pure in heart shall see God." Let us use our eyes today in being of help to others, and truly be "a servant of God and a friend to man." Do your best for others today, and make God best in your living.

Sincerely,  
Caris

Many dreams will come true for God's children if they are true to Him.



# Things You Have Never Seen

*In Our Father's Many Mansions Are Glories Beyond Our Imagining*

By **Harvey C. Hansen**

**B**UT AS IT is written," wrote the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9.

This thought was expressed over seven hundred years earlier by Isaiah in these words: "For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside Thee, what He hath prepared for him that waiteth for Him." Isaiah 64:4.

One of these things not yet seen by those who love God and wait for Him is the earth *made new*. The earth is not yet made new, but we may read descriptions of it in the Scriptures, especially in the portions recorded by Isaiah. God revealed many details about it by His Spirit to the apostles and the holy prophets of old. (1 Corinthians 2:10.)

And when Jesus was about to go away, He said to His followers, "I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:2. The New Jerusalem is the place which Jesus has gone to prepare. (Revelation 21:2, 3.) This, too, we have never seen or imagined although God has revealed something of its splendors through the

Bible writers. Many details about this wonderful Holy City are given in the last chapters of Revelation.

Jesus also said, "In My Father's house are many mansions." John 14:2. We believe that among these many mansions already in the Father's house are the worlds spoken of by Paul in the first chapter of Hebrews. The Lord said in Isaiah 66:1, "The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool: where is the house that ye build unto Me?" Isaiah says of the Lord, "It is He . . . that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in." Isaiah 40:22. Amos said, "It is He that buildeth His stories [spheres, margin] in the heaven." Amos 9:6. These, too, have largely been among the unseen.

When the inspired words given to David, Job, Isaiah, Paul, and John were being recorded, men saw very little of the heavens and did not even imagine them to be what we know them to be today. Indeed in those days, the Scriptures were really the one true and enduring authority as to what was in the heavens.

Men of the past imagined that the stars were *holes* in some kind of solid canopy through which mysterious light from beyond shone through. Men of the



past gave figures such as 1,022 and 5,119 and 7,280 as being the total number of stars.

Astronomers today know that the stars are great suns—gigantic, swift, distant, and unnumbered. Sirius, "the dog star," is twenty-seven times brighter than the sun; Rigel in the constellation Orion is 14,000 times brighter than the sun. The star Antares in the constellation Scorpius is some 300,000,000 miles in diameter, 36,000 times as large as the earth. Ras Algethi in Hercules is twice as large as Antares. Arcturus speeds through space between 200 and 257 miles a second. The star *nearest* to our own sun is so distant that it would take four and one-third years to reach it going at the rate of 11,000,000 miles a minute; and some of the more distant groups of stars photographed through the larger telescopes are 500,000 *millenniums* of light-years away. According to recent figures the Milky Way galaxy contains 200,000,000,000 stars; yet this is only one of 200,000,000 galaxies known today, some of which are thousands of times larger than the Milky Way. Many scholars, not only of the Bible but also of astronomy, believe that these star-studded galaxies, these island universes, also contain great numbers of inhabited planets.

How privileged we are to have the marvelous optical and photographic inventions that enable men to see much that men before our day neither saw nor imagined. Compared to what men see now, the sky to men in the past truly was but the "outskirts of His ways" (Job 26:14, A.R.V.), the small whisper of the thunder of God's mighty power and glory.

How mightily the heavens today are declaring the glory of God; how wondrously the firmament is showing His handiwork; how clearly the created things are revealing even the truly invisible things, "even His eternal power and Godhead"! (Psalm 19:1-4; Romans 1:20.)

Let us behold and worship and give glory to Him "who hath created these things" (Isaiah 40:26; Revelation 14:7), who "dwellest in the heavens" (Psalm 123:1), who is coming again to receive us unto Himself that where He is we may be also (John 14:3).

### ***The Destination of the Dead***

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When Jesus died on Calvary, His Father was with Him. Then Jesus said to Him, "Father, into Thy hand I commend My spirit." And the Divine Record says, "And having said thus, He gave up the ghost [His spirit]," which went back to God, who gave it to Him in the beginning when He was begotten. But what became of Jesus? God Himself tells us, "It pleased the Lord to bruise Him [Christ]; He hath put Him to grief: when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin." Christ made Himself an offering for the sins of the world. The Bible says, "He [Christ]

hath poured out His soul unto death." Isaiah 53:12. The Apostle Peter said, "He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in hell [the grave], neither His flesh did see corruption." Acts 2:31.

Thus we learn from the Bible that Christ's spirit went back to God, who gave it to Him, that His soul was poured out unto death, and that He rested in the grave until His resurrection. The psalmist says, "What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?" Psalm 89:48. We are told here that a man goes to the grave when he dies, just as did Jesus when He died, and there awaits a resurrection. Then, as the Apostle Paul said, all the righteous that fell "asleep in Jesus" and are sleeping in the grave will be raised to a glorious immortality. This Paul calls "the blessed hope" of the Christian: "We are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." Romans 8:24, 25. There is then no inherent immortality that brings man from the grave. His only hope of a future life is through the resurrection brought about through Jesus Christ.

If people go to their reward as soon as they die, and are with their Lord in heaven, what is there to hope for? If the righteous dead are in glory land now, and the wicked dead are in hell, there is no need of a resurrection at the last day. The Apostle Paul says that "the whole creation" is "waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." Romans 8:20-23. What a blessed hope this is—the hope of eternal life through the resurrection from the dead, "at the last day." This hope is centered in Christ, who is the resurrection and the life.

### ***Evolution: Theory, Not Fact***

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millions of years before the Cretaceous sandstones—but they're on top!

This perturbs the scientists immensely. But what is worse, the whole of Glacier Park and the vast wild area around Banff and Lake Louise to the north are in the same upside-down formation. This is an area of not less than 20,000 square miles. And this is but one example of other strata in this reverse order throughout the world. The many books written to explain these interesting facts would do justice to a Philadelphia lawyer.

In fact, there is no single locality where the rocks can be found lying strata upon strata in the order assumed by geologists. And there is not a single place where the evolutionary story of even one animal or plant can be seen since no more than a few thousand feet of stratified rock are exposed in any locality.

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# Let's Ask the DOCTOR



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

*I have asthma. Can you tell me something that will help me?—E.T.P.*

Asthma is one of the most stubborn of all diseases. Many different remedies are used to treat it, which is an admission that none have thus far proved a cure-all. Among the common remedies are injections of adrenal extract and aminophyllin. Even opiates are sometimes resorted to in stubborn cases to give some relief. Mouth tablets, such as novalene, tedral, and many others, are used and often give temporary relief. Changing climate often effects a cure although it cannot be predetermined with certainty just what climate may prove best.

In all cases and regardless of what remedy may be used, it is a matter of the greatest importance that the patient be advised in the matter of daily habits of eating and general hygiene. This is necessary in order that a permanent cure may be brought about if possible and to assist other measures in being more effective. Keeping the patient a little underfed rather than overfed is a good starting point. Two meals a day or a very light supper if one is eaten is a good principle to follow. Such a supper could well be a little fruit and some crisp oven toast and a hot drink of cereal coffee or ovaltine. Eggs, milk, and wheat should be watched for possible allergy reactions. Rice may be substituted for wheat if necessary. All coffee and tea should be discarded, and it would be best to eat little or no meat. Food should be eaten very slowly and masticated thoroughly. Combinations such as acid fruits and coarse vegetables, fried foods, condiments and spices should be avoided. The meal should be as simple as possible. The bowels should be kept open by mechanical laxatives, and a great deal of fruits and fresh salads should be eaten. The use of much sweets of cane sugar should be avoided by using natural sweets such as dried fruits. Rich puddings and custards in which milk, eggs, cream, and sugar are combined together should not be eaten.

All emotional strain should be eliminated, and regular hours for sleep and rest should be carried out. Vitamin C in 100 milligram tablets, taken in as large

a dose as ten daily at regular intervals, may often prove helpful in preventing attacks or rendering such attacks milder.

*Is there any treatment that will remove nasal polyps without resort to surgery?—E.R.*

No, there is no method to get rid of nasal polyps other than the operative method. They can be shrunk temporarily, but no permanent help can be secured except by surgical removal.

*I am forty-one and have considerable drainage in my nose and throat of a catarrhal nature. It even interferes with my sleep at night. Can you suggest a remedy? My ears and throat get sore often.—C.D.S.*

Such a condition as you describe is quite common, but is less perhaps a disease than a symptom of sub-standard health, with a low-grade mucous membrane infection. The following general health measures should prove helpful. Cut down on milk or stop its use altogether. Use little or no sugar except what might be used in cooking tart fruits, using sweet fruits and a little honey instead where possible. Especially avoid rich combinations of milk, eggs, cream, and sugar. Use a great deal of fresh fruits and raw vegetable salads. Use very little vegetable fats or oils and no animal fats. Use very little starchy foods but plenty of nonstarchy green and yellow vegetables, cooking them just as little as possible to render them done.

You may use a few nuts. Be sure that none of your foods are processed, pickled, or polished; and avoid all condiments such as vinegar, mustard, pepper, catsup, etc., using as little salt as possible. Take plenty of vitamins A and C, the former from green and yellow vegetables, carrot and tomato juice, and the latter from citrus or tomato juice. Extra vitamins are helpful, such as high-potency combinations which include vitamins A and C in large amounts. Sun bathing is of great benefit if and when the weather permits. An inexpensive sun lamp or bulb may be used in the winter season. Avoid keeping the house

temperature too warm. Houses should be ventilated sufficiently and the temperature kept at or around seventy or less. People who live in houses that are overheated are always having frequent colds and catarrh. The British, who often heat a two-story house with one fireplace but wear heavy wool underwear, laugh at us Americans for having frequent colds. Sometimes in chronic cases the inhalation of penicillin dust or vapor or even the shots or mouth tablets of the same medicine may be of help; but do not exclude the rules enumerated if permanent help is desired.

### *Little Old Things*

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"There are two little boys at Mrs. Naylor's who have no toys, not even a little old ball like your blue one there."

Harold sat down on the floor beside the boxes of toys.

"Here is the wheel to the truck. I can put it back on. I can clean the blocks, too."

"There is a little red paint, also some blue paint, left in the cans. There is some shellac in another can," said mother.

"Then I'll paint all these things after I mend them. They will look like new." Harold thought a minute. "You never throw anything away, do you, Mother?"

"Gather up the fragments," repeated mother.

"I will mend them and paint them this very afternoon."

"You have helped me so much I shall have your room all cleaned by noon. Then I will have time this afternoon to mend the teddy bear and the little woolly dog," mother told him.

The next morning Harold put all the mended toys and the freshly painted toys into a box. He went down the road to Mrs. Naylor's house. He was not gone long.

"Oh, Mother!" he exclaimed as he came into the kitchen. "You said the little things I'd find would grow and grow. And they did, Mother!"

"Tell me about it," suggested mother.

"The littlest one laughed and laughed when I gave her the teddy bear and the woolly dog. And the little boys sat right down and played with the blocks and wagon and other toys, and they looked so happy."

"They grew into happiness, and happiness is never little," said mother.

"I guess little things really are not little. I am going to keep right on gathering fragments for Jesus," declared Harold.

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"As I walk about in my chamber with unsteady feet, my unconquerable spirit sweeps skyward on eagle's wings. I thank God for my handicaps, for through them I have found myself, my work, and my God."—HELEN KELLER.

### *Evolution: Theory, Not Fact*

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Schuchert and Dunbar have told us the total thickness of all stratified rocks now recognized would total 500,000 feet if laid one above the other! Mount Everest, the highest point on earth, is less than 30,000 feet high, but we would have to climb ninety-five miles straight up in the air to see all these strata one above the other.

Then there is Mesohippus, our three-toed friend we mentioned in the beginning. He is supposed to be one of a long line of ancestors of the horse. His fossil pedigree is said to be best known and most complete of all the vertebrates. But are evolutionists able to find Protohippus, then dig down until they find Mesohippus, and then, digging deeper, find Protorohippus and Eohippus? Not at all. On the contrary, one skeleton is in Oregon, another in Idaho, and the next in Wyoming or Nebraska. Nobody has yet found these animals lying in such a way that all of them could not have lived at the same time! Evolutionists again assume rather than prove.

What evidence, one may well ask, is there that all the animals did not live contemporaneously? Why may one not believe that Mesohippus and the mammoths and the dinosaurs and the trilobites all lived at one and the same period just as goldfinches and elephants and rattlesnakes and catfish do today? Is there any actual objective proof that they did not? You will find none. It is certainly his business who says there is to prove his assertion.

No Christian can possibly accept organic evolution. It strikes at the heart and purpose of the gospel. The Apostle Peter, looking down to our day with a prophetic eye, saw people "willfully" forgetting that there was a Flood and scoffing at the second advent and saying, "Since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." (2 Peter 3:3-5.) This attitude, painfully familiar to any Christian minister, has been chiefly the result of evolutionary science. It is a blow at the gospel purpose of preparing people to meet God.

The heart of Christianity is the atonement. A Christian minister couldn't have put the fundamental variance more succinctly than did Blatchford:

"But—no Adam, no fall; no fall, no atonement; no atonement, no Saviour. Accepting evolution, how can we believe in a fall? *When* did man fall? Was it before he ceased to be a monkey, or after? Was it when he was a tree man, or later? Was it in the Stone Age, or the Bronze Age, or in the Age of Iron? . . . And if there never was a fall, why should there be any atonement?"—*God and My Neighbour*, p. 124.

Accept this bleak doctrine if you will; but I invite you rather to follow the warm, friendly, uplifting Word of God.

## "Build Thee More Stately Mansions"

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well-being of society, the success of the church, the prosperity of the nation, depend upon home influence."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 349. Thus, in a nutshell, a prolific religious writer states how far-reaching is the influence of a home, for "the mission of the home extends beyond its own members. The Christian home is to be an object lesson, illustrating the excellence of the true principles of life. Such an illustration will be a power for good in the world. Far more powerful than any sermon that can be preached is the influence of a true home upon human hearts and lives. . . . Nobler principles of life are introduced into other households, and an uplifting influence works in the community."

The home is one of the most effective agencies for the formation of character and ultimately for the building of the nations. What the homes are, the nations become. Hence there should be a great striving to understand, study, and then practice the principles that lay the foundation for homes which spread security and happiness.

In the Christian home love reigns supreme and finds expression in tender words and acts of thoughtful kindness. But it is not just the love of Bob and Belle for each other that makes for happy contentment and sweet comfort. Such love is incomplete and would fail to produce a Christian home. It takes more than two who might think their love for each other will be all-sufficient for their household. It takes three—the love of Bob and Belle and God. A home built on such love will never break down or crumble. God is worshiped there. The family altar is established, with morning and evening worship—a quiet time of communion with the Creator of the worlds.

The young husband is, as it were, "the priest of the household, laying upon the family altar the morning and evening sacrifice."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 392. He is the head of the household, and the wife will not be afraid to recognize him as such; for she loves him and he loves her, and they both love and worship God. He will look down upon them with pleasure and benediction when, from the very first night, they unite their voices in prayer to Him; for prayer ascends as sweet incense, and the mercies and blessings of God descend like morning and evening dew upon those bowed in His presence. Tenderness, patience, kindness, and cheerfulness are the fruits of such a program. There can be no harsh words spoken, no sharp criticisms flung into the face of a companion to hurt and to crush. Little misunderstandings have no opportunity of poisoning the home atmosphere, for with prayer they vanish into insignificance.

Morning prayer is one of the essentials of a happy home life, but it is not always easy to keep that early

appointment with God. There are many things which need to be done before time to go to work; however these family worship periods are a must in the building of a Christian home. So the most convenient time should be decided upon, and then it should be understood that each will keep that appointment more carefully than if it were with the president of the United States.

Those who thus bring religion into the home—studying the Bible, reading spiritual and inspirational books, making the Saviour a daily companion—will develop a nobility of character and a purity of heart that cannot be gained through any other experience. What such a home will accomplish when husband and wife consecrate themselves to the Lord, striving to live up to the principles set forth in the Word of God, will be realized only during the span of eternity.

Neither should public worship be neglected. It is a serious mistake to be indifferent to the privilege of attending divine services. Sabbath, the day of worship, comes around every seventh day; and just that regularly should one attend church. There should be no question as to whether to go or not because it is cold, wet, or sultry. The Bible class needs the faithful attendance of its members; and they, in turn, need the blessing which comes from being there each week. Spiritual strength and heavenly guidance come to those who thus, with others, seek these blessings.

This spiritual foundation is but a part of the base upon which a Christian home is built. Health is wealth; wealth is in health. The prime physical foundation is built in the culinary department of the home. There is religion in a nourishing loaf of bread, health in fresh fruits and vegetables, and in the knowledge of their correct preparation for the table. "And the human being who is careless and reckless of the habits and practices that concern his physical life and health, sins against God."—*Counsels on Diet and Foods*, p. 43. This would include not only diet but also exercise, rest, study, recreation, work, and the maintenance of a proper balance in each. "Let it ever be kept before the mind that the great object of hygienic reform is to secure the highest possible development of mind and soul and body. All the laws of nature—which are the laws of God—are designed for our good. Obedience to them will promote happiness in this life, and will aid us in a preparation for the life to come."—*Counsels on Diet and Foods*, p. 23. To be keen intellectually, to be able to understand the deep truths of the Bible, one must observe healthful habits.

It comes as a surprising fact to many that food has to do with the making of a happy home. "Indulgence of appetite is the cause of dissension, strife, discord, and many other evils. Impatient words are spoken and unkind deeds are done, dishonest practices are followed and passion is manifested, and all because the nerves of the brain are diseased by the abuse heaped upon the stomach."—*Counsels on Diet and*

*Foods*, p. 53. Science has recently reaffirmed this little-known fact. To ensure a happy home, the June bride should keep right on studying, ever learning better ways to carry on her domestic duties, for hers is not a home where happiness is to be wrecked by the inefficiency of its homemaker.

It is readily seen that expensive dwellings, luxurious furnishings, elaborate display, and a life of ease do not furnish the conditions essential to a happy Christian home. There is a pattern for us in Jesus' life. "He came as God's ambassador, to show us how to live so as to secure life's best results. What were the conditions chosen by the infinite Father for His Son? A secluded home in the Galilean hills; a household sustained by honest, self-respecting labor; self-sacrifice, economy, and patient, gladsome service; the hour of study at His mother's side, with the open scroll of Scripture; the quiet of dawn or twilight in the green valley; the holy ministries of nature; the study of creation and providence; and the soul's communion with God—these were the conditions and opportunities of the early life of Jesus."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 366.

In the simple Galilean home there was time for study. The intellectual foundation of a Christian home is not to be neglected, for God has given men powers to be developed and strengthened by education. Education does not stop with graduation from school, but goes on year after year. The source of knowledge is, of course, Christ, and the Bible is the foundation of all study. How many great men there are who have testified to this fact! "Received, believed, obeyed, it is the great instrumentality in the transformation of character. It is the grand stimulus, the constraining force, that quickens the physical, mental, and spiritual powers, and directs the life into right channels."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 458. "Let the thought, the aptitude, the keen exercise of brain power, be given to the study of the thoughts of God. Study not the philosophy of man's conjectures, but study the philosophy of Him who is truth. No other literature can compare with this in value."—*Id.*, p. 459.

What will be the results if such a course is followed? "From the study of the Word of life, students may come forth with minds expanded, elevated, ennobled. . . . They may so educate and discipline themselves that all within the sphere of their influence shall see what man can be, and what he can do, when connected with the God of wisdom and power."—*Id.*, p. 466.

"Build thee more stately mansions." In his article "The Road Ahead," in the November, 1948, issue of the *Atlantic Monthly*, Sir Richard Livingstone states: "There is only one way to distinguish the first-rate from the inferior, whether in music or art, in banking or engineering, in dress or home decoration, or baseball, or anything else: by living with the best, by hearing the best music, seeing the best art, being in a

first-rate bank or a first-rate engineering firm, and so on. In that way a feeling for the first-rate is unconsciously developed."

Because Bob and Belle plan to make a thrilling success of married life, they aspire to the high ideal of "a little bit of heaven" by relating themselves to each other and to God in such a way that their home will be permeated with those Christian attributes which make it possible for two to live happily forever after.

### *Confessions of a Lawbreaker*

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to our dull senses of the pain that, from its very inception, sin has brought to the heart of God.

Yes, the plan of salvation existed from the very beginning, and Jesus, and Jesus' blood shows Heaven's unspeakable hatred for sin and love for sinners.

God has been testing men down through the ages to see whether they believe His blood is efficacious and whether they desire to live with Him throughout eternity. Cain and Abel, sons of Adam, were tested in a very striking manner. They were acquainted with the provision made for the salvation of man, and understood the system of offerings which God had ordained. They knew that in these offerings they were to express faith in the Saviour whom the offerings typified, and at the same time to acknowledge their total dependence on Him for pardon; they knew that by thus conforming to the divine plan for their redemption, they were giving proof of their obedience to the will of God. Without the shedding of blood, there could be no remission of sin; and they were to show their faith in the blood of Christ as the promised atonement by offering the firstlings of the flock in sacrifice.

The two brothers erected their altars alike, and each brought an offering. Abel presented a sacrifice from the flock in accordance with the Lord's directions. "And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering." Fire flashed from heaven and consumed the sacrifice. But Cain, disregarding the Lord's direct and explicit command, presented only an offering of fruit. There was no token from heaven to show that it was accepted.

Cain came before God with murmuring and infidelity in his heart in regard to the promised sacrifice and the necessity of the sacrificial offerings. His gift expressed no penitence for sin. He felt, as many now feel, that it would be an acknowledgement of weakness to follow the exact plan marked out by God of trusting his salvation wholly to the atonement of the promised Saviour. He chose the course of self-dependence. He would come in his own merits. He would not bring the lamb and mingle its blood with his offering, but would present *his* fruits, the products of *his* labor. Cain obeyed in building an altar, obeyed in bringing a sacrifice; but he rendered only a partial

obedience. The essential part, the recognition of the need of a Redeemer, was left out.

Abel, however, grasped the great principles of redemption. He saw himself a sinner, and he saw sin and its penalty, death, standing between his soul and communion with God. He brought the slain victim, the sacrificed life, thus acknowledging the claims of the law that had been transgressed. Through the shed blood he looked to the future sacrifice, Christ, dying on the Cross of Calvary; and trusting in the atonement that was there to be made, he had the witness that he was righteous and his offering accepted.

Cain and Abel represent two classes that will exist in the world till the close of time. One class avail themselves of the appointed sacrifice for sin; the other venture to depend upon their own merits; theirs is a sacrifice without the virtue of divine mediation, and thus it is not able to bring man into favor with God. It is only through the merits of Jesus that transgressions can be pardoned. Those who feel no need of the blood of Christ, who feel that without divine grace they can by their own works secure the approval of God, are making the same mistake as did Cain. If they do not accept the cleansing blood, they are under condemnation. There is no other provision made whereby they can be released from the thrall of sin.

When God's people celebrated the Passover, they knew the sacrificial lamb represented the Lamb of God. They knew that it was not enough that the paschal lamb be slain; its blood must be sprinkled upon the doorposts, signifying that Christ's blood must be applied to the soul. Men must ever believe that Jesus died not only for the world, but for them individually. The lamb was to be eaten with bitter herbs, thus pointing back to the bitterness of the bondage in Egypt. So when men today feed upon Christ, it should be with contrition of heart because of sins. The use of unleavened bread also was significant. It was expressly enjoined in the law of the Passover and strictly observed by the Jews in their practice, for no leaven was to be found in their houses during the feast. In like manner the leaven of sin must be put away from all who would receive life and nourishment from Christ.

Christ declares, "Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life." It is by receiving the life poured out on Calvary's Cross that man can live the life of holiness. And this life men receive by receiving His Word, by doing those things which He has commanded. Thus the obedient ones become one with Him. "He that eateth My flesh," He says, "and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me." John 6:54, 56, 57.

The inquiry of many a proud heart is, "Why need I go in penitence and humiliation before I can have the assurance of my acceptance with God?" The Bible

points to Jesus. He was sinless, and, more than this, He was the Prince of heaven; but in man's behalf He became sin for the race. "He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Isaiah 53:12.

But what does a man give up when he gives all?—a sin-polluted heart for Jesus to purify, to cleanse by His own blood, and to save by His matchless love. And yet men think it hard to give up all! God does not require a man to give up anything that is for his best interest to retain. In all that God does, He has the well-being of His children in view. Would that all who have not chosen Christ might realize that He has something vastly better to offer them than they are seeking for themselves. Man is doing the greatest injury and injustice to his own soul when he thinks and acts contrary to the will of God.

Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock." Revelation 3:20. Every warning, reproof, and entreaty in the word of God or through His messengers is a knock at the door of the heart. It is the voice of Jesus asking for entrance. Impressions of the Holy Spirit, if disregarded today, will not be so strong tomorrow. The heart becomes less impressible and lapses into a perilous unconsciousness of the shortness of life and of the great eternity beyond. Men's condemnation in the judgment will not result from the fact that they have been in error, but from the fact that they have neglected heaven-sent opportunities for learning what is truth.

The search for the atoning blood ends in Christ. It is He who caused you to read this article; and it is He who, through His atoning blood, will make an atonement for your soul.

### *The Faith of the Reformers*

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jaws of this behemoth, and break his teeth, confessing the Lord Jesus Christ."—*Id.*, p. 153.

No wonder that in Luther's famous hymn "A Mighty Fortress," composed in a great crisis of the Reformation, the last words stress the fact that salvation will be forever:

"God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever."

There are many today, in this atomic age, who realize that eternity is near at hand. The possibility of the development of the hydrogen bomb is a further evidence that the end of this world is drawing near. Yet many know not what to do to prepare for eternity.

When Luther first turned toward God with all his heart, it was the facing of death and eternity that stirred his soul. At the University of Erfurt he was a worldly-minded scholar. But the assassination of an intimate friend awakened him with the thought, "What would become of me if I were thus suddenly called away?" Some months later, when returning

from a visit to his childhood home, a violent storm overtook him. The thunder roared, and a bolt of lightning struck the ground at his side. With sudden death and eternity staring him in the face, he fell upon his knees and promised God that if he were spared, he would devote his life to His service. His whole soul went out toward God in the resolution that he would rise up out of his worldly life into a holy one as he said, "I will *arise!*" And arising, he entered a monastery and made a beginning.

As all Luther's penances failed to bring him the peace he so needed, the pious Staupitz admonished him, "Instead of torturing yourself on account of your sins, throw yourself into the Redeemer's arms. Trust in Him, in the righteousness of His life, in the atonement of His death. . . . Listen to the Son of God. He became man to give you the assurance of divine favor. . . . Love Him who first loved you." Luther listened, and yielding his heart to Jesus, he loved Him truly, trusted in His salvation, and found peace!

Many another, today, is brought to the verge of despair and asks the same question that Luther asked, "What would become of *me* if I were suddenly called away?" And some of them follow the counsel earnestly given to Luther: "Throw yourself into the Redeemer's arms. Trust in Him, in the righteousness of His life, in the atonement of His death. . . . Listen to the Son of God. . . . Love Him who first loved you!" As they catch a glimpse of His atoning sacrifice for them on Calvary's cross, the Saviour draws near to deliver them, and they realize the warmth of His compassionate presence and saving love. This unspeakable love is felt to be melting the cords that bind them to their sins, and they see that their golden opportunity has come to go free if they will but give themselves to Him and love Him freely. Some of them do love Him, and do trust in Him, and do give themselves to Him, and do choose Him as their own blessed Saviour from all their sins.



**RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE CONQUERED?**—The hormone chemical ACTH, which is famous for its good effects in arthritis and rheumatic fever, is likely to conquer rheumatic heart disease, the greatest disease killer of children and young people. The chemical stopped the symptoms and signs of progressive acute rheumatic heart disease in every one of eleven consecutive patients, according to a report in the January 20 *American Medical Association Journal*.

**PLANE PILOT MAY BE OUT OF A JOB.**—Air-  
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craft engineers are working on planes that will all but run themselves. The pilot won't do much more than push buttons, according to Dr. N. E. Edlefsen, research official at North American Aviation. Today's airplanes are so fast, engineers explain, that the pilot's reaction time is a "stumbling block in the path of progress." The distance between two planes flying toward each other at 600 miles an hour diminishes at the rate of a mile in three seconds. Before a pilot can positively identify an enemy plane, it's too late to fire the guns—unless he has automatic equipment.

**WORRY-FREE PRESSURE COOKER.**—Housewives may now do their pressure cooking without watching and worrying by using a device that includes three appliances in one. These are a heat-controlled electric stove, a full 60-minute electric timer and a four-quart pressure sauce pan. The assembly is completely automatic and cooks at either 10 or 15 pounds pressure.

**PHONE DICTATION.**—A system of remote-control dictation, which can tie in as many as twenty "phones" into a single central recording instrument, has been perfected by the Thomas A. Edison Company of West Orange, New Jersey. When ready to send a letter, the dictator speaks into his transmitter (a modified telephone), and his voice is picked up on plastic disks at a central station, installed at a secretary's desk. When in operation, warning lights on other transmitters keep the line clear until each letter is finished.

**SCHOOL DESKS.**—Desks are now being made that cannot be chipped, worn, or initialed, and have an upper face of tough durable material surfaced with melamine resin. Marks from ink, pencils, modeling clay, and other classroom supplies can be wiped off with a damp cloth.

**BABY-TENDING BY TELEVISION.**—Parents will soon be able to watch baby by turning on the TV set in the living room. A camera standing guard in the nursery will report baby's sleeping progress through a closed-circuit channel.

**ELECTRONIC SCARECROWS.**—This device for use on farm lands and other private property has been perfected by French radio engineers. Knowing that field mice, dogs, and a great variety of birds are susceptible to ultrasonic vibrations normally out of range of the human ear, the technicians have succeeded in devising a high-frequency oscillator that will produce vibrations unbearable to animal ears.

**WALKIE-TALKIE SETS FOR DOCTORS.**—These new gadgets should cut down on the use of bells and loudspeakers in hospital corridors. Calls from nurses will come via small receiving sets carried in doctors' pockets and be audible only to them.

## What We Promised Each Other

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This gift of God, this righteousness by faith, is the very character of Christ. "Both our title to heaven and our fitness for it are found in the righteousness of Christ."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 300.

Another promise that He made was that I would share His tribulation. "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

In the eighth place, I am to share His glory. "And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them." John 17:22.

Next, He promised me His passion for saving men. "I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19. "And hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:18.

Last of all, God promised me a place on His throne. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne." Revelation 3:21.

With such "exceeding great and precious promises" (2 Peter 1:4), why should I be worried?

Now let me mention some of the promises that God requires of me and which I made to Him when I accepted Him.

First, I promised to love Him supremely. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart." Mark 12:30.

My second promise was to relinquish everything to Him. "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:33. That is something to think about, isn't it?

Next, I promised to renounce the love of the world. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." 1 John 2:15. See also James 4:4.

Fourthly, I promised to trust Him implicitly in both temporal and spiritual things. "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on." Luke 12:22. Another version puts it, "Take no anxious thought"—don't worry about these things and carry the great burden of them in your heart all the time. Along with this promise of mine to Him goes the word of God found in Romans 8:32: "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

My fifth promise to God was not to worry or be discouraged. "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Philipians 4:6.

Sixth, I promised to confess my sins and determine to stop sinning. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. "Neither do

I condemn thee: go, and sin no more." John 8:11.

My seventh promise was to yield my will and life absolutely to His Spirit. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? . . . Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.

Again, I promised to love His children. "This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." John 15:12.

The greatest thing a man can do for his heavenly Father is to be kind to some of His other children. Two brothers, one five and the other seven years of age, were saying their prayers. The younger one used the word "trespasses" in the Lord's Prayer, which, of course, is perfectly correct according to one translation. The seven-year-old in the upper bunk interrupted him. "That's wrong," he said, "you're sayin' it the old-fashioned way."

"What do you mean?" asked the five-year-old.

"Why, you should pray it the new way. It's supposed to be 'forgive us our debts as we forgive those who are dead against us.'"

Well, there is something to that. Just try to forgive someone who is dead against you. God will help you do it.

When the early Christians were dying for their faith in the Roman arena, one of the spectators turned to another and said, "See how these Christians love one another." "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35.

John Fawcett was a pastor of a small church in England for seven years. In 1772 he accepted a call to become pastor of a famous Baptist church in London. He preached his farewell sermon, loaded his goods into a wagon, and was about to depart when the villagers surrounded him, shedding tears and expressing grief at his departure. He was so moved by this expression of their love that he unpacked his goods and sent word to the city church that he could not come to be their pastor. And he remained at that country church all the rest of his life. Within a week after making that decision, he wrote the famous hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love."

Another promise that God requires of me as a Christian is to seek and save the lost. "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled." Luke 14:23.

Every believer is to be a worker, a missionary. God has given to every man his work.

When the great scientist Lord Rayleigh discovered a new element, he called it *argon*, a Greek word meaning "doing nothing" or "useless," because, in spite of all his experiments, he could not find that it served any useful purpose. Of course, since that day argon has been put to work. But are there not many



argon folks among us—useless as far as the work of God is concerned?

When God wants work done, He always calls someone who is busy. He goes to those who are already at work. Scripture and history prove this. Moses was busy with his flocks on Mount Horeb when God called him. Gideon was busy threshing wheat by a wine press when he was called. Saul was busy searching for his father's lost beasts. Elisha was busy plowing with twelve yoke of oxen—and that would keep any man busy. David was busy caring for his father's sheep. Nehemiah was busy bearing the king's wine cup. Amos was busy following the flock. Peter and Andrew were busy casting a net into the sea. James and John were busy mending their nets. Matthew was busy collecting customs. William Carey was busy making and mending shoes. Yes, God calls busy people to work for Him.

Samuel Johnson once paid a high compliment, though unintended, to John Wesley. He said: "His conversation is good, but he is never at leisure. He always has to go at a certain hour. This is very disagreeable to a man who loves to fold his legs and have his talk out, as I do." Well, John Wesley's legs were unfolded most of his ninety years. He had felt his Saviour's great passion for souls, and he sought to save the lost.

Last of all, God asks me to promise that I will prepare for His return. "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God?" 2 Peter 3:11, 12.

Of all God's good promises to me, only the last remains unfulfilled. But how often I have failed in keeping my promises to Him! Well, we have this blessed provision against discouragement: "He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." Psalm 103:14, 13.

Let us stand on God's promises which never fail, but which bring us peace and happiness every day.

## ***How to Find a Comfortable Home***

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sunny and pleasant. Variations of temperature of ten or more degrees are not uncommon on different sides of a city. Houses with no protection from the wind are sometimes drafty and uncomfortable to live in. So select your home with some regard for the weather man.

In some professions and businesses it is important to have the right address. Living in one of the better sections of a city and having your telephone on the right exchange gives clients faith in your business ability. Too, this may make it possible for you to meet the people whom you hope to have as your clients.

A location that requires miles of driving through heavy traffic to work is not the best choice. Nerve strain, loss of leisure time, and driving expense may make your choice far too expensive even though the rent may seem reasonable. It may be cheaper to pay higher rent and be nearer your work. Other factors worth considering are distance from good schools, shopping centers, and parks.

In looking at apartments it is a good idea to have a list along. Does the apartment have a private entrance? How about insulation against noise and temperature extremes? Are the utilities, gas, lights, and heat furnished? Is the area free from noise irritations? Is there a garage? Will your friends be welcome to visit you at reasonable hours? Will the landlord be responsible for redecorating when it is necessary? Can you do laundry in your apartment, or are laundry rooms available?

A private entrance is important. The less you disturb others living in the same building the happier all are likely to be. If you choose an upstairs apartment, an unsheltered outside stairway can be a real nuisance. If it is on the north side of the building, and you live in an area where it snows, you can earn your rent just keeping your stairway usable.

Good insulation will have a lot to do with the enjoyment you get from your apartment. Walls should be insulated to keep out neighbors' noises, such as radio, piano, and children. Insulated ceilings are a must in upstairs apartments in hot summer weather. Carpeted floors will help to keep noise from annoying those living below.

Ventilation is extra important in hot climates. Make sure there is cross ventilation, particularly in sleeping rooms. The bathroom should have an outside window. Windows sheltered by adjoining buildings or porches cannot be counted on for maximum ventilation. If you rent during the winter and enjoy the wonderful sunshine from your south and east windows, make sure that there is some way in which those windows can be shaded during the summer. A big tree or vines can help to keep you cool in this way.

Apartments can be rented furnished or unfurnished. Having your own meters for electricity and gas, and a heating plant that you can regulate yourself is convenient. It makes for better tenant-landlord relations, too. In many apartments the temperature may be set at seventy in the fall, and the heat is shut off the first of May, regardless of the weather. There may be times when this will be most inconvenient, for instance, when there is sickness in the home, or when aged people may make up part of the family.

Several years ago when we were being transferred to a city on the west coast, we had to stay at a hotel. We were quite pleased with our selection until about two in the morning when we were suddenly awakened by unearthly wails in the street below. Looking out of

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By Mary Hunter Moore

## Sand

My early childhood was spent by the shore of Lake Michigan. The sound of the waves was in my ear all my waking hours and often in my dreams. Or more exactly, that sound filled wakeful times at night, for I loved to lie awake, especially on moonlight nights, and see and hear the mysterious affairs of wild life in the woods about our little house.

But I did not enjoy the lake; it was too awesome. At night the waves talked too loud, and they did not sound loving and happy. They told one another that they wanted to come up on the land and eat up the people. I trembled at the great voices that spoke through the night silences and wondered when the waves would come.

One day I told my mother what the waves said at night and asked her when they would come. With a light on her face that I remember yet, though I was only six, she told me the waves were never, never coming up on the land to devour people. They could not, she said, for they were our heavenly Father's servants, and He had told them to stay in their place. And He had set a wall between us and the waves. I asked what that wall was. She said, "The sand."

Then she took her Bible and read to me how God gathered the waters together and called them seas (or lakes) and commanded them to remain where He put them. Even though the waves were proud of their strength and tossed themselves against the sand, they always rolled back into the lake and came no farther.

Afterward I listened to the waves with altered ears. They still talked at night, but their tones were different. They told one another that they were not going up on the land. "Here is the sand," they said. "This is the wall of our home. We obey our Father, and we are happy. We are not lonesome, for there are many of us. We clap our hands, because our Father is good."

Our heavenly Father "shut up the sea with doors, . . . and set bars and doors, and said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed." Job 38:8-11. He has "compassed the waters with bounds." Job 26:10. He has "placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it." Jeremiah 5:22.

In the various nights of life since then I have often heard the waves talking, and what they said would

have crushed me had not my Father set His wall between my soul and them. In the world's night now, "there is sorrow on the sea, it cannot rest," for "the waters thereof roar and be troubled." Yet I am not afraid, for "God is a very present help in trouble." He is a shield (a wall) to them who trust in Him.

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the window, we discovered that our room was directly across the street from the district firehouse; and we later learned, to our sorrow, that several calls a night could be expected. On every occasion of the sort, at least the acting chief's car and one truck would come roaring out of the firehouse with sirens going full blast. So check the location you are thinking of making your home in. Ambulance stations, recreation parks, railroad yards, and arterial highways may be real drawbacks to consider when it comes to noise.

You may not think it worth while to take all these things into consideration. One family of our acquaintance signed a lease of six months before they discovered that there was no garage available. They were forced to rent a garage, at extra cost, and several doors down the street. They might have overlooked any other important item as easily.

Plenty of landlords never consider redecorating an apartment until a tenant moves out. Some are quite willing to furnish material if you furnish labor, or hire it—and the labor may run to much more expense than the material. A careful understanding should be arrived at before you rent.

Don't pay extra for laundry privileges unless they are usable. Some equipment is so poor that it discourages the tenant from using it. Drying yards may be so poorly located that soot will ruin your washing long before it dries. Find out when you can have access to the facilities provided.

These are some of the rules for successful home-hunting. Good hunting to you! Next month, let's find out how to furnish that dream home you've located.

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*Why do you make the fallacious assumption that you are saved by keeping the law?—K.H.*

The idea that we so teach is a "fallacious assumption"; for we teach that we are saved only and entirely by the blood of Jesus Christ. We absolutely disagree with any such basis of salvation as was set forth by a famous radio minister on a recent broadcast when he said, "There is no grace that comes to us except by our sacrifice." We deny that grace comes to us in any way but by the sacrifice of Christ. To show the one and absolute means of salvation I will endeavor to set forth what we believe is the teaching of the Holy Bible in regard to Jesus Christ.

*First we note the significance of the name "Jesus" given by the angel to Joseph before Mary's Son was born.*

"She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21.

*The reason this is His chief name is the nature of His relation to the human race.*

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

*A good man is not saved by his goodness.*

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And there is none that calleth upon Thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of Thee." Isaiah 64:6, 7.

"There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." Ecclesiastes 7:20.

*There is no such thing in the sight of God as a "good man"—in his own righteousness. Since the first disobedience no one can be saved by his obedience.*

"By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh [man] be justified in His sight." Romans 3:20.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: . . . for as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One [Jesus] shall many be made righteous." Romans 5:12, 19.

*We cannot make ourselves clean by our own efforts.*

"Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one." Job 14:4.

"If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean; yet shalt Thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me [margin, make me to be abhorred]." Job 9:30, 31.

"For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before Me, saith the Lord God." Jeremiah 2:22.

*We cannot win God's favor by offerings.*

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with 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 1:18-20.

*Neither can rank, position, noble birth, education, or culture win favor with God.*

"And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. Ye fools, did not He that made that which is without make that which is within also?" Luke 11:39, 40.

"God is no respecter of persons." Acts 10:34. "He respecteth not any that are wise of heart." Job 37:24.

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness." Matthew 23:27.

*Jesus Himself said with all possible distinctness that no way of salvation exists but through Himself.*

"I am the door." John 10:9. "He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." Verse 1.

*God did not have one method of salvation in the old dispensation and another in the Christian dispensation.*

Jesus is "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Revelation 13:8.

"In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." Zechariah 13:1.

Jesus Himself said through Isaiah: "I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." Isaiah 43:25.

*Thus there is only one way to be saved.*

"No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." John 14:6.



BLACK STAR

# GOD'S University

By Alfreda Costerisan

**M**ANY people when speaking of heaven talk of the streets of gold, the pearly gates, the stars in their crowns, and the melodious harps; but heaven means more to me than these.

To me, heaven represents a great school, a university where there will be no end of learning. There are many, many things I wish to ask the Master Teacher or His fellow instructors.

The seed embryo consists of two tiny parts. The plumule grows upward to form the shoot system, and the hypocotyl grows downward to form the root system. Who determines what grows where? Why does not the hypocotyl grow upward and the plumule downward?

Willow trees that grow near rivers and streams have a low osmotic pressure. This is to keep them from absorbing water too rapidly and damaging their cells. Cottonwood trees that grow on the hilltops and in dry sections have a high osmotic pressure, which enables them to take in much moisture quickly when it rains. I wonder whether God measured the osmotic pressures of trees when He made them, or whether they evolved as the result of climatic conditions. Some day I shall find out.

Daniel prayed and while he was yet speaking, Gabriel came from the throne of God with the answer to his prayer. I want to know how Gabriel came so far in such a short time. Riding on a sunbeam or radio wave 186,000 miles a second, he would not be here yet. How was he able to defy time and space and cover a distance of millions of light-years instantaneously?

I am curious to know how Jesus and Enoch ascended into heaven. The forces of gravity were not released, or everything on earth would have been thrown into infinity by the centrifugal force caused by the revolution of the earth. Was a force greater than gravity created to take them gently beyond the stratospheres, atmospheres, and ether waves into Paradise? What kept them warm as they traveled through the ice-cold vacant spaces beyond the atmospheres of all the heavenly bodies? The Lord sent a chariot of fire after Elijah, which may have kept him warm, but we have no record of a chariot of fire coming for Enoch or Jesus.

These things may seem of little consequence, but they represent underlying principles which are indicative of God's infinite power and care over the things of the earth. They are indicative of the methodical organization of the universe.

I am eager for heaven because I am eager to learn. I am looking forward to attending God's university and to sitting at the feet of the Creator as He unfolds the mighty secrets of His creations.