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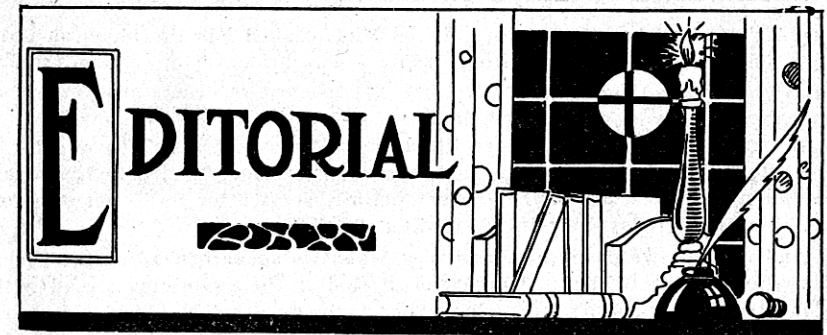


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We herewith publish our first issue of the "PROPHETIC VOICE" for this season. It is our hope and intention to produce one of these every other month if we are able to finance it. We shall send a copy of this, freely, to every member of our Radio Club, whether in Calgary or in other places. We want to keep in close touch with all those interested in the prophetic news of the day, in order that, through our joint co-operation, we may keep posted on the striking features of current events. We believe that every earnest person will be interested in this sphere of Bible study.

The Radio Club Membership, from September, 1926, to January 31, 1927, is two dollars, or about 10c. a broadcast. Some generously contribute more. In order that the very best service can be rendered.

In each issue of this magazine we want to publish one of the lectures given during the season, or one for which there has been a special request. Our readers will do well to read carefully the section on "Our Work." You may wish to avail yourself of the use of our Library Books. You may want a certain kind of tract to send to some one. Perplexing questions will be answered. What a splendid opportunity to improve yourself will be given in our magazine!

Why not join the Radio Club and support our work? You will, at the same time, have a share in all this.

YOUR PRIVILEGE AND MINE

"Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?" was the direct and simple question addressed to Simon Peter by Jesus of Nazareth, the Saviour of men, before He ascended up to heaven. Peter's reply was straightforward, "Lord, Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love Thee." Thrice had Jesus asked this question. Thrice had Peter assured Him of his love. Again came the injunction, "Feed my sheep." No greater honor could Jesus have conferred upon this humble apostle, who had given up all to follow Him, than to assign to him such a task to perform for his Lord. Simon Peter's heart was overflowing with love for Jesus. The Saviour sensed that depth of love, and in His infinite mercy, forgiving the one who had thrice denied Him, He bestowed on Peter that great privilege and duty, "Feed my sheep."

The Lord Jesus is asking that selfsame question today, "Christian, lovest

thou Me?" Jesus' heart of love prompted Him to shed His life blood on Calvary's cross to save you from your sins, to save me from mine. The Cross of Calvary, and all that it means, is the most supreme illustration of love that this world has ever witnessed. From the depths of our hearts, many of us can say, "Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me." Do we, in turn, love Jesus? If we love Him with that deep and abiding love, He has always a very definite service for us to perform for Him. He needs, today, help in the feeding of His sheep.

And what do we mean, here and now, when we speak of feeding the sheep of the Lord Jesus Christ? The Word of God is the sustaining Bread with which His flock must be fed. That Word is being assailed today. Men are denying the Virgin Birth, the Vicarious Suffering of Jesus, the Bodily Resurrection, the Second Coming of Our Lord, and all the great truths which have stood through the ages. False teaching, contrary to the Inspired Word of God, is being widely disseminated throughout the world. With what result? There is a rapidly increasing need for bold proclamation of the fundamental truths of doctrine.

How is that need to be met? The means is evident. The Word of God must be taught with increased zeal. Babes in Christ must be nourished with "the sincere milk of the Word." There is a need which the pulpit alone cannot meet. What we lack, in this Western Canada of ours, is an institution for the training of Christian young people. The leaders of tomorrow must be trained today, trained in an institution true to the fundamental teachings of the Word of God—where Christian parents of every denomination may send their young people, without fear that they will return with faith undermined and vision dimmed. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

The Calgary Prophetic Conference has been led by the Holy Spirit to formulate plans concerning the establishment of a Bible Institute in Calgary, a Fundamentalist Institution, directly associated with no denomination, but true to the plain teachings of the Word of God. The people throughout the Western provinces have generously supported the work, but it is evident that the initial outlay for such an enterprise is large. This work of the Lord can only proceed as Christian men and women are prompted by their love of Jesus Christ, to support an undertaking in defence of the evangelical faith once for all delivered to the saints; to maintain a school where boys and girls, men and women, may be fed the Word of God. To help the Conference establish such a work, seems to me to be a privilege in which every Christian should desire to share. We sing sometimes, "I count it a privilege here His Cross to bear." Christian friend, will it mean the bearing of an extra cross for you to give still more to this work of the Lord? Remember, it is a privilege to be permitted to make sacrifice for the work of the Lord Jesus. Do we love the Saviour who suffered the agony of the cross for us? Does He ask you and me that question now, as clearly as He once asked Simon Peter, "Lovest thou Me?" and can each of us answer, "Thou knowest that I love Thee"? Then listen to the pleading of the Spirit, if He whispers to you that yours may be the privilege of assisting in the founding of this Institution, dedicated to the faithful teaching of the Word of God. May we give of our substance as the Lord has prospered us, in order that we may have a share in the establishment of this Bible Institute to meet the need of the West.



MIAMI

A devastating hurricane has struck the one spot on earth where, of recent years probably most wealth and brain have been spent for the creation of pleasure. Miami, says the Washington Correspondent of the Morning Post (Sept. 21st, 1926), "was a feverish round of amusement lasting 24 hours a day. A hurricane with a velocity of 100 miles an hour struck the freest and gayest of American cities as if a gigantic battering ram had been driven against the doomed city. The heaviest bombardment could not have done a fragment of the damage." The Times (Sept. 21st, 1926) says: "The contrast between the life of Palm Beach and of Miami in the months when all that is wealthiest in America makes them the scene of its ostentatious pleasures and the flooded ruins and uprooted trees, among which dead bodies lay in hundreds, and the miserable survivors were seeking shelter and food, is hardly less awful than that between Pompeii before and after the eruption that buried it. An eye-witness says:—There was no warning and people had no chance to escape."

EVOLUTION

Gigantic accumulations of years are the essential bases of evolutionary thought, in the absence of which (the Evolutionist is the first to assert) Evolution is non-existent. Professor H. F. Osborn, the leading living Palaeontologist, assures the British Association (Times, August 6th, 1926) that 40,000 years is a moderate estimate of the time that has been required to produce the new species and subspecies of whose origin we have evidence; and 1,000,000,000 years are

required for Evolution in general. That is, if earth is six millenniums old, Evolution is not even a discussable problem.

TERRORISM

No symptom of lawlessness is so sinister as the growth—and not alone in Moscow and Rome—of terrorism. In a recent trial of bootleggers and criminals in Chicago, 787 men were examined for service on the jury before 12 men could be got to serve, most of whom openly refused for fear of the vengeance of the gang; and ultimately the jury endorsed the plea of counsel for the defence that "if a police officer uses force of arms in arresting a man, the prisoner may murder the policeman and emerge from the law unscathed." Eight Chicago policemen are killed to one man convicted of murder.

STATE-RECOGNIZED ATHEISM

The American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, which has been granted a certificate of incorporation by the State of New York, is a prelude to the organized extermination of religion. "This is probably the first time in history," says Mr. Oswald Smith, "that an atheistic organization looking forward to the destruction of religion has been recognized by the authorities." The president of the Association says: "There are in this country millions of Atheists. Our association will endeavor to stop religion in public schools, prevent the issuance of religious proclamations by government officials, and to erase the inscriptions on coins. Our main purpose will be to wage war on religion. Christianity must give way to humanism which will exalt above all things the beauty and power of man. Local branches are being formed in practically every state. National lecturers

will be placed in the field. Representatives will be sent abroad. One such representative can undo the work of scores of missionaries and a few thousand dollars will more than offset as many millions spent by the churches. Cheap editions of the works of the great Free Thinkers will be published and placed within the reach of everybody."

TODAY? — PERHAPS!

He had taken an odd piece of card from the man's scrap heap, and with his pencil he drew out his idea thus:

**TO-DAY?
PERHAPS!**

"How soon can I have it?" he asked.
"In a couple of hours, sir."

Hammond was turning from the counter, when the man said:

"I beg your pardon, sir, but if it is not too bold a question, may I ask what the two words mean?"

"They mean," smiled Tom Hammond, "that Jesus Christ, God's Son, may come suddenly today, before even you have time to finish the work upon my order!"

"Ah! I see, it's something religious."

You should read about this in "The Twinkling of an Eye." Our Library Department is ready at all times to give you the book you want. We have over one hundred books of the best Christian literature in our Library. These cover a range of subjects. Two books which you should read first are, "In the Twinkling of an Eye," and "The Mark of the Beast." We are pleased to mail these to our radio friends in the country and they can be held for two weeks. All that we ask is sufficient to cover postage.

Within this awful volume lies
The mystery of mysteries;
Happy they of the human race
To whom God has given grace
To read, to fear, to hope, to pray,
To lift the latch, and force the way:
But better had he ne'er been born
Who reads to doubt, or reads to scorn.
—Sir Walter Scott.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Father, we thank Thee for all Thy good gifts unto us, but especially do we praise Thy Name that Thou didst give Thine Own Son Jesus Christ, to shed His blood on Calvary's Cross that He might blot out our transgressions and save us from our sins. We thank Thee that Thou didst send into the world the Holy Spirit, and we do earnestly beseech of Thee that we may humbly and faithfully submit to His guidance and teaching. Lord, grant that He may so illumine Thy Word that we shall daily see in it new messages of Truth. Grant, too, that we may have the boldness to proclaim Thy Holy Word as faithful servants of Jesus Christ. May we be true to the doctrines inspired of Thee. Lord, our hearts are longing to see souls saved for Thy Kingdom. We thank Thee for the prayers which Thou hast already answered, for the multitudinous mercies which we have received at Thy hand. Increase our faith, Lord. Give us courage to go forward in the performance of Thy work. At this thanksgiving season of the year we would just render unto Thee our thanks for every blessing, great and small, for the daily sustenance which Thou hast provided, for the love with which Thou hast surrounded us, for the Christian fellowship, which is so precious in the time of exultation or of sorrow, for the opportunity which Thou dost afford to serve Thee in our small and humble way. We pray especially at this time, for the youth of the land. May little children recognize the saving power of Jesus' blood, even as they learn of Him in their Sunday School lessons. Many young men and young women, looking ahead on the bright highway of life before them, place everything securely in the keeping of the Saviour of this world. Lord, keep us true to Thy Word, and as we send up now a prayer of Thanksgiving unto Thee, wilt Thou just pour out a fresh infilling of Thy Spirit, that we may be empowered to serve Thee better than we have ever served Thee in the past. And all our petitions we present in the name of Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer.



THE OLD AND THE NEW THEOLOGY

In this day, when we are hearing on every side discussions concerning modernism and Fundamentalism, the question is often addressed to the christian, "Just what is the difference between this modern religion and the old-fashioned faith of our fathers?" "why is there such a gulf between these two factions?" "Why cannot they bury their differences of opinion and unite in the saving of souls for the kingdom of Christ?" We admit that it is deplorable that the churches should be thus divided. The only thing which could be more tragic would be a situation of affairs which could tolerate the Modernists' conception of Christianity, without raising its voice in protest. The student of prophecy knows well that Christ Himself foresaw the decline of faith in these latter days. (He said, "When the Son of man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?"—Luke xviii:8.) We praise God that there is today an earnest contention for the faith once delivered to the saints. The following is an interesting comparison between the Old and the New Theology. The main basis of comparison has been taken from "China's Millions." A careful perusal of these items will surely convince those who love the word of the Lord that there is a gulf as wide as the vast expanse of the sea between Modernism and Fundamentalism.

Twelve Points of Difference Between the Old and the New Theology

1. "The New Theology says that the Bible contains the word of God. The Old Theology says the Bible IS the word of God—the word judging man rather than man judging the Word."

That is, the New Theology affirms that some parts of the word are not inspired. There are mistakes in the Bible. The Old Theology declares that every word is inspired. The Bible is inerrant and infallible. What a difference of attitude!

2. "The New Theology says that Jesus Christ is a Son of God. The Old Theology says that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

The New Theology considers all men as sons of God; Jesus was one of many. The Old Theology places Him supremely above all men, the only begotten Son of God.

3. "The New Theology says that the birth of Jesus was natural. The Old Theology says that the birth of Jesus was supernatural."

The New Theology does not believe that Jesus had a miraculous Virgin Birth. The Old Theology emphasizes the supernatural conception of Christ by the Holy Ghost.

4. "The New Theology says that the death of Jesus Christ was exemplary. The Old Theology says that the death of Jesus Christ was expiatory."

In other words, the New Theology

dwells on the example of Jesus. The Old Theology declares that Christ died to atone for the sins of the world. He was wounded for our transgressions.

5. The New Theology says that the life of Christ is the life He lived here on earth. The Old Theology says that the true life of Christ is also the life He is living for us at the Throne."

Thus the New Theology ignores the fact that Christ ever liveth to make intercession for us.

6. "The New Theology says that character is built up, like Babel, from beneath. The Old Theology says that real and lasting character is something that comes down, like the New Jerusalem, from above."

Thus the New Theology denies the need of a new birth, a birth from above. The Old Theology insists that "Ye must be born again" is at the basis of all genuine change in character.

7. "The New Theology says that man is the product of evolution. The Old Theology says that man is God's special creation."

The New Theology denies the accuracy of Genesis and looks upon man as a product of forces within. The Old Theology believes Genesis, and regards its rejection as an evidence of disbelief in the veracity of Jesus, who plainly sets His seal on the Creation Story, (Matt. xix 4)

8. "The New Theology says that man is the unfortunate victim of environment. The Old Theology says that man is an actual sinner, fallen and utterly lost."

The New Theology does not recognize in all men, however moral, unsaved sinners doomed to perish unless they accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. The Old Theology declares that there is no hope for man apart from Christ.

9. "The New Theology says that man is justified by works of his own. The

Old Theology says that man is justified by faith in the atoning blood of Christ."

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost.—Titus iii:5

10. "The New Theology says that the new life and nature of Christianity comes by natural development of the best that is in us. The Old Theology says that it comes by miraculous regeneration and sanctification through the Holy Spirit."

Christ's answer to Nicodemus is a direct contradiction of the New Theology. "Ye must be born again." Just as the birth of Christ was miraculous, so the new life in the Christian is miraculous. The New Theology has no place for the Holy Spirit of God, and scoffs at the doctrine of the Spirit.

11. "The New Theology says that the Gospel was sent to save the world. The Old Theology says that the Gospel was sent to save men out of the world."

The New Theology does not recognize that the world, apart from Christ, will perish. The Old Theology does recognize this fact and points assuredly to the collapse of the world system.

12. "The New Theology sets its hope of the future on man's civilization. The Old Theology sets its hope on Christ's coming and kingdom, actually and gloriously to be existent in a future day in all the earth."

The New Theology believes that the world is gradually getting better and better. The Old Theology believes that the Lord Himself will appear in the heavens for His Church, which He will take unto Himself, that He will later return to this earth to reign for a thousand years.

May our readers join with us in standing true to the Old Gospel and in distinguishing the True from the False.

IS THEOSOPHY GAINING A FOOT-HOLD?

It has been observed, with no small degree of concern, that the people of America have been very demonstrative recently in their reception of Krishnamurti, the man whom the theosophists have greeted as the physical embodiment of the Christ. When he made his entrance into Chicago, on August 28th, a multitude of people in that city spared no money in their endeavor to receive him royally. A reporter made the comment that he was "bombarded by a veritable blizzard of flowers, and as he made his way down the platform accompanied by Annie Besant, the leader of theosophy, a flower garden materialized as if conjured up by an Aladdin's jinn. Chicago has greeted miracle men and holy men before, but never in the memory of the present generation has such a picturesque reception been accorded a Chicago visitor."

When we consider that Annie Besant claims to have had a revelation from Christ concerning Krishnamurti, when we recall, too, that she denies a blood-bought redemption for mankind, we are forced to realize the gravity of the situation. The theosophists are fast propagating their pernicious doctrine among the youth of the land. Already the corner stone has been laid for a Theosophical temple at Wheaton, Ill. It is time for Christians to arouse themselves from their lethargic sleep of indifference and to awaken to the fact that Theosophy is a very real foe to the Church of Jesus Christ.

Theosophy appeals to inexperienced men and women because of its very mystery. It claims to be a revelation to "the spiritual elite." How great a contrast between that and the religion of Christ! "Whosoever will, may come."

Theosophy does not regard the Bible as authority; in the theosophist's mind man's learning and experience supersedes God's Word. How fickle a thing is man's wisdom!

How insignificant in comparison with the Word of the Lord, which endureth forever!

Theosophy teaches transmigration of souls. Christianity, the theosophists consider, is a sequel to Buddhism. They are striving for a union in one faith of Buddha and Christ.

We are reminded that our battle in these days is not against flesh and blood, but against "wickedness in high places." If we love the Lord Jesus, if His Word is our Guide and Authority, let us, as Christian people, raise to Almighty God a constant and fervent prayer that the powers of darkness may be held back, that men and women may see clearly the deadly poison in the teaching of Theosophy.

A NOBLE RESOLUTION

David Livingstone was a man mightily used of God. Early in life he had consecrated all to Christ. This is evident from the following resolution which characterized his life. "I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the Kingdom of Christ. If anything will advance the interests of that Kingdom, it shall be given away or kept only as by the giving or keeping of it I shall most promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes in time and eternity. May grace and strength sufficient to enable me to adhere faithfully to this resolution be imparted to me, so that, not in name only, all my interests may be identified with His cause."

What a difference it would make if every Christian made this the aim or ideal of life!

ARE YOU PRAYING FOR A JEWISH AWAKENING?

"Never have the indications for a turning of many Jews to the Lord been so remarkable or abundant as now. Jews on every hand are finding a new freedom to read about and to discuss Jesus since Dr. Klaumer wrote his remarkable book on Jesus, and since Dr. Stephen S. Wise spoke on it from his pulpit last December. Both these noted Jews distinctly recognize the existence of Jesus, declaring that He was no myth. This has stirred the Jews to a marked degree and, as a result, they are reading the New Testament with far greater freedom and in greater numbers. This is preparing the way for a turning of heart to the Lord. We may be sure that when the Holy Spirit opens the door for this wide reading of the Word, He intends to do a work that will result in the saving of many Jewish souls. Let much pleading be done at the Throne of God for this holy accomplishment, that Jews, all over the land, may be led to Christ by means of the Word. The promise still stands, "My Word shall not return unto me void." Pray for a great awakening among the Jews of America."—From the Jewish Missionary Magazine.

The Christians should be interested in the Jewish race. Our Saviour was a Jew. The Jews have been the chosen people. It is our purpose, later, to comment more fully on modern conditions among the Jews. Meanwhile, let us pray that the Word of God may bring conviction to many Jewish hearts.

INLAND SOUTH AMERICAN MISSION

The Inland South American Mission is performing a mighty work for the Lord Jesus Christ. The missionaries have a tremendous conflict with Catholicism, which holds under its spell great masses of the ignorant population. We quote below extracts from the letter of a native Christian, converted by that mission. The letter plainly indicates the terrible persecutions which Christ's followers there

must suffer. The poor woman is writing of her bitter experience, but we praise God that her faith is gloriously firm despite the afflictions which have beset her. Her testimony reminds us of the assurance given to that grand old Christian warrior, Paul. (II. Cor. xii:9 —"My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.")

Francissa de Rene's letter (translated): "My well-defined personal state and experience of what is contained in the Bible is, first: I was found a sinner. By means of the sacred book I learned that the wages of sin is death. Thanks to the Creator of all things, He has also made a way for the sinner to escape from the punishment, having sent Christ, who died for our sins. And this is my second experience: That God in His great love sent Jesus Christ to take my place on the Cross of Calvary, suffering for my sins, and thank God, I am saved by faith in Jesus Christ whom I have accepted as my personal Saviour.

"During my life as a Christian I have had some great trials of my faith, but the Lord and my Saviour Jesus Christ has been with me and has kept me in all."

This Christian woman then continued to tell how her faith was tested by severe illness which necessitated her going to the hospital. The priest came and insisted on having her confess to him. Instead of confessing to him, she exhorted him to acknowledge Christ as his Saviour. "At this," she says, "he made a grab for my Bible to take it from me, and tore out a lot of the leaves; very furiously, he gave me a look of repugnance, and four blows on my face, as if I had been a fierce enemy."

On another occasion, and in a different hospital, this woman again testified to the priest concerning the true God. "The priest got furious, struck me, scratched my face, and tore my hair."

These instances indicate all too plainly the attitude of the priests to the Christian religion. And still the work continues. Faithful souls gloriously witness for the Crucified and Risen Lord. Let us pray for this mission which is seeking to reclaim from the darkness of an ignorant Catholicism, Inland South America.

EARTH TREMORS

On February 28 an earthquake shook the skyscrapers of New York, and Montreal rocked for thirty minutes.

"An earthquake which shakes New York," says Prof. H. H. Turner, the Oxford authority on earth shock (Times, March 4, 1925), "perturbs the whole world, in other ways than through seismographs." For God is independent of earthquake-zones and geological "faults," and such tremors are faint palpitations from a heart-disease that will be fatal. "And there was a great earthquake, such as was not since there were men upon the earth, so great an earthquake, so mighty; AND THE CITIES OF THE NATIONS FELL." (Rev. xvi., 18.) How strange it is that Christians—pilgrims and strangers upon the earth, amid the spiritually starving masses of mankind—should be erecting, at the cost of millions sterling, such buildings as the cathedral of St. John in New York, which must crash at the first sharp shock.

THE SECRET OF GODLY GRIEF

"Ye have heard," says the Apostle James, "of the patience of Job" (Jas. v.; 11), which remains, therefore, for the New Testament as for the Old, our supreme model for this particular grace; and in this ideal of lovely endurance, the one thing we do not know in all our experience of suffering—its clue, its key—is given to us once and for ever. "The sons of God came to present themselves before God, and Satan came also among them." (Job. i., 6.) Earthly sorrow is a heavenly problem, and vastly more is at stake than our perfecting. It is not merely that Satan, in sheer maliciousness, springs as a lion or a

panther does on the noble stag of the forest, fastening on the loveliest reputations and dragging them down, wounded, into the dust; it is that, but much more. God's wisdom, God's grace, God's love, God's power in heaven itself—in all the wide universe—are being proved, or disproved, on earth; earth is the chemical laboratory in which the seething, hissing tests are proving, or disproving, God, and the grace of God, and the wisdom of God, and the goodness of God. The mystery of sorrow is unravelled here for the first time in the history of mankind; probably the oldest book in the Bible, possibly the oldest in the world, in it the Most High discloses, at once and for all ages, the secret of godly grief.

THE BREVITY OF OUR OPPORTUNITY

Helen Hunt Jackson wrote these lines on her sick bed—

Father, I scarcely dare to pray,
So clear I see, now it is done,
That I have wasted half my day,
And left my work but just begun.

So clear I see that things I thought
Were right or harmless were a sin;
So clear I see that I have sought,
Unconscious, selfish aims to win.

So clear I see that I have hurt
The souls I might have help'd to
save,

That I have slothful been, inert,
Deaf to the calls Thy leaders gave.

In outskirts of Thy Kingdom vast,
Father, the humblest spot give me;
Set me the lowliest task Thou hast,
Let me repentant, work for Thee.

But four days after she wrote these verses she was dead.

THE DEAD

The world is conscious of the curiously double significance of the Dead Sea. "Among all the developments of Palestine," says the "Nineteenth Century" (July, 1926), "the promise of wealth from the Dead Sea—for so many centuries the type of Divine wrath, of supreme human disaster, and of utmost physical desolation—is the most significant. Significant of what? Of a harvest of Dead Sea fruit, of baulked hopes and unsuccessful efforts? Or of a new economic era in which Palestine will play as great a part as, perhaps even greater than, the great part which once she played under the eagle of the Caesars?"

Israel's great prophet replies: "The MORNING cometh, and also the NIGHT."—(Is. xxi. 12.)

THE MONOMARK

The prophetic significance of the Monomark is profound. "What was wanted," says its inventor, Mr. William Morris, "was a mark unique in character, unique in possession, which at the same time was a complete identification; and I hit upon the expedient of giving a numerical value to the existing alphabetical letters." Thus what the Apocalypse assumes of Antichrist's epoch (Rev. xiii., 18) is being actually established. Dr. Edward Lytleton, formerly headmaster of Eton, advocates that every schoolboy should have his monomark. "A monomark," says the authoress, Mrs. Belloc Lowndes, "is vital to a woman and her home life. I cannot think how I lived without mine—it is the key to my very self. There is already a Monomark World, an ever-increasing secret—or shall I say select—society of women who hold the passport to a wider friendship."

PRAYER

O Jesus, gentle and humble of heart,
hear me!

From the desire of being esteemed
From the desire of being loved,
From the desire to be sought,
From the desire to be mourned
From the desire of praise
From the desire of preference
From the desire of influence
From the desire of approval
From the desire of authority
From the fear of humiliation,
From the fear of being despised
From the fear of repulse
From the fear of calumny
From the fear of oblivion
From the fear of ridicule
From the fear of injury
From the fear of suspicion—

Deliver me, Jesus.

A fresh rending of the heart? A disappointment? Shall I see myself misjudged, falsely suspected, despised? I accept beforehand, all that Thou sendest me, and if through weakness I weep, suffer it to be so—if I murmur, check me; if I am vexed, correct me; if hopeless, encourage me; Yes! yes! Let Thy sweet and holy Will be done!

FASCISMO

"The question," says Mr. Frank H. Simonds in the American "Review of Reviews," "which all Europe is asking with growing apprehension is, 'Whither, after all, is Mussolini going, now?' Mussolini has now the power of Napoleon, so far as his own country is concerned, and he has so far addressed his country and the world in the language of Napoleon. He can lead it whither he chooses, but can he now fail to lead it somewhere? All Europe asks this question. For Europe, Fascismo is the supreme and the single problem since Bolshevism collapsed inwardly; a potent the precise meaning of which no one can foresee, but the immense importance of which becomes daily and hourly more unmistakable."



THE SECRET OF THE PYRAMID, or IS GOD'S WORD RECORDED FOR US ALSO IN STONE?

The great question that is attracting the minds of men and women today is that of the reliability and inerrancy of God's Revelation to Mankind.

Any evidence, therefore, that will help us to an accurate decision on this matter should be most acceptable to all who desire to ascertain the truth.

Doubtless it is apparent to all that we are living in an age that reeks with skepticism and infidelity. Even in the pulpits and churches of our land is this to be found.

Notwithstanding, how many there are, who are beginning to believe more assuredly that the Lord Jesus Christ knew perfectly whereof He spoke, when He said:

Luke 18: 8—"Nevertheless when the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

It does seem true, that, as the days go by, men and women are becoming more unbelieving and skeptical. There is no doubt that the Spirit made no mistake when He declared—

1. Tim. 4: 1—"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that, in the latter times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils."

The World—A Hot-bed of Skepticism

I am becoming more and more convinced that the trouble with the human race is that they are deliberately shutting their eyes to the evidences all

about them, showing that God has actually, definitely, and clearly revealed His Will to mankind.

I received a letter in June, 1926, telling me of a young man, a school teacher in the country, who had listened to our radio broadcast, and who poured forth, out of his mind and heart, a flood of bitter spleen and skepticism toward the Bible. To hear some, such as this young man, one might conclude that the Bible was a blight and detriment to the human race. Somehow, they do not stop to investigate the glorious power that emanated from the Scriptures, when such men as Jerry McAulay, Sam Hadley, John Newton, John Bunyan, and a host of others, were changed from debauched, blasphemous, wicked, degenerate creatures of the gutter to grand, upright, kind, sane men, beholding a purpose in life and cherishing within them the peace of God which surpasseth all understanding. We certainly cannot wisely shut our eyes to these wonderful results. They show themselves very plainly.

Surely the test of whether or not the Bible is a detriment to the human race can be made by examining conditions in the dark ages, when the Bible was for the most part neglected by man. What tortures, what wickedness, what ignominy, and what crime were prevalent in those dark days! I should think that any school teacher, who must, of necessity, investigate and teach these things, would know that the Bible has not been a detriment,

but rather one of the world's greatest blessings. It is rather interesting to note that, notwithstanding this bitter antagonism to the Bible in some quarters, even the worst of our skeptics and infidels are forced to admit its power and grace to change.

I remember reading a story of an infidel young man and his uncle, who were travelling in the Western country in the pioneer days, when few settlers were in the land. They had ridden all day, and as night began to approach, they looked for a place of abode. At last, in the distance, they spied a little shack, and, riding up to it, they met the owner, in a shaggy old sheepskin coat. He welcomed them, as all good settlers did in those early days, and upon request freely gave them a night's lodging.

The shack consisted of two rooms, separated by a rough partition, through the cracks of which a person could easily see the occupants of the other room. As the men were about to retire, the uncle said to the infidel nephew, "I do not like the looks of that old fellow; I do not believe we should take a chance with him. He might hold us up in the night."

"Yes," said the young man, "I was just thinking that myself. Shall we take turns in watching? I'll watch the first two hours while you sleep. Then I'll waken you and you can watch two hours while I sleep, and thus we will both get our rest and be perfectly safe."

"It is a bargain," said the uncle, as he prepared for bed.

The young man took his gun in hand, and placed himself close to a crack in the partition, through which he could watch the movements of the old settler.

For a long time everything was quiet, and the uncle had almost dozed to sleep, when suddenly the young man heard a movement in the next room, and, peering through the crack, he saw the old settler get up from his chair and walk over to the shelf to take something down. He was all alert and prepared himself for action if the old man made any move to close in on their private room. However, the old settler went back to the table, put the book down on it, opened it, placed his elbows, one on either

side, and began reading, as the young man watched him most carefully.

After a space of about fifteen minutes the old man again arose from his chair, knelt down on his knees and, to the surprise and amazement of the young man behind the crack, he began to pray to Almighty God.

At once the young infidel arose, placed his gun at the foot of the bed, undressed, and began getting in, when the uncle aroused himself and said, "What are you going to do? Are the two hours up already?"

"Oh," said the young infidel, "there is no use watching any longer. The old settler has just finished reading his Bible and saying his daily prayers. We can sleep peacefully now."

Certainly he could. Even an infidel knows the wonderful effect of the Word of God on the roughest and most uncouth men of the world.

I wrote to my correspondent, and told him that I would hesitate very much before I assumed the position that he was taking, for it is so contrary to the facts of history and experience, and so far-reaching in its destructive sweep, that such bold infidelity must cause doubt in the mind of anyone who seriously desires to know the truth.

Think of all the great reformers, the saints and godly men of the ages past, who would be swept aside as ignorant and poor deluded mortals if the Bible is as the skeptics would have us believe. I have heard of young men, who, as they approach their twenties, marvel at the ignorance of their fathers, but seldom have I heard of one who could intelligently make light of nearly all of the great men of the past ages.

There Are Other Evidences Besides the Bible.

It would seem that these fellows think, that, if the Bible were destroyed, God would have no other evidence of His truth left on earth. They seem to forget that for 2500 years in the beginning of time, the human race was without a Bible; yet God had revealed Himself to them and held them responsible for their attitude to His Revelation.

In previous lectures I have tried to show you that the Bible has proven its absolute accuracy, by the literal-

ness and exactness of its fulfilment. You can use the plumb-line and tape measure on its every statement, and in its every detail, and you will find it always measures true to them. This is most convincing to some, but I realize that others refuse to investigate or put this to the test. They desire outside evidence.

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God.

Knowing this attitude, about two years ago (September, 1924) in our Sunday morning Bible Class in Calgary we turned our attention, for about three months, to a careful study of the signs and constellations of the heavens. I need not tell you we had a most interesting time. Are you aware that all the great fundamental doctrines of God's Word are symbolized in the heavens? No wonder that many of us have positive assurance concerning the absolute reliability of the Bible.

It is a known fact that people of ancient days were great astronomers, and passed the stories of the heavens on from generation to generation. Realizing this fact, the Apostle Paul, when writing the Book of Romans, made this startling and most solemn statement:

Rom. 1: 19-20.—"Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

The above statement speaks definitely for itself and declares that mankind is without excuse, for the simple reason that the stars of heaven have constantly been shedding forth into the world the doctrines of the invisible things of God, even His eternal power and Godhead.

There is another passage also where the Apostle calls our attention to this wonderful testimony, and this passage gives us a new viewpoint altogether regarding the Gospel and the heathen. It shows us that the Gospel is represented by the constellations and signs of the heavens—

Rom. 10: 14-18—"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not be-

lieved? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written. How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? Yes, verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world."

If the question of verse 18, "Have they (the heathen) not heard the Gospel?" were asked today, I know many who would answer, "No, there are many that have not heard a word of the Gospel." They forget that the Gospel is written in the heavens. It is, therefore, quite a surprise when they read the Apostle's answer, "Yes, verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world."

Paul is here quoting from—

Psalm 19: 1-4—"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun."

By examination of the context you will find that the pronoun "their" has reference to the stars of heaven. The stars are pouring forth into every land and nation the Gospel of Salvation.

When you know this, what a new interest you will find as you gaze into the heavens on a clear night.

I point you to Virgo (the Virgin) and Coma (the Child) and ask you to note that there we have in symbol the plain teaching of the Virgin Birth. Then I move my hand a little to the south and west. There is Centaurus (the two-natured being) and below this again, away to the south, is Crux (the Cross). To the west is Lupus (the victim). Thus you have, at once, pictured in the heavens, in the broad expanse of blue, the Humanity and Deity of Christ as He comes to suffer as a

substitute, a victim of sin, in our stead upon the Cross of Calvary.

I move my finger again a little farther to the west and I point out to you Bootes (the Coming One) and Corona (the Crown). At once you are reminded that He, who suffered, is coming again, quickly, to receive the crown which is His by right, and to reign on this earth. These facts are most impressive, but many have never heard them.

Another Witness is Found in the Pyramid

Now we come face to face with another witness, the Great Pyramid of Egypt.

May I, first of all, call your attention to the correlative character of these witnesses. They are bound together by the bonds of symphony. Each bears witness to the other, and graciously harmonizes with it. The Bible calls our attention to the stars, and the stars wondrously picture to us the truths of the Bible. I want you now to see that the Bible also calls our attention to the Pyramid, and in due time I want to show you that the Pyramid most wonderfully declares the truth of the Bible, written in stone. Turn with me first, then, to—

Isalah 19:19-20—"In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of Hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them."

I notice in this passage five significant facts which I wish to analyze very carefully. In the first place, the verbs used are substantive, not notional. It says, "an altar shall be in Egypt," and again, "It shall be for a sign." This use of the verb expresses continuity of existence, not the beginning of existence. Had they wished to convey the idea that this altar was to be brought into existence in a future time, the inspired writer could easily have said, "shall build," or "erect." The construction of the passage plainly indicates that the object about which the statement is made is of a permanent, abiding character. "In

that day" assuredly points to the great day of Israel, the day of the Lord Jehovah. Verse 20 tells us that it is to be a witness in the land of Egypt when Israel is in bondage. Hence, you see that this altar and pillar are in these verses prophesied to be in existence from before the time of the Egyptian bondage until the time of the Lord's return.

The second point you will note is that the witness is to be of a two-fold character—an altar and a pillar. Apparently these two correlate, one with the other, also, in a marvelous way as a witness and a sign.

In the third place, its location is definitely stated to be in the land of Egypt. This is very specific. We all know where Egypt is, and, therefore, are all able to test it.

In the fourth place, these verses tell us it is to be situated in the middle and at the border thereof. That is puzzling. How could any witness be situated in the middle and at the same time at the border? Such a description is so peculiar that when we discover the object so described there can be no mistake that we are right.

In the fifth place, it is to be a witness to the Lord, that is, Jehovah Sabaoth, the Lord of Hosts. The term Lord of Hosts, in the Scriptures, always indicates the protecting, guarding and delivering Saviour of His people. This altar and pillar, whatever they may be, will in some way show us the guarding, protecting and saving power of the Lord God.

Now the question arises, "What is this altar and what is this pillar spoken of here correlating one with the other in the honor of the Lord?" As soon as we are told that they are situated in Egypt, and that they are to be of a permanent, abiding character, our minds turn at once to the only remaining ancient wonder—the Pyramid. Does the Pyramid correspond to and fit the description given in this chapter of Isaiah? I want to call your attention to several points that seem to establish the fact that the Pyramid represents the altar spoken of here.

Three Facts of Identification.

1. It is abiding. For over forty-one centuries, we are told, this great monument has borne its silent yet impressive testimony. It towers up 484

feet 5 inches into the air, or, that is, 100 feet higher than St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and 180 feet higher than the dome on the Capitol, Washington, and it covers four times as much ground as the Capitol (13 acres). If you stand close to it, the four triangular sides seem to pierce the very heavens and point aloft to the One who is able to save to the uttermost, all who come unto God by Him.

Now it is important to note that there is no other such ancient witness in Egypt. Altogether there are thirty-nine pyramids, all west of the Nile and all square based, but the Great Pyramid of Cheops pre-eminently attracts our attention because of the extraordinary skill and workmanship that are exemplified in it and because of the peculiarity of its location. Herodotus, the Greek historian, tells us that it took 20,000 men, on a three-month's shift, twenty years to build it. A gigantic undertaking it was, requiring stone enough to build a fence four feet high across America. The whole structure speaks of perfection almost superhuman.

Study this pyramid a while and you will cease telling us of any evolutionary process through the old stone age, and periods of barbarism, and savagery. It will make you hesitate to speak of our architectural progress and skill in masonry. When you examine the huge casing stones that surrounded the whole of the exterior and a few of which remain at its base, you will be struck by their immense size and the skill by which they are made to fit so closely. Think of cutting these stones to an accuracy of one-hundredth of an inch and having a surface so smooth and even that the cement holding the stones together occupies but one-fiftieth of an inch, and yet the stone will break before the cement will give way. Imagine, if you can, the mechanical genius required to elevate these carefully cut stones to a height of over 400ft. and then to place them in position so accurately. It is a marvel indeed. When you remember that this is the only ancient wonder remaining in Egypt, it convinces you that we have, in the Great Pyramid, the altar of witness spoken of in this passage of God's Word.

2. In the second place, its correlating pillar impresses one strangely.

Nine pyramids are situated on the rocky plateau on which this great one stands. It is the most northerly of them. To the south and east of it lies the Sphinx, the great stone face, spoken of by Hawthorne, carved out of solid rock, and gazing fixedly toward the rising sun. This is the pillar, half woman and half lion, indicating the starting point in the zodiac, as declared in a temple of Egypt. Thus, this pillar not only correlates the Pyramid, but the heavens as well. There is no other witness of stone or pillar to be found in Egypt that so correlates an altar like this. This fact has led some to declare that the Pyramid was erected as a temple to the sun, in which they burned sacred fire, but no trace of such action has ever been recorded in history, nor discovered by archaeologists.

Others have said that the Pyramid was a refuge in the days of the flood. The interior is so small and inadequate that this could not be the case. Again, others say it was a granary in which to store the corn in the days of Joseph, but its interior shows that it would not hold enough, and, more than that, it was built long before Joseph's day. The exploration of its interior has also proven that it was not a giant mausoleum. There are no signs of any corpses or coffins to be found within its sacred precincts. Evidently the bulk of proof is that it is a witness to the Lord of Hosts, placed in the land of Egypt, to remind God's people of the protecting care of the Lord Jehovah.

3. Finally, its peculiar location also shows its identification as this witness. In recent years many civil engineers, hydrographers, archaeologists and astronomers have carefully and accurately examined it. Among these we find Professor Flinders Petrie, eminent British archaeologist; C. Piazzi Smythe, Astronomer Royal of Scotland; Mr. Mitchell, Chief Hydrographer of U.S. Coast Survey, and Col. Howard Vyse, who explored it in 1837. These men have placed on record the following interesting facts for our instruction.

They found the Pyramid located in 30 degrees north latitude and 31 degrees east longitude. Its sides are exactly oriented—that is, they run north and south, and east and west.

Only one entrance is to be found, and that is situated on the north side, about 24 feet east of the centre. All passageways in the interior run in a perpendicular plane, north and south. If this plane is produced, it passes through the centre axis of the delta of the Nile. This last feature led these men to produce the diagonal of the base, north-east and north-west, and they found that these lines enclosed the delta of the Nile in a symmetrical and well-balanced manner. In 1868 Mr. Mitchell was struck with the convex regularity of the northern coast of the delta, and after careful measurements, he found that the coast formed an arc, of which the Pyramid was the center. Hence, it was seen how this Great Pyramid could be described as in the centre and at the border of Egypt. It is situated at the centre of the arc of the Delta, and is also at the southern border of the land. Further investigation showed that the Pyramid is actually situated in the centre of the inhabitable land surface of the globe.

If you take your map and follow along 30 degrees latitude you will find that you travel across a vast extent of Africa, and the widest part of Asia, the largest of the continents. Then, if you take 31 degrees longitude and travel down it, you will find that it crosses Europe and the longest part of Africa. The junction of these two lines is the situation of the Pyramid, and hence, the Pyramid seems to have been placed in the centre of the land surface of the globe.

Two other features I would like to mention in connection with this secret witness before closing this address.

1. As you stand at the bottom of the descending passage and look out, your vision will cover a portion of the heavens 3 degrees 42 min. south of the pole of the heavens. The astronomers have traced the recessional course of the equinoxes, and they tell us that Thuban, the bright star of Draco, would have been in view from this passageway at the time the Pyramid was built. In or about 2170 B.C. Thuban used to be the pole of the heavens.

This has been changed, until today it is Racubba, the bright star in the Little Dipper (Ursa Minor). The Pyramid, therefore, tells us that the deceiver (Thuban) is being displaced from his position of control, and another, the centre of the universe (Racubba) is to take its place.

2. Investigators have given us the slope of the descending passage as 26 degrees 18 min. 10 sec. If we draw a line from the centre of the base of the Pyramid, that is, from the apex, at an angle of 26 degrees 18 min. 10 sec. from the 30 degrees latitude, we will find that it passes through the City of Bethlehem, the place where the Saviour was born of the Virgin. The Pyramid, therefore, definitely bears its silent and secret witness to the Lord of Hosts, who came into the world as the Babe of Bethlehem. This silent and secret witness is openly declared to us by the passage of Scripture, that we have just analyzed.

This brings us to the secret witness of the Pyramid. Remember, the Prophet Isaiah declared it was continuously to be a witness to the Lord of Hosts, Jehovah Sabaoth. Note first, that as the Pyramid is in the midst of Egypt, and in the centre of the inhabitable part of the earth, so should the Lord of Hosts be in the centre of our lives, controlling and directing them. He is Jehovah Sabaoth, the Saviour of the world, sent by God to deliver us. Have you heard this message of this silent witness in stone? Is the Lord Jesus, the Saviour of Calvary, in the centre of your life, or is He on the outside, seeking admittance? No wonder the Sphinx is placed staring eastward to the rising sun, thus signifying his anxious watchfulness for the day when the Saviour will again come to be the centre of the world and reign omnipotently here.

What a wonderful volume of information is stored up in this vast and impressive wonder of Egypt! May God help us to receive the witness and place the Lord of Hosts in the centre of our hearts and lives.

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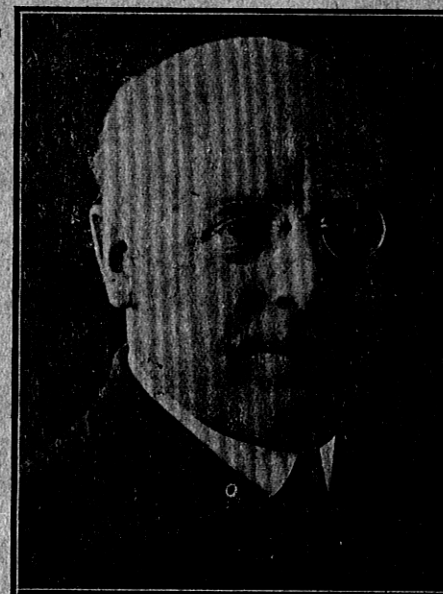
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