

Kingman - Jan 21/61 Innisfail Mar. 19/61 Red Deer - Nov 5/61
Edmonton 7.1.63 Marysville BC Mar. 24/63
Wausau, Wis - June 14/63 "The Vital Cry of a Human Heart" "IT HAPPENED IN THE STRANGEST WAY AND IN THE STRANGEST PLACE"
"THE GUIDING STAR (OF EVERY)" FOR 1963

Introd:- (1) He stood on the deck of storm-tossed ship.. lashed by mighty gale..wind whistling..rain hissing on sea.. towering waves around..often sweeping slippery deck..Helm- sman trying hold wheel as bucked, kicked..wet..taste of salt on lips..timbers creaking, groaning,,as slid down into troughs..laboured up again..Sky so dark..little diff. bet. day and night.. Yet this little man stood there..holding to rigging..and said:- "Sirs, be of good cheer, for I BELIEVE GOD". In midst of utmost peril, lost on Medit. Sea..Paul received word from His Lord..and said this: "I BELIEVE GOD".

(2). What do YOU believe? Something. Something read or hear or observed or experienced. Ev. man has a belief..CREED "Credo"..I believe. How good it is to be able to say it! Like Luther..stand on feet.."Here I stand..I can do no other God help me". Hymn:- "On X the solid rock I stand..all other

(3). But some say: "One religion good as another..Should'nt criticize another person's religion..Makes no diff. what bel so long as sincere..live up to it". Such wild generalizatio shd. not go uncontested. IT IS ABSURD to say that in the en all religions teach same..c/f Deep cleavages..Hindu and Mosl sorely divided..Arabs and Jews..X'nty and Communism opposite Some say all alike to avoid discomfort of thinking and pain of actual choice..Their faith been watered down into sentem- entalism and humanitarianism. Not so much tolerant as theol- ogically illiterate. There is absence of positive convictio Unable to say.."This I BELIEVE". Unsettled, uneasy, insecur drifting like ship at sea..no anchor..chart..compass..Pilot. What do you BELIEVE? Stake life on? Let me carefully say

I. I Believe GOD..what He has said about the PAST.

(a). I do. I will. 1. About Noah and the Ark he built. Every evidence points to fact that bits, pieces of ark been found from time to time..but basis of faith not there..I BELIEVE GOD..His Book. 2. About Sodom..Gomorra..and fire. I have stood in that area..and certainly fire has scorched very hills..But, marks of fire or not..I BELIEVE GOD. 3. Joshua's Long Day..sun standing over hills...Astronomers found verification..but I do not always bel. astronomers.. I BELIEVE GOD. Don't you? 4. Jonah and whale. That story! Yes..if we could find petrified, fossilized remains of that whale..we would find a mammal diff. from any other..for "God prep'd a great fish". But, tho. whale gone..Jonah dead I BELIEVE GOD. 5. Resurrec. of Christ the Lord..from dead. Experts in exam. of evid. say this best-attested fact of all history..but experts or not..I BELIEVE GOD. About all the pa (b). AND ABOUT MY PAST..I bel. God. He said this:-...

