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STRANGE TEXTS

A MONTHLY SERIES BY WM. ABERHART, B.A.

No. 1—"The Most Miserable Person on Earth".

A. Do YOU want to be happy and contented?

The Human Race has a natural inclination to happiness and contentment, as sparks have a tendency to fly upward.

Certain favorable attitudes and the glow in the soul exalts mankind into his heart's desire. But unfortunately, at times, the glow dies out and leaves him miserable and hopeless.

The Scriptures, naturally enough, point this out, and suggest an analysis of this whole matter. Listen:

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

This is a strange text in that it is contrary in character to our whole inclination and tells how we can make ourselves most miserable, rather than happy.

B. Who wants to be miserable?

The text makes it plain that our happiness or our misery is bound up with that wonderful spiritual quality known as "Hope in Christ."

We shall deal with that at another time.

Four conditions are possible in connection with our "Hope in Christ":

1. Those with NO hope in Christ whatever.
2. Those who have hope in Christ for this life ONLY.
3. Those who have hope in Christ for the next world ONLY.

4. Those who have hope in Christ for BOTH this life and the one to come.

You will note that we have the superlative degree of misery mentioned in the text. That means that we have three states of misery in connection with this "Hope in Christ": miserable, more miserable, and most miserable.

Hence of the four conditions mentioned above, one only brings HAPPINESS. You should have no difficulty in deciding which it is.

If we are to expect happiness and contentment, we must have "Hope in Christ" for BOTH this life and the one to come. Those who have hope in Christ for the future life only may expect to be generally miserable. Do you know why?

Those who have NO hope in Christ whatever, will be more miserable.

But those who have Hope in Christ only for this life, the text says, "Of ALL men most miserable."

Do you know anyone like that?

Are you, yourself, in that category?

Are you without any assurance for the next world? Do you think that Christianity is all right for this world, but that it is doubtful for the next?

Then YOU are qualifying for the MOST MISERABLE state possible.

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PROPHETIC NEWS

AN OMINOUS SHADOW OF THINGS TO COME

A correspondent in Alsace writes to the Church Times, London: "The most significant act has been the closing of Strasburg Cathedral for worship. Figures of saints that adorned its sanctuary have been replaced by pagan statues, portraits of German leaders; and actually a bust of Hitler himself has been enthroned on the high altar, exposed, as formerly was the Holy Sacrament, to the adoration of his disciples. The Hitler youth shout 'Christus krepieret, Hitlerjugend marchiert' (Christ is dead, but Hitler youth advances).

These foreshadowings of the erection of the image of the Beast in the temple (Matt. 24:15) become more and more frequent.

THE WAR'S LINE-UP

The Brethern Missionary Herald makes this striking statement: "The significant thing about this war is that it is an anti-Semitic struggle. However, we know that the more agonies that are heaped upon the heads of Jewish people in these days, the more expectant we may be of the return of our Messiah—and theirs! It is said that not one Jewish soldier can be found among the

Axis forces. The Fascists and Nazis will not permit Jews to enter their armies. Thus all the Jewish soldiers of the world are on the side of the democracies." Read Gen. 12:3.

THE NEW NAZI RELIGION

Alfred Rosenberg recently announced the 30 points of the New Religion of Germany, which he some day hopes to make the religion of the world. Here are three of these points: "13. The National Reich Church demands the immediate CESSATION OF THE PRINTING OF THE BIBLE, as well as its dissemination, throughout the Reich and colonies. All Sunday papers with any religious contents also shall be suppressed.

"18. The National Reich Church will remove from the altars of all churches, the Bible, the cross and religious subjects.

"19. In their place will be set that which must be venerated by the German people, and therefore is by God, our most saintly book, Mein Kampf, and to the left of this, a sword."

Here is a far greater challenge than the agnosticism and athiesm of the Bolshevik. It is the setting up of a substitute religion, demanding the worship of a demon-possessed man. How like that spoken of in Rev. 13:12-15!

IT'S A FACT!

Latest News from Our Science Department

IT'S A FACT . . . that no life has ever begun of itself. All life comes of antecedent life of the same kind. Every living thing in the world today had its parents which produced it. Who made the parents in the first place? Here is one of the rocks upon which the usual theory of evolution is completely wrecked. Spontaneous generation of life (i.e. Life beginning of itself) is a myth, existing not in the realm of scientific investigation, but only in the wishful imagination of those who would deny God and His creative power.

IT'S A FACT . . . that all men are of one blood, regardless of nation or race or colour. There are four types of human blood, but all these types are found in every nation. A scientist can easily tell human blood from the blood of any other creature, for its cells are entirely different from other species, but he cannot tell the blood of a Canadian from that of a Chinaman, or the blood of a Russian from that of a Negro. God told us this long ago in Acts 17:26. Read it!

IT'S A FACT . . . that the structure and nature of every body-cell and blood-cell of one species is entirely different from those of another species. There are some superficial thinkers who seem to believe that if the monkey stood up on his hind legs, washed most of his hair off and put on a suit of clothes, he would be a close approximation to a human being! The truth is that he would have to change the structure and content and nature of every one of the untold billions of cells in his body and blood, and NOT ONE of those cells ever does change, from birth to death. He will always be a monkey. All flesh is not the same flesh. God told us that too, long ago. Read it in I Cor. 15:39.

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"If the Foundations be Destroyed, What Can the Righteous Do?"

—Ps. 11-3.

OUT IN GOD'S FIELD

"Latest News of the Work and the Workers"

Recent restrictions placed upon the broadcast work by officials of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation now make it impossible for us to acknowledge over the radio, any gifts to our work. Thus we can no longer send on dedications, greetings, sponsorships, acknowledgements or requests for support of some pressing need.

What shall be our answer to these things? By God's grace, we intend to press on more boldly, and more earnestly, with ALL the work God has given us to do. We intend to broadcast as much as possible, to send out as many Radio Sunday School lessons as possible, to carry on the Bible School and Institute activities, and to carefully foster our growing Extension Department.

We feel confident that every listener will stand behind us, and make doubly sure that they are doing their part.

This month our spotlight is particularly upon the Extension Department. Here is good news. Three workers, who entered into a remote, hostile, and largely Communistic district, with the added difficulty of heavy rains, were able, by God's grace, to win 11 children and young people to Christ. Praise God for this!

Other workers are spreading out with the Gospel message, and tell of growing interest. Pray with us for so many unreached districts, that we may see a great harvest this year.

Superintendent Arthur D. Cornell was married on the 16th of this month, to Miss Ethelwyn Mynott. Together they will soon be travelling on into many Alberta districts, and on into Saskatchewan. They expect to visit Redland, Hussar, Delia, Sedgewick, Loughheed, and Minburn in Alberta; and Senlac, Hoosier and Elbow, in Saskatchewan.

The gate of opportunity will not open for folks too lazy to lift the latch.

MONTHLY MEDITATION

One fact that is emerging from the war-clouds of this present dreadful conflict is that the basic element of the controversy is a religious one. This poor old world, reeling along under its load of sin and shame, is in the throes of its greatest crisis. Is it not striking that the religious issue should be so emphasized? Why should there be today so much hatred of God, and such rejection of His truth? Why is it that whole nations are rising up to deny or replace God with some debasing pagan philosophy? Why is the persecution of the Jew, terrible in itself, now spreading to Gentiles of every denomination and creed? Any student of God's Word must be compelled to believe that we are fast approaching the last days, and that the judgments of Almighty God will soon be falling fast and fiercely upon this earth.

Here are words that sound as though they were taken from our daily newspaper of the latest issue: "If I shut up Heaven," says God Almighty, "that there be no rain; or if I command the locusts to devour the land; or if I send pestilence among my people; or if my people which are called by my Name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land." (2 Chron. 7:13-14).

Friend, we as a nation are called by His name. We are called a Christian nation. Are we so, in reality? The time is here for us to decide once for all on which side we are. We as individuals must declare ourselves, without any attempt at a half-way measure. The real issue in the world today is surely not international politics, but rather Christian or anti-Christian.

"Putting God in the Nation's life,
Bringing us back to the ideal thing—
There's something fine in a creed like that,
Something true in those words that ring.

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Sneer as you will at the "preacher" air,
Scoff as you will at the Bible tang,
It's putting God in the Nation's life
That will keep it clear of the crooked
"gang."

We've kept Him out of its life too long,
We've been afraid—to our utter shame—
To put Him into our speech and song,
Ashamed to stand and speak His name.
We've put all things in that life but Him,
We've put our selfishness, pride and show;
It is time for the true ideal to come

And the time for the low desire to go.
Putting God in the Nation's life,
Helping us think of the higher thing,
That is the kind of speech to make,
That is the kind of song to sing.
Upward and forward, and let us try
The new ideal in the forthright way—
Putting God in the Nation's life,
And putting Him there in a way it will
stay.

Do we, as a nation seek peace on earth
once more? Do we seek national prosperity
and economic security? Are we fighting
for the safety and sanctity of our homes?
Do we seek the right to worship God after
the dictates of our own heart? Hear then
the promise of Almighty God, in whose
hands rests the fall and rise of men and
nations: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
and His righteousness and all these things
shall be added unto you."

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

"I Shall Not Want"

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want."
I shall not want rest. "He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures."

I shall not want refreshment. "He leadeth
me besides the still waters."

I shall not want forgiveness. "He re-
storeth my soul."

I shall not want guidance. "He leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness, for His
name's sake."

I shall not want companionship. "Yea,
though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for
Thou art with me."

I shall not want comfort. "Thy rod and
Thy staff, they comfort me."

I shall not want food. "Thou preparast a
table before me in the presence of mine
enemies."

I shall not want joy. "Thou anointest my
head with oil."

I shall not want anything. "My cup
runneth over."

I shall not want anything in this life.
"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life."

I shall not want anything in eternity.
"And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever."

RADIO SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

While the final lessons for the term were mailed out on March 31st, the work still continues.

Our staff of markers have kept busy correcting the answers and giving credits. After this is completed, the next task is to fill out a report-card for each pupil, and then comes the work of deciding where to award prizes.

This is really a difficult task as so many have returned such excellent answer papers, and yet our financial resources restrict us to a certain number of prizes so we must approach this matter strictly from the teacher's angle and not let our hearts run away with us.

It is certainly a great privilege to be entrusted with this work, and each year we feel repaid a thousand fold as we received testimonies like the following from a grateful pupil in Nova Scotia:—

Dear Sirs:

"I wish to express my appreciation for your gift. I have found Rev. Dr. Boyd's "First Words to Young Christians" to be very useful. I know that it will prove to be of much help to my friends as well as myself in our future Christian lives.

"Since words would fail to express my deepest appreciation, I shall just say thank you from the bottom of my heart. As a Christian who has profited from your information, I remain, Sincerely yours,"

We receive hundreds of such letters each year and how it thrills us to learn of the great need that is being met through God's Word being made available to so many boys and girls who might otherwise never hear His message of salvation. We earnestly solicit your prayers and gifts that our work might "prosper and abound more and more."

C. R. P.

We lie to God in prayer, if we do not rely on Him after prayer.—Livingstone.

QUESTION BOX

Have you a Bible Question that you would like to have discussed? Any reader earnestly desiring to have a difficulty cleared up, or some special point illuminated, is invited to write to this column for Bible information.

1. QUESTION—Cadogan writes: "Were the four Gospels written before, or after the Book of Acts?"

ANSWER.—The three synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke, were written before the Book of Acts. Acts 1:1 refers to the Gospel of Luke, as already written. The Book of Acts was written about 65 A.D. The Gospel of John, however, was not written until much later, probably about 90 A.D. In the meantime, the Dispensation of Grace had been revealed to Paul, and the Christian Church of this Age had begun. Thus the Gospel of John was written particularly for the Christian Church, and lays much stress on the New Birth, and the truths as revealed in Paul's Epistles. John 3:16 is an outstanding example of this. We find that 92% of this Gospel records incidents and truths not contained in the other three Gospels.

2. QUESTION—Another question from Cadogan: "Was the writer of the Gospel of John the same John who wrote the Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation?"

ANSWER—Yes, he was. This was the loving, beloved disciple who leaned on Jesus' breast at the Last Supper, and who was so greatly loved by our Lord. Yet God could use him, not only to write the sweet love-story of the Cross, and the loving, fatherly Epistles, but also to write the denunciations of sin, and assurances of fiery judgment, found in Revelation. There are some today who insist that God is a God of love, but who forget that He is also a Holy and Just God, Who must of necessity pour His fiery indignation upon sin. The writings of John clearly show these two characteristics of God.

"THE BRITISH" COAT OF ARMS



"Who Are the British?"

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THE GREAT IDENTIFICATION SIGN

A.—Is there anything in the origins and characteristics of a People, that guarantees their future?

At a time when the very existence of the British Empire is being threatened, it is fitting that we should refresh our minds, and identify, if we can, this great and historic people and consider their glorious future.

From earliest times, individuals, clans, tribes, and nations were identified by their Armorial Bearings, engraved upon a shield, embroidered upon a coat, or painted upon the entrance to a castle.

These Armorial Bearings emphasized their origins, their special qualities, and their hopes and aspirations for the future.

Every true Britisher should be able to read and interpret the British Coat of Arms.

B. People generally are very proud of their Armorial Bearings.

The British Coat of Arms is a most elaborate and significant symbol. It is an emblem of honor, of justice, and of liberty.

No true Britisher should ever dishonor it in any way. I think that we all should reverence and understand it.

Modern British Heraldry sprang quickly into favor and prominence after the Norman Conquest in 1066, when chivalry and feudalism

became great factors in the Nation's life. But Heraldry was in existence, long before this. We know from the Bible that the tribes of Israel each carried its own standard.

Listen to Numbers 2:2:

"Every man of the Children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house; . . ."

Genesis, Chapter 49, specifies some of these standards:

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| Judah | A Lion |
| Issachar | A Strong Ass |
| Dan | The Prancing Horse |
| Naphthali | The Hind |
| Benjamin | A Wolf |

C. When you see the Coat of Arms with all its elaborateness of detail, you instinctively say, "The British".

The term "British" is a compound word of Hebrew origin.

"Brit" is an abbreviation of Berith, which means "The Covenant".

The Hebrews have two words for men: "Adam"—the earthy man.

"Ish"—men in the higher sense.

"British", then means:

"The Men of the Covenant".

(Next time we shall analyse this.)

Three things make the worth-while life: a faith fit to live by; a self fit to live with; and a purpose fit to live for.

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