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STATE B. T. U. CONVENTION IGNORES SCRIPTURES

Church Auxiliaries . . . Enemy No. 1 Producing Unspirituality and Death

We feel that one of the most important of all meetings for any church is the prayer meeting. If there is little prayer life—how can there be spirituality? The one greatest foe to prayer meeting (and spirituality) is the AUXILIARY SYSTEM in churches. It is virtually impossible to get young people out to prayer meeting in any numbers if a church has a "B. S. U." or any other little church "clubs." Oh how the devil is using those things! Time and again brethren ask how to have a good, well attended prayer meeting, and when we answer by saying that the first step is to get the church to drop the auxiliaries, they look at us as if we were crazy. But why ask us if they don't want the truth?

We consider the auxiliary system (unscriptural and inefficient) as the public enemy number one of the churches and the Cause of Christ. We are not saying this as a voice but as one who for years tried to get along with this "abomination of desolation" which stands "in the holy place where it ought not." The greatest liberation that we have ever experienced since we have been preaching, is liberation from the toils of this system.

We didn't start out to say these things, but since we feel led in that direction, we close this article with an indictment of the auxiliary system. By this system we mean B. Y. P. U., W. M. U., Men's Brotherhood, and all of the brood of sub-auxiliaries under any of these, with all of their manuals, seals, banners, standards and et cetera. We indict the whole business on the following counts:

1—IT IS UNSCRIPTURAL. We have as much right to change baptism, as we have to change the organization of the church Jesus established. And the church He established didn't look anything like the

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Faith, In Man Or God?

Not long ago a man said to me, "I can't believe."

"Whom?" I asked.

He stammered and said again, "I can't believe." I said, "Whom?" "Well," he said, "I can't believe."

"Whom?" I asked again. At last he said, "I cannot believe myself."

"Well, you don't need to. You do not need to put any confidence in yourself. The less you believe in yourself the better. But if you tell me you can't believe God that is another thing, and I would like to ask you why!"—D. L. Moody.

"GOD LEADS ARIGHT"

*Light after darkness, gain after loss,
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears,
Home after wandering, praise after tears.*

*Sheaves after sowing, sun after rain,
Sight after mystery, peace after pain,
Joy after sorrow, calm after blast,
Rest after weariness, sweet rest at last.*

*Near after distant, gleam after gloom,
Love after loneliness, life after tomb,
After long agony, rapture of bliss,
Right was the pathway leading to this.*
—Author Unknown.

The Supposed Cataclysm

Scofield, Torrey, Pink, Henderson, and others say that a cataclysmic change took place between verses one and two of Genesis one. There are some reasons we offer why this is false.

1. Rom. 5:12 teaches there was no death on the earth until Adam sinned. If there was no death until Adam sinned, then there were no fossils; for you could not have fossils without death.

2. If there were a cataclysm, then there were two creations millions of years apart, and not one as the Bible teaches.

3. If there were two natural creations, then by analogy the Armin-

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Length of Creation Days

A great number of scholars say the creation days were not hour days, but long periods of years. We offer some reasons why this is false.

1. The only day which has an evening and a morning is a 24 hour day.

2. The seventh day of this first week was a 24 hour day. Moses says so in Ex. 20:10,11; 31:17. If the seventh day were a 24 hour day, then certainly the other six must have been 24 hour days also.

3. The period lighted by the sun was a 24 hour day. Gen. 1:5,14,18.

4. The word used for "day" in Gen. 1:5 was a period of light followed by a period of darkness called

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And Defies State Board Of Kentucky Baptists In Ashland Meeting

The State B. T. U. Convention has just closed an annual meeting in Ashland, in which they not only ignored the Scriptures as to a woman's place in public worship services, but defied the State Board of Kentucky Baptists who long ago instructed the B. T. U. forces to obey Paul's injunctions about women speaking in mixed public assemblies.

Here are God's prohibitions: "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak: but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. What? came the word of God out from you? or come it unto you only? If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant." (1 Cor. 14:34-38).

"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." (1 Tim. 2:11,12).

At the June 1925 meeting of the State Board, a resolution was passed demanding that the B. T. U. department obey the Scriptures as to women speaking in mixed assemblies.

Though for 1900 years God has demanded that the women keep quiet in public worship, and though the State Board made the same demand fifteen years ago, the wishes of both God and man were rudely trampled under feminine feet in this recent convention in Ashland.

Women appeared on the program from time to time. One delivered a message concerning "Church Manners." It was said to be a splendid address. Yet, someone ought to have

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A Diary Well Kept

Not long ago in Europe, a man died at the age of seventy-three years, who began to keep a diary at the age of eighteen years, and continued to keep it for fifty-two years. His life was not consecrated to a high ideal. In the book he left, he states that in fifty-two years, he had smoked 628,715 cigars, of which he received 43,692 as presents, while for the remaining 585,023 he had paid about \$10,433.

In fifty-two years, according to his bookkeeping, he had drunk

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"What's Wrong With the Church?—The Lapse of Love"

"Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks:

I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

And has borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured and hast not fainted.

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou has left thy first love.

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."—Rev. 2:1-7.

I am beginning today a series of messages on the general theme, "What's Wrong With The Church." Human judgment would give a varied answer to this question. In fact, if I were to ask each of my audience individually, in all probability, you would give me as many different answers as there are individuals listening to this broadcast.

One man would say that sectarianism is sin. Therefore, do away with

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ELDER ROY MASON

We are happy to present herewith Elder Roy Mason, pastor of the Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church of Tampa, Florida; radio pastor over station WDAE, and editor of "Faith and Life."

Brother Mason has the distinction of being pastor of a church whose prayer meeting during 1939 averaged weekly, 229, and on the first Wednesday night of this year of 1940, there were more than 300 present. In Brother Mason's pastorate, they use the Bible as their text book for teaching and preaching. Furthermore, they take no pledges and have no financial campaigns. By virtue of the growth of their church, they have had to enlarge their auditorium four times during the past few years.

Each Sunday morning at 8:30, they conduct a broadcast over station WDAE. This radio audience, in connection with their Sunday morning services, means that Brother Mason preaches the gospel to more people than any other church in Florida.

He is an old-fashioned preacher of the grace of God, and he is not ashamed of it. If you live close enough, attend his services. If this is not possible, listen to his broadcast. And even if you can't do this, by all means, subscribe for his paper.

The article of page one entitled, "Church Auxiliaries," is copied from Brother Mason's paper, "Faith and Life," a monthly publication; which, incidentally carries a subscription price of one dollar per year. If you are not receiving it, you ought to. Of all the monthly magazines which we receive, we list Brother Mason's paper as "tops" of the group. There is no froth and not much milk—just the meat of the Word to be found in it. We would encourage every reader of this paper to subscribe for "Faith and Life."

CAMPBELLIAN CRITICS AGAIN

Our Campbellite friends around Kenova are so insistent for a debate, and so obliging relative to making the arrangements for it. Not wanting to put me to any trouble at all, they select the time, the place, the proposition, write the rules, and assign me to the affirmative position, and advertise that such a debate will be held, without considering my wishes in the matter in the least.

When Brother Dickerson debated this same group a year ago, if they had had anything above the burr of the ear, they would have known that they were completely whipped. I simply refuse to meet any man in a religious debate who is not a representative man of his denomination. Furthermore, I will state for their benefit, that I will not meet them at the city hall of Kenova for the debate. I offer the following Scriptures as my reasons:

"I am doing a great work so that I cannot come down." (Neh. 6:3)

"And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privately to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you." (Gal. 2:4,5).

"Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you." (Matt. 7:6).

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God holds us responsible, not for what we have, but could have; not for what we are, but might be.

Faith is the key that unlocks the cabinet of promises and empties out their treasures into the soul.

How can the world know what Christ is like until we show it what Christ can make us like?

A dollar can be made to do many things, but it can't be used to buy a reserved seat in heaven.

CHURCH AUXILIARIES ENEMY NO. 1 PRODUCING UNSPIRITUALITY AND DEATH

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highly organized, top-heavy, unspiritual, powerless organizations that exist today. And there isn't a human anywhere who can deny that this system is unscriptural and back up his denial.

2—IT IS INEFFICIENT. Churches are not running efficiently when they lost most of the Sunday school pupils from the preaching services and most of the young people from the Sunday evening service. Auxiliaryitis breaks a church up into groups and factions and divisions and destroys unity.

3—IT LEADS TO UNSPIRITUALITY. Some of the most highly organized churches are full of bridge fiends, movie fiends, mixed-bathers, and the like, and they can't even begin to have church discipline.

4—IT LEADS TO CHURCH QUARRELS. The clubs and societies in our churches are back of nine-tenths of the church quarrels.

5—IT FOLLOWS THE WORLD INSTEAD OF THE BIBLE. All of this "expert" modern organizing of churches is copied from the world.

6—IT MAGNIFIES PARTIES AND "ACTIVITIES" AND MINIMIZES THE PREACHING OF THE WORD.

7—IT MINIMIZES THE CHURCH and magnifies some appendages that have unwarrantedly been tacked on. Many a church member will choose their little club rather than the church itself any time.

8—IT MAKES COWARDS OF PASTORS. Many a pastor who is brave enough along any other line, will show himself as meek as a lamb when his W. M. U. or Brotherhood president pops the whip.

9—IT IS A "MOTHER HUBBARD" UNDER WHICH A BROOD OF CHURCH EVILS HIDE. The ills and evils of the average church can be seen sticking their heads out from under the auxiliary system, like little chicks out from under the mother hen.

10—IT HELPS TO MAKE CHURCHES INTO LITTLE CHAIN STORE UNITS which really belong to a super-system. It is the "A & P" system foisted on the cause of Christ. We believe that such is an abomination in the sight of the Lord.

Now we realize that we are considered worthy of the guillotine by the devotees of this system. Pastors fret and fume and privately tell us of the problems that it brings, then in public they shout "Great is Diana."

CAN THE SYSTEM BE ADAPTED AND CORRECTED?

Some would try to adapt and correct abuses of this system, but we are convinced after having tried it, that it can't be done successfully. The thing is wrong. It perverts God's order. It is an affront to the New Testament pattern and example.

"BUT," says some brother, "YOU CAN'T GET ALONG WITHOUT IT, in this modern day!"

It's not so!

If every Baptist church in America were stripped down to the chassis, with all of the man-originated accretion of organizations and innovations and usurpations, we would have a veritable revival throughout this nation.

Revival of church going.

Revival of prayer life.

Revival of spirituality.

Revival of soul-winning.

Revival of interest in missions.

Churches would be like ships

THE SUPPOSED CATAclysm

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ians are right, and there can be two spiritual creations, and apostasy is true.

4. The idea of a cataclysm is contrary to all Bible teaching, for all Bible history shows there is always a remnant left by God, of His work. If there were a creation millions of years before Adam, it was such a colossal failure, that no trace of it was left.

5. No pre-historic man. Adam was the first one. I Cor. 15:45. If no pre-historic man, then no sin; no death; no cataclysm; no fossils.

6. Pink's main argument is drawn from the word, "replenish." That argument is based on ignorance. The word, translated "replenish" in Gen. 1:28, is translated "fill," "fulfill," or "to be full" 246 times in the Old Testament. Creation was never finished until Gen. 2:4.

newly scraped of barnacles. This "chain store" system has such a strangle hold that we never expect to see churches in general get rid of it. Nevertheless we have delivered our own soul on the subject; our own church is free from the shackles, and maybe others may feel emboldened to break loose and get back to the New Testament simplicity of church life.

LATER:

One of our members has just returned from another city where she visited in a Baptist church—one that the editor had thought to be a fine church. She tells of seeing young people at the B. T. U. on Sunday evening. They filed out when their little pieces were said. It happened that there was a "jook joint" not far from the church, and as this member of ours passed by that joint on her way from church, she glanced in.

What did she see?

She was dumbfounded as she saw the young people whom she had seen earlier in the B. T. U., dancing in the "jook joint."

THAT IS JUST ONE PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATION OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SAY IN THE ABOVE ARTICLE.—Faith and Life.

A SERIES OF SERMONS

Each Sunday morning we are broadcasting now a series of messages on the general theme, "What's Wrong With The Church?" We began this present series on Sunday morning, April 13. There will be seven of these messages, and they will be reproduced each week in this paper.

A number of years ago, Brother Boyce Taylor wrote a number of articles concerning the seven churches of Revelation, and printed these in "News and Truths." They meant much to this editor. Still later, Brother George Ragland, of Lexington, preached a series of sermons in his pulpit on this same theme, "What's Wrong With The Church?" These were re-produced in his paper, "The Sling and Stone," (which incidentally, you ought to read. Write Brother Ragland at Lexington, Kentucky, and ask for a sample copy).

The articles by Brother Taylor and Brother Ragland resulted in this present series of messages. We take this opportunity of acknowledging our indebtedness to these two brethren. How we thank God for our memory of Brother Taylor and for the continued influence of Brother Ragland!