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Superstitious Folk Who Try Magic As A Cure For Cancer

By Tom M. Olson

"How actual and amazing medical superstition is today can be shown by an outstanding example," says the American Weekly. The American Society for the Control of Cancer offered \$50,000 in prizes for the discovery of the cause and cure of cancer and received 1,500 replies from all over the country. Among the replies the following fantastic cures were offered:

"Roast a live, green European frog in butter and rub it to powder; apply to external cancer, using the butter for a salve.

"Tie the claws of a live crab together and fasten the crab on the cancer; let it remain until the crab is dead, then bury the crab.

"Bind a live toad upon the cancer; when it dies use another. Two are generally enough.

"Dress the cancer with the leg of a dead dog that has died a natural death.

"Make a paste of adder venom and goat's gall.

"Apply amber taken from a pipe stem for external cancer.

"For any internal cancer, rub a powdered frog into butter and give it to the patient in the form of a drink.

"Apply oil from a turtle's back.

"Cut open a birch cancer on a tree and remove the brown spongy content. Dry and boil and take three tablespoons a day."

Several contestants suggested the following:

"Eat chopped raw Spanish onions

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Mike and the Priest

Seldom has a better answer been made than that of a poor Irishman to a priest, while defending himself for reading the Bible.

"But," said the priest, "the Bible is for the priests, and not for the likes o' you."

"Ah! but, Sir," he answered, "I was reading in my Bible, 'You shall read it to your children,' and, sure, the priests have no children."

"But Michael," says the priest, "you cannot understand the Bible. It is not for you to understand it my man."

"Ah! very well, your Reverence. If

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How God Saved an Indian



A poor Indian was asked how he was saved. He took a little worm and put it on the ground, and then built a fire of dry leaves around it. The worm caught the smell of the fire and felt its dangerous heat and moved away from it, but met another wall of fire on the other side, and so went from side to side in terror and despair. At last finding no way of escape, it gathered itself up in the center of the circle and lay there helpless and dying. Then the Indian stretched out his hand, picked up it and placed it in the cool grass. "That was the way," he said, "that the Lord's mercy saved me."

—Revelation

No Liquor For Forty Years

By Robert G. Lee,
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In Deuteronomy the twenty-ninth chapter and the fifth and sixth verses, we find these words:

"And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot. Ye have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink: that ye

might know that I am the Lord your God."

All of which means that during the forty years God made provision that their clothes should not wear out, that their shoes should last as though they were brass shoes, that they did not have to grow wheat for bread. This great and good God, in His purposes and plans of deliverance, divided the Red Sea and prepared a dry

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The First Baptist Pulpit

Why The Unsaved Can't Go To Heaven In Their Present State

Read Gal. 5:17-24; Eph. 2:4-10

I want to preach this morning to the moral people of this audience who know not Jesus Christ as Saviour. I am not talking this morning to the man who has lost his sobriety nor to the woman who has lost her virtue; I am not talking this morning to those down and out, but to those "up and out." I am speaking this morning to those of you who are morally good.

You realize, of course, that the world generally thinks that all moral people and all good people are going to Heaven. The schools all over the country teach such a philosophy. Every commencement speaker that I have ever heard in my life, without a single exception, has left this impression, and has so stated either directly or indirectly, that we can thus remake ourselves

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The Tragedy And The Meaning Of The Empty Pew

By R. NELSON COLYAR

The day is fast approaching when virtually all human liberties, as we know them in "Christian" America, will be taken from the whole earth. They will be taken because men forsake God.

Every human right is from God. The truly Christian pulpit is the champion of freedom from the tyranny of totalitarianism; government must muzzle the pulpit and abolish a free press.

In Hebrews 10:24,25, we read: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one to another and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Most church absenteeism can be accounted for on the ground of "flimsy excuses." Emptying church pews is the devil's device to silence the pulpits of our land. His inducements to stay away from church are pleasure and profits, and every provision for the flesh and the carnal mind.

If you habitually absent yourself from worship, without a valid excuse which the Lord will recognize, you are doing the devil's way to the hurt of everyone.

Some stay home from church to hear the radio entertainment, while the pastor preaches over an empty woodyard. The devil grins.

Some stay home from church to rest up for the coming week-long round of parties, clubs, dinners, ect. The devil smiles.

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The Only Thing

Billy Sunday used to tell the story of a travelling salesman who was playing cards on a railroad train with fellow drummers. One of the men offered him whiskey which he refused. "What! You on the water wagon?" said the drinker, laughing at him. "Yes," replied the abstaining salesman. "For years I have taken from five to ten drinks a day but I was at home in Chicago not long ago and I dropped into a pawn shop operated by a friend. While I was there a young fellow with ashen cheeks and a wild look on his face came in, threw down a small package and said, 'Give

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IMAGINE

Imagine a man of the world calling upon a Christian lady friend to go to the theatre, but before going she says, "You will pardon me, but you know I am a Christian, and I want to retire to my secret closet of prayer and request the Lord's protection also give thanks to God the Father for the opportunity of going with you to the theatre or moving picture." I think the young man would be somewhat surprised. But why? Simply because these pastimes are not for the glory of God, and cannot be indulged in in the name of the Lord Jesus. Is

it not very clear that we are unequally yoked with unbelievers when we mingle with them in these things?

—Clipped.

NO LIQUOR FOR FORTY YEARS

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highway between the walls of water. He provided them a pillar of cloud so that the sun would not smite them by day. He furnished a pillar of fire to light their camp with illumination beyond incandescent splendor by night. He sweetened the bitter waters of Marah. He provided meat in abundance at evening. He made the flinty rocks gush forth crystal water when they were thirsty. He gave them manna—tons of it—bread from Heaven—to eat. But not once in all the forty years did He give them strong drink. Plenty of everything else for their physical needs He provided. But no liquor.

Consider these figures on the "eatables" and "drinkables" of the Israelites during the forty years of their journeyings. There were approximately three million people. Each normal and healthy person eats about one pound per meal—morning, noon and night. This would be three million pounds for breakfast, three million pounds for dinner, three million pounds for supper. This would make nine million pounds per day. Now fifty thousand pounds equals one car load on present day trains. Nine million pounds would make one hundred and eighty car loads per day, and three hundred and sixty-five days per year would equal sixty-five thousand seven hundred car loads per year, or two million, six hundred and twenty-eight thousand car loads of meat and bread for the forty years. This would make a train almost exactly belting the earth at the equator. Moreover, one quart of water for each person to drink makes seven hundred and fifty thousand gallons that the journeying Israelites drank—if each one drank only one quart per day. Eight thousand gallons makes one tank car on our trains today. And seven hundred and fifty thousand gallons makes ninety-four tank cars of water per day. Not only so. One can of pork and beans weighs approximately one pound. If nine

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PRAYING MEMBERS

Mr. Moody tells us a remarkable incident in connection with an early visit to London. He had gone there for a visit. He was unknown in London, hence he did not expect to preach but a little while after arriving there he was invited to preach for a certain church, which he did. He said it was a very cold and uninteresting service to him, but he announced that he would preach again that night.

Upon reaching the church, he noticed that the atmosphere had changed, he did not know just why. At the close of the meeting he was led to give an invitation for those who

wanted to be saved to stand. A great crowd of people stood. He left the next day for Dublin, Ireland. Shortly after arriving there he received a telegram from the church to return stating that the whole community was in an upsurge and clamor for a series of meetings. He went back and found that a great revival was beginning and hundreds of people were being converted.

Not long after he learned the secret. An invalid lady, who could not attend the church, was praying for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit upon the church. She prayed for months. Once she saw in the papers accounts of some of the Moody meetings in America, and, although she had never heard of Mr. Moody before, she began to pray that God would send him to her church in London for a revival. One Sunday morning her sister, upon her return from the service, informed her of Moody's presence and his preaching, whereupon she spent the whole afternoon in prayer that God would make that night a night of power. That explains the difference between morning and evening services!

Oh! I tell you what we want in the churches is praying members! Would that we could find even one who would thus resolve to pray to God for salvation and power to come upon the church. This is the need of today—important prayer, like the Syro-Phoenician woman's "Lord, help! Lord, help!" — L. G. Broughton.

ANOTHER COMMENDATION CONCERNING THE WORK OF SPENCER AND GRAVES

May 4, 1942

Pastor John R. Gilpin
Russell, Kentucky

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Yesterday Evangelist Earl A. Spencer and Violinist J. Fred Graves, Monticello, Ky., closed a gracious campaign of two weeks with our church.

They spoke and sang daily over the radio for one week and gladly went with me to the Railroad Shops here.

Dr. Spencer gladly styles himself a son in the ministry of Dr. T. T. Martin of blessed memory, and he lives up to the title. I have never heard the Gospel more clearly and more fearlessly declared.

The work of these yoke-fellows is the type that endures after the helpers are gone and creates no sad problem for the pastor to face.

Our people especially enjoyed their duets as well as their preaching and violin numbers. So much singing confuses the people as to the message or words of the song. Not so with these good men.

Most fraternally yours,

Roy O. Beaman, pastor,
Calvary Baptist Church
Tampa, Florida

SOLDIER BOY

Soldier boy, soldier boy, as you are going

To fight with your might for the Red, White and Blue.

While the distress of the nation is growing

And country is calling, God too calls for you.

Answer as swiftly, as freely, as gladly
As you have answered your Uncle

Sam's call

You can do nothing so brave and so manly

His is the voice that is greatest of all.

The use of your body, the nation commands

There's no dreaming from God, only pleading

They've the strength of your arm, the skill of your hands

For your immortal soul, the Lord is entreating.

They've asked you to die, if it be necessary

That others in freedom and joy might live

But Jesus has given His own life already

Life eternal to you, He is waiting to give.

Accept Him to-day as your Lord and your Master

Rightful commander and ruler is He
As you face all the horror of war and disaster

A stronghold, a fortress, your Saviour will be.

His hand will steady, His love will make glad

Those homesick moments a soldier may know

He will help keep you from all that is bad

Take Him dear soldier, wherever you go.

—Wilda Schrock Oatley

SUCKERS OR FEEDERS

Every gardener and farmer knows that the knife must be applied to suckers that shoot out from parent stalk of plant and tree. The church with its work and worship is the divinely ordained stalk; any class, circle or society that does not make you love the regular services and aims of church, is a sucker and not a feeder. Great business concerns pay large sums of money for expert advice to prevent loss by unnecessary effort. We again urge mutual council and effort in our God-given work in Galilee.—Gravett.

Then the B. Y. P. U., W. M. U. and many organized classes are suckers and the churches need suckering. Someone asked Lyman Beecher how he did so much in his church. Beecher replied: "O I preach Sundays and four hundred of my church preach every day."

News and Truths

The Bible is certainly the best preparation that you can give a soldier going into battle to sustain his ideal and faith. —Marshall Foch.

"WHY THE UNSAVED CAN'T GO TO HEAVEN"

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and our civilization. The lodges teach the same. There isn't a fraternal order in this town but what teaches that good people — moral people — are going to Heaven when they die. False preachers likewise teach the same thing. How many churches there are whose teaching today is "join the church, be baptized, and do the best you can."

I say to you this morning, beloved, it is a common philosophy of life generally that good people — moral people — are all going to Heaven. However, I want, by the grace of God, to show you why this is untrue. I want to show you this morning why that the unsaved can never go to Heaven in their present state.

I

In the first place, if an unsaved man could get into Heaven without having his old nature changed and his heart renewed in the sight of God, Heaven would be a Hell to him. That is one reason why the unsaved can't go to Heaven in their present condition. It would not be Heaven to an unsaved man to be there. It would be a Hell to him — a worse Hell than the lake of fire and brimstone.

It is true in this life that people generally like to be with their own crowd. You have often heard it said that "birds of a feather will flock together." How true it is beloved. And how true it would be if an unsaved person were to get to Heaven without having been changed by the grace of God. He certainly would not be with his crowd; he certainly would be out of place, and it would be a literal Hell to an unsaved man thus to spend eternity in Heaven.

Listen: "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." (I Jn. 3:14). John does not mean that we have a silly, sickly, sentimental feeling toward everybody that is saved, but he does mean that every saved person loves to be with the brethren of the Lord Jesus Christ. We love to associate with those who love God, and with those who serve Him devotedly. My brother, my sister, the man that loves to come to the house of God and serve God, would be completely out of place in a beer joint or a pool room — as much so as the inmate of such a slop kitchen would be out of place in the house of God. I say the same analogy holds true as far as Heaven is concerned — that if a man of this world were able to get into Heaven with his old nature unregenerated and unchanged by the grace of God — that man would be as miserable, or even more so, than if he were in Hell itself.

Years ago, Moody used to tell of two individuals who were going to different places on the Lord's Day. One was going to a race track to spend the day gambling, and the other was going with a group on a Sunday School picnic. At the wharf, as the boats were ready to leave, these two men got mixed up and got on the wrong boat, and the man who was wanting to go to the race track, was absolutely miserable in the presence of the saints of God; and the man

who wanted to go to the Sunday School picnic, was even as much miserable on the boat with those who were going to the horse race.

I contend this morning that the unsaved man, the man who has never yet been redeemed by grace — I contend that he cannot go to Heaven in his present state, in his present spiritual condition, being alienated from God, because if he were to do so, it would be a literal Hell to him to have to spend eternity with the saints of God.

To me, beloved, when God made Hell, it was an act of love on His part. I do not think that I could cite to you any greater reason or any greater proof as to why God loves this world than the fact that God made a Hell for a sinner, for if God had not made a Hell for sinners, they would have spent a more miserable time and therefore a greater experience of pain in eternity in Heaven than they would have in a lake of fire, for without a change of nature — without a renewal of the Spirit of God, without a change as to the heart condition — Heaven would be a Hell to the man that is outside Jesus Christ.

I say then, beloved, in the first place, the unsaved man can't go to Heaven in his present state because it would be a Hell to him to do so.

II

In the second place, beloved, the unsaved can't go to Heaven in their present state because you can't take thing that defileth neither what-sin to Heaven. Listen: "And there shall in no wise enter into it any- soever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie." (Rev. 21:27). There isn't anything that defiles going to enter Heaven. There isn't anything that is abominable. There isn't anything that makes a lie. In other words, there is no sin going to enter Heaven. You can't take sin into Heaven, and therefore the unsaved can't enter Heaven in their present spiritual state because you just simply can't take sin into Heaven.

This past week, the papers carried, what to my mind, was one of the most unusual feature stories that I have ever read. It was the story of a man of foreign extraction over in New York City who wanted to be a city fireman, but to do so in New York City, a man has to 5' 7" tall. Even a fraction of an inch disqualifies him if he is less than 5' 7" in height, and this man, desiring to be a city fireman in New York City, found that by the very best that he could do, he could only maintain a height of 5' 5½", which meant that he was a little better than an inch too short to become a member of the fire department of New York City. Then I read the things that he did in order that he might increase his height. He devised a canvass sling that he strapped underneath his chin, which was flung on to a rope over a gymnasium chinning bar, and he would pull himself up and down by this in hopes he would be able to stretch himself out so that he would be long enough to get into the fire department. Then he captured some wild bees and rubbed honey on the top of his head and hoped that the bees would sting him and thus raise bumps, but the bees died. Then they

say that he placed a thin mattress on a floor and lay upon his back, never turning to the right or left, for fifty hours' time just to relax his bones. Then he had his father and his brother to carry him on an improvised stretcher to the New York University gymnasium for the fireman's examination, and just before he got of the stretcher, he hit himself in the head with a wooden mallet in order to raise a sizeable bump on the top of his head. And then they stood him up by the measuring machine, and found that by all of his contortions and through all his efforts, he had gained exactly ½", but that he was still 1-2" below the standard. When he told of the things he had done and the effort he had put forth to become a member of the fire department, they took him in on probation with the understanding that they would give him six months to gain that other 1-2" and thus come up to the standard of 5' 7".

When I read that, I said, "The trouble with that man was that he was too short," and beloved, the trouble with each man and woman of this world is that they are too short spiritually in God's sight, for God says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Here's a man that was physically short, but you are spiritually short of the glory of God today. My brother, no unsaved man can enter Heaven in his present spiritual condition because you are short of the glory of God — you can't take sin into Heaven with you. The Word of God says that regardless of how much we may try to stretch ourselves spiritually — that our efforts are all fruitless, for we read that salvation is "not of works lest any man should boast."

III

In the third place, beloved, an unsaved man can't enter Heaven in his present spiritual condition because the unsaved must repent. Listen: "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Lk. 13:3) The crowd had come to Jesus and told Him about the group of Galileans who were offering their sacrifices to God, and how Pilate had mingled their own blood with the blood of their sacrifices. They told Him how that the soldiers had killed them while they were worshipping God, and how terrible it was that Pilate should mingle the blood of these worshippers with the blood of their sacrifices whereby they were worshipping God. Jesus looked beyond the dead bodies of these Galileans on out to the judgement and saw the souls that had come out of these dead bodies coming up to the judgment bar of God, and He saw them unsaved and turned away from Heaven, and Jesus said to them, "I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Here were men who had perished not only physically, but they had perished spiritually as well. Though they were religious people, and had died in the act of religious worship, Jesus said the thing that was wrong with them was that they had not repented. I tell you this morning, I don't care how moral nor how good a man is, if he has not repented of his sins, that man can never go to Heaven in his present spirit-

ual condition.

I talked to a deacon of a so-called Baptist Church several months ago and again of recent date—the same conversation each time, and he said, "It's too bad that there are so many good Christian people that have never joined the church." I asked him just what kind of people he was talking about, and he said there were so many people who really believed a lot about the Bible, and yet they had never joined the Church. I said to him, "What do you want them to join the Church for?" "Why," he said, "they are Christians just outside the church," and he went on to tell me that any man who was morally good, in God's sight, was a Christian. Beloved, what a pity that a church should be so weak as to tolerate such a deacon!

I say to you this morning, I don't care how morally good any man or woman is—you may be absolutely perfect so far as you are concerned, but unless you repent of your sins, you can never enter Heaven. I repeat it—an unsaved man can't go to Heaven as he is, because you have to repent to get to Heaven.

IV

There is a further reason why the unsaved can't go to Heaven in their present spiritual condition—namely, the sinner has to believe the gospel to be saved. You talk about men being justified without the gospel—you might as well talk about an individual over-turning this house single-handed. You might as well talk about a man lifting himself with his own boot straps, or a man doing the impossible, as to speak of a sinner being saved without the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:17).

Nobody is ever saved without the hearing of the Word of God.

Listen again: "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye received, and wherein ye stand; By which ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain." (I Cor. 15:1,2). I tell you today, beloved, no unsaved man in his present spiritual condition, irrespective of his goodness, regardless of his morality — no unsaved man can ever get to Heaven unless he hears and believes the gospel of Jesus Christ — that the Son of God has died for his sin.

V

Listen: "Whereby are given unto us saved person can go to Heaven in his present spiritual condition, because that unsaved person has to have a new nature. A lot of folk don't realize it, but there is a tremendous difference between the nature of a saved man and the nature of an unsaved man. There is much likeness between a serpent and an angel as there is between an unsaved person and a child of God. There is as much difference between a saint and a sinner in nature as there is in the nature of the Devil and the nature of the Lord Jesus Christ, in view of the fact that a child of God has the nature of God on the inside of Him.

Listen: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having

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escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." (2 Pet. 1:4). Beloved, the man that is saved, has partaken of divine nature, he has the nature of God on the inside of him, and the unsaved man does not. For a man to get to Heaven, he has to have the nature of God, and no unsaved man can go there in his present condition because he has never yet partaken of divine nature.

VI

I go a step farther and say that no unsaved man can go to Heaven in his present condition because he must be born again. Listen: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." (Prov. 4:23). Beloved, the thing that counts this morning is the status of the heart. What's the nature of your heart today? What's the nature of your spiritual heart condition this morning? Out of it are the issues of life.

"Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom." (Psa. 51:6). It doesn't make any difference what your life is on the outside, and how good and moral you appear to be unto men, the question is, "How is it on the inside?" The exterior may be all right, but how about the interior?

You know this morning after I came to the study, I thought about how many people would spend thirty to forty-five minutes and maybe an hour's time getting ready to come to church, spending all that time on the old exterior. Why some of you folk I dare say, took ten minutes to get your hat on straight, and I know some of you spent maybe ten minutes on your cosmetics, trying to get all beautified to come to church. You may have spent an hour this morning getting ready to come to the house of God, and beloved, in all probability, 90 per cent of you never spent one minute's time talking with God about the morning service. Trying to fix up the exterior and missing the interior.

Beloved, an unsaved man can't get to Heaven in his present spiritual condition because the sinner has to be born again. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." (Jn. 3:7). Don't talk to me about a man going to Heaven because he is good, for no man can go to Heaven in his present spiritual condition unless he be born from above and receives the new nature of God by the new birth.

A few weeks ago I stood along side of an old country saw mill. I saw them roll the logs up on the skidway and then over on to the carriage and I saw them fasten that log there with the "dogs" to hold it while they might run the carriage by the saw for the purpose of cutting off a slab. I noticed one log in particular, that it was crooked, and I noted a rotten heart at one end. Then I noticed when they rolled that old log up on to the skidway and the log shot by the saw, one slab was cut off, and, then a second, and a third, and a fourth, and then the crooked log was made straight. It made the log stra-

ight all right, but the old rotten heart was still there.

Here's a man this morning who realizes his heart is defiled, and who realizes there is something wrong. He sees something he is doing, and he cuts it off on one side, then he looks again and cuts off another slab, until pretty soon he has slabbed so many wrong things off that his life looks pretty good on the outside, but the old heart is still rotten in the sight of God. Many a man has slabbed off the meanness of his life, but what he really needs is to be born of the Spirit of God. Listen: "A new heart also will I give up, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and I will give you an heart of flesh." (Ezek. 36:26).

I tell you, beloved, a sinner can't go to Heaven in his present spiritual condition, first of all, because it would be a Hell to him; in the second place, because you can't take sin into Heaven; in the third place, because the sinner must repent; in the fourth place, because the sinner must believe the gospel; in the fifth place, because the sinner must have a new nature; and in the sixth place, a sinner can't go to Heaven in his present condition because he must be born again.

Oh, this morning, I wonder if I speak to someone who is a good moral man or a good moral woman. It may be that you are righteous; it may be you are moral; it may be that you are ethically pure; your life may be morally perfect, and yet you know not the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. My prayer to God for you this morning is that you will open your heart and let the Lord Jesus Christ come in. Let Him come into your life and be saved, and thus become a child of God this morning. God bless you all!

SUPERSTITIOUS PEOPLE AND MAGIC CANCER CURES

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three times a week for external cancer.

"Apply a poultice of ripe cranberries or of violet leaves.

Drink tea from violets for internal cancer."

Before smiling at these superstitious cancer "cures" ask yourself if you are not pinning your faith to a superstitious "cure" for the worst of maladies — sin.

To say that the forgiveness of sins is secured by "following the dictates of conscience" or "by observance of religious rites and ceremonies" or by "generosity in gifts for the cause" or by "meritorious conduct" is to resort to another form of superstition.

The truth is that once in the end of the age Christ "appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself." (Heb. 9:26). And because He accomplished that great work, He proffers the forgiveness of sins to everyone that believeth. "To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins." (Acts 10:43).

The pure light of the Scriptures of Truth will banish the fear and ignorance that breed these superstitions.

The Lord Jesus said: "Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free." And: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:32,36).

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THE MEANING OF THE EMPTY PEW

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Some stay home from church, or go elsewhere, because they are pouting at the preacher. The devil laughs out loud.

Some absent themselves from church because they don't "feel well." It's a wonder the Lord doesn't kill a lot of folk for this one. A Christian who excuses himself from worship because he doesn't "feel well," when in fact he isn't sick at all, may lose his health. When he does, he will need the Lord pretty bad.

Some stay home because of a little task that just "has to be done," when in fact it could be attended to at another time. Some day the Lord will let tasks come which have to be done, whether you like it or not.

In every community, city, and state throughout the nation, this forsaking of the house of God goes on 52 weeks in the year. Some day it will come to us as it did to Israel: "And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it." Amos 8:12.

Yes, habitual church absenteeism is not of the Lord. Church absentees may be having an easy, rosy time now. But the empty pew means the forsaking of worship. And that means we forfeit the freedom of worship to the tyranny and slavery of an anti-Christ world.

—The Orthodox Baptist

THE ONLY THING

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me ten cents." The pawn broker opened the package and it contained a pair of baby shoes. "No," he said. "Take them," said the young man, "I want ten cents." "No," repeated the pawn broker. "Take them home. Your baby will need them." "She won't need them. She's dead, and I want a drink," said the young man. It has been said that liquor is the only thing that will make a man pawn his baby's shoes and it comes very near being true.

—Word and Way

MIKE AND THE PRIEST

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I cannot understand it, it will do me no harm; and what I can understand does me a heap o' good."

"Very well, Mike," said the priest, "you must go to Church; and the Church will teach you. The Church will give you the milk of the Word."

"And where does the Church get it but out of the Bible? Ah! your Reverence, I would rather keep the cow myself."—Selected.

Care not whether men say you are a great thinker. See to it that they know you as a great believer.

NO LIQUOR FOR FORTY YEARS

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million pounds of food was necessary for one day, that would make nine million cans. One single can is about five inches tall. Nine million cans would be three million, seven hundred and fifty feet high. Since there are five thousand two hundred and eighty feet to the mile, this assembly of cans, stacked one upon another, would be approximately seven hundred and fifty miles high — for one day only. That many cans for each day of the forty years (if each year had three hundred and sixty-five days, as now) if stacked one upon another form a pile ten million, nine hundred and fifty thousand miles high. It would take a carrier pigeon approximately twenty-one years, if it never stopped in its flight, to fly from the bottom can to the top can. What marvelous provision God made for His people as "He brought them out that He might bring them in."

But note—yea, remember ever, forget never—that not one gallon of wine, not one pint of strong drink, was included in the forty-year provision. Teaching us what? That God knew that strong drink is not good for any nation at any time under any conditions. And—what was good for Israel is good for our nation. Old Ben Franklin knew it, too, when he said: "No man ever drank lard into his tub, nor flour into his sack, nor meal into his barrel, nor happiness into his home, nor God into his heart."

Another was proclaiming the truth of the wisdom of God having a total abstinence people—and not a feeble form among them for forty years, when he said: "Spiritious liquor never touched an individual that it did not leave an undesirable stain, nor a family that it did not plant the seeds of dissolution and misery, nor a community that it did not lower the moral tone and chill religion and undermine law, nor a state that it did not multiply crime and destroy wealth and increase the burdens of taxation, nor a nation that it did not clog the machinery of government and weaken patriotism and encourage treason."

Remember the truth of Israel's forty years' without strong drink—and never let it be known of you on earth and recorded of you in heaven that liquor was legalized by your voice or silence, by your approval or vote. You can search through all history, delve into all philosophies, look over all athletic fields, look into all tombs, walk through all mad houses, listen to all testimonies, attempt to quiet all brawls—and you can't find one good thing that can be said about the open traffic in liquor. In my private life, in my pulpit, by my pen, and by my vote, I register my protest now against giving this foul serpent legal permission to leave its slimy trail in Tennessee. I will have no part by indifference or by silence or by refusal to vote in such a devil-approved disgrace. I will not. The liquor problem is not settled right by making it easier for manhood to be shorn of its locks of strength and a community its locks of honor by licensed liquor Delilahs.

—Baptist and Reflector