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"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel!"

"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20).

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Compulsory Military Training Is All Wrong

Why Can't There Be Permanent Peace Now In This Present Age?

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We have often made the statement that there HAS NEVER been peace in the world among its peoples. This we know to be true from history. We have made the further statement that THERE WILL never be permanent universal peace during this age. This looks plausible from the mere human standpoint, since the history of the past has been indicative of the future. We have made the further statement that THERE CAN NOT BE permanent universal peace in the world during this age. Now this is an awful statement, and many find it too strong for them to believe. But it is so, and we shall set forth some reasons for making such a statement, presently.

The Modernist's Fallacy

It is assumed by the leaders of

all of the big denominations today—Baptists included, that despite temporary setbacks the world is gradually moving upwards, and that eventually we shall have a warless world. This is taught in all modernist seminaries, and our semi-modernist Baptist seminaries give their students about the same slant. All sorts of peace moves have been made by church leaders of the modernistic stripe. But despite all this the truth remains that we shall never have permanent universal peace during this age. And this nation may fight to preserve democracy, but eventually democracy is going to be banished from the earth, for anti-Christ is to be a dictator, and he is as certain to come as the Bible is the Word of God. However, in the present war—the democracies may temporarily win out. This MAY NOT be God's time for the rise of anti-

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Concerning the plans of certain national leaders for compulsory military training, the editor of the Evangelist has this to say:

"If gun-toting is to be a major in the curriculum of every teenager, the economy of American education must need be changed, and not likely for the better.

"If American youth must shed the influence of home, church, and school just at the age when moral and religious ideals are taking firm root, to live according to the looser codes of military life and training camp temptations, how long will the moral fibre of the nation retain even its present dubious strength?"

His points are well made. Indeed, we do not want a military "way of life" here.

If our 1945 eighteen-year-olds are trained for military service, they will be 38 years of age in 20 years (1965)—too old for military service. Is the peace going to be so badly made that it will not last 20 years? Ask that of those who are to have a big hand in the peace but even now advocate this training.

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"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." --Psalm 116:15



ELDER LEE RECTOR

Formerly of Ardmore, Oklahoma — Now with his Lord.

The Terrible Sin of Exaggeration

"Let another praise thee, and not thine own lips" Proverbs 27:2.

There are different grades of sin: Sins of the flesh, sins of the mind and sins of the heart. But now we want to notice a popular and almost universal sin, that of the tongue—**exaggeration**. This will can get into the pulpit and front pews.

It is easy to remember vividly the main things connected with an incident. Then one can go farther and imagine other things which could have occurred. At first he may casually imply that it was thus and so, but after stating (Continued on page four)

Will There Be Peace?

"We may sweep the world clean of militarism. We may scrub the earth white of autocracy. We may carpet it with democracy, and drape it with the flags of republicanism. We may hang on the walls the thrilling pictures of freedom—here the signing of America's independence, there the thrilling portrait of Joan of Arc, yonder the Magna Charta, and on this side the inspiring picture of Garibaldi. We may spend effort and energy to make the world Paradise itself, where the lion of capitalism can lie down with the proletariat lamb. But if we turn into that splendid room, mankind with the

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Is It A Sin To Steal \$40?

The moral theology of the Roman Catholic church has been well defined as a system which teaches how the Ten Commandments may be broken without committing sin. This is accomplished by clever Jesuit sophistry and mathematical juggling. Two ounces of meat, for instance, may be eaten on Fridays and other fast days without sin, but the eating of a fraction more than this amount is considered a 'mortal' sin, the punishment for which is damnation in hell. In our magazine for last January we published extracts from the Roman Catholic catechism listing the "reasons that excuse from theft."

Catholic theology divides sin into venial (small) and mortal (grave) sins. If one dies with venial sins unrepented, he goes to purgatory; for mortal or grave

sins he goes to hell for all eternity. On the other hand, no amount of venial sins can ever make a mortal sin. It is important, therefore, that priests be accurately instructed as to what constitutes a mortal as distinguished from a mere venial sin, so that they can pass judgment on the matter when forgiving sins in confession. The doctors of moral theology make this their special task, and supply all the answers to particular cases.

Following is one such answer concerning the amount of money one may steal (\$40 is the limit

Mused Uncle Mose

"Snake handlin' ain' nothin' new; ole Mammy Eve fooled wid dem things."

specified) without committing a mortal sin. It was published in the January, 1945, issue of The American Ecclesiastical Review, official magazine of instruction for priests published at Catholic University in Washington, D. C. On page 68, the question is asked:

"QUESTION: What would be regarded nowadays as the absolute sum for grave theft in the United States? -----"

"ANSWER: By the absolute sum for grave theft is meant that amount of money, the stealing of which constitutes a mortal sin, irrespective of the financial status of the individual or corporation from whom it is taken, however wealthy they may be. Naturally this sum varies with the fluctuation of the value, or the purchasing power, of money. (Continued on page four)

Lee Rector Passes Quietly On October 7

No words can begin to express the sorrow and grief that gripped the heart of this editor when he learned of the death of his beloved friend and ministerial brother, W. Lee Rector, who passed to be with His Lord on Sunday, October 7.

He was found in his bed about 6:30 a. m., when he failed to turn off the alarm. Mrs. Rector went to his bed to see why he was not awakened and found him dead.

The Doctor was called and it was discovered that his body was yet warm, which indicated that he had been dead only a short time.

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The Ministerial Deadline

The deadline in the ministry, as in any other calling, is the line of laziness. The lawyer cannot use last year's briefs. The physician cannot depend on last week's diagnosis. The merchant cannot assume that a customer of ten years' standing will not be enticed elsewhere. And the preacher must be a live, wide-awake, growing man. Let him dye his brains, not his hair. Let his thoughts be fresh, and his speech be glowing. Sermons, it has well been said, are like bread, which is delicious when it is fresh, but which, when a month old, is hard to cut, harder to eat, and hardest of all to digest.—A. J. F. Behrends.

-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"MORE LIGHT ON ROMAN CATHOLICISM"

By ANTHONY ZEOLA

I have beside me a Roman Catholic Bible which has been approved by His Eminence John Cardinal Farley, Archbishop of New York. I want to show some things that are in this Bible that are not believed and not practiced by the Roman Church. If the Roman Church would give to her people the Word of God, then we

could believe that she means well. The true fact is that the Roman Church does not want her people to have the Word of God and proves that she wants to keep her people in darkness. If the Roman Church wanted her people to have the light she would give them the Bible because "The entrance of Thy words giveth light, it giveth understanding unto the simple." Psa. 119:130. The Roman Church

knows that her people could not be held in fear if they read the Bible and so for this reason and many others, the Bible is kept from them. We will take up some of the things taught in the Roman Church.

Call No Man Father

The Roman Catholic Church teaches her people to call the (Continued on page two)

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priests, Father, while in their
Bible it says, "And call none your
Father upon earth for one is your
Father who is in heaven." Matt.
23:9. It says very plainly "call
no one, or no man, Father." This
means priest, Pope and all in
religious circles.

Communion Or The
Lord's Supper

When Christ instituted Communion or the Lord's Supper, He gave bread and wine to His disciples, First Cor. 11:24-25. The Roman Catholic Church does not give bread or wine to her people as the Lord commanded. In place of bread she gives crackers and no wine, but Jesus says in First Cor. 11:26, "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup." The priest is the only one who drinks the wine. How true the Word of God is in Isaiah 28:7, "But they have also erred through wine and through strong drink are out of the way. The priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine. They err in vision and stumble in judgment." Read also Jer. 23:11.

Marriage

The Roman Catholic Church forbids her clergy to marry, and according to GOD'S WORD, this Doctrine is error. In First Tim. 4 we read "The Spirit saith in the last days, or times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to spirits of error and doctrines of devils"—First Tim. 4:1, "forbidding to marry" — First Tim. 4:3. These are very plain statements, taken from the Roman Catholic Bible, and, as these verses mean just what they say, the Roman Catholic Religion is accordingly a doctrine of error and devils because it forbids marriage. It was Pope Gregory VII who said, "Leave your wives, children and homes, and follow me, my clergy shall not marry." This Pope was not Peter's successor, and therefore he said and practiced such wickedness. The Roman Catholic priests, nuns or sisters cannot marry according to the Roman Catholic Religion, in spite of the fact that the Roman Catholic Bible says that any religion forbidding marriage is a doctrine of devils and error. This is another reason why the Roman Catholic Church keeps the

If Every Home Were
An Altar

If every home were an altar
Where holiest vows were paid
And life's best gifts in sacrament
Of purest love were laid;

If every home were an altar
Where harsh or angry thought
Was cast aside for kindly one,
And true forgiveness sought;

If every home were an altar
Where hearts weighed down
with care
Could find sustaining strength and
grace
In sweet uplift of prayer;

Then solved would be earth's problems,
Banished sin's curse and blight;
For Gods' own love would radiate
From every altar light.

—Sunday School Times.

Bible from her people.

Forbidden To Eat Meat

The Roman Catholic Church forbids her people to eat meat on certain days, and the Roman Catholic Bible says any religion which forbids the eating of meat is a religion of devils and error—First Tim. 4:1-3. The fourth verse of First Tim. 4 says, "For every creature of God is good and nothing should be rejected." So again we see another reason why the Bible is kept from them lest their eyes should be opened.

A Bishop

The Roman Catholic Bible says, "A faithful saying, if a man desire the office of a Bishop, he desireth good work. It behooveth therefore a Bishop to be blameless, the husband of one wife, one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all charity.—First Tim. 3:1-4. It is very plainly written here that if a man wants to be a Bishop, he must be the husband of one wife. The Roman Catholic Church does not practice what her Bible teaches and, therefore we see another reason why the Bible is kept from her people. A bishop of the Roman Catholic Church is not the husband of one wife and therefore is not a Bishop of God.

Idols And Images

The Roman Catholic Bible very clearly teaches us not to make idols and heeds not her the Roman Catholic Church makes idols and heeds not her Bible or her God. Let us examine a few verses in the Roman Catholic Bible on idols and images. Please let us turn to the Book of Leviticus 26:1 and read, "Ye shall not make to yourselves, any idol or graven thing (image)." In this verse it says ye shall not make idols or images. This is another occasion where the Roman Catholic Church pays no attention to God's Word, and therefore makes idols and images. In Exodus 20:4 it says, "Thou

shalt not make to thyself a graven thing (image) nor the likenes of anything that is in heaven above or in the earth beneath, nor of those things that are in the waters under the earth." Here again we see that "thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or likeness of anything or anybody in heaven," and yet the Roman Catholic Church makes idols and images of saints in heaven, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Jesus, etc. Here again the Roman Catholic Church ignores God's Word. The man who makes these images and idols is a sinner. He gets together lots of clay and when it is fixed up he takes his moulds of clay and from the clay he makes a bull dog, then an Indian, then a woman image, and then he makes Saint Mary, Saint Joseph, Jesus, etc., all out of the same dirty clay, baked in the same oven, made by the same sinner, and yet he will charge seventy five cents for the bull-dog, fifty cents for the Indian, and from \$1.00 to \$3.00 for the image of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, etc. Are not they made out of the same clay, and if so, the bull dog is just as much God as the image of Jesus because they were all made out of the same stuff, baked in the same oven and made by the same manner? We pity the heathen in Africa and China who worship idols while those following the Catholic faith are being deceived.

We have the Bible and education and yet are being deceived by the people who make light of God's Word. Isaiah says, "Their land also is full of idols, they worship the works of their hands, that which their own fingers have made, and the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself, therefore forgive them not."—Isa. 2:8, 9. In First Cor. 8:4 we read "That an idol is nothing in the world." In Acts 15:20 it says, "The people should refrain themselves from the pollutions of idols. In Second Cor. 6:16 it reads, "And what agreement hath the temple of God

with idols?" First John 5:21 reads, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols." All these verses are taken from a Roman Catholic Bible. We see again why the Bible is kept from the people, and they know that "the entrance of God's Word giveth light"—Ps. 119:130. The Roman Catholic Church does not want her people to have light, and we see the reason why the Bible is kept from them.

Peter Was Pope

Let us turn over our Roman Catholic Bible and read whether or not Peter was Pope. Take for instance I Peter 1:1, "Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ" (not Pope). Gal. 2:9 we read, Peter was a "pillar of the Church" (not Pope). In First Peter 5:1, Peter says that he is an elder (not Pope). Paul considers himself Peter's equal. He says, "I was not a whit behind the very chiefest Apostle"—II Cor. 11:5. If Peter had been a Pope, would Paul dare to speak after this fashion Paul also rebuked Peter when he came to Antioch. Paul said, "I withstood him to the face because he was to be blamed"—Gal. 2:11-16. How would Paul have dared to rebuke Peter openly for failing to practice what he preached in his action toward the Gentiles if Peter had been Pope? No writer of the New Testament speaks of Peter as Pope. What does the silence mean? Can it be a conspiracy against him? Why did they ignore his authority? Why? Because Peter was never Pope. All the Apostles were brethren. The only time Peter acted like a Pope was when he used the sword and cut off the ear of Malchus, John 18:10. (Popes have often made use of arms), and when in Antioch he did not walk according to the truth, Gal. 2:14. Popes have done the same thing for centuries. Peter also contradicted and opposed the teachings of Christ, Matt. 16:21-23. In this respect all Popes have excelled. This was all the popery Peter had in him. It was enough, but Christ delivered him from the power of the evil one. This does not seem Pope-like. Instead of sending others out to preach he is sent himself. Peter did not preside at the council in Jerusalem. He did not call the council or open its deliberations, but James took the direction of the gathering. If Peter was Pope, why did he not show his authority?—Acts 15.

Butler's Catholic Catechism, pages 5, 46, contains the following: "Who is the visible head of the church? To whom does the Pope succeed as visible head of the church? To Saint Peter, who was the chief of the Apostles, Christ's Vicar on earth, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome." The Roman Catholic Church is wrong in this, as Peter was not sent to Rome. It was Paul who was sent by Jesus to Rome and not Peter. Read Acts 23:11. Peter preached to the Jews and preached the Gospel of Circumcision—Gal. 2:7, 8. In the Question Department of the "Catholic Observer" appeared the following "Saint Peter was married before he became an Apostle, but 'CEASED' to live with his wife when he was elevated to the office and dignity of the Christian Priesthood." The paper called "The Menace" very

quickly answered this slander against Peter by saying, "Peter ceased to live with his wife, one of them must have left the other. It it were the wife who had left Saint Peter, then he must have been a poor foundation for a church. If on the other hand Saint Peter did the leaving, then he was a wife deserter, then the Roman Catholic Church was founded by and upon a wife deserter."

We know Peter did not leave his wife. The Roman Catholic Church lies when she makes such a statement. Paul makes it plain that after Peter became an Apostle he still had his wife; he says, "Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife as other apostles, and as the brethren of the LORD, and Cephas (Peter?)"—I Cor. 9:5. Was Peter ever a Pope? NO! Therefore Benedict XV is not his successor, consequently the whole papal fabric falls to pieces, because the whole system is founded upon a lie. "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof, from such turn away."—II Tim. 3:15.

"Purgatory"

Never once in God's Word do we read of purgatory. I was speaking to a Roman Catholic one day and he tried to tell me that in I Cor. 3:15 we have a picture of purgatory. How foolish! In this passage it speaks of our works tried after we are saved and not of Salvation. The fourteenth verse speaks of a reward. These people to whom the Apostles were speaking were all Christians and saved. He was not speaking of Salvation by works but works being tried after we are saved, and rewards given accordingly. It does not say in the Bible to pray for the dead. Abraham could not help the dead. Luke 16:19-31. "After death judgment," Heb. 9:27, and purgatory. Purgatory is a down-right, bareface falsehood and an invention of man inspired by Satan for the destruction of the Souls. The Roman Catholic Church makes slaves of her people on earth, and after death makes merchandise of their souls. "The merchandise of gold and silver . . . and slaves and souls of men."—Rev. 18:12, 13. Prayers of money after death cannot save you, for the Word of God says, "Because there is wrath, beware, lest he take thee away with his stroke (death), then a great ransom cannot deliver thee. 'Will He esteem thy riches?' "NO, not gold or all the forces of strength." Job 36:18, 19. "None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: For the redemption of their souls is precious, and it ceaseth forever." Psalm 49:7, 8. "Not redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ." I Pet. 1:18, 19. Strong public sentiment that is everywhere found against obtaining money under false pretenses should apply to the Roman Catholic Church or priests who take money from deceived relatives, for masses which they pretend will better the conditions of the dead. This is an imposition that should be earnestly condemned. The priest who tells a sorrowing father or mother that their child

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men are suffering in a place called purgatory and that their prayers, to be paid for with cash and, are necessary for the release of the souls of such dead persons from this man-made purgatory, is surely an impostor and ought to be counted with those who obtain money under false pretenses. How well the LORD spoke when he said, "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees and hypocrites, for ye devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers; therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation." Matt. 23:14. There is no system of gambling nor species of fraud more brazen or barefaced than this crooked game of bereaved people to rob and cheat them out of their oftentimes hard-earned scanty wages. If a Roman Catholic does and has no money to pay for masses the soul of the dead may so far as the priests are concerned suffer in their supposed purgatory or be cast into Hell. The high mass costs from \$0.00 to \$1000.00 or more, according to the display of flowers, candles, and the number of guests taking part, and is sung in a loud tone of voice. The low mass costs about \$5.00 and only a few candles are used, and it is sung in a low voice. Of course, if one be poor he will save enough to have a high mass, thinking it will do more good than the low one. One is as good as the other and they are both "Good nothing."

is high money — high mass
is low money — low mass
is no money — no mass

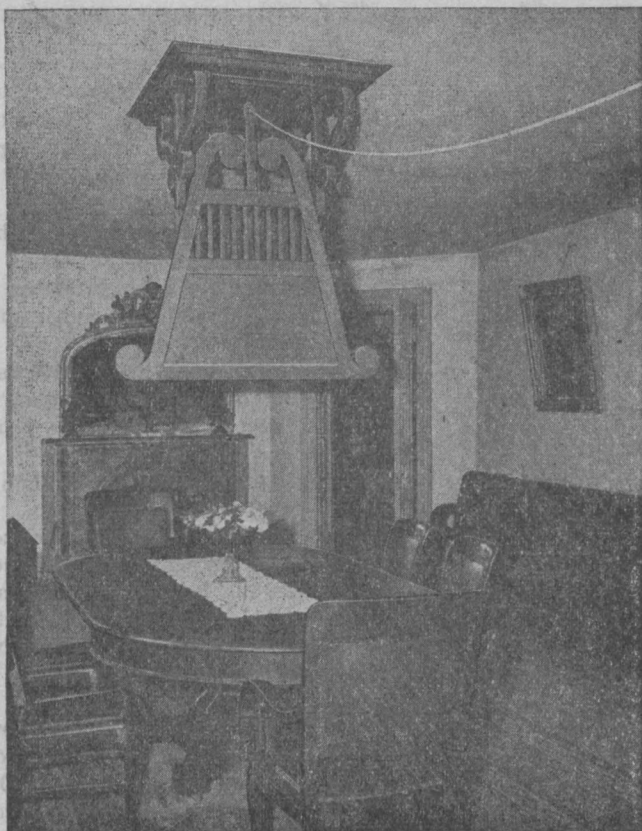
It is foolish to believe because he leaves some money when he pays for masses that he will be saved from supposed purgatory; when the poor man who has no money for masses must stay in the supposed purgatory forever.

The Roman Catholic Church is making little of GOD and His word when she teaches such lies. There are a few verses from a tract by Theodore E. Beebe:

money for masses, but who ever read where we're told in the Bible to pray for the dead, the soul after death is cleansed from its stain, through masses relieved from suffering and pain?

money for masses, Oh! what a sham, trick of the devil, the millions to damn, are only the soul from all sin is made free, no one can read GOD's Word and not see. money for masses, but time will expire, and the last priest will die, and enter the fire, and we want to know, if you can explain, how he'll be prayed out when no priest remains.

money for masses, hang on to your purse, let the priest threaten, condemn, and then curse, take GOD's Word as your guide, it is safest and best, trusting Jesus, then, dying, you'll enter His rest.



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This is the Colonial version of a ceiling fan, in Natchez, Miss., which swept back and forth, with a rhythmic pull on the rope, to "shoo" flies and to cool the diners. Of course, this is outmoded today, yet the old Gospel is never out of date. It saves sinners today, just as in Natchez, and just as in the days of Jesus. "The blood of Jesus Christ, his son, cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:7.

Death does not end all with the Roman Catholic church. A member cannot avoid church dues by dying. His or her estate or friends must pay on and pay forever; even the tax collector gives up a dead man, but the Roman Catholic Church never. The priestly threat of sending the soul from purgatory into Hell will bring the last dollar from the pocket of the sorrowing mother whose only daughter sleeps in her dark and narrow cell. She scrapes together her scanty means, denies herself of every comfort in order to purchase prayers for the supposed repose or promotion of the soul of her dead darling. Oh! that the day will soon come when GOD will put an end to this work of Satan stealing money from poor men and women, "Ye are not redeemed by corruptible things, such as silver and gold, but with the precious Blood of Christ." I Pet. 1:18, 19; also Jer. 23:11; Zeph. 3:4.

Confession

In the Roman Catholic Church the people confess to the priest; this their Bible does not teach. Let us look at these verses in First Esdras 10:10, 11, where we read, "And Esdras, the priest, stood up and said to them, ye have transgressed and taken strange wives to add to the sins of Israel, and now make confession to the Lord God of your fathers." It does not say here that the priest told them, the people, to confess to him, but to God. In Acts 8:22 Peter says to Simon, "repent of this thy wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thoughts of thine heart may be forgiven thee." Here in this verse Peter says, "Pray to God," not confess to me. In Acts 1:25, 2, we read, "As Peter took him up, saying, stand up, I myself am also a man," not Pope or priest,

but a man. On the day of Pentecost Peter told the people to believe the Gospel and be saved, not to confess to him. In Heb. 1:11, we read, "And every priest indeed standeth daily ministering and often offering the same sacrifices which can never take away sins." In this verse we see no priest can forgive sins, nor sacrifice either. In Heb. 10:10 we read, "Jesus is the sacrifice once and for all," therefore, there remains no other. Read also First John 1:9.

Virgin Mary

The Roman Catholic Church does not believe that the Virgin Mary was a sinner, and does not teach or believe that she had children. In Roman 3:23, it says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." This, of course, means the Virgin Mary also. The Virgin Mary did become Joseph's wife after the birth of Jesus, for we read, "And Joseph knew her not till she had brought forth her first born son." Further, it is proven that she had children after the birth of Jesus, for in Matt. 13:55-57 we read, "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And his brethren (brothers), James and Joseph, Simon and Judas and His sisters, are they not all with us? Here we see very plainly that Jesus had brothers and sisters, and we cannot deny it, for the Word of God says so. In Mark 6:3 we read again the names of the brothers of Jesus, and again we read he had sisters. In Gal. 1:19, we read, "But other of the Apostles I saw none, saving James, the brother of the Lord." The Roman Catholic Church denies that Jesus had brothers or sisters, and therefore does not believe her own Bible.

When Catholic pray they ask God, in the name of the Virgin Mary, to grant their petitions and their Bible teaches that they are

only to ask in the name of Jesus Christ, John 14:14 and Matthew 16:23, and not in the name of the Virgin Mary.

The following taken from a tract by G. M. U. No. 370:

"Of the many institutions contrary to the Gospel which are practiced by the Romanish Church today the earliest in their origin appeared to be prayers for the dead and making of the sign of the cross, both of which came into existence about three hundred years after Christ and the Apostles. About six hundred years after Christ and the Apostles, Gregory I established a worship in an unknown tongue or in Latin. The Gospel teaches us only the known language in the church. According to the Gospel all our prayers should be addressed to God alone. Prayers were never offered to Mary and the saints by the Apostles and members of the early church. The worship of Mary and the saints was commenced about six hundred years after Christ and the Apostles. The worship of the cross, images and relics was established about seven hundred and eighty-eight years after Christ. It is impossible to find a single trace of this practice in the Gospels. The baptism of Bells does not come from the Bible, Christ or the Apostles. This baptism was invented nine hundred and sixty-five years after the beginning of the Christian Church by Pope John XIV. It was about nine hundred and eighty-eight years after the Apostles that Lent was imposed upon the Roman Catholic Church. Lent and the obligatory fast on Friday are commandments of men, not teachings of the Gospel. Roman Catholic priests introduced the fabrication of holy water about one thousand years after the Apostles; thus this so-called holy water is merely a human novelty. Gregory VII is the Pope who made the law against the marriage of the priest ten hundred and seventy-nine years after Christ. The Gospel teaches the marriage of the clergy. The sacrifice of the mass is a novelty, and has been in existence only since the eleventh century. The Gospel teaches us that the sacrifice of Christ was offered once for all. About eleven hundred and ninety years after Christ, the Roman Catholic Church began the sale of indulgences. The Christian Religion as it is taught in the Gospel condemns such a traffic. The Roman Catholic Church uses a wafer in the Lord's Supper instead of bread. This change was made about the time the doctrine of Transubstantiation was proclaimed an article of faith by Pope Innocent III in the year 1215. In the year 1220 Pope Honorius III invented the adoration of the wafer, and thus the Roman Catholic Church worships a God made by the hands of man. The adoration of such a God is entirely contrary to Gospel. Auricular confession or confessions to the priest was also instituted by Pope Innocent III during the session of the council of Lateran twelve hundred and fifteen years after Christ. Since the year 1414 the Roman Catholic Church refuses to give the cup of wine to the people in the Communion services. This institution of Christ was changed by the Council of Constance. The Gospel teaches that the Lord's Supper should be given with bread and wine. The Doctrine of Purgatory was proclaimed an article of faith fourteen hundred and thirty-eight years after the Apostles by the Council of Florence. The Gospel does not contain a single word about the Roman Catholic purgatory. Roman Catholic traditions were placed on the same level with the Holy Scriptures by the Council of Trent fifteen hundred and forty-five years after Christ. These traditions are simply teachings of men. The Apocryphal books, some doubtless false, and none of them inspired, were placed in the Bible by the Council of Trent fifteen hundred and forty-five years after the Apostles. Eighteen hundred and fifty-four years after Christ the Roman Catholic Church invented the doctrine that Mary was born without sin, but the Gospel teaches that all have sinned. The infallibility of the Pope is a new doctrine which was made in the year 1870. The Gospel teaches that there is not a man upon the earth that doeth good and sinneth not."

Therefore, dear reader, we now see that the Roman Catholic Church does not teach her people what the Roman Catholic Bible teaches, and does not practice the teachings of her own Bible. God's word says, "If any man shall add to His Word, God shall add unto him, the plagues that are written in this book, and if any man shall take away from is book, God shall take his part out of the book of life." Apocalypse 22:18, 19. The priests have changed God's Word, lied and taught error, and they have robbed God of His glory. We read in Malachi 2:1-3 this: "And now, oh, ye priests, this commandment is for you; if ye will not hear and if ye will not lay it to heart to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you and I will curse your blessings, yea, I have cursed them already because ye do not lay it to heart, behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts." (A. V.)

So then, dear reader, if you have never received Jesus as your personal Saviour, do it now. His Word says, "To as many as received Him (Jesus), to them gave He power to become children of God." John 1:12. "If you hear His voice today harden not your heart." Heb. 3:15. "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18. Please, dear friend, will you not now receive Jesus as your Saviour and will you not trust Him now? "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Joshua 24:15. "What must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:30. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31.

Receive Him now and be made free for time and for eternity. My prayer is that this booklet will point the way to Christ and that through it many souls may be led out of darkness into light. All for the Glory and Praise of Christ Jesus our Lord.

NO SIN TO STEAL \$40

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In a large country like ours it is quite possible that this sum might be different in different sections. To lay down a general norm, in view of actual conditions and the value of money, it would seem that the absolute sum for grave theft would be about \$40.—Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R."

To steal up to \$40, therefore, in the United States is officially considered a mere venial sin in Catholic teaching. And no accumulation of such venial sins ever make a mortal sin. Thus, according to this stealing, \$39 may be stolen from a thousand or any number of people without committing a mortal sin. It is not even necessary to confess venial sins in confession, since they can be forgiven by acts of penance and by saying certain "indulged" prayers. If one dies without obtaining forgiveness of venial sins he goes only to purgatory for an undetermined period where his time of punishment may be shortened by having a priest say masses at a specified price) for his soul. Last year, for instance, Archbishop Sinnott, of Winnipeg, Canada, addressed a much-publicized letter to "Dear Catholic Parents" informing them that the salvation of their soldiers from purgatory could be "guaranteed" by the payment—in installments, if desired—of \$40.

This is just another clear example of the way in which the Roman Catholic church has robbed its people of their individual moral conscience. The law of God in their hearts is distorted so as to make the unemployment and eventually destroyed, and the unethical twistings of Jesuit sophistry are implanted instead. Common-sense ethics and the Ten Commandments are forgotten, and the individual is forced to take dictation on what is right and wrong from the church's theologians whose aim is to exalt the power of the church's organization, not the law of God and the integrity of society—The Converted Catholic Magazine.

COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING

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But is this proposal insincere? Are these boys to be inducted so as to make the unemployment problem less—a sort of C. C. C. Are these boys to be inducted so proposition? If so, the plan is not fair to those boys of ambition who do not wish to go onto the government for employment and support.

But the most worrying thing about the whole idea is the prospect that these youth will be torn from their homes at a tender age and subjected to the temptations which our government is glad to have about those who serve their country.

One of the several reasons against the plan is—that some of us do not want these youth to be debauched.

LEE RECTOR PASSES

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Bro. Rector was born in Mulburn, Ark., Jan. 5, 1885. He was graduated at Shawnee with the highest honor (Summa Cum

Things We Can't Afford

Regardless of the amount of wealth a self-respecting person possesses, there are things which we cannot afford. An unknown poet has enumerated a goodly number of such things in the following poem:

"We can't afford to win the gain
That means another's loss;
We can't afford to miss the crown
By stumbling at the cross.
We can't afford the heedless jest
That robs us of a friend;
We can't afford the laugh that finds
In bitter tears an end.
We can't afford the feast today
That brings tomorrow's fast;
We can't afford the farce that comes
To tragedy at last.
We can't afford to play with fire,
Or tempt a serpent's bite;
We can't afford to think that sin
Brings any true delight.
We can't afford with serious heed
To treat the cynic's sneer;
We can't afford to wise men's words
To turn a careless ear.
We can't afford to feed the flame
And make it fiercer burn.
We can't afford for hate to give
Like hatred in return;
We can't afford to lose the soul
For this world's fleeting breath;
We can't afford to barter life
In mad exchange for death.
But blind to good are we apart
From Thee, all-seeing Lord;
Oh, grant us light that we may know
The things we can't afford."

We certainly can't afford to be without Jesus Christ as our Saviour, Lord, Advocate, Friend, High Priest and coming Bridegroom.

Laude) ever bestowed by that institution. He is the author of several theological books, as well as editor of The Orthodox Baptist, which is now international in circulation.

Bro. Rector held professorships in Baylor University in 1920-21, and Oklahoma Baptist University, 1922-26. He was one of the most honored Baptist ministers in the south, being listed in Who's Who Among Southern Baptist Pulpit-teers. His pastorate with the First Orthodox Baptist Church of Ardmore has been over the past fourteen years, the 14th anniversary having been celebrated Sept. 30 of this year.

No greater character ever lived than Lee Rector. He was naturally endowed by God with a master mind, which for years was completely consecrated to the cause of Jesus Christ.

Yet he possessed a heart that was even bigger than his mind. He was one of the best friends I ever had, and the loss of that friendship, is an irreparable loss.

He was all that a friend could be to this unworthy servant of the Lord. Some months ago I stood in the Beecher Hotel at Somerset, Ky., and told him of some of God's dealings and blessings. I can see those big tears flow down his cheeks as he rejoiced with me and I can feel his arm around me even now. God doesn't give us many unusual friends, and for this one, I thank Him with all my heart.

Lee Rector loved the Truth. I have never known any man who spent his energies more consistently preaching and defending

the Word of God than he. He exposed sin and opposed heresy wherever he found either. He had a conviction for Truth that would not waver. To him the Bible was the Word of God and the will of God for his life. He never considered accepting anything less.

Brother Rector had many enemies. (The machine politicians and denominational leaders tried to destroy his influence, yet failed). Every enemy he ever had was because of his uncompromising stand for the Truth. He never struck back, nor sought revenge. Never did he take advantage of one who opposed him. In his humility, he was deeply considerate of even those who opposed him.

Just out of Ardmore are the Arbuckle Mountains, whose pinacles rise high and majestic above the plains around about. No more fitting symbol of this mighty man of God could be found than these mountains, for Lee Rector stood head and shoulders above the majority of preachers I have ever known. I said months ago through the column of this paper concerning one message I heard him preach that it was one of the greatest I had ever heard.

Lovers of the Truth have been inspired by his fearless ministry, and many others shall be similarly inspired through the days to come. How we thank God he found his place and filled it, and until we meet him up yonder, may God give us grace to be equally faithful to Him.

THE SIN OF EXAGGERATION

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ing it several times the supposed facts they actually did occur. All this may be largely imagination and exaggeration.

1. "When young, I could out run anyone in school." Perhaps a small school.

2. "I was never thrown down." You just did not tackle the right fellow.

3. "I could drink more and walk straighter than any other man in town." So, you made yourself a big swill barrel.

4. "I outdid them all in eating eggs and oysters." So, you and the hog are closely related.

5. "When I attended college," "while in Europe," "on my first trip around the world," etc., etc. Yes, others have done as well, or better, and have kept humble about it.

6. "I prayed all night over it," Are you sure you did not doze a little from 2:00 till 4:00?

7. "I was so burdened over it, I almost died." Hardly that strong, for others have had greater burdens and did not even mention it.

8. "I fasted for days until victory came." Of course you ate just a little fruit on the sly, or drank a glass of milk to keep from becoming faint.

9. "The crowds were so large that standing room was at a premium." Yes, one or two nights, but why give the impression that it was generally so?

10. "It was the best meeting they had had for four years." Good, but why was it so hard to find lasting results three months after it had closed?

11. "The altar had to be extended." Yes, once or twice, but even then many of the seekers were repeaters. The next evangelist must work them over again.

12. "I live by faith, God supplies all my needs." Fine, but why state it so often that others may take the hint and help you?

We have heard evangelists and missionaries give their "Life Story." They meant well, but some of it we fear was exaggeration.

"Let your communication be yea, yea; nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil" (Jesus).

WILL THERE BE PEACE?

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same old heart, 'deceitful' and 'desperately wicked,' we may expect to clean house again not many days hence. What we need is a 'peace conference' with the Prince of Peace."—Arthur Brisbane.

WHY CAN'T THERE BE PEACE?

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Christ. We don't know.

But Why Can't There Be Universal Peace In This Age?

REASONS: BECAUSE GOD'S WORD SAYS THERE WON'T BE. God knows all things (See Acts 15:18) Jesus foresaw the course of this age, and he predicted "wars and rumors of wars" as the course of human history during this age. (See Matt. 24:6-8) (See Dan. 9:26 correct rendering us, "Unto the end, wars are determined").

BECAUSE HUMAN NATURE IS SINFUL. Why even churches have quarrels and fights, when they are partially composed of Christians. How then, expect the unsaved world to get along? They don't and won't. Human nature would have to be completely changed to eliminate war and anybody knows that who will think for a minute.

BECAUSE THE DEVIL IS LOOSE. One of the first steps that must be taken before the nations quit their warring, is the binding of Satan. (See Rev. 20:1-3) No peace while that old rascal is loose.

BECAUSE WE MUST HAVE A JUST AND PERFECT AN ALL POWERFUL RULER ENFORCE PEACE. Much of the war of this earth is caused by RULERS and RULING CLASSES. Look at how Mussolini flung the Italian people into war against Greece. Look at the way Hitler invaded the smaller countries of Europe. And England is probably just as blameworthy, for it has been dominated by a powerful ruling clique who did anything for money. But Christ will be a perfect Ruler. He will govern in righteousness. (Read Isaiah 11:1-5)

BECAUSE THE PRINCE OF PEACE HAS NOT RETURNED. No universal peace until the Prince of Peace comes. (Read Isaiah 2:1-5).

How And When Will Wars End? War will end with the destruction of the armies of the world at Armageddon. Military power will be completely destroyed by the returning Christ, who will institute an entirely new order. (Read Rev. 19:1-21)

What About Christians In This Age?

We are to seek for such peace as is possible. (See Matt. 5:9) In our hearts we may have peace (Coloss. 3:15). Above all, every person needs to be AT PEACE with God their Maker. How can that be? See Romans 5:1. We believe that it is wrong to bear arms save in DEFENSE. Other wise one may be killing the innocent and the helpless who are not to blame. THE HOPE OF THIS WORLD IS CHRIST APART FROM HIM, NONE.

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