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How Did Things Come To Be -- Evolution Or Creation?

Roy Mason
Tampa, Florida

evolution is the ungodly world's attempt to explain things without the necessity of God. It is mankind's best guess without God. Some evolutionists do not see any necessity for God, and hold to the eternity of matter. Some believe in SOME KIND of a god—but not the God of the Christian. Rather an impersonal force of some kind. Various theories attempt to account for the earth—one being that a chunk of matter was slung out of the moon and whirled into the form of a ball. One view is the so-called "nebular hypothesis"—the view that the earth was formed from the nebulae of what we call "The Milky Way." As to LIFE the theory is that all life started with one little flying cell which was neither plant nor animal but the "granddaddy" of both. Through millions of years, this cell evolved and gave rise to

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INFORMATION AS TO THE WORK OF BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS

Russell, Kentucky.
July 14, 1947.

Mr. Evie Tucker,
3000 Windle Street,
Livingston, Tenn.

My dear Brother Tucker:

I am most happy to have your letter of recent date requesting information as to Baptist Faith Missions. It is a joy to me to give you the information which you request.

Elder Joe Brandon is laboring at Cruzeiro do Sul in Brazil. He has five native workers laboring with him who speak the Portuguese language. Then at Iquitos, Peru, the Hallum family is located, which includes Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hallum and their daughter, Marguerite. This means that there are four American missionaries and five native workers supported by Baptist Faith Missions.

As for Brother Brandon and the Hallums, God called them to their respective fields several years ago. They have been laboring there for quite a long while. They were originally supported by the Amazon Valley Baptist Faith Mission, yet due to the death of its founder, Elder H. B. Taylor of Murray, Ky., this mission is no longer functioning and accordingly Baptist Faith Missions came into existence to take the place of the former.

Baptist Faith Missions has its headquarters in Detroit, Mich. A group of sound orthodox

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MUSED UNCLE MOSE

Dey talkin' 'bout a expurt to come down from de city and teach ouah chu'ch fo' 'bout a week. Brudder Sloan, he kinda ignorant, an' he say, "What am a expurt?" Dat fas' talkin' boy ob Brudder Sloan's he allus shootin' at random, an' he say, "Wy, a expurt, Pa, da's a spurt dat's done spurted out some place, an' goes 'roun' tellin' ev'ybody how he done it."

THE WORD OF GOD IS



Let's Face This Question Squarely - Is There Any Harm In Movies?

In Matthew 6:24 we read: "No man can serve two masters; for he will either hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye (YOU) cannot serve God and mammon," OR GOD AND RICHES.

Christ spoke the same words to his disciples in Luke 16:13.

II Cor. 6:14, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?"

Now may we look at the foundation of the show. Then we will look at the foundation

of the right side. I will give you the exact copy of the story of a law enforcement official that came out in the Fort Worth Star Telegram July 31, 1943.

Law Enforcement Official Tells a Story—Lurid and Incredible But All True

HOLLYWOOD, July 30.—Hollywood is the Golden Calf of America, and countless are its worshippers. Many worship it afar. Others throng to its sun-drenched home beside the Pacific to struggle for a part of its tinsel and its dross and its overwhelming artificiality. Once here, an extraordinary metamorphosis takes place. Sense of value changes overnight, and slowly but inevitably the human degradation that is Hollywood sets in.

Many who come seeking the glint of gold that lies in screen-dom, never emerge, not even here. They vanish in the in-

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Here's Why Real Baptists Ought To Object To Our Present Hierarchy

Before I list these objections, let me state a few things I believe to be true. Paul tells us in II Timothy 3:16-17 that the Bible is our all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, that it's instructions are perfecting and complete for every good work. Christ informs us that the Holy Spirit would be sent to guide His Churches into all truth. John 16:13. Now, upon these two facts we base this conclusion: The Holy Spirit will not lead the Churches of the Lord to do things that are contradictory to Bible instructions. Since the Bible contains enough instructions that a man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works then the Holy Spirit will only lead a man or church into activities for which there are plenty of instructions in the Bible, or into activities that are in harmony and full accord with the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

I OBJECT TO ASSOCIATIONS (organized messenger bodies) ELECTING AND REJECTING MISSIONARIES FOR THE CHURCHES!

Because—

1.—There is no scripture to be found between the lids of the Bible that either gives an example of an organized or unorganized messenger body electing or rejecting missionaries for the churches, or provides instructions for such actions. If there is no scripture for such action, then there certainly can be no Holy Spirit leadership in

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-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"NAAMAN THE LEPER - AND MORAL LEPEERS"

(Read II Kings)

I want you to journey with me in your imagination to the most ancient city on earth, and perhaps the most beautiful—the city of Damascus. Abraham may have passed through it in his western pilgrimage from Urr of Caldees, since afterward we read that his trusted steward was known as "Eliezer of Damascus." It was not only the most ancient city but likewise the most beautiful. In fact, it was so beautiful that when Mohamet passed through it, it is said that he turned his head aside for fear that it should divert his thoughts from Heaven.

It is to this ancient and beautiful city that I want us to take

an imaginary journey tonight. We will visit it at the time of its greatest glory. Something unusual and significant has occurred for the streets are crowded with enthusiastic throngs. We inquire the cause of one of its swarthy citizens and he informs us that Naaman the great Syrian general has returned from another of his glorious military campaigns at Ramoth-Gilead, where he scattered the combined forces of Ahab and Jehosaphat, and Ahab was slain. In view of this and because of other victories, the king has spread for Naaman the greatest feast Damascus has ever witnessed.

As we enter the palace to behold the festive scene, we find the tables groan beneath their

weight of food; the walls are decorated with trophies of the fight; and the guests proudly display their clothes of oriental magnificence. Above all, nearest the king, shines the hero of the hour—Naaman the Syrian. Look at him—the center of this brilliant company, the idol of his army, the glory of his country, and the favorite of his king. From all outward appearances, it would surely seem that he is the happiest man on earth.

IT IS RATHER INTERESTING, THOUGH, TO NOTICE NAAMAN'S CONDITION. We read, "He was also a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper."—II Kings 5:1. That little word "but" counteracts all

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REQUISITES TO BAPTISM

There are five requisites to scriptural baptism.

1. A proper subject, a believer
2. A proper authority, a New Testament church.
3. A proper act, burial in water and rising from the watery grave.
4. A proper formula, "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."
5. A proper design or purpose, a symbolic memorial of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for our sins, and the declarative purpose of the believer to "walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:40.—Texas Baptist Standard.

PROUD OF THE NAME

Did you ever see a motion picture house without its name and current attraction glaring in bright lights so that all passers-by might know its nature? Did you ever see a prosperous business so ashamed of its name that there was no indication on its exterior the nature of its merchandise or the identity of its owner? But, many Baptist church houses sit by the side of the street without any sign or bulletin to indicate its faith and practice. Nothing indicates that it is a church honoring the living God or that its practices

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Baptist brethren compose this board. They are an unusually sound group and you may rest assured that anyone sent out by them or supported by them is sound in the faith.

Elder H. H. Overbey, 1210 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Mich., is the secretary and on him most of the burden of correspondence falls. He is one of the best Baptist preachers that I know today. I love him in the Lord and thank God for him. He is pastor of the Harmony Baptist Church of Detroit, and gladly and sacrificially gives of his time to promote the work of Baptist Faith Missions.

Brother Z. E. Clark is the treasurer, and although I do not know him personally, I hold him in very high esteem. He, likewise, is a Baptist preacher.

These two brethren give freely of their time to promote this missionary work. No one connected with Baptist Faith Missions gets any salary, and therefore every penny contributed goes directly to the mission field.

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I OBJECT, BECAUSE —

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2.—It causes an adding to the Word of God. There are many who believe the election or rejection of missionaries by Associations to be The Bible Way. One is adding to the Bible by declaring such to be true. Some may say there may be no example of it or definite instructions concerning it, yet, it is in accord with Scriptures. There is a Bible plan — church-sent missionaries, only. When there is not even a hint in the Word of God concerning the election or rejection of missionaries by Associations, and then to say that it is in accord with the Bible is positively adding to the Word.

3.—It denies the Bible plan. Churches in Associations are expected to let the Associations select their missionaries for them, or in other words, determine whom they are to support. But the Bible way is for churches to send out the missionaries and let the Holy Spirit

lay upon the hearts of the churches whom they are to support. Each church is not required to support every missionary. But, if there is any discrimination to be made between the missionaries, the Holy Spirit and the churches are to do it, not messengers. If a church and pastor decides to support whom they will, then they are branded as "non-cooperative" and called "gospel missionaries."

They howl long and loud that churches are free to do as they please, but let one please to do otherwise than what the Association planned and you'll soon see that the modern way of missions DENIES the New Testament way!

4.—It denies church sovereignty, either approving or disapproving church action. When an Association turns thumbs down on a church-sent missionary, rejecting him for support, by such action it tells that church that she made a mistake in sending out this man to do mission work. And when churches submit to such overruling, then just that much of their sovereignty is taken away from them, for if an Association can get by with that one year, they expect to use the same authority the next year.

5.—It denies the Heaven granted and blood bought freedom of the Lord's Churches. A church cannot be completely free and listen to and obey the dictates of an organized ecclesiastical machine. When a group of messengers tell the churches: "Here are your missionaries to support. We have selected them for you," the churches are expected to follow out the plans they have laid for them. Just that much of their freedom is gone.

But, someone says there is no difference between the selection of missionaries for churches and a man recommending a preacher to a church for pastor. When a preacher is recommended to a church, the church in her own conference meeting decides who she wants for pastor. She is not expected to call that man just because someone suggested him to the church. But, when a messenger body selects the missionaries, that is most generally the final decision. The only action left for the churches to do is to cough up the money. But, dear reader, don't forget this: Churches who cooperate in such methods are EXPECTED to support the decisions of the Association, and when they send their messengers instructed to do these things they are obligated to support the program. But, WHOEVER HEARD OF A CHURCH TELLING A PULPIT COMMITTEE TO SELECT AND HIRE THE PASTOR FOR THEM AND AGREEING TO SUPPORT HIM! Yet, when an Association selected the men for mission work that is understood to be WHEN HE IS HIRED for the job. It is merely telling the man: "We are hiring you for our churches. They will support you." Then they have the audacity to say: "Our churches are completely free." Such tommyrot.

6.—It exercises authority over God's people, churches and missionaries, in defiant and open rebellion to the command of our Lord. When Conventions, boards, committees or associations hire, elect, or reject missionaries for the churches they are exercising authority over God's churches. Yet, Jesus said in Matthew 20:25-28 that such things should not happen among His people.

7.—It denies the right of the Holy Spirit to send out a missionary without messenger approval. If the Holy Spirit has a man that is a member of a "co-operative church" that He desires to place on the mission field, this man is naturally expected to be approved by the messengers in addition to the church approval. But suppose the messengers tell him that the churches can only support so many, (as if they know), and he is one of the extras. We are sorry, but our churches just can't support you. AND THE CHURCHES ARE EXPECTED NOT TO SUPPORT HIM! Oh, he can go ahead, but who can give full time to the work with-

Count that day lost
Whose low descending
sun,
Views at thy hand no
Worthy action done.

out support? But as far as the messengers are concerned, the Holy Spirit made a mistake in selecting him. Thus, if the Holy Spirit wants the churches to support a man for mission work, he must first get the approval of the messengers, and if they don't approve — well. If that isn't setting one's self above the stars of God and demanding that the Holy Spirit, who is God Himself, bow down to man and his puny decisions, what is?

8.—It limits missionaries on the field. Oh yes it does!

9.—It denies our right to pray GOD TO SEND MORE LABORERS into the field. Matt. 9:38. What good does it do for us to pray for God to send more missionaries to the field if the Association won't let them go? May I ask right here: "Who was it that Jesus said would send the laborers, anyway? God or the Association?"

10.—It limits the number of churches established. When Associations turn thumbs down on a missionary or missionaries, it definitely limits the number of new churches being organized. Thus, this action becomes a hindrance rather than a help.

11.—If they can do this, they can ordain preachers, baptize and observe the Lord's Supper.

12.—Now, I close with this question: Will the Holy Spirit call a man from a church to the mission field and then lead the association to reject him, thus cutting off his avenue of support? —Orthodox Baptist

NAAMAN, THE LEPER

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the rest. This was a sad qualification. This was Naaman's dash of bitterness; it was his draught of gall; it was his cup of worm-wood.

As such, Naaman illustrates the spiritual condition of each of Adam's fallen descendants. Naaman was suffering from physical leprosy. Each of us are suffering from spiritual leprosy. Naaman had leprosy of the body whereas we have leprosy of the soul. The Word of God makes it clear that this is true of each of us, as all of us are but sinners in His sight. Listen:

"The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one."—Psa. 14:2, 3.

"But the Scripture hath con-

cluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."—Gal. 3:22.

Naaman knew his condition. He knew that this dark shadow would never leave, but rather grow deeper and deeper until his loathsome body should be laid in an untimely grave. Of course there were times when he forgot his condition. In the heat of battle, in the flush of victory, and at great banquets he forgot that he was a leper, yet when alone he realized the seriousness of his physical condition.

How true of every sinner. Engrossed in business or gaiety, your soul may lose consciousness. But when alone, or with great peril facing you, or with death not far removed from you, or when an open grave stares at you, the condition of your heart weighs upon you. The Word of God tells us that every man knows his own bitterness. Listen:

"The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy."

—Prov. 14:10.

You may be able to forget that you are a sinner and you may be able to carelessly brush aside the thought of sin when engrossed with the things of the world, yet you in the hour of sober solemnity and solemn reflection realize that you are a sinner.

This old world is just one vast leper-house. Sinner friend, Naaman's condition is yours. His picture is yours. What leprosy was to him physically, sin is to you spiritually. In God's sight you are a spiritual leper suffering from a far more dreadful malady than was Naaman. I insist, beloved, that this is true of all of us.

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."—Isa. 64:6.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23.

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BENHADAD THE KING OF SYRIA HAD A PROGRAM RELATIVE TO NAAMAN'S (Continued on page three)

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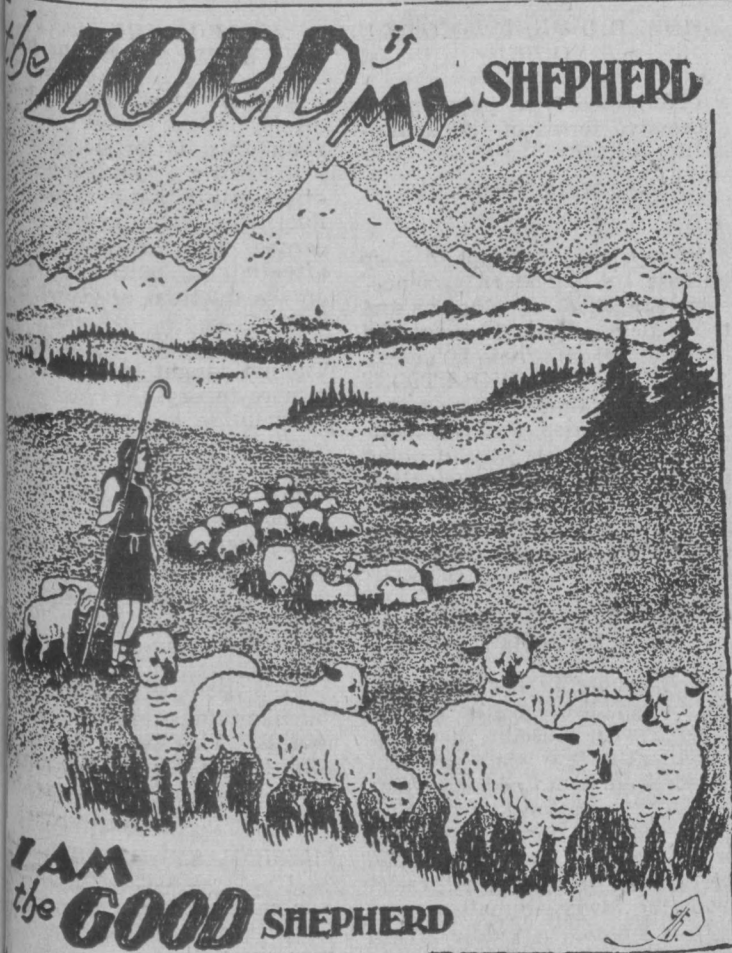
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HEALING. It is said that there was a little Israelitish captive who was servant to Naaman's wife. When she told how the prophet of God in Samaria might cure her master, then when the news came to Benhadad the king, he said, "Let me arrange the matter. If the Israelites can cure leprosy, I'll compel them to cure you."

It is rather obvious that Benhadad wrote a letter to the king of Israel—a letter which demanded that Naaman be healed. Men today take practically the same attitude toward God as Benhadad did toward the king of Israel. Men declare that God must save all regardless of how wicked and irrespective of how unrepentant. They declare that there cannot be an eternal Hell, for God is too good to damn any one forever. Well, beloved, as Benhadad demanded a healing for Naaman, so infidels, sinners of large, and even many so-called preachers demand that God save all. It is conspicuous that if this be true, then God must be informed of man as to what man's will may be. In this case the creature becomes sovereign and the Creator becomes subservient. In the light of God's Word, how ridiculously inconsistent. Listen:

"Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor?"—Rom. 9:20, 21.

Benhadad's program not only called for a letter demanding the healing of Naaman, he likewise sent money thereby to secure the healing through bribery. Listen:

"And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment."—II Kings 5:5.

This was a sizeable sum which Naaman carried, expecting thereby to secure the healing. Many sinners today expect salvation because of their gifts. The majority of this world erroneously think that money can buy us grace if it rings on the

plate of the church. In this respect what great fallacy the Catholics are guilty of when they pay the priest or seek absolution from sin by the expenditure of great sums of money. Let me insist, beloved, that money can never suffice in the realm of salvation. Of this, God's Word does not leave us in doubt.

"But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money."—Acts 8:20.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers: but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."—I Pet. 1:18, 19.

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."—Isa. 55:1.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."—Rom. 6:23.

While some would attempt to attain salvation through their gifts, others expect to buy it with their works, yet let it be noted that in either case salvation is not to be received in this manner. All the Word of God definitely declares that salvation is not to be had by works. Again and again God warns men of depending upon their own efforts.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."—Eph. 2:8, 9.

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."—Gal. 2:16.

In spite of these Scriptures there are many who declare that if man does the best he knows how that God will surely accept him. This is equivalent to saying that if a man is sincere he will be saved. It there-

fore makes sincerity a substitute for salvation, yet the Word of God declares that irrespective of one's zeal and sincerity—these cannot take the place of the salvation that can be ours in Christ.

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."—Rom. 10:1-3.

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death."—Prov. 16:25.

"Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling; Naked, come to thee for dress; Helpless, look to thee for grace; Vile, I to the fountain fly—Wash me, Saviour, or I die."

Furthermore, Benhadad's program not only included a letter demanding a cure, and money with which to buy the cure, but it likewise included an imposing retinue. Soldiers, servants, and helpers wearing the livery of Syria accompanied Naaman, and with this imposing retinue Naaman expected that he would make a big appearance and a tremendous influence on the king of Israel.

It is sad but true that many suppose that since their fellowman looks up to them, that they are the peculiar favorite of Heaven. I once knew of a blasphemous woman who said, "God would think twice before damning a man of that rank." Listen, beloved: encourage no such delusion. Though you may make a tremendous impression upon your fellowman, you will sink to the deepest depths of Hell apart from Jesus. The Word of God tells us of kings, rich men, and mighty men who shall experience His wrath.

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb."—Rev. 6:15, 16.

This then was Benhadad's program—a letter demanding the healing, and an imposing retinue to make a good appearance. It surely illustrates man's program today in the realm of salvation. Moral lepers need to remember that Benhadad's program was a failure and so will theirs be. Listen:

"And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible."—Isa. 13:11.

III THERE WAS A TRIPLE DISAPPOINTMENT FOR NAA- MAN.

First of all, the king of Israel could not heal. Naaman had forgotten that the little maid in his home had spoken of a prophet. Instead of going to the prophet he went to the king. The king of Israel knowing that he couldn't heal, naturally took for granted that the king of Syria was seeking to provoke a quarrel. We read:

"And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and

to make alive, that his man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? Wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me."—II Kings 5:7.

This then was Naaman's first disappointment—the king could not heal him. Actually, when he went to the king's mansion, he went to the wrong door.

His second disappointment was that the prophet did not heal him. When the prophet of God learned that Naaman was in Samaria and that his king was disturbed by his presence, he invited Naaman to his house. I am sure that it was with high hopes that he went there. He had his money, his letter, and his dashing train of followers with which to make a good appearance.

Now Naaman is at the right door but he is in the wrong attitude. The prophet did not even come out to see him, but rather sent a servant with a simple message, telling Naaman to bathe in the Jordan River. What a disappointment this was to be invited to the prophet's house and then the prophet did not heal him.

Naaman's third disappointment was the simple remedy which Elisha suggested—that of washing in the Jordan. To Naaman it was only a muddy ditch. It was no comparison to Abana and Pharpar—rivers of Damascus. If ever pride stood in a man's way, it stood in the way of Naaman. Many sinners today, like Naaman, need to know what God says about the pride of man.

"But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded."—James 4:6-8.

As Naaman contemplated the simple remedy which was suggested by Elisha, he became more and more angry. He said:

"But Naaman was wrath, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper."—II Kings 5:11.

You will notice by this verse that his thoughts were definitely contrary to the words of the prophet. Many a sinner has his thoughts as to salvation just as Naaman had his thoughts about healing. Every sinner needs to forget his thoughts and ways and to accept God's thoughts and God's ways. This God Himself declares.

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughtss and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord."—Isa. 55:7, 8.

IV THERE WAS SOME WISE COUNSEL WHICH BROUGHT TO NAAAMAN A SURE REMEDY.

It is rather conspicuous that Naaman's servants suggested that he ought to try the remedy anyhow. We read:

"And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?"—II Kings 5:13.

It is conspicuous that this suggestion came from his servants. It did not come from the soldiers, nor from the king, nor from any princes, but rather from Naaman's servants.

All of this would remind us that God in bringing salvation to the lost has likewise chosen the very least of his creatures in order that he shall have all the glory. We read:

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are."—I. Cor. 1:27, 28.

Acting upon this wise counsel, Naaman descended from his chariot on the river bank. He had to leave his horses, his chariot, his retinue, his gold, his letter, his clothing, and his soldiers, and then go down into the river. What a powerful spiritual illustration this is. For men to come to God they must go downward and not upward in order to partake of salvation.

"Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling."

Naaman went down into the water and dipped himself into it seven times just like the prophet had said. When he emerged the seventh time he was a new man—completely healed. He had done what God's prophet had said when God had given the healing.

Whenever any sinner believes God's messenger and accepts the Word of God which he preaches, that man likewise is completely healed. When one receives the Lord Jesus Christ, which is the message of every true servant of God, it is then that Christ, the angels, the archangels, the Cherubim, and the Seraphims shout, "It is finished."

Naaman only left one thing in Israel—his leprosy. He carried his money, his letter, and his costly retinue home with him. Sinner friend, all that God will accept of you is your sins, which he lays on Jesus. In the realm of salvation all you do is to furnish the sinner, while God does the saving.

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him: and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."—Isa. 53:5, 6.

When Naaman came out of the water, he came shouting. He said:

"Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now, therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant."—II Kings 5:15.

Well, beloved, moral lepers have the same experience when they come to Jesus. Any man who has been saved knows it. He doesn't have to guess about it. He doesn't have to say that he hopes or that he thinks he is saved. He doesn't have to say that he will probably or possibly go to Heaven after while. Instead, he has had an experience which is a glorious reality, and like Paul he can say:

"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."—II Tim. 1:12.

PROUD OF THE NAME

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are Baptist. Are we ashamed of the fact?

And the same thing can be said of individual Christians. Do we, by work and deed in our daily lives, give notice to the outside world that we are Christian, looking to the Lord Jesus as our Saviour and guide? Surely we are not ashamed of Him! —The Baptist Builder.



THE MOVIES

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credible application of the white slave trade.

This is a fact that Hollywood has never been told before. It can be summed up briefly in the statement of a Los Angeles County law enforcement official who here must be nameless, that three hundred young girls disappear a month.

Hollywood Resents Talk of Morals

Hollywood bitterly and quite naturally resents any mention of the moral turpitude and immorality that honeycombs it. It might hurt business. It might, but it rarely does. Errol Flynn, that darling of love-sick boobs, has had more adult fan mail since his most recent peccadillo was exposed in the courts than ever before. He still is that nice, clean American boy who conquers all Europe. And he is now starting work on a film rather properly titled *Uncertain Glory*. Uncertain it is.

Such revelations might also arouse what Hollywood pooh-poohs as the Bourgeois club women conscience of the country. It might arouse the legion of decency, which Hollywood derides magnificently but nonetheless, fears. It might arouse those crazy congressmen into another of their cockeyed investigations and attempts to usurp the freedom of the screen. It might work wonders. Someone might finally come into this area which so blithely regards the laws applied to other people of the United States, and say: Look, you no longer can get away with murder. And the word "murder" is used advisedly.

Some Have Brains

So far no one has. So far Hollywood has held its head up with the aid and obsequies of public officials.

It is to this world that hundreds of young girls come seeking the wealth and wonders that will be theirs if they can just get a tiny niche in a picture. Some have beauty. Some have that adjunct to stardom, brains. They think they can knock at a studio door and, bang, a star is born. Didn't Hollywood itself picture it that way in one of its films? One never, never tells them it won't work.

The nameless law enforcement officer speaking. His soul is sick. He bites his words out. He works on this single problem night and day. Sometimes he thinks he has the whole thing ironed out. Then it is back again more deeply entrenched than ever. The story he tells is not told in family magazines. It gets into the Police Gazettes and the true confession magazines. For it is lurid and incredible and the readers laugh within and believe it can't really happen.

Young And Beautiful

Girls come here any way they can. By bus or by train, or (in the old days) by car. Maybe four at once. Maybe alone. Sometimes if their parents have any sense they come with their mothers. Most of them are young and beautiful. Dumb, of course, or they wouldn't come. They look for a job in the movie, but of course they don't get it. So in a week or two or three they are out of money, and they get a job in a drive-in place or a drug store. But they are still beautiful. Don't forget that. Well, up comes a snappy looking customer. He wears expensive clothes and he has nice manners. He drives the longest shiniest car those girls ever saw. He gets to talking to one and says, it's terrible she can't get a job in the movies; just terrible! A girl with her looks! If she just knew his friends she could. He begins to name them. Big shots, all of them. Producers, directors, and men stars.

Meets Big Shots

Well, she starts to go out with him. He seduces her. Then tells her she ought to have beautiful clothes and a fur coat. There is a simple way to get them. Fifteen dollars a throw, maybe more. So he begins to pass her around, and to big shots all right. At first she does get that fifty or more and she has a nice apartment with four or five or six other girls. She wants to get away. She wants to go back to that little home in the south, or middle west, or down in Kansas. He begins to feed her dope. Pretty soon he has her picked up as a dope addict. Then she has a police record. Then he says to her: Sure go on home to your mother; go on home. But before you get there I'll have your police record wired down there as a suspicious character. What girl would go home to her family with that threat facing her? So she stays on. And on and on. She falls lower and lower. And one day she ends up in the fields and ranches out beyond here with the Filipinos. She is exhausted, diseased and lost.

Talked To Many

How do I know? We get them. They turn out vagrants or are arrested under the vice court. I have talked to many of them, the ones who lived. They are not bums, they are victimized. We have had dictaphones in those apartments. We know the big names who are the ring leaders. But what can we do. We beak them up as fast as we can and they start again.

Now that is Hollywood. It's a place where men and women alike are sated with pleasure, sated with evil. They are jaded. They have to have something new, something perverted. They have to have it and they get it. The city official said that last year the vice rings presumably were cleaned up. A number of those gentlemen with shiny cars and wolves eyes were tossed into jail. But strangely enough, the number of disappearing girls does not change. It remains at three hundred a month or so.

These are the words of a California law enforcement official. By Marcia Winn. End of quotation.

I am asking: Is it hard to go to the shows? As I said: It is of God or the devil. Surely you would not charge God with such as you have read in the foregoing statement. Then

if it is not of God, it is of the devil. If you go to the show you are helping to support the devils that drive the long shiny cars, wrecking and ruining the lives of three hundred girls per month. Show lover, you are helping them to do it. The next time you go to hand the show clerk your money, try to vision the 300 girls going down a month and think: This money is going to them that do these things.

What did Jesus say about it? Mark 9:47, "And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out. It is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be cast into hellfire, where the worm dieth not. And the fire is not quenched." Friend, I am asking you again: Is it harm (or sin) to go to the show? The shows are wrecking and ruining more lives than all other modern evils. You can tell the boys that go to the show. They have guns and are playing gangsters, pretending to kill one another. Is it of God? God forbid that we should lay such a charge to Him. Some say, well, I go to forget my troubles. Is that what God said to do? Is that the place that God said to go for your troubles? Jesus said, *Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* Then why ignore the only source of comfort we have? The fact is: Folks that go to the shows just don't believe the Bible anyway. You cannot serve God and the devil. What fellowship does light have with darkness. Covering up the bloody career and the false foundation it stands on, where human lives are wrecked and ruined, killed and cast out. That is of darkness. Jesus said to his church: *You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill that can't be hid.* Brother, I am going to throw the light on these dark places as long as God gives me life in this old sin cursed world.

May the preachers rise up and cry aloud against this white slavery. I bow my head in shame when I think of the church folks that are supporting this thing. Who is to blame? Are God's ministers to blame? Have we failed to give the warning? Are we afraid to preach the truth of God's word to the world? Here is the truth of the thing.

When you go to the show, you are sowing to the flesh. And you shall of the flesh reap corruption. And corruption it is.

One argument is that we have to go to the shows for friendship, or to have friends. Such friends you will have! Get your Bible and turn to James, four and four.

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of this world is enmity against God. Whosoever will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." The show is a friend of the world. If you go there you too are a friend of the world, and the enemy of God.

But some will say, We have got to have a good time. Paul says that "in the last days, men, women, boys and girls will be lovers of pleasure, more than lovers of God, having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof. From such turn away."

James 4:8-10, "Draw nigh unto God, having a form of Godliness, you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted and mourn and

HOW DID THINGS COME TO BE?

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successive forms of life, culminating in man.

A MODIFICATION OF THIS VIEW

In a panicky attempt to keep abreast of "modern science" some preachers, theologians and theological schools have coined the theory of what is called, "THEISTIC EVOLUTION." They hold that GOD created things—but used the evolutionary process as his way of doing it. This is the weakest, sickliest and most untenable of all positions, and most evolutionists among the scientists reject it with disgust.

WHERE EVOLUTION IS TAUGHT

It is taught in the museums. (Although the curator of the great British Museum made the statement a few years ago that his museum contained not a single fact to substantiate the theory). Go into the big museums of this country and you will see the family tree of man traced from the lower animals.

It is taught in public school and high school. Examine the school books of your children and you will find evolution cropping out over and over.

It is taught in college and university. Modern history study, geology, biology, sociology, etc., all find foundation in the theory of evolution. In most of our denominational schools evolution is taught. Very few will stand investigation on this point.

It is taught in the current literature of the day. News articles tell of bones millions and millions of years old.

It is taught from many a pulpit. A sissified brand of evolution is served from modernistic pulpits all over the land.

weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."

Again Jesus says in Luke 6:46, "Why call ye me, Lord Lord? and do not the things I say?" You can't serve God and the devil.

I trust that this will be read and read again with the Scriptures I have given, and that it will find lodging in true and honest hearts, that whosoever may read this will join in the fight for the youth of our land, and for the glory of God, that we may be separate from the wicked and reach down and pull them up, and point them to the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. Jesus is the light of the righteous, the good, and there is none that is deceived in Christ. Brother, he is true and faithful. May God help those that claim to be His children and love those places of darkness to find the light to walk in it as Christ walked, that we may be a peculiar, called out, separated group in the world.

I have asked of the membership where I am pastor, if they are going to the show anyway, to get out of the church, and not be a stumbling block in the way of sinners. Brother, we had as well put on the armor of God. We have a fight to make. Let us not waver or refrain from the truth. May God bless all.

—The Sword

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH EVOLUTION

It is the mere wisdom of the world. (Read what God says about this: I Cor. 1:21)

It has no explanation of the origin of life that is at all plausible. The evolutionist is concerned with evolution of life after it gets here, but no help on the question of HOW it got here.

Evolution is only a theory. Though taught as a fact, it is a mere theory.

Evolution lacks facts to substantiate it. Most evolutionists merely get mad when their theory is denied.

Evolution teaches a mechanical universe with no purpose or goal to existence.

Evolution has no place for the fall of man, for Christ, for the New Birth, or for the supernatural.

Evolution brutalizes, "monkey men make monkey morals." This world is now suffering from this devilish theory.



MISSIONARY INFORMATION

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The funds for the support of these missionaries is collected by way of free will offerings of individuals and churches. We feel the constraining influence of the Holy Spirit to carry on their mission work in this manner. I am happy to say that the church of which I am pastor sends over a hundred dollars each month to the mission. Deep down in my heart I rejoice for the opportunity to have a part in this work.

The funds are divided between these missionaries according to their needs. Brother Brandon and the Hallums receive also the native workers receive a net salary which is mutually agreed upon by the directors of Baptist Faith Missions and the missionaries themselves. I am sure that one would travel a long distance before he would ever find another group with more fellowship, love, or sympathetic understanding existed than between this group of directors and our missionaries.

If you care to make a contribution, and if God so leads you, send your contribution to Elder Z. E. Clark, 5216 Concord Avenue, Detroit 11, Mich. A report of your contribution will appear in the next issue of MISSION SHEETS which is published in conjunction with THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. By following the MISSION SHEETS from month to month you can get first-hand information as to the work carried on by these brethren and thus know just how your contribution is being used for God's glory.

The one glorious feature about Baptist Faith Missions is that there is no overhead for the handling of mission funds. Every penny is used just as it is given.

May I say on behalf of the brethren who head Baptist Faith Missions that they would most gladly welcome you into their fellowship and would be glad to receive any contribution which you may wish to make from time to time. May I insist that you definitely seek the will of the Lord and may you give only as the Holy Spirit may lead you. If there is any further information that I can give you relative to the work, I shall be most happy to do so. May you ever feel free to call upon me.

Yours most sincerely,
—JOHN R. GILPIN.