

# The Baptist Examiner

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

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## HOW THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION IS BADLY ABUSED

The editor of this paper believes in ELECTION, PRE-DESTINATION, FOREORDINATION, FOREKNOWLEDGE and everything connected with these. No old time hardshell Baptist ever believed more ardently in these doctrines than does the editor of this paper. We believe in predestination and in the absolute sovereignty of God far more than the hardshells do, in fact, because they don't really believe in the sovereignty of God. A sovereign is a king, and a king is boss. To accept God as Boss and King, is to be obedient to him. Hardshells are not, for they don't obey the Great Commission to take the gospel to the world.

A person can't believe the Bible fully and reject election and predestination, for the Bible teaches these too plainly to mis-

take.

Neither can a person believe the Bible fully and adopt a watered down version of election and predestination. Such as, "God votes for you, and the devil votes against you, and you cast the deciding vote yourself." That is a catchy saying, but it is pure piffle.

The Bible teaches that every person who will ever be saved, was elected to be saved back before the world existed. No escape from this if you accept Ephesians 1:4.

### Election Can Become A Dangerous Doctrine

It is a dangerous doctrine in the hands of some people. A lot of good things can be dangerous if handled unwisely. Peter spoke of some people who wrested the writings of Paul "to their own

destruction."

### When Is Election Made Dangerous?

It is dangerous when you TRY TO ATTEND TO GOD'S PART OF IT. Your part and my part is to believe it, and to leave God to handle his part of it. For instance, suppose one gets up to preach with this attitude: "No use to appeal to the lost—no use to press an invitation or to give one, for everybody who is to be saved will be saved anyhow." That is to cease doing what one should in an attempt to mix into God's part of it. Paul didn't act that way and Jesus didn't either. Jesus cried out, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." Jesus cried, "Come unto me." Paul pushed himself night and day to preach to as (Continued on page four)

## Southern Baptists And The Federal Council Of Churches

"I don't like the smoke signals that arise from the pages of our various Baptist state papers. Where there is smoke there must be fire. I refer to the various articles which warn against union with the Federal Council. There is no doubt as to the flirtatious glances being paid the Southern Baptist Convention by this man-inspired, self-imposed guardian of American Christendom. The ? in the advances seem to be: how serious are they being taken by the brethren; and, why should we even give them a second thought? It is not for this editor to judge but he certainly refuses to 'jine 'em.' Honesty compels Baptists to remain apart from any form of union with any man-controlled organization. We people, called Baptists, have for centuries had the courage to withstand persecution and scorn for those distinctives which we consider our priceless heritage. Why sell our birthright for a mess of pottage? Frankly, I want no part of any action or agency which even remotely stems from the Federal (Continued on page four)

## How God Has Been Killed From His Own Creation

By Dan Gilbert

"Plea for God rejected by United Nations." "God to have no place in the new World Order." "Creator is ruled out of United Nations' set-up." "United Nations plan a god-world."

These are typical of the headlines which appeared in the nation's leading newspapers November 12, 1946.

That was the day that the United Nations Organization formally refused so much as to mention God in its constitution. The New York Times reported as follows: "Whether reference to God should be included in the constitution now being prepared by the United Nations' educational, scientific, and cultural organization, caused a minor flurry at today's international conference. Despite the opposition of the Panama delegation, endorsed by Columbia, God was rejected."

Distressed that no reference had been made to the Almighty in the proposed charter, Panama (Continued on page two)

## These Questions And Answers By An X-Priest Really Show Catholicism's Folly

Q. What is the main office of man priests?

A. To sacrifice the real body, blood, soul, and deity of Christ, to celebrate the Mass.

Q. What do Roman Catholics mean by the Mass?

A. The Council of Trent, Sess. chaps. 1, 3, Can. 1, 2, 3,

"There is in the Roman Catholic Church a true sacrifice of the mass, instituted by Jesus Christ; it is the sacrifice of the body and blood of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine."

"This sacrifice is identical with the sacrifice of the Cross as much as Jesus Christ is priest and victim both. The only difference lies in the manner of offering, which is bloody upon the Cross and bloodless on our altars."

"It is a propitiatory sacrifice, atoning for our sins, and hosts of the living and of the dead in Christ, for whom it is offered."

Q. Did Christ command His apostles to offer the sacrifice of

the Mass?

A. No. He commanded them to preach the Gospel, but He did not mention the sacrifice of the Mass, which is considered by Rome the main duty of its priests.

Q. The Acts of the apostles give us an account of the worship of the early Christians. Is there any allusion to the sacrifice of the Mass?

A. No. We read of prayers, praise, the administration of baptism, the Lord's Supper, the preaching of the Gospel, but nothing about the sacrifice of the Mass.

Q. St. Paul gives many exhortations to Timothy and Titus for the government of their churches and their duties. Does he mention the sacrifice or celebration of the Mass as their duty?

A. No. He speaks of prayers and preaching of the Gospel and other duties, but not even one word about the sacrifice of (Continued on page two)

## On My Knees

When Eld. Harry A. Ironside was quite a young man, he visited the aged and sickly Andrew Fraser, who was then living in a tent in the California desert, because of tuberculosis. For several hours Ironside reveled in the rich spiritual feast that Mr. Fraser offered as he discussed the Word of God with him, and then he cried out: "Where did you learn these things?"

"My dear young man," the aged saint replied, "I learned these things on my knees on the mud floor of a little sod cottage in the north of Ireland. There, with my Bible open before me, I used to kneel for hours at a time, and ask the Spirit of God to reveal Christ to my soul and to open the Word to my heart. He taught me more (Continued on page four)

## Mused Uncle Mose

Pahson preachin' big las' Sunday and he say, "Brudern, Ole Jonah came outen dat fish a-hollerin' 'Salvation is ob de Lawd!' A lot o' de bruders an' sisters holler 'Amen!', but you could tell dat none o' dem hadn' been down in no fish's belly."

## Should The Adulterous Movie Stars Of Hollywood Teach In Our Baptist Churches?

Eld. Roy Mason  
Tampa, Florida

The editor of this paper is unalterably opposed to the use of moving pictures as a part of church worship.

We believe that Christ would throw out the movie machines just as he threw out the secular things that cluttered up the temple when he exclaimed, "It is written, Mine house shall be called an house of prayer."

In this opposition, we have no reference to "Home movies" in which people take pictures of the children, family scenes, etc. We are not referring to the use of stereopticon slides, nor are we particularly referring to the use made by missionaries of pictures depicting their fields of labor. (None of these should take the place of, nor supplant the preaching of God's Word—nor should they take the place of a preaching service).

We are not making a meaningless distinction here, but one that any one can understand if they will use their head.

WHAT IS IT THAT WE OPPOSE? THIS: We oppose the

use of FICTION for fact. When a church service is taken—when the place of worship is turned over for a film drama, then for the gospel and the truth of God's word, there is substituted a presentation of fiction. Something is ACTED OUT, and people PLAY and act out something that is not real.

"But LOOK HERE," says someone, "this story is acted out by CHRISTIAN PEOPLE who reverently portray the parts assigned them. The Moody Bible Institute is putting out these film plays." In answer we reply that we don't believe in the use of "sacred movies" no matter who puts them out.

BUT LISTEN! We know that it would be only a step from films produced by Christian agencies, to the use of films produced by the devil's agencies. In fact, we predicted that soon churches would be using Hollywood films. THAT TIME HAS ALREADY COME!

Protestant groups have gotten together and at great expense have employed Hollywood ac- (Continued on page four)

## TRENDS IN WORSHIP

The New York Sun tells of a Methodist Church in New York City "where the young people combine sermons with fun." According to the description of the services given in this paper our meetings consist of entertainment with a little religiousism mixed in. "One evening they planned to go skating, then changed their minds and went to another place of amusement. The whole mob of us ate a whopping 3 o'clock breakfast together." The Covenanter Witness, commenting on the account, said, "The young assistant minister of the church had returned from Europe as a delegate at the Oslo World Youth Conference. He brought back a batch of new ideas, such as that cited above."

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "THE GLORIOUS SCRIPTURAL TEACHING AS TO TITHING"

A. W. Pink

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10).

Down deep in the heart of every Christian there is undoubtedly the conviction that he ought to tithe. There is an uneasy feeling that this is a duty

which has been neglected, or, if you prefer it, a privilege that has not been appropriated. Both are correct. Possibly there are some who soothe themselves by saying, Well, other Christians do not tithe. And maybe there are others who say, But if tithing be obligatory in this present dispensation why are the preachers silent upon the subject? My friends, they are silent on a good many subjects today: that does not prove anything.

In the previous (April 10, '48) article the attempt was made to show three things: first, that

tithing existed among the people of God long before the law was given at Sinai, and that in the brief record we have of that early history we learn that Abraham, the father of the faithful, gave tithes unto Melchizedek, the priest of the Most High God, and that Jacob, when he had that revelation from the Lord on his way out to Padanaram, promised to give a tenth unto God. Second, we saw that when the law was given the tithe was definitely and clearly incorporated in it, but, like al- (Continued on page three)

## AMUSEMENT

If ever there were a time when men and women ought to be serious, this is the day; and yet you find people all over the land turning away from the things of God and turning to fables or devoting themselves to pleasure in its most extravagant forms—anything to give them a new sensation, a new amusement.

Did you ever think of that word "amusement" David said, "While I was musing the fire burned." "Muse" means "to think." But in "amuse," the "a" is the negative; so "amuse" means not "to not think"—and the Devil is busy today with all kinds of devices to keep men from thinking. If men think, there is some hope of their salvation!—H. A. Ironside, in Lamp of Prophecy.



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## Help Our Friends At Richwood, W. Va.

At Richwood, W. Va., surrounded by heresies of the worst type, is a group of Bible-loving Baptists who have started a real New Testament church and who are now making plans for erecting a building. This is a group of faithful men and women, many of whom are personally known to the editor, who love the Lord and His Word, and have been real supporters of the Baptist Examiner.

They have purchased the lot and are planning to start on the basement soon.

Here is a real opportunity for our readers to assist in this needy work. Regardless of what amount you can send, any contribution, large or small, will be most deeply appreciated.

As a result of a previous appeal which we recently carried in our columns, some contributions have been received. If God so leads you, we urge you to send your offering today.

## EXILING GOD FROM HIS OWN CREATION

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ama called upon the delegates to include the name of God. The Japanese and Nazi renounced God and 'where are they now?' the Panama representative queried."

Bitter opposition to any recognition of God Almighty by the United Nations was voiced by Archibald MacLeish, representing (or, rather, misrepresenting) the United States.

As reported by Dr. Wilbur

## You Gave Me Nothing To Hold On To

In a country village of Pennsylvania there lived an infidel physician, who by infidel books persuaded a young man to deny his Saviour.

In about 1875 this man died, aged fifty years. The infidel teacher was his physician. When his end was approaching, the doctor told him to die as he had lived—a rejector of God and Christ. "Hold on to the end," urged the doctor. "Yes, doctor," said the dying man, "there is just my trouble; you gave me nothing to hold on to." The doctor did not reply.

Smith, a Christian observer, "One of the most vigorous opponents of the effort to insert the name of God in the preamble to this United Nations' cultural and educational organization was none other than Dr. Archibald MacLeish.

Dr. MacLeish is a holdover from the old, pro-Soviet godless Brain Trust in Washington, which this writer identified when he first went to the capitol as a misnamed group who "don't have any brains and can't be trusted." A darling of the left - wing "pinks" and punks, MacLeish has held various propaganda jobs in the administration. His latest was to emerge as the spokesman for those who believe that God should have no place in the world-wide organization devoted to cultural and educational work.

The Bible declares that, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (Proverbs 1:7).

In the Second Psalm, God points the way to wisdom for world leaders, "Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling."

The Scripture also declares, "But fools despise wisdom and instruction." Those who deny God a place in their hearts and lives are identified as fools.

The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

True knowledge acknowledges God and accepts His own inspired Word.

False philosophy — or foolos-



## HANDS



Have you ever watched hands? We've seen hands that were worn, calloused by love. We've seen hands that were foreigners to work; hands that were as dainty as the lily's soft petal; hands that were sensitive to the touch of the infinitesimal watch spring; hands that could grip a mighty cable and bend it into subjection; hands that could tear the heart from a violin and lay it at your feet; hands that could sway a mighty ship against the terrors of the gale.

We've seen hands that have soothed the aching temple and slowed the rushing pulse; hands that have cleverly cut away the foe of disease (of those we have had the privilege of seeing some of the greatest); hands that trembled 'neath the passion of the dope craze.

We've seen hands that were groping in the madness of unconscious agonies; hands that have reached out of the water seeking the grip of rescue; hands of sin that ached for the touch of purity; hands purple with cold and others flushed

with fever; hands gnarled with pain and aching for respite.

Oh, yes, we've seen hands of babies reaching for "Mother"; hands of starved children stooping to stealth; hands of drink-crazed men open for begging; hands of wicked women thieving character and possession; hands of ten-age girls, stained with nicotine; hands of the hollow-eyed of night silhouetted in the floodlights of the cities of sin.

Nor have we failed to see the hands that wiped away the tears of heartache; the hands that assisted Grandmother through the traffic; the hands that smoothed the pillow for the last hour; the hands that went aside to bring earth's richest pleasure, the service of love; the tender hands of Mother, and the chubby, playful hands of baby — CAN WE EVER FORGET THEM?

HANDS, HANDS, HANDS!!!  
A million hands! We see them lifted and calling for us to come and bring the Glory Story of Salvation!—The Pilot.



ophy — rejects God and His heavenly truth.

The United Nations as an organization has now been committed officially to godless philosophy and educational or mis-educational purpose.

Making God "An Alien" Of The United Nations

The scheme for exiling God from His own created world was conceived in prayerlessness, as it was brought forth in godlessness.

The rejection of God from the charter of the United Nations was a logical "follow-up" to the suppression of prayer at the founding of the organization in San Francisco in the summer of 1945.

Originally, the program provided that the conference of the United Nations should open with prayer. This was in accordance with the traditional American way of doing things. The sessions of Congress open with prayer. Our courts convene with prayer. Our political conventions commence with prayer.

Mysteriously, at San Francisco, the program was changed at the last minute and prayer was eliminated. The explanation offered was that the anti-religious sensibilities of the godless Communist delegates would be "offended" if God were "recognized" by the United Nations.

The question was: Should the conference seek to please God or the forces of atheism-Communism? Apparently, it was decided to reject God in conformity with the dictates of international anti-God combine which has headquarters in Moscow.

When prayer was suppressed at San Francisco, a leading Red chortled, "God has been exiled from the world of tomorrow. This convention regards Him as an alien — an outcast."

This terrible blasphemy is anticipated in the prophetic Scripture. God tells us of the "world rulers" who seek to make an outcast of their Creator.

In the Second Psalm, the question is raised, "why do the heathen rage, and the people

imagine a vain thing?"

The godless conspiracy is described, "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed."

Christ said that he who is not for Him is against Him. There can be no neutrality where God is concerned. To refuse to recognize the Creator, to refuse to pray, to refuse to mention His Holy Name, is to declare against Him.

The San Francisco meeting of the "world rulers" and "world leaders" — the high and mighty of the earth — rejected God. The Scripture proclaims, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision."

God laughs at the high and mighty, the proud and arrogant, who are wise in their own conceit. But it is a laugh mixed with pity and longing love that these men may forsake their wicked ways and turn unto the Lord. The Second Psalm, which tells us of the laughter of God at the stupidity of those who reject Him, ends with the tender and touching appeal: "Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those that put their trust in Him."

God calls to the "rulers and judges of the earth" to "be wise," to "be instructed," to fear, and praise and love the Lord.

At San Francisco, the leaders of nations were attempting the greatest job to which mankind has ever put its hand: to abolish war from the face of the earth. If ever men needed God — His wisdom and guidance — it was at San Francisco. Yet, it was there — in their hour of greatest need — that they declared their independence of Him, refusing to accept the heavenly help, which the Lord would have abundantly supplied in answer to prayer, and without which the United Nations is bound to be a tragic failure. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it."

The Communists chortled with

glee when "God was made alien to the United Nations."

But the "last laugh" will upon those responsible for wicked and foolish action, the sight of eternity, the retribution of God by the United Nations will be revealed to be supreme folly of all mankind.

Devout delegates, who voted out at San Francisco have ever since lamented this must be true. One member of the United Nations, a member of the United States Senate, an American delegate at San Francisco, said with tears in his eyes, "This was the choice any nation ever made. We had to choose between honoring God and 'appeasing' the godless Communism, and we chose the latter decision."

"Naturally, we hoped that might be friends with Russia in the post-war world. But when it comes to a choice between making an ally of God and ally of Soviet Russia, when comes to a choice between honoring God and conforming to the godless Communistic line, it is as stupid as it is vicious to reject Heaven's help for who ever favors an earthly power may promise to bestow . . . it is always insanity — to your back on God. This is 'insanity of sin' which must be an everlasting blot upon the United Nations."

## THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

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the Mass.

Q. Do we need any "sacrificing priests" under the God dispensation?

A. No. Christ is the only Priest and every believer is a priest to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (I Peter 2:5).

Q. Can you give me any scriptural proofs why we do not have any "sacrificing priests?"

A. Yes. The Bible gives the reasons for the abolition of Jewish priesthood, and the reasons apply with equal force to the Roman priesthood.

The Jewish priesthood unprofitable:

1. Because they were made unprofitable.
2. Because they needed to offer up sacrifices for their sins;
3. Because they were men of infirmity. Heb. 7:23, 28.

Q. Was not the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross all-sufficient?

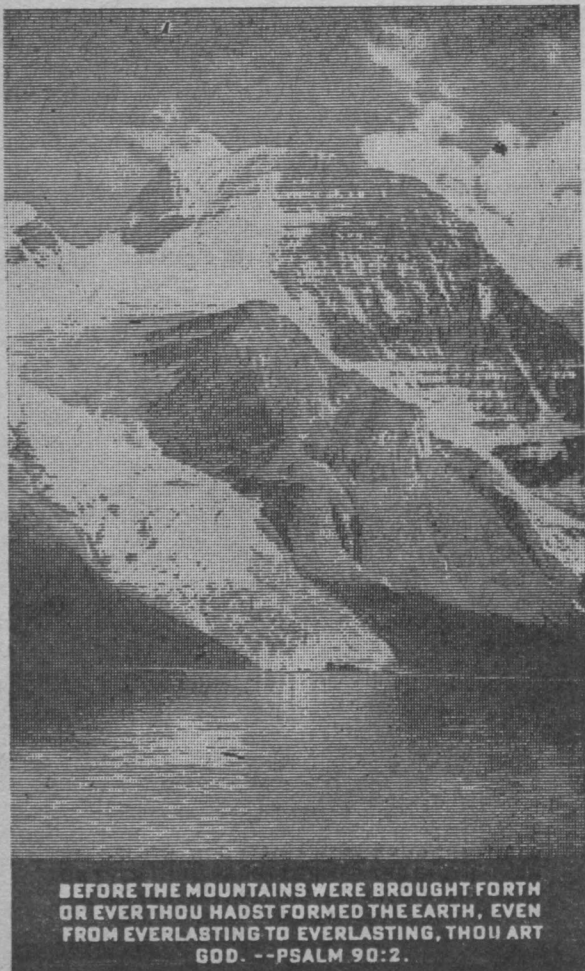
A. Yes. The Bible says: by one offering He has perfected forever those who are sanctified." Heb. 10:14. "We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Heb. 10:10.

Q. Do the Scriptures definitely declare that there is only one sacrifice?

A. Yes. "He does not need to offer sacrifice daily (as the other priests did) first for his own sins and then for the sins of the people, for this He did once for all in offering up Himself." Heb. 7:27.

Q. Did Malachi (1:10,11) tell the abolition of the Jewish sacrifice of the Mass, which was to be offered up everywhere?

A. No. The pure sacrifices foretold by Malachi are peace, praise, obedience, a contrite spirit and heart, represented by the Bible as incense, and offered as sacrifice (Ps. 141:2; 13-15). These sacrifices are imperfect in themselves, (Continued on page four)



BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BROUGHT FORTH OR EVER THOU HADST FORMED THE EARTH, EVEN FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING, THOU ART GOD. --PSALM 90:2.