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"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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Dangers Now Confronting Southern Baptists

"Babylon the great, the mother of harlots, and abominations of the earth" — Who?

"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."—Rev. 17:5.

How often this passage is perverted by interpreters, or left alone altogether; and yet we cannot dispute the importance of any text which is emphasized in bold caps. Such emphasis cannot be without reason. Hence we may first observe that this text, together with the context, explicates the genuine character of the apostate church. By what is written upon her forehead, we are confronted with her distinguishing features. The name she bears identifies her real nature. This seventeenth chapter of Revelation gives the complete picture of her existence, encroachments in the world, her alignment with nations, her expensive investments and endowments, and the puzzle of her dominion which we will here discuss, and finally we will here discuss, and will not have space to discuss. For the present, we want to satisfy ourselves with her identification according to this text. This apostate church we have in these words, "the great whore that sitteth upon many waters" in verse 1. This widespread dominion is explained further in verse 15. "The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes were misled into her dominion is explained to us in verse 2, "with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication." How this dominion which she heads is constituted is declared in third verse: "And I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names

of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."

Secondly, from the very first part of her name, "MYSTERY," we may infer that it is that system which effectuates a religious embezzlement over nations and peoples. The word, "mystery" is a symbol of mystification. Now there is no system of religion in the world that answers to this name like Roman Catholicism. Romanism is pervaded by ritualistic mystification. The word spiritual has no place in her fabricated ceremonies. Only elaborate and carnal things which affect the senses are employed. And all their rituals are exaggerated in order to impress the mind the more. Images are used for external homage. And all their excessive camouflage is used to gain patronage and this external pomp is instrumental in engaging the minds of those who are not enlightened in the word.

Moreover, the faded relics of original Babylon are used for this mystification. It would be useless to enumerate all the relics, they are so many. But Romanism has not deviated from the idolatrous images of Babylon. Babylon had patron gods. Romanism thinks it appropriate to have patron saints. Babylon elevated woman deities. So does Romanism. We see something of this in the idolatrous worship of the Virgin Mary. The enthroned Madonnas are too many in number to be catalogued. Here are just a few titles of the Virgin Mary which they employ: Our Lady of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Succor, Our Lady of the Forsaken, Our Lady of Good Heart, Our Lady of Grace, Our Lady of Mercy, Help of the Afflicted, Refuge of Sinners, Our Lady of (Continued on page four)

Condensed from "Unionizing Southern Baptists"

By E. P. ALLREDGE

Dr. E. P. Allredge has been an active man high in the ranks of the Southern Baptist Convention for many years. He is at the present time the General Secretary of the Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary. He is possibly the best qualified man among Southern Baptists to tell what is actually going on in their ranks.

Well-informed Southern Baptists know that three times within the past generation Southern Baptists have formally, officially and unanimously declined to be drawn into any sort of union movement with other denominations — having set forth their convictions deferentially, but plainly in the meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville in 1914, at Atlanta in 1919 and at Richmond in 1938. Very few Southern Baptists, however, have any adequate conception of the amazing and unbelievable growth of the great union movement and many of the great union organizations in America, since 1938. Least of all, do Southern Baptists understand or suspect that, since 1936, there has been a life-and-death movement going on (1) to bring Southern Baptists into union with the Northern Baptists and (2) to bring Southern Baptists into full membership in the Federal Council of Churches, along with Northern Baptists and some 24 other main denominations in America.

Bishop Candler's Timely Warning

Thirty years ago Bishop War-

Mused Uncle Mose

Pahson say hit hahd to get peoples to jine de chu'ch, but I says hit still easier to git 'em in dan it is to git 'em out.

ren A. Candler of the Southern Methodist Church, wrote in the Atlanta Journal to warn us of this present and growing danger. Said he:

"The churches (denominations) of our country are suffering from a multiplied number of parasitic organizations

which are sapping their freedom and sucking their funds. * * * Like 'big business' they claim that their organizations 'save waste' and 'conserve energy.' But such a claim is wholly groundless when put forth by the men of these organizations. They make waste, and they enfeeble energy.

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BIBLE BAPTISM

By Benj. J. Dotson,
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Scholars are one in their belief
That baptism does not save,
Nor wash the soul from all its sin,
Beneath the watery grave;
It is a symbol in the act,
The picture of an event,
Death and burial of the Lord,
And His out-of-tomb ascent.

It shows the sinner's death to sin,
His burial with his Lord,
His resurrection unto life,
As is set forth in God's word;
From henceforth in newness of life,
The believer now must walk,
No longer of this sinful world,
He's an heir of heav'nly stock.

Baptism is a burial,
A submerging 'neath the waves,
We do not bury dead bodies,
By sprinkling dirt on their graves;
Buried and covered deep with earth,
Is age-old way to bury,
Sprinkling for Bible baptism,
To God's word is contrary.

We Baptists know it doesn't save,
We're saved before baptism,
It is for believers only,
There is no need of schism;
There must be a proper subject,
What is more, the proper mode,
A proper administrator,
To fulfill the Scriptural code.

Hold on to New Testament doctrine,
Of an immersed membership;
Insist on the old landmarks,
Withdraw Christian fellowship
From modernist dissentions;
Be true to God's holy word,
In all its essential teachings
Let us be in full accord.

Appreciated Letters

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I enjoy your paper more than anything I ever read except the Bible.

Mrs. Ralph Tuggle.

Editor's Note: Sister Tuggle failed to give her address so we can't acknowledge her \$10 contribution except in this manner. May God bless you, Sister Tuggle, and may He raise up many more friends like you for T. B. E.

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Enclosed you'll find \$5.00. We look forward to getting T. B. E. and surely do enjoy reading it.

Yours in the faith,
Mrs. Eula B. Pride,
Tampa, Florida.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"THY DAY - THE JUDGMENT DAY"

"Thy day—Luke 19:42

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained, whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

It has always been interesting to me to see how a person could be preoccupied by one thing so that some event of unusual im-

portance might take place all about him and yet he wouldn't be conscious of what was going on. Yet, beloved, that is true of everyone of us, time and time again. We have been so preoccupied by some one event that other things of great importance take place all about us and yet we are not conscious of those things going on.

As an example, Archimedes, recognized as one of the greatest masters of mathematics, was so fond of mathematical calculations that when the city in which he lived was raided, he did not know of it. He didn't

hear the whiz of arrows when the battle was fought in the street outside his own home. He was so busy with squares and triangles and obtuse calculations that he didn't hear the march of the soldiers as they paraded through the market place and even when a soldier entered his house, he was unconscious of the presence of that soldier until the latter plucked him by the sleeve and he looked up to realize that the soldier had business with him.

I am wondering, beloved, if
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From A Loyal Friend

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Your paper means so much to me. I want to keep it always in the homes of my children. I pray that someday it will mean much to them.

Your friend ever,
Mrs. W. H. Thomas,
Huntington, W. Va.

Editor's Note: Sister Thomas enclosed with this letter \$5.00, the names of her children and some friends. Long ago, Job was likewise tremendously concerned about his children. Cf. Job 1:5. Would to God that we had more parents like Job and Sister Thomas. T. B. E. has proved a blessing to many children away from home. God might make it a blessing to your children today.

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THY DAY — THE JUDGMENT

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this doubtlessly is not a picture of some of you who are here in God's house tonight? You are interested in your job, in stocks and bonds, houses and lands, how you are going to make ends meet, and the ordinary cares of this world to such an extent that you do not hear the inrush of the coming judgment of God. I say, beloved, some of you are so preoccupied by the cares of this life and by the burdens of this world and the problems that you face every day, that you are all unconscious of the great stream of hastening judgment toward which your soul is steadily and constantly moving.

Dear sinner friend, I wouldn't be your friend if I left you alone in your business and failed to warn you of the coming judgment and coming spiritual disaster to your soul. Therefore, I have read to you these two texts concerning "thy day," and, the Judgment Day.

I

SINNER FRIEND THIS IS THY DAY. This is the day that God has given you as a means of getting ready for eternity.

A preacher friend of mine asked an artist who was painting a picture one day as to why he took so much pains and precautions with each stroke of the brush. This painter made answer that he was painting for eternity and he wanted each stroke of the brush to be its best.

Sinner friend, you are getting ready for eternity.. Listen:

"Prepare to meet thy God."—Amos 5:12.

"Choose you this day whom you will serve."—Joshua 24:15.

"Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation."—II Cor. 6:2.

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great Salvation."—Hebrews 2:3.

"Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation."—Heb. 3:15.

"He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."—John 6:47.

"What must I do to be saved? And they said: 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.'"—Acts 16:30-31.

Sinner friend, with these and a great number of other Scriptures that I might have read to you—with these falling all about you, surely I can say, sinner, this is thy day—thy day of preparation for eternity—thy day sinner friend for getting ready to live with God throughout eternity. Surely the words of the old song are most appropo when it says:

"Come humble sinner in whose breast,
A thousand thoughts revolve
Come with your guilt and fear oppressed,
And make this last resolve."

I say, sinner friend, this is thy day.

NOT "SHUT-IN!"

Psalm 27:5; 31:20

"Shut in!" did you say, my sisters?

Oh no, only led away,
Out of the dust and turmoil,
The burden of the day,
Into the cool green pastures,
By the waters calm and still,
Where I may lie down in quiet,
And yield to my Father's will.

Earth's ministering ones come 'round me,
With faces kind and sweet,
And we sit and learn together
At the loving Saviour's feet,
And we talk of life's holy duties;
Of the crosses that lie in the way,
And they must go out and bear them
While I lie still and pray.

I am not shut in my sisters,
For the four walls fade away,
And my soul goes out in gladness
To bask in the glorious day.
This wasting, suffering body,
With its weight of weary pain,
Can never dim my vision;
My spirit cannot restrain.

I wait the rapturous ending,
Or rather, the entering in
Through the gates that stand wide open,
But admit no pain or sin.
I am only waiting, Sisters,
Till the Father calls: "Come Home!"
With my lamp all burning, waiting,
Till the Blessed Bridegroom comes.

II

BACKSLIDER, THIS IS THY DAY. Do I speak to someone tonight who has been definitely saved, who has had a genuine experience in grace; who knows what it is to be a child of God; and, yet, you have lost your joy of that God-given salvation. Backslider, this is thy day!

I don't know of any person in all this world who is more miserable than a backslider. I think he is the most miserable man on earth. He doesn't care for the society of the world and certainly he doesn't enjoy fellowship with God's people. As I have often said, a backslider has just enough religion to be unhappy at a card party and doesn't have enough religion to be happy at a prayer meeting. Backslider, this is thy day.

You are not the only backslider the world has ever seen. You are not the only one who has backslid and gotten away from the Lord. The Bible tells us of some who backslid and came back. Do you remember Sampson who was a mighty man of God? I think of all the Old Testament characters, there is no finer personality than Sampson. Yet, Sampson backslid. His strength wasn't in his hair as is often supposed. That hair that had never been cut was a sign of his separation to God and his strength actually was in the fact that he was separated to God. When his hair was cut, the sign of his separation was gone which indicated that his separation to God was already gone. Sampson backslid! There is a little obscure text in the book of Judges which the majority of even God's people fail to notice.

"Howbeit the hairs of his head began to grow again."
Why, brethren, Sampson back-

slid, but Sampson came back to God. And in the later days of his life, Sampson's life counted more for God as a reclaimed backslider than it ever had in the days before he backslid.

Take David as a good example. He himself said that he had lost the joy of his God-given salvation. I think when he wrote the 51st Psalm, David was the most miserable individual on earth. He had lost the God-given joy of his salvation. Yet, at a later date, David came back to God, repenting of his sin and the sweetest songs that David ever wrote by way of the Psalms of the Bible were the ones that David wrote after he turned back to God.

Simon Peter was a backslider. He lied; he denied his Lord and in order to make his denial emphatic, he punctuated it with profanity. Simon Peter thus backslid. Yet, brethren, he was reclaimed by the Lord Jesus Christ and on the day of the first memorable Pentecost after Jesus Christ's ascension to the Father, Simon Peter preached and three thousand souls were saved in one single day's time.

I cite to you the experiences of Simon Peter, David and Sampson that I might say to you who are backslidden tonight, you are not the first backslider this world ever saw. If God reclaimed Simon Peter and David and Sampson when they confessed to the Lord their sin and came back to God and God used and blessed them, then backslider tonight, God will do the same to you. I say then, backslider, this is thy day—thy day to turn back to God.

III

CHRISTIAN FRIEND, THIS IS THY DAY. As I have spoken thus far to the sinner man that was never saved and to the

backslider who has been saved but has lost the joy of his God-given salvation, I appeal now to you, Christian friend—this is thy day. If you are ever going to do anything for the cause of Jesus Christ, now is the time to do it. Every day that passes and speeds its way into eternity means one day less by way of service for you here within this world. As I stand here and face you, some of whom I have faced Sunday after Sunday for nearly twenty years, I am reminded that you are getting older day by day. If ever you are going to do anything for God, this is thy day. It may be that you are not backslidden; that your heart is warm toward Him. And, yet, beloved, you are not actively engaged in his service and every day you are allowing opportunities to pass by and privileges of service are going into eternity every day without you answering the call to respond to it. I say, Christian friend, this is thy day. With the world fast hastening to judgment; with saved people cold and indifferent on every hand; with unsaved sinners unconcerned every day, Christian friend, this is thy day to get busy in the service of the Lord. If you have any talent, now is the time to use it. You know how to sing? Now is the time to sing for God's glory. If you know how to teach, now is the time to teach men for God's glory. I say, Christian friend, this is thy day.

Richard Weaver was one of the great preachers who lived several years ago. I suppose in his day, he was one of the most outstanding of all great preachers. One night he dreamed, and in his dream, he was led by an angel around the battlements of Heaven. He was told to look over and see the world from whence he had been taken. The angel said, "Mr. Weaver, what do you see?" He said, "I see men and women blindfolded hastening on toward eternity." The angel said, "Look again. Tell us what do you see." Mr. Weaver said, "I see those same men and women blindfolded hurrying toward eternity and falling into a pit by the thousands." The angel said, "Mr. Weaver, look again! What do you see?" He said, "I see people by the tens of thousands falling into eternity and the sad thing is there is no one to warn them." Then the angel said to him, "Richard Weaver, will you spend eternity with us now or will you go back to warn them?"

Immediately he awakened and realized that it was a dream, but in his awakening he realized that it was likewise a message from God and great man that he had been in the service of God, he realized that God had men and women by the tens of thousands within this world who needed to have the blindfolds pulled from their eyes that they might see the Lord Jesus Christ and there was none to do it.

Christian friend, on the street where you live, maybe side by side with you, there is someone who needs Jesus Christ and needs you to witness to him. I say, Christian, this is thy day. If you are ever going to do anything to serve God, do it now.

IV

In contrast, beloved, our second text talks about the JUDGMENT DAY. While this is the day for the sinner to repent and be saved to get ready for eternity, and this is the day for backsliders to be reclaimed that they might serve God, and this is the day for Christians to put their all in the service of the Lord, in contrast THERE IS A JUDGMENT DAY COMING. My second text says, "He hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in

righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Beloved, there is a judgment day coming.

None can escape that day. This is one of God Almighty's eternal decrees.

"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the day of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things GOD WILL BRING THEE INTO JUDGMENT."—Ecc. 11:9.

"For GOD SHALL BRING EVERY WORK INTO JUDGMENT, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."—Ecc. 12:14.

Brother, sister, listen, there is a judgment day coming. Stand out on the sea coast and watch the foaming crest of a wave as it rises and thunders against the rocky wall. Watch the lightning leap and flash against a darkened, lowering sky. Sinner friend, can you hurl that wave back or can you grasp that bolt of lightning and change its path? Man is even more foolish to think that he can escape the judgment bar of God! I tell you, my brother, you might hurl that lightning from its path easier and quicker than you can escape God's judgment day. This is thy day. The judgment day is coming. You can't escape. And when that day comes, every man and woman who is in this house tonight will be there.

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."—Heb. 9:27.

No man will escape it. A man wrote to the editor of a religious paper and said, "I don't agree with you in your editorials for you say that God doesn't bless the man who works on Sunday." He said, "I have two fields of corn that I have raised this year. One, I have plowed, planted, cultivated and harvested entirely with Sunday labor. The other, I have taken care of by working it through the week." "And," he said, "the field that I cultivated worked on Sunday has produced more than the other field." The editor turned the letter over and wrote on the reverse side, "God doesn't make a final settlement in October."

Listen to me tonight, sinner friend, God hasn't made a final settlement with you as to your soul. This is thy day. God's day is coming. And it is certain that you are going to be at the judgment bar of God.

Everything that is done there will be absolutely just. That is far different to what is done in the law courts of this land, for in the majority of these, justice is perverted.

I often think of that classic of literature that most of you will recall, "Evangeline." Do you remember that one scene where the author speaks about the statue of justice that had been erected in the city? Do you recall in his description that Longfellow tells us of a servant girl who was accused of stealing a pearl necklace; who was brought out in the public square in the presence of that statue of justice and urged in the presence of that statue to make a complete confession of the necklace which she had stolen. She protested her innocence; yet, in spite of the protestation of her innocence, she was executed on the square in the presence of that statue of justice. Then, Longfellow tells how that the people hurried away because of a threatening storm that was approaching and how that in just a little while after she had been executed, that a storm broke upon that city and lightning struck

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DAY — THE JUDGMENT

Matt. 11:24.

Jesus was speaking to the cities of Capernaum, Chorazin, and Bethsaida, and he told them that when judgment falls and the people of Sodom come up to the judgment bar of God, it will be more tolerable for the folk in old sinful Sodom that was burned with fire from Heaven—more tolerable for them than it would be for those cities who had rejected the personal ministry and the personal teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ. As if to say, my brother, that men will be judged on the basis of the light that they possess. Can you imagine Herod and the babes of Bethlehem coming up to the judgment bar of God—contrast Herod who had the babes of Bethlehem killed, with the babes themselves? Why, my brother, the word of God says:

"For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a JUST RECOMPENSE of reward."—Heb. 2:2.

Well, brother, if it receives a just recompense of reward, then when Herod comes to the judgment bar of God and when those babes come to the judgment bar of God, there will be a vast difference as to the condemnation that is heaped upon the two.

Think of Nero, who burned Rome and persecuted the Christians and accused them of the crime of burning Rome in order that he might be able to persecute them still further. Think of Nero coming up to the judgment bar of God and some young child out of this community who dies having just reached the years of accountability! Every transgression receives a just recompense of reward. My brother, can you conceive of those two being punished just alike. Why, my brother, if every transgression receives a just recompense of reward, it would be impossible to think that Nero and some child who has just reached the years of accountability would

be judged just the same.

During World War I, the Germans marched over into the low countries and showered poison candy upon the Belgian children, who hungrily and greedily ate that candy to their own physical destruction. Suppose some of those children had just reached the years of accountability. Do you mean to tell me that those German soldiers and those children, when they come to the judgment bar of God would each receive the same. No, no, brother, every transgression receives a just recompense of reward. Brother, sister, when a sinner comes to the judgment bar of God, his punishment will be according to the light that he has had.

I say this, my sinner friend, in order that I might thunder at you these words. How great will be your condemnation who have lived in Russell and who have heard the Word of God preached to you Sunday after Sunday and yet, you have rejected it! Your light, at the judgment bar of God, will send your soul into a hell ten thousand fathoms deeper in comparison than the man in China, Africa or Brazil who has never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ! This is thy day. That is going to be God's day.

It is going to be a separation time. Oh, what separation shall come in that day of judgment.

When I was a child, I made a trip with my parents from our home over into Indiana. I had never been away from home before. One thing that stands out in my memory most completely was the experience in the Cincinnati depot. While waiting there in Grand Central depot to change trains, someone, probably a train master (that was in the days long ago before the time of the loud speaker system), came out through an open door and called an east bound train and I remember a number of people got up and left the room. Later those doors opened again and that same man in a sing-song voice, called a number of towns for a west bound train. People got up and left the room. Still later after that group had made their exit the doors opened again and the man called a train which was the one I went on. Thus, in just a few hours those that had been one company there within that depot were separated by hundreds of miles of distance never to meet again within this world.

Brethren, that is just like this world spiritually. We are gathered in the waiting hall of the station of time. Some of these days the sky doors will swing open and the call to separate is going to be given. Here are going to be passengers for Heaven and here there will be passengers for Hell. You can't tell which group each is in now, but, brethren, then, when the call to separation comes, it will be plainly evident which group you stand in. This is thy day. God's day is coming and will be a day of separation.

Let me ask you tonight as I plead with you, that in thy day you get ready for God's day. It is going to be too late to wait for God's day to do the things you ought to have done in thy day.

I have an idea that there are some of you here tonight who are saved who ought to retrace some steps; who ought to draw a little closer to the Lord. This is thy day.

Sinner friend, it is thy day. While God offers grace unto your soul, may you trust Him, receive Him and be saved. The only way that you can be ready for the judgment day is to receive Jesus Christ now as your personal Saviour.

God's child isn't going to the judgment in order to know whether he is saved. He is going

CHRISTIANITY AND NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS COMPARED

BELIEF CONCERNING PRAYER

CHRISTIANITY. "Prayer is the offering up of our desires unto God for things according to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins and thankful acknowledgment of His mercy."

Did you ever know a missionary, whose heart was in his work, who wished to return to the homeland to live?

BRAHMANISM. Prayer forms a prominent and very important part of a Brahman's life. No religion ever produced so many Pharisees. Their prayers are senseless, yet with fair speech, have entrapped millions of unwary souls. "The gods talk only to the upper caste."

HINDUISM. Prayers are offered to anything and everything; to snakes, so they will not bite; to tools, so they will work. The world has no sadder picture than that of these half-starved people so earnestly pleading for absolute needs to gods of stone, while priests deceived them with answers.

BUDDHISM. Prayer is offered to Buddha by means of prayer-flags, also by wheels turned by hand or by mountain brooks. These contain the words, "Om mani padme hum" (Oh, the jewel in the Lotus, Amen). Priests are paid for offering prayers.

TAOISM. The worshipper falls on his knees before the altar and then bows, touching his forehead to the ground; prayers are then offered and money is given. Prayer continues according to the feelings of the supplicant.

CONFUCIUS said, "He who sins against heaven has no place to pray." Proper prayers are burned before the ancestral tablet. Prayers are offered to the dead, soliciting their help.

Missions have weight with you just in proportion as you are interested in God. Have you weighed them recently?

ZOROASTRIANISM. "You thoughts alone will be your intercessor." Prayers are said from the "Zend" prayer book, which no one but the priests understand. It is Latin to Catholics. The very pious must say prayers sixteen times a day.

PARSEEISM. Prayer is said before a fire in front of which the worshipper sits with mouth covered, that no unholy saliva may fall in the holy fire. The choicest place for prayer is by the sea or a running stream facing the setting sun.

SHINTOISM. The worshipper approaches the temple, bathes his hands and rinses his mouth at a fount of holy water, steps before the altar, claps his hands to call the attention of the gods to his presence, offers his prayer and retires.

ORTHODOX MOHAMMEDANS pray five times a day. Friday is their Sabbath, when all Moslems gather for prayer at the mosques. If traveling, the worshipper spreads his mat and prays toward Mecca.

The disasters of the world shock us, but the wall of the lost does not even disturb the profound slumber of many churches.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

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"These parasitic bodies aspire to exercise a sort of overlordship over the churches (denominations), and they realize this ambition wherever and whenever they can." * * *

"A Methodist Board of Mis-

to the judgment for his reward. God's child knows right now that the judgment for sin has already been paid and the penalty has already been executed or meted out in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sinner friend, there is a terrible day in store for you when you meet your sins at the judgment bar of God. I say again, I wouldn't be your friend if I didn't tell you of what is coming in that day before you. Are you ready for it? Are you saved? I am not asking if you are a church member. I am asking you, are you saved? Some of you are depending on your baptism. Some of you are depending on your church membership. Brother, sister, that will avail you nothing in that day.

God help you, tonight, to see the truth, that Jesus Christ died for your sins and the man who trusts Jesus Christ as his Saviour will be saved and ready for the judgment. This is THY day. What you do now will determine what God does at the judgment!

May God bless you.

sions may not operate in one area, while a Baptist Board may not labor in another, and a Presbyterian Board may not plant churches in still another. * * * If a Baptist, for any cause, takes up residence in an area in which Methodists operate, he must change his faith or have no church membership there! Can faith be other than feeble when it thus conforms to the character of the chameleon?"

Now, what would even Bishop Candler say if he could see the situation in America today? Tabulation shows that the non-Roman Catholic Churches in America are handing over to some thirty-three unionizing, super-church organizations every year the staggering sum of 32,000,000.00! And this is almost as much as all these denominations are giving to Foreign Missions!

Let us pause and consider carefully the greatest unionizing octopus among all these super-church and inter-church organizations—the state and local councils of the Federal Council of Churches.

Five Imminent and Pressing Dangers

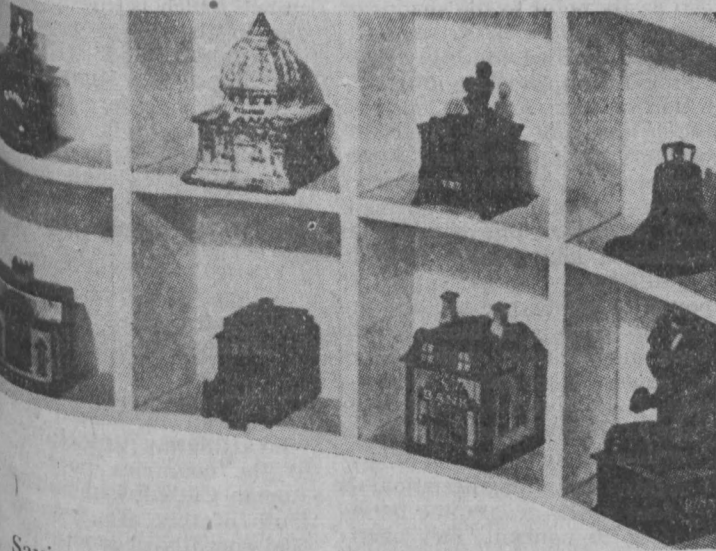
And, speaking now of Southern Baptists, there are five dangers in this movement and these (Continued on page four)

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SOMETHING YOU CAN BANK ON



Saving money is a good old American custom, as this antique clock collection shows. It's a good custom to bank on what God's word says too.

"And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more." Numbers 22:18.

"What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it."—Deut. 12:32.

"Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."—Prov. 30:5, 6.

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.

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: if any man shall take away from the words of the book of the prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of the prophecy, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."—Rev. 22:18, 19.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

(Continued from page three) great super-church organizations which are so imminent and pressing that Southern Baptists will not, cannot escape for another ten years, unless heroic action is taken at once.

1. **FIRST DANGER:** The thirty-odd unionizing, super-church organizations have the numbers, the trained and aggressive leaders and the financial resources to encompass, overwhelm and absorb or hopelessly divide Southern Baptists, within the next ten years. Some 25 of the greatest denominations in the nation, having 27,775,000 members, are already officially aligned with the Federal Council of Churches; and multiplied thousands of others are lined up with the various state and local councils, which are "branches of the Federal Council." In the other 32 super-church organizations, moreover, are still other multiplied thousands, all working toward the same end. And the whole group, as we have already noticed, is being given approximately \$32,000,000 a year to sweep away all opposition and establish their regime.

2. **SECOND DANGER:** The aim and objectives of all these great super-church organizations, also the plan for reaching their objectives, have become so well defined, so unified and so unyielding that Southern Baptists are left with but one alternative—surrender to "Co-operative Christianity" and go into the great United Church of America or else fight to the death against overwhelming odds! "Toward a United Church!" This is not simply the title of Wm. Adams Brown's new book, published by Charles Scribner's Sons in 1946; it is the soul of this great nationwide movement and the battle cry of all these great unionizing, super-church organizations. And neither loyalty to basic Baptist principles, nor pride in noble Baptist achievements, nor fidelity to time-honored Baptist institutions, nor appreciation for the sublime facts and traditions of Baptist history will count for one iota with these modern super-churchmen who are driving now, like Jehu, toward a United Church. To allow Southern Baptists, with 6,250,000 church members, to stand out against this movement and, perhaps, to block or delay the coming of the United Church—this is unthinkable!

3. **THIRD DANGER:** The Northern Baptist Convention, and certain leaders among Northern Baptists, have taken three steps, entered into three agreements and committed themselves and their denomination to three new movements which endanger everything that Southern Baptists stand for:

(1) The Northern Baptist Convention, in violation of all Baptist principle, has joined the Federal Council of Churches; surrendered its independence, and become a "constituent body" in this super-church organization; entered into partnership not only with Methodists, Presbyterians, Disciples of Christ, Congregationalists and Episcopalians, but with Russian Orthodox Catholics, Seventh-Day Baptists, United Brethren, Lutherans, Reformed Churches, the United Church of Canada, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, etc., etc.; and have taken joint action with these denominations, electing certain super-churchmen to oversee and direct all the general affairs of Northern Baptist work.

(2) The Northern Baptist Convention has also entered into a six-point working agreement with the Disciples of Christ (see Year Book of Northern Baptist Convention, 1944, pages 222-224), as follows:

- To combine the devotional booklets of the two denominations.
- To meet in the same cities in all state conventions possible and hold joint sessions.
- To hold joint sessions in all local ministers' meetings or associations, where the two denominations are represented.
- To hold joint summer assemblies whenever this is possible or feasible.
- To exchange theological professors in all seminaries of the two denominations.
- To hold union services and union evangelistic campaigns in all cities and towns where the two denominations have churches.

(3) Following the Saint Louis Joint Convention in 1936, when Southern Baptists showed no desire for union with the Northern Baptist Convention, certain outstanding Northern Baptist leaders, on their own motion evidently, adopted a five-point program which was intended to break down the "aloofness" of Southern Baptists and bring about the desired union with Northern Baptists:

- To move certain outstanding Northern Baptist pastors into leading Southern Baptist churches, especially in the border states.
- To change the association in the District of Columbia into a convention which would permit Northern Baptist Churches at Washington to attend the Southern Baptist Convention as regular delegates.
- To encourage more and more churches in Missouri to divide their mission offerings between the Northern and Southern Conventions.
- To arrange for outstanding Southern Baptist pastors and evangelists to hold meetings and make occasional addresses in Northern Baptist Churches, schools and assemblies, for which they would be handsomely paid, in order to have the friendship and help of these Southern Baptist leaders in case of difficulties between the two conventions.
- To select none but former Southern Baptist pastors to defend the Northern Baptist Convention in all the states where division exists—Arizona, California, Illinois, etc.

These Northern Baptist leaders and their friends were greatly pleased to see the Southern Baptist Convention in Saint Louis in 1947 elect a full-fledged Northern Baptist and a past president of the Northern Convention, as vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention!

4. **FOURTH DANGER:** The Federal Council of Churches has committed itself to a five-point program which will force this issue upon every Southern Baptist Church in the South and the Southwest.

In 1945, Mr. Earl F. Adams, younger brother of Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., and, at that time, chairman of the Inter-Council Field Department of the Federal Council of Churches, recommended and the Federal Council adopted the following five-point program as the "next steps in field-strategy," for 1946 and following years:

- To employ two field secre-

taries to concentrate on the relatively unorganized areas in the South and Southwest.

- To complete field organization in these sections by offering financial subsidies in ten states and fifteen cities.
- To employ additional leadership for general outreach of field administration, including a sort of bishop over the federated and union churches, a special helper in organizing ministers' councils or associations, and an assistant in Radio Field Counseling.
- To provide 20 ecumenical fellowships, in schools and colleges, to teach co-operative church administration.
- To hold regional "convocations" (conventions) of the Federal Council in the interim of its regular (biennial) meetings.

That is to say, the hour has struck! The Federal Council of Churches has come into Southern Baptist territory—and some thirteen other great unionizing organizations have joined with the Federal Council to fully organize it and administer every section of Southern Baptist territory! And they are to bring the men and the money subsidies along with them! And they are concentrating on ten states, and fifteen cities! And Southern Baptists can prepare to surrender or be torn in pieces! This campaign has, in fact, been going for two full years and has made wonderful progress!

5. **FIFTH DANGER:** It is a danger from within Southern Baptist ranks! For some twenty years or more Southern Baptists have had four or five of the very greatest and choicest leaders in the Convention who have conscientiously believed that Northern and Southern Baptists should be united.

We know that these four or five leaders are great men, all of them masters in their several lines of work and all of them men of the highest integrity; and, because they are good and great men and are on the inside, they may be able to throw open the doors or open the dikes to the Northern Baptist Convention and the Federal Council of Churches. But, in this case, neither they nor we will ever live to see New Testament Christianity established in the South and the Southwest again! Perhaps no earthly power can much longer withstand this overwhelming flood of pacifism, modernism and unionism. But it seems tragic to have great men and good men, who for some strange reason, will deliberately throw open the dikes!



BABYLON THE GREAT

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Lamentation, or Sorrow. Our Lady of Consolation, Our Lady of Hope, Our Lady of Liberty and our Lady of Fetters invoked by prisoners, (how absurd!), Our Lady of Good Delivery invoked by women in travail, Our Lady of Wisdom and Our Lady of Perseverance, placed in colleges, Our Lady of Health or Salvation, etc., etc., etc. And of the beatification of saints, we have not space. But with them Saints and Angels are objects of worship contrary to scripture admonition.

Further, the historic masquerade of Romanism is sufficient evidence of this mystification. Down through history they have masqueraded the primacy of the Pope. Note his present title, "Vicar of Christ, Successor of the Prince of the Apostles, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Patriarch of the West,

Primate of Italy, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Province of Rome, Sovereign of the Temporal Dominions of the Holy Roman Church." If such a headship cannot be styled anti-Christ, then no other ecclesiastical polity can ever be styled thus. And yet present day Protestantism and Baptists are as blind as it can be, due to the introduction of other petty notions of fictitious anti-Christ, which are foreign to that declared in God's word, and also foreign to that which has been held by the church in the past, although agreeable to Roman Catholic interpretation of anti-Christ and in their favor.

Again, this masquerade is seen in the supremacy of the Roman Church over the word of God in order to supersede every other interpretation. Only the school of prelates are sufficiently skilled for interpretation. No wonder there are forgeries of doctrine. Another masquerade is an unnatural pretence of holy innocence by the celibacy of their prelates (cardinals, bishops and priests). Yet another is their confederacy with states and nations, for they do have relations with nations. That is what is meant when it says, "With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication." All this in order to exercise ecclesiastical supremacy over all competitors. Therefore, is it not a "MYSTERY" that Romanism holds its sway by its ability to mystify the multitudes? The name "mystery" may also infer that it is phenomenal that Roman Catholicism has been in the ascendancy even though concealed from the observation of a slumbering Christendom. Let it be no more a secret to you since the text has been called to your attention.

Thirdly, from the second part of the name, "BABYLON THE GREAT," we infer that it is the elevated combine which challenges the whole world. "BABYLON THE GREAT" is a symbol of magnification. And this magnification is both ecclesiastical and political. Ecclesiastically we can easily point to the shades of despotic tendencies, as we have already pointed out in their claims for an inviolate interpretation of the word of God, and the primacy of their Pope and prelates. But there are other shades of despotic tendencies exercised over the souls of men, such as their claims of power to annihilate souls outside of their jurisdiction; their claims of power to pronounce the absolution of the sins of those within their jurisdiction; their claims of power to negotiate deliverance from a non-existent purgatory. Many more could be mentioned; these are enough.

Again this magnification is evident in the geographic barricade of Romanism. This barricade is not only in their multiplied cloisters throughout many countries, but in the privacy of the Pope in his own country of 132 acres, known as Vatican City. Subordinacy of the world to this designated Papacy is their objective. And the adequacy of wealth which flows into this barricade center is amazing; no wonder it says in the context, "having a golden cup in her hand." No earthly potentate enjoys such a guarded privacy and universal honor.

Again, civic manipulation is one grade of Roman Catholic political magnification. This insulates them against ill favor. They have a system of diplomatic arteries, and treacheries and flatteries of every kind are employed to gain mastery over nations politically. They have their own diplomatic ambassadors, and consulates throughout the world are subordinate to this holy magnification. And it

is a fact that government heads are more intimate and kind disposed to the Roman papacy than to all other heads. Even our own president sends private ambassador to the Pope in honor and recognition of supremacy and "holiness."

Further, had we space, might show the magnification of Romanism by her elaborate draperies and trumperies. However, we are reminded by the name "Babylon the Great" that which is universal and lossal respecting this apostate church and that should suffice us of the truth of God's word.

Fourthly, from the third part of her name, "THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS, AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH," we learn that this apostate church propagates illegitimate or counterfeit Christians, who instigates those things which are detestable, in the worst sense of the word. "THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS" is a symbol of falsification. The falsification is seen in her jestic trade in souls. She is "THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS," which means that her tribute is paid to her. Yet not ing but a base use of the she results from an idolatrous system. Where substitutes for genuine salvation are offered, some are deprived of salvation. By the inventions of the Roman Catholic Church souls are made to lie prostrate at her feet. Salvation as they offer it necessitates some commensurate measures in the sinner; so compromise to appease God is hard to estimate the elaborate system they have for commensating for this or that sin. What use is it to say anything, respecting these things? The very name she bears, "THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS," sufficiently declares the truth of these things.

Again, this falsification seen in their systematic way degrading the true worship of God. To implicate others in idolatrous worship is no sin in crime. Yet Romanism advocates idolatry by saying that the reference which is due to Christ, due to the image representation of Christ. But God will not be worshipped in a superstitious idolatrous manner; whatever conferred on idols is a subtraction from him. Now any system that subjugates souls to such practice certainly has to be termed "the mother of harlots."

Finally, every country invaded by the falsification of Roman Catholicism goes into a retrograde state. No understanding is illuminated in darkness. The social evils of the world can be traced to those who affiliate with idolatry. Look at the countries populated by Roman Catholicism and see the truth of this. True worship of God speedily degenerates when ever Romanism prevails, to nothing of the wrath of God which is kindled against those who participate in such abominations. For it is by the elaborate substitutes and idols of Romanism whereby many nations have been taught to commit spiritual fornication and thus to abominate the true living God, and thus also eliminating all search after the living God. Without attempting a catalogue their dreadful abominations, may we now see that their falsifications the true worship of God has been adulterated or else completely obliterated in very many places on the earth. And this in part, at least, constitutes, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS, AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."