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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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## Where Shall The Main Emphasis Of Life Be Placed?

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Where should the main emphasis of life be placed, and on what should our minds, thoughts and affections be chiefly centered? And in reality, WHERE are the minds and thoughts of people centered?

God, the answer—

The majority of people have their thoughts centered upon this world. They have no outlook beyond the present world—they love the present world—are up to their eyes in the things of the present world, and love the things of the world. (That's what worldly is—intense love for the things of the world). But what does the Word of God say? I John 2:15-17.

2. The treasures of most people are all right here in the world. What are these treasures? Houses, lands, stocks, bonds, furniture, car, clothing, family etc. What does Christ say about treasures? (See Matt. 6:19-20).

### The Truth About Where Emphasis Should Be Placed

Certainly we should not be unmindful of this world or of the fact that we must live here for a time, and we mean to say nothing against living a happy life in the present. But we are dealing with where the MAIN emphasis and MAIN love should be centered. It SHOULD NOT BE CENTERED ON THE HERE AND NOW. WHY?

1. Because the present world (system) is temporary. (I Jno. 2:17—"passes away").

2. Because we can't live here more than a few years. About 40 years on an average. Part of that is in sickness or bad health, with work and disappointment, and with decrepit age or helplessness part of the period. How foolish to plan supremely on certain failure.

3. Because all earthly treasures are temporary. (See 2 Cor. 4:18).

Health—it can't last forever—it must fail.

Youth—it can't last—we grow older every minute.

Beauty (if we had any to start with)—it can't last, for wrinkles and gray hair and stiff joints and false teeth are coming. (And liquor, cigarettes, and dissipation are bringing these prematurely to women and girls. (Continued on page four)

## Science Speaks Forth

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The author, before conversion, was a ballroom and theatrical orchestra leader who had drunk deeply of the dregs of sin. Realizing that there was nothing in this realm that satisfied but rather a bitter mocking emptiness and awaking to the fact of sin (and the habits there were strangling the jugular of body and soul, the author knew he was "going down the count." In the depths of that experience, he came face to face with the Lord Jesus Christ who gave His life that our sins might be washed away through His blood and that the fetters (and habits) of sin might be broken asunder. Upon accepting Christ as personal Saviour, that exactly what happened. Joy and peace flooded the author's heart. His life was transformed. The old bits and fetters of sin were broken asunder! Try to rationalize or explain it—till doom's day of eternity falls on your head. You can't alter a fact—IT IS REAL! I ought to know, for I am that miserable sinner saved

ed by God's grace.

A short time later, I entered a Bible Institute and then attended college. While in college, it wasn't long until I heard the Bible ridiculed and Christian experience belittled. Mister, I knew from personal experience that the Christ and the Gospel of the Bible were real and that the Bible was, in truth, the Word of God. THEREFORE, I reasoned that if these things were so, there had to be cold hard scientific facts that would blast into oblivion the ridicule and blatant claims of the Bible-critic! This led into research and covered well over one hundred books and booklets (any one of which would have been sufficient evidence of the fact that "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Peter 1:21). THE MASS OF ABSOLUTE PROOF AND SCIENTIFIC AUTHENTICATION OF THE BIBLE AS THE INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD—IS ALMOST UNLIMITED!! In fact, we were driven to

the inevitable conclusion: IF AN EDUCATED MAN RIDICULES THE BIBLE AS GOD'S WORD, HE IS EITHER WILFULLY IGNORANT or A DOWNRIGHT LIAR AND FALSIFIER! (See "A Lawyer Examines the Bible" by Irwin H. Linton, Member of the Bar of the District of Columbia and of the Supreme Court of the United States).

A small portion of this material has been condensed in written form and then cut to the bone that it might be published in a series of eight-page leaflets. This leaflet is but one of the series. All ten-cylinder scientific terminology (often a smokescreen for REAL ignorance—as we have discovered) has been deleted and it is pre-

### Mused Uncle Mose

Dey cain' nobody keep de debil frum knockin' on de doah, but wha' peoples git into trouble is standin' dar chattin' wid 'im pleasant like.

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "THE ISSUE AS TO CHRIST'S COMING"

"In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."—Matthew 24:44.

All Christians believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is coming to this world a second time. All are not agreed as to when He will come. A large majority believe He will come after the Millennium.

The word "Millennium" is compounded of two Latin words, mille, a thousand, and annum, a year. The Greek equivalent is Chiliad, a thousand.

By Millennium is understood, popularly, the reign of Christ for a thousand years on or over the earth. The fact as to such a reign is set forth in the book of

Revelation, twentieth chapter, and fourth verse.

"They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

Those who believe that Christ will not come till after the thousand years, expect His kingdom to be introduced and established, while He is away, through the Gospel. They suppose the Gospel will be preached in all the earth, every soul will at last hear and accept it, all will be regenerated, the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters the face of the deep, the spirit of holiness in man will cast out the spirit of wickedness and sin, there will be neither jealousy nor envy, war will

cease, swords will be beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks, the moral health of men will exalt the sanitary condition of the body and human life shall pass on into the count of centuries. Not only will dumb brutes be changed into quiet and peaceful beasts and cease to tear and spoil, but the earth itself will end its long war against man and, instead of briars and thorns, will bring forth the richest herbs, the tenderest grass and fairest fruits, until the very desert shall blossom as the rose.

There are those who see striking evidence of the near approach (Continued on page two)

## WHEN WILL HE COME?

Perhaps He will come at the dawning  
Of a beautiful summer day,  
When the birds and flowers are awakening  
To welcome the sun's first ray.  
And the Eastern sky will brighten  
With the light of the dawn's caress,  
And herald the swift arising  
Of the "Sun of Righteousness."

Perhaps He will come at the evening,  
When, weary of toil and care,  
We rest and watch as the darkness  
Creeps o'er the landscape fair,  
And behold the stars in their beauty  
Shine forth from their depths afar.  
But their radiance dims in the glory  
Of the "Bright and Morning Star."

And perhaps He will come at midnight  
When earth and its dwellers sleep.  
When over the mountains and valleys  
Broods a silence vast and deep,  
And the tramp of the great archangel  
Shall awaken the slumberers there,  
And His saints will be caught up together  
To meet the Lord in the air.

But whether at dawn or evening,  
At midnight or sultry noon,  
And whether awake or sleeping,  
And the time be distant or soon;  
May I live so that I shall be ready  
With joy my Saviour to meet,  
And feel no harm at His Coming,  
But hasten His heralds to greet.

--Selected

sented in language and form that anyone young or old can understand.

### SCIENCE SPEAKS FORTH:

#### THE BIBLE IS THE INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD!

The Bible was actually transcribed by from 35 to 40 men—THEY EITHER WROTE IN THEIR OWN WISDOM or THEY WROTE AS GOD SPOKE TO THEM THROUGH INSPIRATION AND REVELATION.

We challenge you to TRY to claim that these men wrote the following scientific truths in their own finite wisdom. ONLY A FOOL WOULD TRY TO MAKE SUCH A CLAIM. Remember, these men wrote 2000 to 4000 years BEFORE science got around to discovering these

facts, and many of these facts have been established by science in just the last few decades!!

#### VARIOUS SOURCES PROVE THE DIVINE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE

Note: We are presenting only a few of these miscellaneous scientific proofs of the Bible as lack of space prohibits the inclusion of more.

BIBLE FACT: The writer of Ecclesiastes stated (approx. 3,000 years ago) that water functions in a cycle, namely: "the cycle of water." Eccl. 1:7: "All the rivers run into the sea, and yet the sea is not full. Unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again."

SCIENCE FACT: Today, the "Cycle of Water" is an acknowledgment (Continued on page four)

### BAPTIST HISTORY

"Public monuments of their existence in every century can be produced." —A. Campbell

"On this account the Baptists may be considered as the only Christian community which has stood since the apostles, and as a Christian society, has preserved pure the doctrine of the Gospel through all ages." —Ypeij and Dermout

"I would not so readily admit that there was a Baptist Church as early as 100 A. D., though without doubt there were Baptists then as all Christians were then Baptists."

—John Clark Ridpath

### A READER SAYS

Brother Gilpin:

Here is a dollar to help on buying that barrel of ink. Not much but hope it may help. I was reading the last paper and saw where you had been to the Kansas City airport. You were only 45 miles from Easton. I would like to see you and hear you preach sometime. I enjoyed your sermon on "Summertime Diet." Was real good for the soul. I like the paper better than any other I take.

IDA SPARKS,

Easton, Kansas.

If a hundred members of a church would each give a postage stamp a day, they could support one of their number as missionary.



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"The Issue!"

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proach of this happy time. They see in it the advanced civilization of the hour, in the growing hatred of war, in the frequent resort to national arbitration, in the demand for righteousness not only in the individual and in society, but in government. Every invention which takes away the burden of manual labor, or adds one hour to human leisure, every advance in knowledge, in science, in philosophy, in art, indicates to them that the spirit of the Christ which is the spirit of the true, the good, the beautiful is steadily gaining headway. This progress, it is said, is marked and undeniable. Each century has found us better housed, better fed, better clothed, better mannered and altogether more divine, until there are enthusiastic teachers and preachers who, rising superior to the disturbing and stubborn facts of the times, fancy that they already catch glimpses of the links in the shining chain with which Satan is to be bound. Some tell us, with no lack of rhetoric and emphasis that the purple and the gold of these glad millennial days are on us now; and that only the most determined and fatal pessimism can hesitate to see the widening circle of the Christly times, and that but a brief period of hurrying years remains before we shall be in the full glow of royal splendor of the days of Heaven upon earth.

For a thousand years of unspeakable joy, this kingdom will endure, and then Christ will come in person, there will be a general resurrection, the final judgment, the great conflagration and the end of the world.

Those who hold this view are known familiarly as Post-Millennarians. They are known as such because they postpone, or place the coming of Christ after the Millennium.

There are others, however, in all bodies of believers, and they form a large and growing minority, comprising teachers and preachers of purest lives, widest culture and profoundest scholarship, who believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will come before the Millennium, indeed that there can be no Millennium till He does come. They do not expect the world to be converted by the Gospel and peace brought in through its instrumentality; on the contrary, they expect rather that the world will grow more and more indifferent to that Gospel; that iniquity will abound, lawlessness prevail, and that so far from beating swords into ploughshares, the nations will turn the ploughshares into swords; that nation shall rise against nation, the spirit of war and discord and feverish unrest pervade the whole earth, until the people in their agitation and commotion shall be heard like the surging of the seas, and

CHRISTIANITY AND NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS COMPARED

Sacred Writings

CHRISTIANITY. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."—2 Tim. 3:16, 17.

BRAHMANISM. Vedism, Brahmanism and then Hinduism, is the successive order of this religion in India. The Vedas were the earliest sacred writings. Then followed those found under "Hinduism."

HINDUISM. 1. Rig Veda, hymns addressed to the gods. 2. Code of Manu, regulates Hindu social and domestic life. 3. Upanishads (philosophy). 4. "Sutras" (proverbs). 5. Epic (poems). 6. Puranas (for women). 7. Tantras. The Sanskrit language is sacred.

BUDDHISM. The Pali language in which the "Tripitaka," is written, is a dead language, as is the Latin of the Catholic church. The Tripitaka consists of Buddha's sermons, his moral teaching and philosophy. Tibetan Buddhist books differ considerably.

TAOISM. The preserved writings of Lao-tse are called "The Canon of Reason and Virtue." It equals less than half of Mark's Gospel. A later Taoist book is "The Book of Rewards and Punishments." It is widely read. The former is used but very little.

CONFUCIANISM. The Confucian teachings are divided into two groups: the "Five Classics," and the "Four Books." Some of these books are: "Lun-Yu," Confucian Analects; "Tahioh," great learning; "Chung Yung," doctrine of the mean; "Yeh King," the book of changes; "She King," the book of odes; "Shoo King," the book of history.

ZOROASTRIANISM. "Avesta" contains twenty-one books, and is said to have been originally written upon 12,000 cowhides. Now it is one-tenth the size of the Bible, as many of the writings have been lost. (See Parsee "Sacred Writings.")

PARSEEISM. "Avesta" consists of hymns and sermons of Zoroaster with methods and instructions for worship. One section gives a law against the demons. They acknowledge their sacred books are not complete.

"I have one passion; it is He, He alone."—Count Zinzendorf.

SHINTOISM. Kojiki is a "Record of Antiquities," or a collection of oral traditions reduced to writing, A. D. 712. Nihongi, or "Chronicles of Japan," were composed A. D. 720. Engishiki is the "Book of Ceremonial Law," A. D. 927.

MOHAMMEDANISM. "The Koran," smaller than our New Testament, has no chronological order. It is never touched with unwashed hands, carried below the waist or laid upon the floor. They declare it will not burn. Arabic language in which it is written, is sacred.

that the wild beast element in man shall reveal itself in violence, in deeds of blood; that the professing church will grow more and more corrupt in doctrine and worldly in practice, until the Son of God, rejecting it as His witness on the earth shall spue it from His mouth. Those who believe in this fashion believe further, that while knowledge will increase and many run to and fro, and science and philosophy will do marvels until man shall seem like a very God yet, less and less will the restraining power of God's spirit be felt; darker will grow the hour, the earth will be given over to the evil in man and the loosened power of the Devil; and that when this combination of wickedness shall have headed itself up in the coming man, the Anti-Christ of Anti-Christ, then Christ the Lord will descend to Jerusalem, the center of God's earthly dealings, the conspiracy of Satan will be overthrown and the long-looked for Millennium, the thousand years, the reign of God upon earth will begin.

In the nature of the case, those who so believe are called Pre-Millennarians; for they believe that Christ is coming before the Millennium; that His advent is not its death-knell, but its marriage-bell, the sounding chime of the angelic notes:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to men of Good-will."

This then is the issue! Christ coming before or after the Millennium?

Which?

Does It Matter?

"We ought to give the more earnest heed to the things we

thm to the music of His kingly lescent. Isaiah spells it out in the notes of seraphic splendor and in the announcement of earth's response from exalted mountain, shivering earth and tossing seas. Jeremiah depicts the moment when at His coming Jerusalem shall no longer be as the forsaken who binds her hair with the braid of widowhood, but as Jerusalem, the Holy Jerusalem, whose names shall be the Lord our righteousness, and unto whom shall be gathered the nations, as unto the throne of the Lord. Ezekiel beholds His coming in the chariots of cherubic glory. Daniel sets Him forth in the center of ten thousand times ten thousand of shining angels, coming to take unto Himself the crowns of all the kings of all the earth, as King of kings and Lord of lords. The minor prophets on every page proclaim that He is coming. Hosea declares it in language of rebuke to the people who have denied Him, Joel in speech that makes the tongue to burn and the ears to tingle, while Habakkuk rises to the heights of sublimity in a dictation unequalled as he testifies of the God who shall come from Teman and the Holy One who shall cover the Heavens with His glory, who shall fill the earth with His praise, before whose feet shall go the pestilence and burning coals, who shall stand and measure the earth, drive asunder the nations, scatter the everlasting mountains, receive the homage of the perpetual hills as they bow before Him and acknowledge that His ways are everlasting, and who shall fill the earth, the whole earth, with the glory of His presence. The last utterance of the Old Testament, as it is of the New, is, that He is coming.

When you open the New Testament you already hear sounds of the second advent before you hear the echoes of the first. John the Baptist talks of the second coming, not of the first. The Son of God Himself is taken up, not with His first coming, but the second. In parable and exhortation, before His disciples, before the multitude and when arraigned before His judges, He talks of His coming again. On the eve of His departure from this world, He comforts His disciples with the thought that He is coming again to receive them unto Himself. No sooner has He gone out of sight into Heaven, than two angels come down with swift descent and hurrying speech to tell the disciples as they gaze heavenward that this same Jesus shall come again. On the day of Pentecost Peter finds the emphasis of His power in the declaration that this Jesus who has been crucified, dead, buried, raised again, and ascended to the throne of the highest is coming from thence in the plenitude of His kingly power. Stephen the martyr sees Heaven open and Jesus standing at the right hand of the glory in the attitude of one who is about to come forth and visit the earth once more. In writing his epistles to the Thessalonians the Apostle Paul closes each chapter of both epistles with the declaration that the Lord, even the Son of God, is coming again. Peter and James and John join in the universal testimony; Peter, that the appearing and glory of the Lord is the longing of his heart, James, that He who is the Judge already standeth at the door, and John, the Beloved, that the very hope of that coming so exercises his heart that he, as all who look for Him, purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Nay! so full is the Apostle John of this fact of the coming, that he devotes one whole book of twenty-two chapters to the description of it. Between por-

trays of the most solemn import, he represents the Lord Himself, from time to time, crying down from Heaven to the listening ears: "Behold I am coming quickly," and the last utterance from the unseen Holy One from the lips of the Son of God, on Himself, is the masterful assurance that He is coming, surely; i-

coming.  
In short, the second coming is mentioned from one end of the Bible to the other, in type and figure, in form and symbol, in open prophecy and allusive utterance, in exhortation and discourse. Examination will show that it is mentioned in connection with every outstanding doctrine; with the resurrection from the dead, the sonship of believers, the recognition of the departed and the distribution of rewards. It is bound up with every sublime promise; with the promise of likeness to Christ, satisfaction of soul, victory over death, victory over sin and Satan, and deliverance of the earth from the bondage of corruption. It is bound up with every practical exhortation. Does the apostle exhort us to meet together on the Lord's day and not to forsake by any means the assembly of ourselves together? He does so in view of the coming of the Lord. He bids us break bread, because we do show forth the Lord's death till He comes. We are exhorted to love God, to love one another, to patience, to a holy life, to watchfulness, to Christian activity, to moderation, to abiding in Him, against the judging one another, to steadfastness, to pastoral fidelity, to faithfulness in preaching, better cause He is coming. In fact, the coming is declared to be the central chord of all vital Christian life; and it is vibrated and touched again and again by exhortation and illustration as the exalted incentive and unfailing impulse. It is said to be spoken of in one way or another in at least every twentieth verse of the New Testament, and is thus indeed above and beyond any other fact or doctrine of Scripture pre-eminently predominant.

To admit, as it must be admitted, that the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ has such pre-eminence in Holy Scripture, that as to statement it easily outranks any other subject in the whole scale and scheme of revelation, and then to say that it is a matter wholly unimportant and ought not to engage the serious attention of the devout student of the Word is to be guilty of the most limitless illogic.

If, on the contrary, the very prominence of the theme classifies it as of supreme importance, then the determination of its nearness or remoteness is a matter of equal import.

How far this nearness or remoteness is important may be seen in the effect produced by either conclusion upon their respective advocates.

It is clear enough that if the coming of Christ cannot possibly take place till a thousand years after the world's conversion, then the event as a practical fact in the present life of the Christian is of little avail and cannot arouse him, either to interest, or enthusiasm; certainly it will not be a governing factor in his daily life, he will not feel himself under obligation to say much about it; and if a preacher, it will occupy but a very small place in his conversation, his preaching, or in his teaching. However wonderful and glorious it may be considered in itself as the display of the person and glory of the Son of God, however much it may be the justification and emphasis of all His previous claim, it is altogether too far in the background (Continued on page three)



## "The Issue!"

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the picture to centralize our attention or move us beyond the general acceptance of the fact. On the contrary, the Lord is coming before the Millennium; if His continued absence means the deepening of the spiritual night around us; if the light can be dissipated only by the coming; if it be at all possible to hasten that coming and to hasten away that night; if, notwithstanding, in the way of predicted showings has been actually placed between us and that coming; if the Lord has commanded us to go forth, to watch and be ready in the hour for Himself; if it is that we might meet Him on any time in any turn of the wheel and hear His voice in the midst of daily duties done or undone.

His great message on THE SECOND COMING was preached many years ago by Elder M. Haldemann of New York. Thank God for the message and for Him who is soon to come for His own!

then that coming is of present interest, its relation to the circumstances and events of the present hour are such that a Christian can dare, even for a moment, to be indifferent to it. It means the end of war, the reign of peace, then I stand to pray for it ere conflict, armies shall break and better into bloody war. If it means my deliverance from the evil, my translation into immortality, glad meeting and fellowship with those who have passed through the silent gates, as I ought to be on the tip-toe of expectation and desire for it. His coming is to be without a thing, then I have no time to be in idle pleasure and carelessness, indifference, not only because of my own soul and individual things at stake, but because of my fellow being who have no life of God and Christ in their soul; for his sake, surely, I ought to be up and doing, and waiting in his ears the invitation of the Gospel of peace, warning that he has no time to waste, that any moment the door of grace may be shut and the door of judgment swing on its brazen hinges. Post-Millennialism is true,

then Christ's visible presence on this earth is shut out by the dimness and distance of uncounted centuries.

If Pre-Millennialism is true, then Christ as a living and visible presence is just upon the horizon, and every closing day or breaking morn may see His face and answer to His call.

Post-Millennialism seeks to make the world better, to purify society, to set up the kingdom while the king is away, to transform the King, Himself, into an invisible, ethereal, spiritual presence, giving Him a bride in outward glory and splendor, but never allowing that bride during all the while of her association with Him in His universal reign, to catch one glimpse of the Bridegroom's face or behold the outline of a kingly form.

Pre-Millennialism seeks to call out of the world a bride for the absent, and rejected King, and continually whispers to this bride, that her joy is not to reign while He is absent, but to suffer; not to live gloriously with the kings of the earth as a wanton wife in the absence of her husband, but in separation and in the path of pilgrimage; and that her joy of joys will be, not to love an unseen Lord but to be presented to Him, to gaze upon His face, to bathe in His glory, to revel in His light, and with Him to rule and reign in manifested splendor, in open triumph.

The Post-Millennialist looks upon this hour as the time of victory for God.

The Pre-Millennialist looks upon it as the hour in which the darkness in man and the evil in Satan are holding high carnival.

Those who believe that the Millennium must prevail before Christ will come, take all the promises of the Old Testament, all the predictions concerning Israel and Mount Zion for the last days, and hand them bodily and boldly over to the churches. They style these Mount Zion and look upon the Christian as the logical evolution of the Jew, religiously.

Those who expect the Son of God before the Millennium, who anticipate judgment before glory take all the predictions of the latter times and give them to Israel. To them Mount Zion, Jerusalem, no more mean the church than earth can stand for Heaven, or Abraham, the Patriarch, be confounded with

# Why Singing Conventions Are Wrong

Condensed from Missionary Baptist Searchlight

"I will sing with the spirit, and with the understanding also" (I Cor. 14:15).

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Those to whom I preach know that I favor music in the worship service. It is a scriptural means of calling God's people together for worship and of preparing their minds and hearts

Michael, the Archangel. To them the Jew and the Gentile are as far apart in the dealings of God and the blessings which come to each from His hand, as the throne of God is distinct from His footstool.

The Post-Millennialist calls the church the kingdom.

The Pre-Millennialist feels that the nomenclature of the church as seen in the title role of its office bearers forbids such transmutation; it is impossible for him, even with the most liberal allowance for spiritualizing, to make a deacon into duke, or an elder into an earl; while pastors and evangelists, to him, seem utterly out of place as functionaries in a system of royalty.

In order to find ground for the doctrine that the Millennium must precede the second coming, the Post-Millennialist is forced to set aside, or ignore the pessimistic statements of the apostles concerning the last times.

In order to sustain the opposite thesis the Pre-Millennialist draws special attention and gives particular emphasis to those very statements.

It must be evident, therefore, to the most casual reader, that these two views are diametrically opposed, and that they affect, not only the attitude of the church in relation to the coming — the one setting aside that coming as an imminent factor, the other exalting it as such — but it affects the whole exegesis of the Word of God. Indeed, it is not too much to say that the results of interpretation flowing out of each of these distinct lines of thought are so radically antagonistic, so utterly diverse, so absolutely irreconcilable, that one or the other must be wholly right, exact, scientifically correct, and the other as absolutely false, ignorant or blunderingly perverse.

If the Bible, upon any fair and unprejudiced examination, permits with equal facility the deduction of either of these views, then the impression upon the outside observer must sooner or later be that this Book, instead of being a clear and infallible guide to the earnest seeker after truth is, at the best, but a contradictory and confusing transcript.

In the face of this ultimate, or the alternate impression; in view of the contradictory moral attitude brought about by one of the other of the doctrines; because of the antagonistic interpretation, and consequent publication to the church and the world which such interpretation demands, is it at all tolerable to say that the issue between Pre-Millennialism and Post-Millennialism is unimportant?

I trow not! Nay! Above everything else, the simple fact that the Son of God has announced to His own that He is coming back, makes it a bounden duty that I should know whether that coming is possible in my day, or not till ten centuries have broken into dust beneath the tread of time.

Aye! And I must make every effort to know it if it can be known!

for acceptable worship and praise. I encourage it in the services and cannot refrain from taking a part myself. God used it, including musical instruments, for this purpose (II Chron. 29:25-30). But they did not sing songs like "Comin' Through the Rye" or "Ole Zip 'Coon." It was music conducive to a spirit of devotion.

Paul said that he would sing with the spirit and with the understanding also. That evidently means that songs were intelligent in their wording and capable of being understood. Also, they were songs of the spirit — songs which the spirit of the saved man could enter and praise God. In contrast with this, many songs of today, instead of appealing to the spirit, appeal to the feet. They are of the flesh and are evil only. There is no half-way position on what is right and wrong. The modern "convention" type of singing is of the flesh and should not be entered into, condoned, and promoted by Baptists. I intend to show proof of this statement below.

I am not making an attack on any individual. Many good men, who would not knowingly do anything wrong, are "carried away" by this modern scheme of the Devil. He imitates that which is good; he engages in a disguise of righteousness (II Cor. 11:13-15). There was a time when I was "for" the singing convention and the "convention" songs in church. I have learned better the hard way. My love for the cause of righteousness and the souls of men, especially our young people who are being deceived by this evil, prompts me to write as I do.

Below are some of the many reasons why Baptists should not take part in singing of "convention" type songs:

1. The lyric or words are either meaningless or heretical, in most cases. Someone, please tell me what is meant in this most popular number: "On the Jericho road, there is room for just two; no more and no less, just Jesus and you." I have something like normal intelligence and I fail to see the "point" here. But that is my "point," there is no point. It is impossible to sing this song "with the understanding." Over and over they advocate salvation by works, by morality, disregarding the grace of the Lord in giving life.

2. When the words are Scriptural, as in "He Bore It All," the melody is so perverted with the "swing" of the ballroom, barroom, or "honky-tonk" until it is impossible to sing "with the spirit."

3. The theme of many of the songs is egotistic, glorifying man instead of the Lord, contrary to the command of the Word to do "all" to the glory of the Lord (I Cor. 10:31): "I'll Fly Away," "I'd Rather Be a Beggar," "I Dreamed I Searched Heaven for You," "I'm Gonna Rise and Shine," I, I, I, I, on and on ad infinitum.

4. This tendency to attract attention to man and glorify him is further seen in the style of music; individual parts are featured calling attention to a "trilling 'alto'" or a down-in-the-cellar "basso profundo." The glory is in the flesh.

5. This egotistic tendency is further evidenced in the rivalry between directors. The man who can stamp the floor and "get 'em to sing" is "tops." If he is able to ad lib at just the right

time, he is sure to get the applause.

6. A good measure of the spirituality of "convention" singing is seen in the crowds it attracts. Lost people like it as well as any of their other sins, perhaps better than some, for it has the cloak of respectability. Lost men are often the leaders. Men who do not profess Christianity, or at least do not depend on Christ for salvation, are prominent on the famous quartets. The flesh likes it.

7. It is evil because it is "interdenominational" or "non-denominational." It has to be to appeal to all faiths and to the lost as well. Most of the writers are "Pedo-baptists." "One church is just as good as another." Read II Cor. 6:14.

8. It is evil because it takes people away from their regular church services, salves their consciences with its religious flavor, and keeps them away Sunday night, since they are "sung down" and too tired to go.

9. It claims to "preach the gospel in song." I challenge the statement to be true of 10 per cent of the songs. A far lower percentage would probably be more accurate.

10. It flouts the authority of a Baptist church, inviting itself into their buildings, sometimes taking the preaching hour (I had this happen to me ONCE), and does not presume to ask for permission or respect the will of those who do not want it. Some of the radio "artists" actually ridicule those of us who question the value of it and feign a sorrow for "those preachers who don't like good gospel singing. Don't they know there is going to be singing in heaven?" I ask, "What kind?"

11. Its advocates are inconsistent. Baptists do not believe in "pulpit affiliation" and will not have a Campbellite or other heretic preach for them, but I am supposed to "hold still" while a Campbellite singer, who does not believe in instrumental music in the church — believes it is a sin — comes in and teaches my own people how to worship the Lord in song — teaching them the Lord in song — teaching them to SIN according to his own doctrine. Not by my consent. May God give us grace to get our eyes open!



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## "WHILE SOUTHERN BAPTISTS SLEEP"

By E. P. ALLDREDGE

### Do Southern Baptists Know?

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## Where Should Life's Emphasis Be Placed?

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Early in life women are becoming frowsy, scraggly-headed, yellow-skinned hags. They try to cover it up with lipstick and war paint and various kinds of "beauty treatments," but in vain. If you don't believe what has just been said, just open your two good eyes and LOOK at the cigarette dopes and liquor heads pass you on the streets.

**Money**—it has wings. Lay it up in a bank and the bank can break, or currency will depreciate.

**Home**—the thing can burn down, or the termites can eat it out from under you, or something else happen to it.

**Family**—every one of them will die eventually.

Now all of this may sound gloomy, but who will say that it isn't the truth? Since it IS the truth, then how foolish to stake everything on these things that you can't keep, and can't live to enjoy permanently?

### How Should We Live?

A healthy, wholesome upright life now—enjoying the good things (not dissipation) of life, but realizing that these are all perishable and not placing too much store by them.

We should above all, make sure of our salvation, and should live with eternity in the foreview—for that is where most of life will be spent.

We should live this present life in the will of God, seeking to make our lives count for something that will last.

We should lay up for ourselves some rewards for the future—else life will be a failure and a waste. *How may we do this?*

1. In the winning of others to Christ—and to an outlook on eternity.

2. In the influencing of Christians for good.

3. In the spread of the gospel, and promotion of the worship of God.

4. In the giving of money—time—energy to the doing of the work of God.

**THIS WILL MAKE LIFE HAPPIER NOW—AND WILL BRING DIVIDENDS FOR THE AGES TO COME.**



## Science Speaks Forth

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edged fact and the modern science of meteorology has specifically termed it "the Cycle of Evaporation and Precipitation." Note: "The writer of Ecclesiastes also stated that the ocean maintains its level in spite of the stupendous influx, because THE RIVERS GO BACK TO THE PLACE FROM WHENCE THEY CAME." This is a literal truth!

**CONCLUSION:** Modern science has fathomed this mystery but how could the writer of Ecclesiastes have written this truth IF IT WAS NOT FOR THE FACT THAT GOD'S HAND WAS GUIDING THE PEN AS HE WROTE?

**BIBLE FACT:** Moses recorded in Leviticus 13:45 (speaking of one who is diseased)—". . . and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip . . ." (to prevent the spread of infection).

**SCIENCE FACT:** It is now a known scientific fact that germs are transmitted by the breath.

Hence, the "sanitary masks" used by the surgeons, nurses, etc., if today. Note: It is also an acknowledged fact that the "sanitary mask" is the most effective "instrument" that can be employed to prevent the spread of influenza, colds, etc.

**CONCLUSION:** If God hadn't spoken to him, how could Moses have transcribed (over 3,000 years ago) this bacteriological truth, in view of the fact that scientists denied the existence of bacteria until the advent of the microscope?

**BIBLE FACT:** Paul, inspired of God, wrote in I Cor. 15:39 that there are four distinct kinds of flesh. "All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another of beasts, another of fishes, and of birds."

**SCIENCE FACT:** There are 4 distinct divisions of flesh that are absolute. By cytological means of differentiation each of these four kinds of flesh can be and are distinguished perfectly from the other.

**CONCLUSION:** It would have been impossible for Paul to know this cytological fact without being inspired of God. Even more so, when we consider the fact that up till a few years ago, scientists held to the "continuity theory" (i.e., in brief, the supposition that all cell structure was the same)—this theory was held to until the facts exploded said theory in favor of Paul's statement in I Corinthians 15:39.

**BIBLE FACT:** In Hebrews 11:3, it is stated—"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen are not made of things which do appear."

**SCIENCE FACT:** "Things which are seen" are specifically atomical structures. An atom is best described as a "skin-full of nothing, with satellites of nothing revolving around a nucleus, except that it has no skin!" "It has been stated that if all the space were squeezed out of the atoms of a 200 pound man enough solid material would be left to cover the head of an ordinary pin." Thus, **SCIENCE DECREES "THAT THINGS WHICH ARE VISIBLE ARE MADE OF ENTITIES THAT ARE INVISIBLE"**—or in more simple language—"THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN ARE NOT MADE OF THINGS WHICH DO APPEAR."

**CONCLUSION:** How could Paul have written, centuries ago, this fundamental premise of atomical structure except that he wrote as he was inspired of God?

**BIBLE FACT:** Moses recorded in Genesis 9:4 and Leviticus 17:11: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood."

**SCIENCE FACT:** It is now a scientific fact that "the life of the flesh is in the blood." Science states, ". . . human blood is the only part of man's makeup that contains all the ingredients and essentials for human body life." For an interesting sidelight on this truth, see Ch. V of "The Harmony of Science and the Bible" by C. T. Schwarze, emeritus professor of New York University.

**CONCLUSION:** How could Moses (living 3,500 years ago) have transcribed this fact which has been quite a recent discovery? There is but one explanation: "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." 2 Peter 1:21.

**BIBLE FACT:** In Job 38:7 it is stated that the morning stars sang together: "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy."

**SCIENCE FACT:** It is an acknowledged scientific truth that stars sing together. The physicist has discovered that "every ray of light as well as every shade of color has a definite phonetic value. The light of the sun or the light of the star speeding through space carries with it a note of sound. If our ears were tuned to hear these melodies, we too could enjoy the music of the spheres."

**CONCLUSION:** "Job was scientifically correct when he said that the morning stars sang together in the instance of creation, for where light is, sound accompanies it." Who would dare to question the fact of Job's inspiration from God when he considers that Job stated this truth milleniums ago and science has just recently discovered and established the fact?

**BIBLE FACT:** In Job 38:16 it is stated that there are springs in the sea (i.e., on the floor of ocean). "Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea, or hast thou walked in the recesses of the deep?"

**SCIENCE FACT:** There are places in the ocean where "strata and currents of fresh water are known to exist." This fresh water has been traced to "artesian wells that burst out on the floor of the ocean." Thus, science substantiates Job's statement of the fact that "there are springs in the sea."

**CONCLUSION:** How could Job (4,000 years ago) have written this fact which the highly modern science of oceanography has only recently established? There is only one answer: "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

**BIBLE FACT:** It is stated in Job 38:22 that there are treasures to be found in snow and hail. "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? Or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail?"

**SCIENCE FACT:** There is a two-phase truth in this statement of Job's:

1. The multitudinous beauties of the crystals which make up snow and hail are captured in part by modern photography and anyone will agree in part that the beauties revealed therein are in truth TREASURES OF SPLENDOR which cannot be appropriately described through medium of word.

2. This is even a more literal truth in demonstration of the fact that there are treasures to be found in snow and hail: "The action of snow and hail in centrifuging through the air deposits upon the land four kinds of chemical fertilizer: free ammonia, nitrates, nitrites, and albuminoid ammonia. These substances to the value of \$14.08 per acre are deposited in a winter's fall of snow and hail. This is the equivalent of 44 pounds of expensive imported Chilean saltpetre per acre." (Read "The Harmony of Science and Scripture" by Harry Rimmer, D. D., Sc., D.).

**CONCLUSION:** How could Job have stated, milleniums ago, these recently discovered truths? There is only one explanation: "ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD." 2 Tim. 3:16.

**BIBLE FACT:** It is stated in Jeremiah 33:22 that the stars are innumerable. "As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sands of the sea measured."

**SCIENCE FACT:** The great telescopes of today have established the fact that the stars are innumerable.

**CONCLUSION:** Even as late as the Grecian astronomers, the

stars were carefully estimated at a specific number. Therefore, how could Jeremiah have stated the scientific truth of the matter if he had not been inspired of God?

**NOTE:** As we close this particular phase of scientific proof in authentication of the Bible as God's Word, we present one of the most outstanding proofs to be found which at one and the same time establishes the existence and reality of God, and the Bible as His holy Word!

**BIBLE FACT:** It is stated in God's Word that 24 hours are missing from solar time. Joshua 10:13: "So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven and hasted not to go down ABOUT a whole day." Isaiah 38:8: "Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down on the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it had gone down."

**SCIENCE FACT:** It is an established fact today, that there are 24 hours missing from solar time. Through the most exacting of mathematical and astronomical calculations it has been proven that during the "long day of Joshua" there were exactly 23 hours and 20 minutes lost and the turning back of the sun ten degrees "on the sundial of Ahaz" (Isa. 48:8) makes up the balance of the lost time because ten degrees on the sundial is 40 minutes on the clock. Remember, this is an absolute PROVEN scientific fact! Prof. Pickering of Harvard, Saunders of Greenwich, and Totten of Yale have authenticated the foregoing statements as scientific fact. The ethnological records of China, Greece, Egypt and Mexico also corroborate the fact of the "long day of Joshua."

**CONCLUSION:** Here we have proof of the existence and reality of God (and proof that the infinite God of the universe is the God of the Bible), for who but Almighty God could set back the solar clock 24 hours and what book but the Bible (God's Holy Word) could contain the EXACT accounting of this lost solar time?

. . . Remember—these "holy men of God either wrote in their own wisdom or they wrote as

God spoke to them through inspiration and revelation. In view of the indisputable facts of science that have been presented (and this is but a fragmentary portion of the mass of proof), who could be fool enough to claim that these men wrote in their own infinite wisdom? There is only one inevitable conclusion: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." 2 Tim. 3:16.

If the Bible is in truth the Word of God (and in view of these scientific facts no sane or honest person can deny it), WHY DO SO MANY FOLKS HATE IT AND IGNORE IT AS THEY DO?

### Let the Bible Speak for Itself

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil HATETH THE LIGHT, NEITHER COMETH TO THE LIGHT, lest his deeds should be reproved." John 3:19-20.

The Bible states emphatically:

1. Man's heart is corrupt in God's sight: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." Jeremiah 17:9.

2. All are sinners in God's sight: "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 8:23.

3. Unless man repents he will perish: "Except ye REPENT ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3 and 5.

4. Man can only be saved through Christ and His shed blood: "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission (for the forgiveness)." Heb. 9:22. "Unto Him (Christ) who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood." Rev. 1:5.

**MAN HATES TO ADMIT THESE BIBLE FACTS**—it violently affects his pride and ego.

### What Will It Be?

Jesus said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37. Or "Ye will not come to me that ye might have life." John 5:40.

"But as many as received him (Christ), to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

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