

Heresies Of Jehovah Witnesses

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The published papers of this heretical sect go out under the name of Millennial Dawnism. It had its beginning with Charles T. Russell in 1881, in Pennsylvania. Its chief factor during the early years in the propagation of its theories was The International Bible Students' Association.

Russell was succeeded by J. F. Rutherford in 1916. Now the followers of this cult call themselves Jehovah's Witnesses. They pose as God-sent apostles; in this they are arch-deceivers. Perhaps no sect on earth could more rightly be classed as the agents of Satan. Their literature goes out under the name of "Watch Tower Tract and Bible Society" and "The Golden Age Publishing Company." Let all beware of the publications. They will sell them if they can; if not, they will give them away.

Mr. Russell, during the early years of his "ministry" was involved in many lawsuits, losing most of them. His wife was granted a limited decree divorce. "Judge" Rutherford, it is reliably claimed, was never a judge

at all; the name is pure sham. His writings are spiritual poison, anti-scriptural, and designed to deceive the unsophisticated. Perhaps it has rightly been termed "distilled blasphemy"

Russellism, through "Jehovah's Witnesses," denies the following plain teachings of God's Word:

1. THE GOD-HEAD TRINITY. OF THIS THEY SAY:

"The doctrine of the trinity of the Godhead well suited the dark ages which it helped to produce.

"Trinitarian non-sense, taught by gray-haired professors in theological seminaries"

Of this doctrine the Bible declares that the Trinity consists of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Every convert is to be baptized in "the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19). Jesus said: "I and my Father are one." (John 10:30). There is not a single passage in all scripture that contradicts this fact.

2. JESUS CHRIST, MAN'S REDEEMER. OF HIM RUSSELLITES SAY:

"The man Jesus is dead—forever dead."

"The man Christ Jesus never rose from the dead."

The Bible in the most emphatic words declares Jesus to have been resurrected.

(1) The fact proclaimed by an angel — "He is not here; he is risen." (Matt 28:6).

(2) The fact demonstrated by His personal presence—"He was seen of Cephas, and of the twelve; after that, he was seen of above five hundred . . . at once." (1 Cor. 15:5-6). He was seen by women in the garden where He was buried; the apostles witnessed an empty grave. His ascension to the Father was witnessed by the apostles—"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11). These passages Russellites flatly deny. It is strange indeed that any intelligent person would be so gullible as to swallow the heresy of Russellism when so obviously manifest in this connection.

(3) The fact taught as a doctrine—"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried and that he arose again the third day according to the scriptures." (1 Cor. 15:3-4). Paul further declares that belief in this doctrine is man's only hope of redemption.

Of Jesus Russellites further say:

"Jesus Christ was not a combination of the human and the divine. When in the flesh he was a perfect human being, nothing more."

In this statement Russellites deny the deity of Jesus.

Jesus said that He was God: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." (John 6:46).

"I and the Father are one." (John 10:30).

Therefore if Jesus was not God He was the greatest fraud ever perpetrated upon a world . . . and it would be inconsistent to say that He was the "perfect man."

To deny the deity of Jesus is:

(1) Illogical and nonsensical, provided one is to accept even a fraction of the vast Biblical proofs of His relationship with the Father.

(2) Unscriptural and anti-Biblical. Jesus claimed to have "come forth from the Father." (John

15:28). In His memorable prayer in John 17, Jesus prayed: "Father, glorify me with the glory that I had with thee before the worlds were." Many times did Jesus testify of the union of the Father and the Son ere He came to earth, having "stood as a Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world." (Rev. 13:8).

(3) Untruthful and deceptive. There is not one solitary word in the Bible to sustain this theory. It is designed purely to deceive the ignorant.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

In denying the deity of Jesus, Russellites of necessity logically deny the fact of the Virgin Birth.

Of this doctrine the Bible says: First—it was predicted by the prophet—"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14).

Second—it was a stated fact—"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name Jesus." (Luke 1:32). Of the process God says: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore that holy" (Continued on page four)

More Evidence Of The Folly Of Catholicism

The Courier-Journal of March 26 carried the following:

Rome, March 25—Sicilians take their bandits seriously. Thousands of letters have been sent to the Vatican begging that Giuliano, the multi-murderer sought by police for months, be given safe passage for a pilgrimage to Rome in Holy Year. The idea is that he should refresh himself—and incidentally attract tourists—before going back to his mountain game of hide and seek with the police.

So long as a Catholic goes to Church on Sunday morning, he can live like the Devil the rest of the week. And most of them do it. Their religion doesn't demand a clean life.

This proves how powerless Catholicism is to change one's life. If Giuliano attends Holy Year, he is then free to go back to murder and banditry. What good is Holy Year or anything (Continued on page four)

SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

George Bridge was a good man. He was noted everywhere he was known for his unexcelled character, unimpeachable integrity; for his unsullied manhood. The meeting had been going two weeks. George was in the audience, near the front, to my right, sitting by his wife. There came a sudden feeling, "I'll get George tonight or never get him—one or the other." I opened:

"The best man I ever knew in all my life, with no exception, was my wife's father. He was an invalid and long sufferer. It was a while before my daughter was born. Sitting on the front porch, after supper, I said, (Continued on page four)

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Is Prayer Essential To Salvation?

Roy Mason
Tampa, Fla.

Salvation?"

The Answer Is "No!"

Positively and Scripturally and every other way, prayer is not essential to salvation, and anybody who so holds does not understand the way of salvation. Why do we say this? The following reasons are given:

Mused Uncle Mose

Tribulation wo'keth patience, say de Scripcher, but you got ter hab patience 'fore you can stan' de tribulation.

Because the Bible does not set forth prayer as essential to salvation. If the Bible doesn't know the way of salvation, who does? Yet in Acts 16:31-32 the question is asked, "What must I do to be saved?" The answer is given, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." No mention of prayer. Again in Jno. 3:16, "That whosoever believeth on Him." Not a thing said about prayer. And so it goes in dozens of instances.

Because salvation is by grace—not by works. (Neither words nor works.) Ephes. 2:8: "By grace are ye saved through" (Continued on page four)

Is Bob Jones Sound On The Plan Of Salvation?

From time to time, I have made accusation that Bob Jones and his school is definitely heretical.

In spite of his venomous anger and threats, I still contend that he is a most dangerous heretic.

The Wayside Missionary (March, 1950) quotes Bob Jones as saying:

"Here is the safe foundation: A mixture of saving Christian faith, a genuine Christian experience, regular habits of prayer, an uncompromising Christian testimony, the daily reading of God's Word, thinking God's thoughts after Him, avoiding all appearances of evil, faithful obedience to God's command and God's will. A life built on a foundation of this kind can stand all the storm that the devil can send."

In contrast Paul said that the only foundation was Jesus. (Continued on page four)

EGOISM

A teacher in a high school in West Virginia told some of her pupils that she was going to join a church, and that the Baptist Church was her choice, but that their pastor preached against card playing. "As I do not care to give up my playing cards, I have decided to join the Methodists as their preacher does not censure card playing." Poor conceited soul; before joining any church, read Matt. 19:27-29.

—Interested

Ed. Note: The Baptists never lost anything in this case. In all probability they are far better off without her. It sounds to me like the case of one who needs to be born again.

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"THE ALTAR OF UNHEWN STONE"

"An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it. Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar,

that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon."—Ex. 20:24-26.

Let me remind you at the very outset this evening that God's plan for this universe has been immutable and unchangeable through all ages. I say, beloved, that God's plan for this universe has never changed one particle from the day that God flung this world into existence down to this present time.

He had a plan for this universe and everything has worked according to His plan. I remind you tonight, with emphasis, that God does not change and that God's plans do not change, but rather, beloved, the plan that God started with for this universe is still God Almighty's plan tonight.

I used to wonder why it was that the heavenly bodies didn't strike together, and when I was (Continued on page two)

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Any man who dares lift his
voice or pen in opposition to
the general trend is considered
a "fighter."

Some folk don't like this pa-
per or its editor because the
editor is a "fighter." To this ac-
cusation, he pleads "guilty" and
expects to stay guilty.

While you are calling this
editor a "heresy hunter," just
remember how Jesus roasted the
"wolves" of His day. Hear Him
when He said, "Ye are of your
father the Devil." Do you re-
member His expressions of con-
tempt for the religious leaders
of His day, in that He called
them "hypocrites," whited sep-
ulchres," and "Two fold more
the child of Hell?"

Do you rememmer what Paul
said to Elymas in Acts 13:10?
"And said, O full of all subtilty
and all mischief, thou child of
the devil, thou enemy of all
righteousness, wilt thou not
cease to pervert the right ways
of the Lord?"

Do you remember how Ste-
phen denounced the religious
heretics of his day? Listen: "Ye
stiffnecked and uncircumcised
in heart and ears, ye do always
resist the Holy Ghost: as your
fathers did, so do ye."— Acts
7:51.

By inspiration, Paul tells us
to denounce heretics as well as
heresies. Hear him: "Them that
sin rebuke before all, that
others may also fear."—I Tim.
5:20.

You can refer to this editor
as a "fighter" if you wish, but
he feels that he is in pretty safe
company associating with Paul,
Stephen and Jesus. You can call
him a "carping critic" just as
often as you desire to, but re-
member he is going to expose
you if you don't follow the
Book. If you don't want it told,
then don't do it, or old fighter
Gilpin will "rebuke before all."



"Unhewn Stone"

(Continued from page one)
a boy in grade school and then
even in high school, it used
to bother me especially as I
studied physical geography. It
used to bother me as to how
it was that the stars and the
moon and the sun and the con-
stellations never did strike to-
gether. Then one day I learned
that those heavenly bodies re-
volved each in its own orbit;
that back yonder when God
started this world, He put
everyone of those heavenly
bodies in its own orbit and there
has never been a variation from
that time down to this. Those

CHRISTIANITY AND NON CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS COMPARED PRIESTS

CHRISTIANITY. Under the Old Testament covenant, priests
were ordained for service under the law, but under the New Testa-
ment covenant the condition is stated in I Pet. 2:5: "Ye, also, as
lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to
offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

THE BRAHMANS are a race of priests and their conceit and
intellectual pride is seldom equalled. They readily accept the wor-
ship of Hindus, who call them their gods. Three million Brahmans
are said to be ascetics.

HINDUISM. The priests of Hinduism are among the most de-
graded in the world and they preach the most immoral teaching.
Nothing is too base for them, if it will help them weave more tight-
ly their coils around their victims.

BUDDHISM. The priests of Buddhism are exceedingly cor-
rupt. The Japanese papers openly condemned them for immorality.
They, like the Jesuit priests, take the vow of poverty, chastity and
obedience.

TAOISM. Exorcism and witchcraft are the arts with which the
Taoist priests hold in subjection the people of China. Their pope
has in his palace rows of sealed jars containing evil spirits that he
is said to have imprisoned.

CHRISTIANS SOMETIMES FEEL THAT WHEN PROSPERITY FAVORS THEM, SATAN
IS LEAVING THEM ALONE AND GOD IS BLESSING THEM. IT MAY BE VICE VERSA.

CONFUCIANISM. The emperor is the sole priest of Confucian-
ism and offers sacrifice once a year, for himself and his people.
Each year he "plows the first furrow of spring," in honor of the
god of agriculture.

IF JESUS HAD DONE THE SAME FOR YOU THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE
HEATHEN, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR CONDITION TODAY?

ZOROASTRIANISM. The high priest kept the holy fire always
burning in his home from which all Parsees took a flame to light
the altar fires in their homes. It was necessary that he should
know the law by heart.

"EMOTION IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR ACTION."—PILKINGTON.

PARSEEISM. The priesthood is hereditary. The dastoor or
priest has many duties. He confirms youth at fifteen in the Parsee
faith and puts on them the sacred shirt and string. He prays over
the dying and the dead.

"MY HEART BURNS FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF AFRICA," A MISSIONARY WRITES.

SHINTO priests may marry. They may leave the priesthood.
Their service is chiefly the recital of a ritual, offering rice, beer,
salt and fruits, accompanied by shrill mournful music from flutes.

MOHAMMEDANISM. There are no priests, as they do not be-
lieve in sacrifice for sin. They have teachers who are the most
bigoted of all Mohammedans. Their education is confined to the
"Koran." "No crime is to be charged on the prophet."

IF YOU GIVE NOTHING TO MISSIONS, DOES IT NOT MEAN THAT YOU ARE VOTING
THAT ALL EFFORTS TO SAVE THE HEATHEN SHALL BE GIVEN UP AT ONCE?

heavenly bodies revolve each
one in its own orbit and have
been doing so for thousands of
years. God's plan has never
changed.

Furthermore, I can say that
each living organism repro-
duces after its own kind. Never
has there been a change in that
respect. If you will read the
first chapter of Genesis, you
will find that it says ten dif-
ferent times that everything is
to reproduce "after his kind."
Beloved, God never has chang-
ed. There is not one case on
record of a transmutation of the
specie. There is not one single
instance where that one specie
ever evolved or changed into
another specie. Why, beloved?
Because God had a plan for
this world and that plan in-
cluded this very fact, that
everything was to reproduce
after its own kind.

I'll go further and remind
you that man has dominion over
every living creature. It was
that way the day God made
this world. It is that way to-
day.

I saw sometime ago a woman
who was a snake charmer. She
had dominion over that snake.
As she walked out from one
corner of the stage to the cen-
ter of it, that snake started
crawling from its corner so that
the two met at the center of
the stage. That snake slowly
wound itself around her body
until it brought its head up

over her head and stuck out
its tongue at the audience. Then
at a given signal from her, that
snake unwound itself and
crawled back to its corner. She
had dominion over it.

Man has dominion over every
creature that has been put into
this world. It was that way in
the book of Genesis. It is that
way tonight. Beloved, it will
be that way ten million years
from tonight because God has
a plan and that plan never
changes.

I tell you, beloved, it thrills
my heart whenever I realize
that God's plan for this uni-
verse has always been immu-
table and unchangeable and will
always be just as it was when
God spoke this universe into
existence.

Go out in the pasture field
and see a little calf that has
just made its appearance into
this world. The mother will
stand there beside that calf and
lick it with her tongue until
the calf has dried, but before
the calf's hair is fully dry that
calf will know where to get
its dinner for the next six
months unless somebody robs
him of it. Nobody told that
calf. No human being has to
come and take hold of the calf
and guide him to the "cfe-
teria." God put the instinct into
the calf. Beloved, from the day
that God created this world,
calves have been reacting just
like that.

I tell you, beloved, God has
a definite plan for everything
within this world. He has never
changed it, but that plan, in an
immutable manner, has con-
tinued from the time that God
spoke and the world came into
existence, and that plan shall
continue until time shall be no
more.

Beloved, what is true con-
cerning this universe and nat-
ural world is just as true in
the spiritual realm, for there
has never been a deviation in
the type of sacrifice that is
pleasing to God. If you will
take your Bible and study
through this Word of God, you
will find that there has never
been one single deviation or
one single change in the type
of sacrifice that is pleasing to
God. Go back to the early chap-
ters of Genesis to the very first
sacrifice and see the kind that
pleased God. Adam and Eve
came out one day with new
clothes — clothes made of fig
leaves. They were displeasing
to God. Immediately God tore
those fig leaf garments from
their bodies and killed a lamb,
and from the skin of that lamb
He made a covering for that
man and wife. Beloved, Adam
and Eve were saved the day
that that innocent lamb gave its
blood and life and died that
they might be covered with the
skin thereof. That is the kind
of sacrifice that pleased God in
the book of Genesis — the very
first sacrifice that the world
knows anything about. God has
never changed as to the type of
sacrifice that is pleasing to Him.
He has never accepted any sac-
rifice except a blood sacrifice.

When Cain and Abel brought
their offerings unto the Lord,
Cain brought an offering by
way of what he had produced
within his garden — a sheaf of
grain or vegetables, whereas
Abel brought of the firstlings
of the flock — a bloody lamb
that he offered as a sacrifice
to God. God spurned the offer-
ing of Cain but God had re-
spect to the offering of Abel.
Why? Abel's offering was the
kind of offering that God had
ordained — it was a blood sac-
rifice.

I say to you tonight, beloved,
if you want to see the smile
of God and if you want to be-
hold how God is pleased with
what man does, behold in the
Bible the blood sacrifices and
every time you see a blood sac-
rifice, you will see the smile of
God resting upon the wor-
shipper.

I say then that God has a
plan for this world, not only
for this universe and material
world, but God has a plan for
spiritual worship; and, beloved,
there has never been a devia-
tion from God's plan from the
day that God spoke this world
into existence down to this
present time, and neither shall
there ever be.

Some people today say that
God gave the Ten Command-
ments for people to be saved.
Beloved, God was in the sav-
ing business hundreds of years
before the Ten Commandments
were given. God Almighty had
saved souls all through the book
of Genesis and all through the
pages of Exodus, hundreds and
thousands of people, both be-
fore the time of the deluge and
likewise after the flood; yet
there are thousands of people
in this world today who think
that if they keep the law and
do their best to live up to the
Ten Commandments that they
will go to Heaven when they
die. Beloved, you are going to
Hell as surely as there is a Hell
for you to go to. God has never

said one thing about a man be-
ing saved by keeping the law.
God has never said that if you
obey the law you will live. In-
stead, from the very first chap-
ter of Genesis He has given to
us, both by teaching and by
example, whereby we can see
on the part of others, how men
have always been saved, not by
keeping the law, but by blood
sacrifice. God didn't give these
commandments for you to be
saved by, rather He gave you
these commandments that you
might be condemned by them.
He gave you these command-
ments in order to show you
what a dirty, filthy, rotten, im-
moral, contemptible, no-good,
low-down, ornery person you
are. Beloved, whenever you
read these Ten Commandments
you might soon find out what
kind of a person you are.

Is there anyone here tonight
that wants to save himself by
these Ten Commandments? Is
there anyone here tonight that
thinks that he or she is good
enough that you ought to go to
Heaven on the basis of these
commandments? Have you kept
them perfectly? Start in with
the first one: "Thou shalt have
no other gods before me." Has
that always been true with you?
What is a god? A god is what
a man thinks the most of. Has
Jehovah always been first with
you? Brother, sister, you know
you have failed by the very
first commandment.

I say that God didn't give
these Ten Commandments for
you to be saved by. He gave
them that you might see your-
self a sinner in order that you
might realize you are lost and
in need of salvation which
is ours by a blood sacrifice. Just
as soon as God gave this law,
then immediately God said to
Israel, "When you violate the
law and when you break it and
when you sin, in order to get
back to me you have to have an
altar," and He tells us about
that altar in my text.

I

THIS ALTAR WAS NOT AN
ALTAR OF PRAYER. It does
say one thing about praying —
get back to God. That may be
revolutionary to some of you,
for some of you have been
brought up on the husks of
Arminianism and have been
taught that if you are going to
be saved, you have to pray and
beg God in order to get back
to God. It is a lie. I challenge
you to find in the Bible any-
where that it tells a lost sinner
to pray to get back to God. This
isn't an altar of prayer that He
is talking about. The fact of the
matter is, beloved, you will read
this Bible in vain to find any
mention of an altar of prayer.
You will find the altar men-
tioned. It is mentioned here
within my text and it is men-
tioned hundreds of times in the
Old and New Testament, but
you will never find it called an
altar of prayer. It is always an
altar of sacrifice and not an al-
tar of prayer.

Some months ago I announced
that I would give a liberal re-
ward to anyone that would find
a mourner's bench or an altar
of prayer in the Bible. I had
many to talk with me but I
never had a man to bring a
"thus saith the Lord"—a chap-
ter and verse that would indi-
cate that there was such a thing
as an altar of prayer in the
Bible. Listen, sinner friends,
you don't need to pray. You
need to receive God's gift,
which is Jesus Christ. Listen:

"For the wages of sin is death,
but THE GIFT OF GOD is eter-
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"Unhewn Stone"

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 nal life through Jesus Christ
 our Lord."—Rom. 6:23.

God offers you salvation as a gift. You don't have to beg for a gift. If I offered to give you something I certainly would count it the height of ingratitude on your part and I surely would consider it an insult if you would get down on your knees and beg me for what I have already offered to give you. Beloved, God offers salvation as a gift. You don't have to beg Him for it. You don't have to tease Him to get Him in the notion to save you. You don't have to ask Him to do anything to save you. The Word of God says, "The Gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Do you want to be saved? Do you want eternal life? You get it in Jesus Christ. And how do you get Jesus Christ? As a gift. You don't beg for a gift, you receive it.

Beloved, I say tonight that this altar that Moses spoke of whereby he told these Israelites that when they violated the law of God and wanted to get back to God to come by the way of the altar, this altar was not an altar of prayer.

II

THIS ALTAR REQUIRED NO HUMAN WORKMANSHIP TO RE-ECT IT. Notice that God says, "If thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it." "This altar on which the Jew was to offer his blood sacrifice required no human workmanship in order to erect it. They were merely to pick up the stones of the field. They were to take what God had already made and lay those stones up as an altar and offer their sacrifices thereon. I tell you, beloved, when you bring that over into the spiritual realm and into the New Testament, you can see that as God provided those stones for the Jew back there and as the Jews were to take those stones in their natural state, without engraving them or hewing them at all, so God has provided the plan of salvation. God's plan of salvation is just exactly like that altar which the Jew was to offer his sacrifice on. It didn't require any human workmanship to erect it since they merely used unhewn stone. Beloved,

the plan of salvation for us is that Jesus Christ died for our sins. Since Christ died for our sins, we don't need any human workmanship in order to perfect or bring into existence God's salvation for our souls.

Suppose one of those Jews builds an altar and as he does so, he says, "I know that God said to build it out of unhewn stone. I realize that that is God's command, but it will look better if I would dress these stones." God said, "Man, don't do it. Whenever you lift your tool against one of those stones which I have provided, you have polluted the altar."

Here is a sinner in this house of God tonight who knows that he is a sinner, who knows that he stands guilty before God. God says that there is only one way to be saved. You don't need any workmanship to erect an altar to get back to Him. He has already given you the way of salvation in Jesus Christ. You say, "I know that is so, but if I would just add some little works on my part, or if I would just add some church membership, or if I would just add some prayers, or if I would add penance, I think it would be easier for God to save me." Man, you are doing exactly what a Jew would do if he were to take a stone and knock an edge off of it and hew that stone down fashionably. I mean to say to you tonight, that when the Jew built his altar upon which he was to offer his sacrifice, he didn't have to put any human workmanship into the realm of salvation. God is not asking you to figure and plan and scheme and lie awake at night trying to work out a way to be saved and get to Heaven. God is not asking that of you. 1900 years ago at Calvary's Cross Christ did what God predestinated from the foundation of the world that He should do, in that Christ died for the sins of the world. When Christ died for the sins of the elect, He did all that could be done, that needed to be done, that ought to have been done; and for you to add anything else to it, is to pollute the Word of God.

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, IT IS FINISHED: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."—John 19:30.

What did He say? He didn't say, "I have begun the plan of salvation and you are to finish

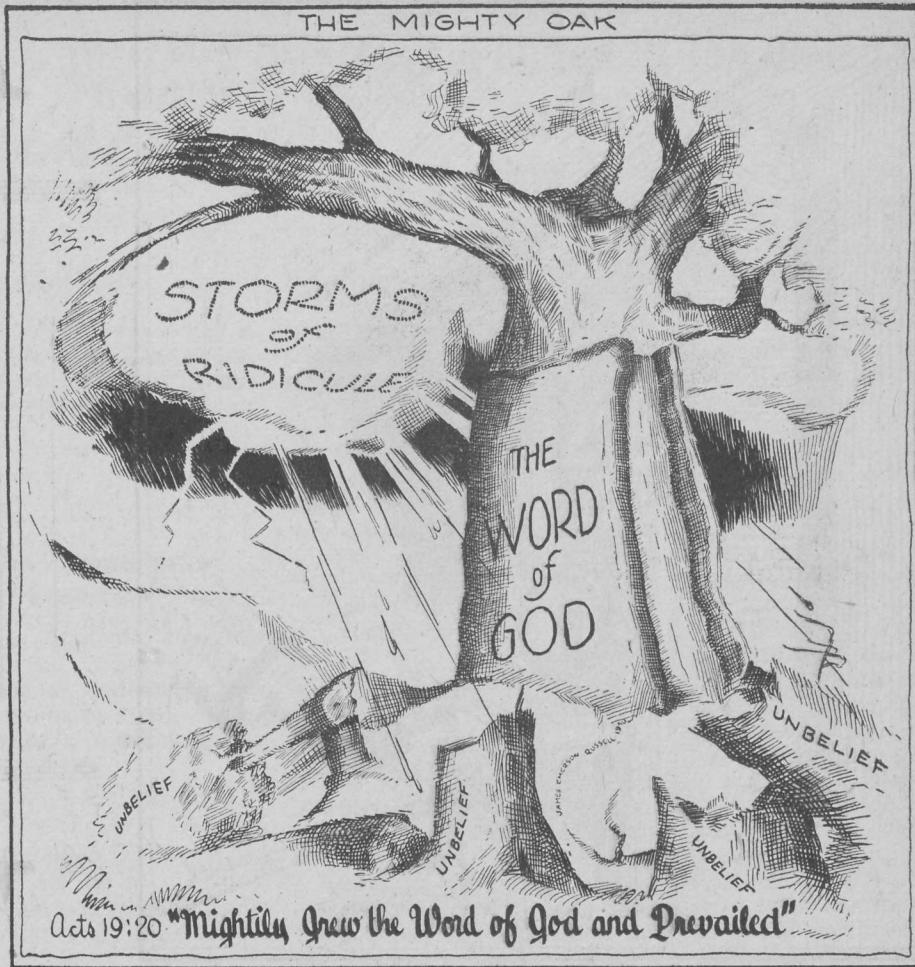
it." He didn't say, "I have started to save you and I have the plan in its incipency already begun, and now if you will just take hold of it and work it out with a little human effort on your part, you can be saved." Beloved, He didn't say that. He said, "It is finished." There isn't anything for you to do tonight except to receive what God provided in Jesus 1900 years ago at Calvary.

God has just one way to save you. Back in the Old Testament He didn't save the Jews by keeping the law. He saved them by a blood sacrifice — looking forward to the time when Jesus Christ was going to come and die for their sins. Every Jew who brought his sacrifice and put it upon that altar of unhewn stone, as he did so, he looked at that altar and the sacrifice and looked forward to the time when Jesus was going to die for his sins. Just as we stand down here in this twentieth century and look back at Calvary and see that Jesus Christ died on the Cross for our sins, the Jew looked forward to His death. It is the same looking to the blood sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You say, "That sounds all right, but, Brother Gilpin, if I would do a little bit myself, if I would quit my meanness and watch my tongue, and if I would turn over a new leaf, and if I would stay away from a lot of things which I have been doing, I believe it will help the Lord out in the realm of my salvation." Listen, beloved, who is the Saviour in that case, you or the Lord? If you are going to help the Lord out, you are going to have to praise yourself for your part in your salvation, because part of it depended upon you. Beloved, when we get to glory we are not going to praise ourselves, for the Word of God tells us that we are going to sing the praise of our Redeemer. If we sing the praise of our Redeemer then certainly we won't be able to sing our own praise. Listen:

"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and

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power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever."—Rev. 5:13, 14.

Beloved, when the day of all days comes in eternity, when we stand as the redeemed throng of God, with white robes on and palms in our hands and with songs in our voices, it will be because Jesus Christ paid the sin debt in full at Calvary.

Beloved, listen: In the Old Testament when that Jew built his altar upon which to offer his sacrifice, he built it with unhewn stone, with no human workmanship to go into his sacrifice, with no human workmanship to enter in upon his salvation. The only way that any man can ever be saved is just like the Jew of the Old Testament — by a blood sacrifice — the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ, without any human workmanship on your part or mine.

III

THIS ALTAR REQUIRED NO HUMAN EFFORT TO APPROACH IT.

When the Jew built his altar of sacrifice, he didn't put any steps up to it. There was no human workmanship to build it and there was no human effort to climb up to it. Listen, sinner friend, there isn't one single human step you have to take in order to be saved. Suppose that Jew had had a long flight of stairs up to his altar. It would have meant labor for him to put his sacrifice upon his back and carry it up those steps, and when he came up he might have said, "Through my efforts in bringing my sacrifice up these many stairs I am able to appease the wrath of God and through what I do in coming up these stairs I am going to find the peace of God." Beloved, it wasn't thus. All that the Jew had to do was to walk up to the altar and lay his sacrifice on it. There were no steps up to the altar.

Beloved, come with me to Calvary and stand there where Jesus died and see Him. Notice as He gripped the nails that

held Him to the Cross and as the pain leaped along the arteries of His body and as the Son of God bled on the Cross, He died for your sins and for mine. You don't have to take a single step in order to meet Jesus at the killing place — the altar of sacrifice where the Son of God died.

I say to you tonight, beloved, that altar of the Jew required no human workmanship to erect it and required no human effort to approach it. In like measure, our altar which is Jesus Christ, required no human workmanship to erect it and requires no human effort on your part to approach that you might be saved. Some of you think that by your works you are going to Heaven. Listen to what God says:

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith WITHOUT THE DEEDS of the law."—Rom. 3:28.

"But to him that WORKETH NOT, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."—Rom. 4:5.

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

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

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, NOT ACCORDING TO OUR WORKS, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."—II Tim. 1:9.

"NOT BY WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."—Titus 3:5.

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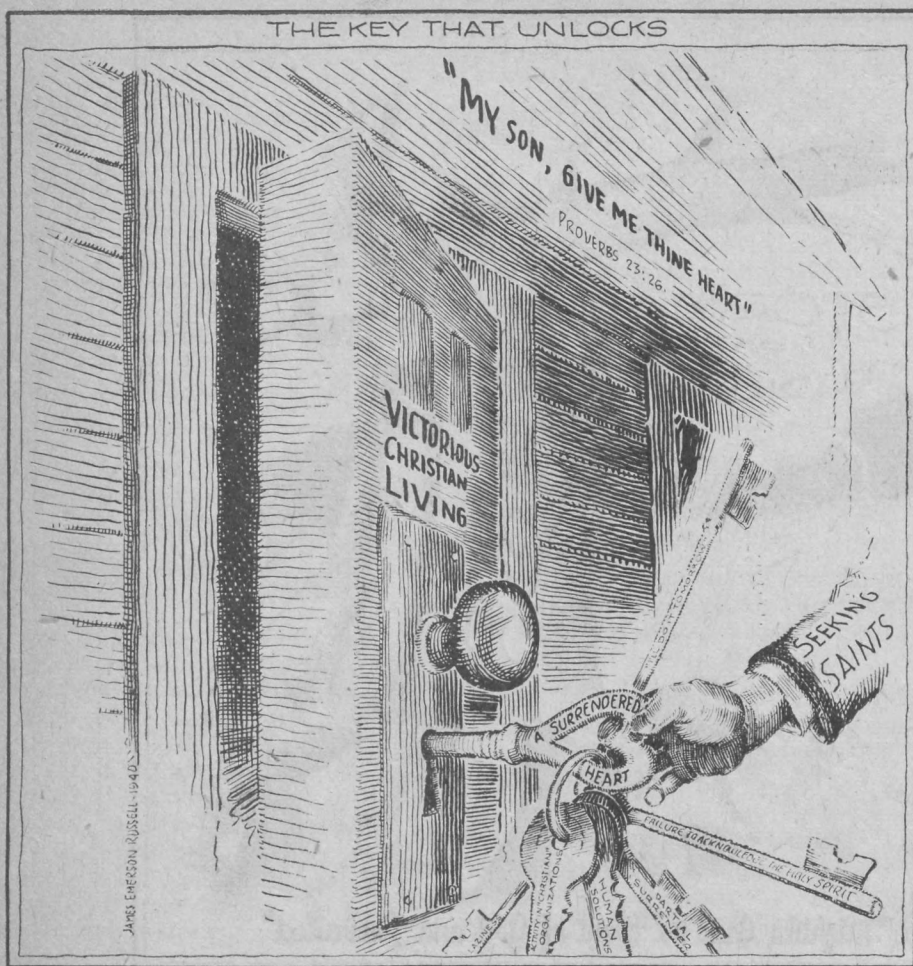
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"Unhewn Stone"

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Beloved, the only hope that I have and the only hope that you can have and the only hope that I can offer to any man or woman here in this house of God tonight, is to renounce your own deeds and your doings and your own works and your own human effort and solely fall upon and depend upon Jesus Christ as your Saviour. As the old song says:

*"In my hand no price I bring,
Simply to thy Cross I cling."*

Beloved, works won't save. It is the finished work of Jesus Christ that provides for your salvation. After you are saved there ought to be works in your life. If you are saved there will be works in your life. If the Lord Jesus Christ has saved you, you will work, not in order to be saved, but because you are saved. The Lord does the saving and you prove that you have been saved by the way that you live after He has saved you.

Conclusion

Let me go one step further. Some of you may say, "Brother Gilpin, that may be all right but after I am saved I have to read my Bible and have to go to church and do all these things or I will lose my salvation." Listen, beloved, if you have a salvation that you can lose, you didn't get it from God. You have the kind that you got at a mourner's bench or you have some kind that you got from man. One thing sure, you didn't get it from God. The kind you get from Him is the kind that you can't lose.

Let me offer you this supposition: Suppose that after you have made a profession of faith, suppose you quit coming to church and you quit reading your Bible and you quit tithing and you quit praying and you quit living like a Christian ought to generally. I ask you a question, if you were to quit all those things, would you be saved or would you be lost?

You say, "Why, Brother Gilpin, I'd be lost." No, brother, you wouldn't be lost. You are already lost. That just shows you that you are depending upon those things for your salvation. That just proves that you are depending upon those things instead of the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

Beloved, I am trying to say to you that our salvation doesn't depend upon anything that we do. It doesn't depend upon our human works. It doesn't depend upon our effort. Our salvation depends wholly, solely, and entirely upon Jesus Christ, the Lamb who died on Calvary's Cross for our sins.

May the Lord bless you!

Self-Righteousness

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"Well, Mr. Kaigler, as you approach the end I am sure you are ready to go."

He broke in . . . "Mr. Muse, I have always paid my honest debts and treated my fellow man . . ."

I broke in . . . "Mr. Kaigler, you are just as good for Hell as a martin for his gourd!"

He bounced back, "What do you mean, Sir?"

I said, "Just exactly that!" Then I read what I had read to Mr. Kaigler: "All our righteousnesses (note the plural number) are as filthy rags." — Isaiah 64:6.

George Bridge began to wiggle. He reached over and took the baby off his wife's lap. He shifted it back and forth. He did everything in his power to make that baby cry so he would have to leave the house.

"I said to Mr. Kaigler: 'Now, when I asked you, had you said, I know I am a sinner. But I know, too, Christ Jesus, God's Son, in love and mercy died for my sins. I have trusted Him, I have turned it all over to Him. I am depending on Him to keep His Word as I slip out into eternity,' then I would know absolutely you are going to Heaven when you die. But you have to repent of your dead works. (Heb. 6:1). The blood of Christ has got to cleanse your soul of your dead works as well as cleanse the vilest sinner who

ever lived of his sinful deeds."

Two years later, shortly before my wife's father went out, he laid his hand over on my knee and said, "Had it not been for your talk with me out there on that front porch two years ago, I'd be going to Hell as I die today." He went out thanking me that I led him to repent of his dead works.

George Bridge was saved that night. The last word he said to me as I left that church was: "Brother Muse, go after the self-righteous man. They are a thousand times harder to reach than the old hard sinner. They are cased in their own good life and are proud of it. When you strike them you hurt their pride and wound their dignity. That is why they get so mad when you strike them. Oh, Brother Muse, they are lost, lost and they are the last ones to recognize it." — A. D. Muse.

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thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35).

Third—It was a doctrine taught—"But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." (Gal. 4:4-5).

4. ETERNAL PUNISHMENT.

In this connection Russellites make their basic theory to teach that in death there is a cessation of life, and that the "second death" taught in the Bible means eternal cessation of man's existence.

Nothing is further from the truth as taught in God's Word, which teaches in the most unmistakable terms that man can never die, and that he spends eternity in either Heaven or Hell, the latter a place "where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." (Mark 9:44). The punishment of the wicked is called "everlasting punishment" (Matt. 25:46), but the righteous go into "life eternal" (Matt. 25:46). Whatever the meaning of "eternal," this is the measure of human existence. This Russellism

flatly denies—a denial of the plain teachings of God's Word.

Russellism is a mixture of Universalism and Unitarianism, giving hope to some, and making some cease to exist at death; those having hope being those whom God favors because of an acceptable life. It denies the fact of a judgment, a doctrine so plainly taught in God's Word—"It is once appointed unto man to die, and after that the judgment." (Heb. 9:27). This verse teaches two unmistakable facts:

(1) That death does not end all, even for the wicked.

(2) That there is a judgment appointed for all men. In Acts 17:31 God says: "He hath appointed a day in 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." Paul declares: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in the body whether it be good or bad." (II Cor. 5:10).

That there is to be a resurrection of all men, the Bible plainly asserts: "Marvel not at this, for the hour cometh in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28-29)

Russellites are adepts in mis-translations. They make "everlasting destruction" mean "cessation of life," when it means "everlasting punishment" in "everlasting fire." It never means anything else. The everlasting suffering of the wicked runs current with the eternal bliss of the righteous. The "everlasting destruction" of the wicked is understood best in the language "from the presence of the Lord" (II Thess 1:8f), meaning punished in a place, and to a degree, where all hope is forever gone—"Where the worm dieth not, and the fire is never quenched," separated from God, Heaven, and the redeemed by an impassable chasm. (Luke 16:26).

Russellites are prone to refer to Gospel preachers as "hell fire screechers." It is interesting to consider why these "no-hell" propagandists spend their time, money, and effort to traverse sea and land to tell people that there is no Hell, no life for the wicked after death, if there are none. Why awake a man at midnight to tell him that his house is not on fire, if it is not on fire?

The devil knows that there is a Hell, that there is a life after death, and because of this, he is, by sheer deception, and the use of Jehovah's Witnesses, and other satanic agencies, seeking to damn the souls of men in Hell, a place from which there is no escape.

The whole consideration of this entire matter hinges on whether or not one is to accept the Bible or the heretical theories of Jehovah's Witnesses. They are wholly and completely, so far as I am able to see, at variance one with the other. If there is no Hell, there is no Heaven.

5. REDEMPTION THROUGH CHRIST. OF THIS RUSSELLISM SAYS:

"The ransom given by Jesus Christ does not guarantee everlasting life, or blessing to any man. The atonement was for the first Adam."

If Jesus was anything, He was man's Redeemer. He himself said: "I came that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10.) This fact Paul declared:

"In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Eph. 1:7.) Peter declared the same doctrine: "Who bore our sins in his own body on the tree." (I Peter 2:22.) All this was in fulfillment of Isaiah 53. Scores of other scriptures could be quoted teaching the same thing.

All this Russellites deny. May God pity them.

Is Prayer Essential To Salvation?

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faith." (It doesn't say through prayer, but through faith.) Praying is a human exercise—works in other words—and salvation is "not of works lest any man should boast." How people do want to bring in something of their own.

Because if prayer were essential, then salvation would be by Christ plus prayer. The truth is it is not Christ plus anything. It is fatal to put a plus mark after Christ. That dishonors Him and robs Him of the glory that is His due in the salvation of human souls.

Because many have actually been saved without praying which proves that it is not essential to salvation. In Brazil we have known people to accept Christ the first time they ever heard the gospel and they were saved right there before they ever prayed a prayer.

Pray For What?

A natural question arises here. "Pray for what?" Pray to get God ready to save? Is He not already fully ready? Pray for a Saviour to be provided? Is not Christ already provided? Pray that one may come to accept Christ and salvation? Why do that? Why not accept—why not believe—why not trust—instead of praying about it? Every minute that prayer is made to take the place of saving faith, prayer is standing in the way. If you prepare a meal for a friend, why should that friend hesitate and beg you to let him eat? Why should he stand by the table and say, "I want to eat?" You would say, "Go ahead and eat and quit talking about it."

Besides All This—

The question further arises. "How can a sinner pray and get saved as the result, when he has no Christ in whose name to come?" He can't. The minute he receives Christ he is saved. In other words, he is already saved before he gets ready to really pray. For remember Christ says: "No man cometh to the Father but by me."

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pertaining to religion if it doesn't change one's life.

All Rome is interested in is money—"attract tourists." Remember, her day of destruction is coming. Read Rev. 17:16.

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Hear him: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." — I Cor. 3:11.

Which will you believe Paul—or Bob Jones? Paul never "sold out" the truth and that is all Bob Jones has even done. He is a traitor and a deceiver as to the church, her ordinances, the doctrine of election and the place and work of women in the church. Furthermore, if he means what he says, he doesn't even know the plan of salvation.