

God doesn't have to have a picture show to save a sinner.

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AMERICA HAS COME A LONG WAY IN THE  
PAST FIFTY YEARS

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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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## O That Men Had The Intelligence Of A Jackass!

"And the ass saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand; and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field; and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way." (Num. 22:23).

"Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam, the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; but was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with a man's voice forbade the madness of the prophet." (II Peter 2:15, 16).

Many, many years ago I subscribed to having myself hoodwinked and bound firmly by a Cabletow, in the prescribed manner of certain of the modern offshoots of the Mysteries of Isis. I was then led to a door where stood a man with a drawn sword, who halted my conductors until I should be prepared by certain ritualistic processes to enter the door. Had I the intelligence of Balaam's ass I would have there turned aside. But there is an old adage: Fools rush in where angels

fear to tread." I in my ignorance and curious pride (the curiosity that killed the proverbial cat) permitted myself to be conducted within.

Now a hoodwink, in the first place, is a token of fraud. Whether you are hoodwinked mentally or in the physical sense, that is the meaning. I, of course, knew nothing of this in my naive state of mind. The story of how the most stupendous fraud of my lifetime was perpetrated upon me is a long one, and I will have to drop the thread of my story and go back for four thousand years to give the background.

Historical Research bears out the idea that the Rebellion among the sons of Noah, led by Nimrod, was sponsored by Cush. Cush was a Seer, a Magician, a False prophet. It was he that led the inhabitants of the earth into a Materialistic state of thinking that completely ignored God's oracles in the sense that they were given and turned them into fable. Cush by a letter jumping process called Metathesis, becomes Chus. Chus (Continued on page three)

### RC's CONFESSED THEIR SINS TO A BOGUS PRIEST

Roman Catholic villagers in Wittersdorf Alsace, France, were certainly embarrassed recently when they learned that they had confessed their sins to a local inn-keeper instead of a priest.

The Roman Catholic flock, as is their custom, went to the local R. C. church and waited their turn to enter the confessional box in order to tell all to "father."

However, the "father" happened to be the inn-keeper, a notorious practical joker, who had slipped into the confessional box after the priest had left.

He was discovered when he imposed on one of his victims a penance to drink six tankards daily in his inn!

The villagers, in good faith, told their sins and received a penance. The inn-keeper has just as much power of forgiving sins as the priest, so we don't know why the villagers were so upset.—The Covent.

## If You Are Teachable, Read Why A Preacher Is Not To Be Called "Reverend"

Psalms 111:9

"He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name."

Holy and reverend is the Lord's name is the way God's Word puts it. A reverend is one who is worthy of reverence and I believe that God is the only one worthy of such an honor.

Look at I Timothy 5:17. "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine." The qualifications of a preacher are indeed high but not high enough for him to be called reverend. Many ministers today are not even worthy of the title "preacher" much less "reverend." No matter how great a man may be his righteousness is as filthy rags in God's sight and comes short of the glory of God. Can we truthfully call a human being a

reverend?

When people address me I don't want them calling me reverend. Call your preacher, "Pastor," "Brother," "Elder," or some other title that belongs to a preacher and not a title belonging to God. Would you call your preacher "Holy"? That's God's title just as much as reverend because "holy and reverend is his name."

The only time reverend is mentioned in the Bible it is mentioned with God's name in our text Psalm 111:9. Keep God's titles in their right place.

—Allen H. Higginbotham

### Member Of The Family

A college girl wrote home to her parents, who seemed to have expressed some fear as to her religious life at college, "Do not worry; God has been a member of our family too long for me to lose Him now."

—The Home and Christian Living.

### Mused Uncle Mose

W'en de 'vangelis' try to make a big swarp wid de net, he boun' to git a lot o' crawdads.

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "REPENTANCE AND FAITH"

"Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

—Acts 20:21.

There is no doctrine in all the Bible that is more prominently mentioned or is more important than the doctrine of repentance. If you will turn through the Word of God, at length and breadth, you will find that the doctrine of repentance is mentioned and repeated time and time again. For example, it was the keynote of the message of

John the Baptist. Listen:

"In those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judea, And saying, REPENT YE: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

—Mt. 3:1,2.

Also it was the keynote of the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, REPENT: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."—Mt. 4:17.

Repentance was likewise the keynote of the Apostle Peter. "Then Peter said unto them,

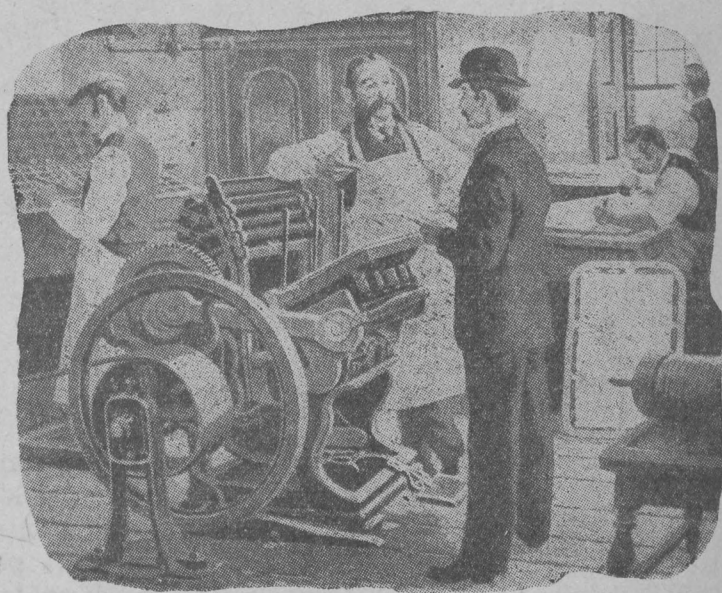
REPENT, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."—Acts 2:38.

It was also the keynote of the ministry of the Apostle Paul.

"And the time of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to REPENT, Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained."

—Acts 17:30,31.

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"...and with this equipment, I can deliver the best job in town!"

Of course, his press probably had to be handfed, a single sheet of paper at a time. He probably set his type from hand-written copy. And more than likely he scrubbed his hands when the printing was finished, and did any necessary folding and assembling himself. During the 90's, this was "modern" printing procedure!

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However, things spiritual have not changed one particle. God and His Word remain the same.

"For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."—Mal. 3:6.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."—Matthew 24:35.

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever."—Hebrews 13:8.

## Anybody Can Be A Preacher, As Not Much Is Required Of Him, Oh Yeah?

A modern pastor must possess and use some of the talents required of all men in all professions combined.

He must be more of a scholar than the college professor, for the professor teaches the same books year after year while the pastor must create and deliver hundreds of sermons annually.

He must be more of an organizer than an industrial superintendent, for industry pays men to work while the pastor must build with voluntary labor.

He must be more of a finan-

cier than the back cashier, for people bring the money to the bank for safe-keeping, while the pastor must raise the money as gifts from the people.

A modern pastor is expected to make more calls than a doctor. He is expected to write more articles than the county-seat editor. He is called upon to solve more family problems than a lawyer. He holds more personal interviews than a psychiatrist. He must use more salesmanship in soul-winning and enlistment than is required of the Fuller brush man.

The pastor of a church must be a better diplomat than a Congressman, for the Congressman is content to stay elected by fifty-one percent of the votes, while the pastor must stay elected one hundred percent with the deacons, or else he will feel led of God to move to the next county on account of his wife's health!

—Baptist Messenger

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### WHY WORRY?

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—Work and Work



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"Repentance and Faith"

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In the Old Testament you will find many, many commands that God gave, but, beloved, in the New Testament you will find that there is only one command that God ever gave a lost man and that is the command to repent.

I say then that this doctrine of repentance is a doctrine that is prominently taught within the Word of God and that it is the keynote of the messages of every one of God's faithful servants. There is not a man who ever preached, whose messages are recorded within the Word of God, but what emphasized and made paramount the doctrine of repentance.

The doctrine of repentance is spoken of as a foundation doctrine, for we read:

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the FOUNDATION OF REPENTANCE from dead works, and of faith toward God."—Heb. 6:1.

Whenever a man builds a house it might be wise for him to skip in some places, but it is never wise for a man to skip as far as the foundation is concerned, for all the value of the rest of the house will depend upon the kind of foundation that it has. The man who in any wise at all understates or underestimates this doctrine, is skipping unwisely as to the things of the Lord.

That you might see how important this doctrine of repentance is, I want you to notice one experience on the part of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen:

"There were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

—Luke 13:1-3.

These people were slaughtered by Pilate in the very act of religious worship and their blood was mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. When the disciples asked Jesus concerning this, Jesus looked out into eternity and saw what his disciples couldn't see, and said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." He saw the souls of these dead Galileans coming up to the judgment bar of God unsaved. The disciples were terribly concerned about the bodies of these Galileans but they couldn't see what had happened to their souls.

Now, beloved, if this doctrine of repentance is such an important doctrine as I have indicated from these Scriptures, let's notice some things concern-

A Personal Message From  
The Editor!



June 17, 1950

Dearly Beloved:

I know I should write a personal word more often (1) to tell you of God's blessings on our written ministry (2) to beseech your prayers for our work (3) to thank you for your special interest in my ministry and for your valued cooperation. The editing of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, pastoring the First Baptist Church of Russell, Kentucky, working in our printing shop, and many other duties keep me from doing all the writing I wish to do.

To me you are not only a reader of my paper, but my co-worker. Your work possibly keeps you from witnessing all over America to the great truths we Baptists contend for, but by supporting THE BAPTIST EXAMINER you have made possible its publication, both in America and abroad. Through it our Baptist message goes out each week and all because you are supporting my ministry with your prayers and financial generosity.

It is a difficult task to take a public stand against religious errors. Modernism, Lodgism, Feminism, Unionism, Arminianism, Catholicism and Protestantism are a few of our many foes. These coupled with the heresy of the universal church make it most difficult to stand today for the whole Bible.

Yet for over ten years THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has been standing against these heresies. However, the editor has not been standing entirely alone. How wonderfully our Saviour has blessed! And how wonderfully many of our friends have stood with me. Your prayers, financial support, and encouraging letters have been most inspiring and helpful.

Millions of Roman Catholics in the United States are tireless in their zeal and sincere in their determination to make America Catholic by every possible means; the radio, the press, the movies, local and national advertising, personal and public work. We Baptists should do the same.

I am thankful for the little part I have each week in contending for Baptist truth, which is Bible truth. Pray especially for our work, please. I would appreciate hearing from you personally. Should God lead you to help the ministry of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER financially, I would be grateful. Particularly is that true just now for our financial burdens are unusually heavy at present, and our contributions for the month of May were very, very few and small. I ask this in Jesus' name, and I am sure He will richly reward you.

In Him Forever,

John R. Gilpin

ing it.

I

REPENTANCE IS A CHANGE OF MIND.

Without studying throughout the Word of God and without you its Greek derivation or its word from its original, let me say to you in the simplest terms possible, repentance means "a change of mind." I might give you its Greek derivation or its etymological derivation, or I might give to you the history of that word, but after I had done so and it were all summed up, I couldn't say it better than to say repentance means a change of mind.

REPENTANCE MEANS TO CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT

YOUR SINS. Listen:

"Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations."

—Ezek. 14:6.

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin."—Ezek. 18:30.

These two verses show us that a man must repent of his sins; that is, he needs to change his mind about his sins. I tell you brother, sister, as long as sin is a sweet morsel to you and as long as sin is something

pleasant for you to indulge in and you have no pricking of your conscience, you have never repented.

We have an example in the Word of God of repentance. Jonah had a disagreeable, unpleasant task given to him when God told him to go to the city of Nineveh and preach. In a reluctant manner Jonah disobeyed God. Then after a round about experience, both by way of a ship and by way of a fish's belly, Jonah finally arrived in Nineveh. While in the belly of this fish Jonah learned some things that he hadn't learned before. As I have often said, he went to a strange school and he learned what I choose to call "whale belly theology." When he graduated from that school

and hung up his diploma to dry out, there on the shores of Nineveh, Jonah knew to preach the sovereignty of God, and he preached it when he said:

"Salvation is of the Lord."

—Jonah 2:9.

When Jonah went to Nineveh and preached, the Word of God tells us of the experience and the results. Listen:

"So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd or flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands."—Jonah 3:5-8.

Beloved, here was a whole city who turned from their wicked ways to God. They repented as to their sins.

We have another story in the Bible of individuals who repented. Listen:

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart and their wives apart."—Zech. 12:10-12.

I ask you tonight, what is your attitude concerning sin? I don't care about what church you are a member of, or whether you are a member of any church. What is your attitude about the matter of sin? If you still love sin and if you still would rather have your sins than the things of God, then, beloved, you have never repented. Repentance means a change of mind about sin.

II

REPENTANCE LIKEWISE MEANS A CHANGE OF MIND ABOUT YOUR OWN DEAD WORKS.

Listen:

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience FROM DEAD WORKS to serve the living God?"—Heb. 9:14.

Sinner friends, if I were to ask you tonight how you could be saved, the majority of you would try to tell me to be good and do the best you can and you would get to Heaven after a while. No, beloved, you wouldn't do any such thing for you are depending upon your works. No individual is ever saved until he repents of his dead works. That is why I know that the majority of professing church members are lost. They are depending on their own works. If you will ask the people whom you meet what their hope of Heaven is, you will find that 99 out of every 100 persons that you talk to

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will say that he hopes to go to Heaven because he is doing all he can to please the Lord. Listen, beloved, the Lord will never save any man until that man has changed his mind about his own dead works. God doesn't save any man as long as he is looking to himself for one particle of his salvation. If you think for one moment's time that you can help the Lord out in the realm of salvation, you have never repented. There is no one ever saved until he repents of his own dead works.

I talked to a lost preacher a few days ago. He holds a big job and pastors a rather large church but he is a lost man. I'll tell you why I know he is lost. I said, "Actually what is your hope of Heaven?" He said, "I have trusted Jesus Christ, I am holding out to the best of my ability, and I am depending upon the fact that when I come to the last step of the way I am going to make a final confession of my sins and ask God to save me." I said, "Man, you have to repent of every one of those dead works that you are holding on to."

I'll say the same thing to you tonight, beloved, God will never save you until you repent of your own dead works. Repentance is not only a change of mind about sin, but it is a change of mind about your dead works.

### III

#### REPENTANCE LIKEWISE MEANS TO CHANGE YOUR MIND TOWARD GOD.

Listen: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."—Acts 20:21.

Sinner friend, you need to change your mind about God. God won't receive you into His presence as long as you have your sins upon you, and that is what you would like for Him to do. There isn't a lost person here tonight but what would like to be saved in his sins, but the kind of god who would save you in your sins isn't a god worthy of your salvation. I tell you, beloved, if I were to go to church and hear an Arminian preacher preach an Arminian god, I would lose respect not only for the preacher but for the god as well. I say to you tonight, the God that I hold up before you is a God of absolute sovereignty. This God of absolute sovereignty won't receive you into His presence with your sins. You will have to change your mind about God.

### IV

#### IF YOU REPENT, WHAT THEN?

Here is a man who says, "I have changed my mind about sin, I have changed my mind about my dead works, I have changed my mind about God, and now I want to ask God to forgive me my sins." Beloved, any individual who has repented thus doesn't need to ask God to forgive his sins. He needs to trust Jesus Christ to take care of those sins. He had already repented for his sins. He had already repented about his works for he realized that he couldn't save himself. He has repented toward God because he realized that God wouldn't take him into His presence in his sins. All he needs now is to trust Jesus Christ to bear his sins for him. Listen: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every

one to his own way; and the LORD HATH LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL."—Isa. 53:6.

Thank God, when a man repents of his sins and changes his mind about his works and toward God, what he needs then is to see the truth that Jesus Christ has already carried his sins for him. Listen:

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures."—I Cor. 15:3.

"Who his own self BARE OUR SINS in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."—I Pet. 2:24.

I tell you tonight, sinner friends, what you need and what this town needs to see is the words of my text, which says, "Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." You can't repent and you can't exercise faith unless God gives to you that ability, for both repentance and faith are gifts of God. Could a dead man change his mind? Could a dead man exercise faith? You are spiritually dead. You can't believe unless God makes you alive. May it please God tonight to stoop down and work a miracle of grace within this audience and change your mind about sin and about your own works and about God, and may it please God to help you to see that Jesus Christ died for those sins and what you need is to trust the Son of God to save you.

Recently when I was in Detroit I drove along the lake front and saw those wonderful homes in Grosspoint, Michigan. I was entertained out there once about fifteen years ago and it was the most lavish entertainment that I ever had any place in my life. I hadn't been back in that section since that time and I had forgotten what the houses looked like. It is just an impossibility for any individual to imagine how nice those mansions are without seeing them. We drove by about 10,000 fine homes, houses of 25 to 100 rooms, big acreage, — two or three acres in the front lawn. After I came back from viewing these mansions, I thought of those people living in those houses, that unless they repent they will never see God in peace. They will have to change their minds about their sins, they will have to change their minds about their dead works, they will have to change their minds about God, and then they will have to trust Jesus Christ to carry those sins away.

Beloved, that is exactly what you need tonight. It doesn't make any difference whether you live in a rich mansion or whether you live in a hovel, you need the same Christ to save you. May the Son of God touch your heart and save your soul and make you whiter than snow.

May God bless you!

#### "THE SEAL OF GOD"

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## Lodgism

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is a cup. A cup was used by the diviner then as now to tell fortunes. Satan of course inspired him as he inspired our mother Eve, to open the door to all the harpies of hell at Eden.

Satan knows that God is "A Consuming Fire" (Deut. 4:24; 9:3; and Hebrews 12:29). Here in these passages we must make a spiritual application, but in the Essence of His Being it cannot be otherwise. That is why no sinful mortal can approach the presence of God and live: "And he (the angel) said: 'Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet; for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.'" (Exodus 3:2).

Lucifer, before he became Satan by rebellion, walked up and down in the midst of the stones of "fire" (Ezekiel 28:14), denoting a priestly function that was his to perform. Here, in the plain of Shinar, Satan drew men away from God, and taught them "fire-worship," profaning the Divine Essence of Almighty God, through the worship of literal fire. Then the Sun was given the title, "The Sacred and Eternal Fire" and the Truth of God was changed into a lie, "and they worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, Who is blessed forever. Amen." (Romans 1:25).

Here in Shinar they built Sun Temples and worshipped the Sun. One of these Temples stands out in grand distinction "Bab-El," "Gate of God." But God demonstrated to the rebels that this gate was closed to them, so they sought another gateway. The message I, at one time, thought to be contained in this Scripture was "a literal tower," by which men might ascend into heaven and escape another judgment, such as the Flood. I thought to myself, "How silly," I was looking into, what I thought, the Heaven of heavens as being so utterly high that men be silly indeed to think of building a "tower" to reach it. Literally that would be an insane project, but spiritually, it is ten-thousand times more so. They were seeking to erect an approach (a gateway) to Almighty God outside of Jesus Christ, "The Seed of the Woman," who had been introduced to man, and to the Serpent at Eden. Here, as at Eden, this gateway was closed to them.

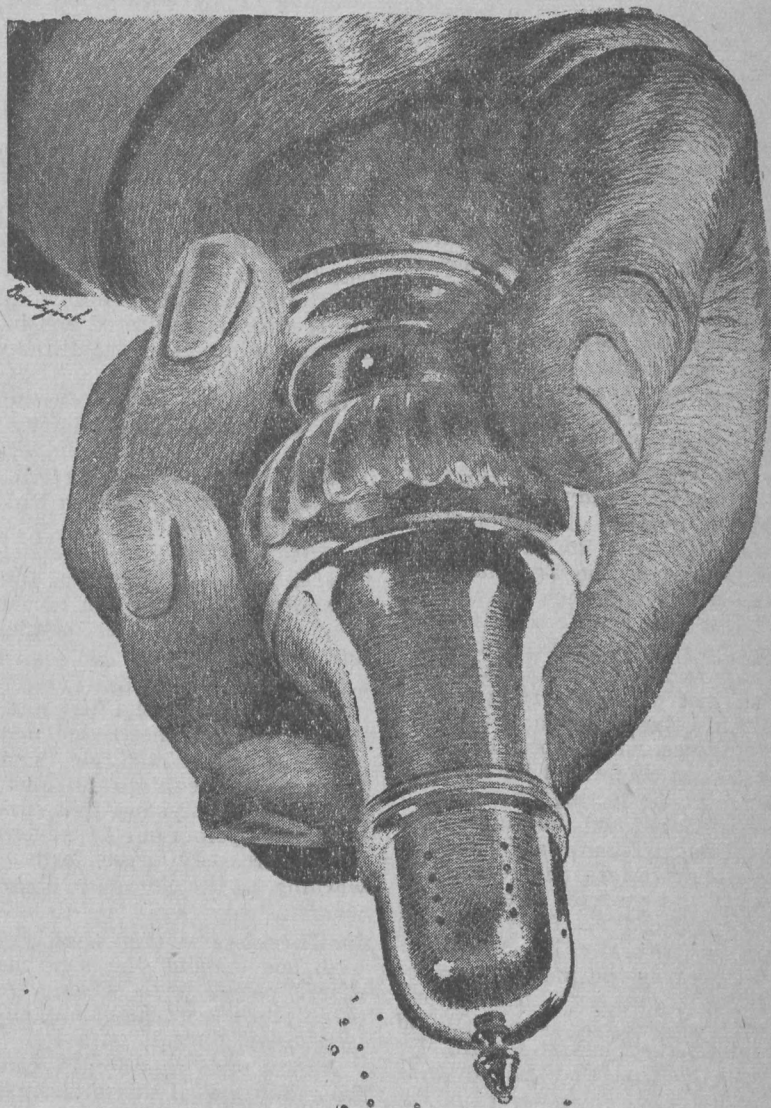
Finding themselves shut out from this approach, they next sought to approach Him through the Ancient Mysteries. Christ called this approach, as can and will be demonstrated, "The Gates of Hell." (Matt. 16:18).

It can be definitely proven, by Historical Research, that Judgment fell upon the "Fire-worshippers" and that their leader (Nimrod) was slain for his crimes. As proof of the customs that prevailed with reference to Idolatry, read these passages from Holy-Writ:

"If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness; And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand: This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: (judges, Am-R. V.) for I should have denied the God that is above."—(Job. 31:26, 27, 28).

Job lived contemporary with Nimrod, and felt the encroachment of Nimrod's kingdom, as described in Chapter 1, verse xvii. Because of fear of the judges, idolatry was carried underground. The Grottos and Underground Cellars on the banks of the Euphrates became the first "Lodge-halls," this side of the Flood, and none could enter the "Secret-Orders" (Mys-

## IS THIS THE WAY YOU ARE DOING YOUR MONEY?



Instead of "salting" it away, it would be far better to use it for the glory of God and thus get a reward when you come to die. Listen:

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."—Matthew 6:19, 20.

"And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations."—Luke 16:9.

teries), abiding herein, unless prepared by prescribed rituals and bound by the most "Blood-curdling Oaths." As Mason's we are in like manner prepared and are so bound. Fire-worship was suppressed but not destroyed, by the judgment of the Tribunal. Inside the Mysteries, pagan altars were set up and no celebration of any kind could be performed before those altars without the lighting of tapers, or candles, with which the altars were adorned. As Masons, we in like manner must observe this ritual. One of the pagan rituals was to transcribe a circle, invoking "The Sacred and Eternal Fire." As Masons we follow the same prescribed circle, "implored light." This, following the circle, or mystic path of the sun is perpetuated in two customs that the average man may view without binding himself by a pagan oath. 1. The Sun-dances of the Southwestern section of our country, among the Indians. 2. The mystic circle that we as Masons transcribe about the grave of a departed brother, as we march around performing the burial rites.

Now, to give some of the facts surrounding the Ancient Mysteries, and where we may observe them today, let us follow the

Mysteries through the centuries:

From Babylon they went to Egypt, or else those of Egypt were contemporary with those of Babylon. They, rather let us say it, went to Persia and Babylon and Nineveh being the same kingdom, of course Nineveh. Later as the nations were dispersed, to Greece and to Rome, these six great cities each of which headed an empire, were the 6 kings and had come upon the scene, as designated to John, in Revelation, "five are fallen and one is," the one is being Rome. The Mysteries, and let us think in the singular henceforth, was and is today the Synagogue of Satan. It pervaded every government of the past, even going to India, China, Japan and the countries of the Andes in the Western Hemisphere. Those nations in the far reaches of the earth have had the same diabolical workings that those mentioned above but because of their remoteness from the Embodiment of God's Kingdom, here on earth, are not given any notice until the very end time.

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## Lodgism

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When Babylon fell to the Medes and Persians the temples of the Mysteries, were destroyed at Babylon and the priestly orders of the defeated Chaldeans fled to Pergamus. There in consequence for several centuries was established the throne of Satan and the Mysteries of Isis thrived under the protection of the deified kings of Pergamos. When the glory of the kings of Pergamos faded and Pergamos became a part of the Roman Empire the Mysteries of Isis then took higher flight and subverted that throne, thus showing a complete linking between Rome and Babylon.

But back to our Masonic connection: "It is admitted that the Secret System of Freemasonry was originally founded on the Mysteries of the Egyptian Isis, the goddess-mother, or wife of Osiris. But what could have led to the union of a Masonic body with these Mysteries, had they not had particular reference to Architecture, and had the god who was worshipped in them not been celebrated for his success in perfecting the arts of fortification and building?"

"Now, if such were the case, considering the relation in which, as we have already seen, Egypt stood to Babylon, who would naturally be looked up to there as the great patron of the Masonic art? The strong presumption is, that Nimrod must have been the man. He was the first that gained fame in this way. As the child of the Babylonian goddess-mother, he was worshipped, as we have seen, in the character of Almahozim, 'the god of fortifications.' Osiris, in like manner, the child of the Egyptian Madonna, was equally celebrated as 'the strong chief of the buildings.' This strong chief of the buildings was originally worshipped in Egypt with every physical characteristic of Nimrod." (THE TWO BABYLONS, Hislop, p. 43).

After the System of Mysteries was established, and the worship of "fire" duly preserved; and it is preserved to this day; believe it or not, many other forms of Idolatry were established as Lustrations inside the Mysteries: Purification by water, from whence comes Baptismal Regeneration; Purification by Works, all ladders or ap-

proaches to God outside of Christ; Purification by Ordeals (Penances), or partaking of the suffering of the gods embodied in the Mysteries. In the Babylonian system, there was a *symbolical death*, that all the initiated had to pass through, before it was possible to obtain the new life which was implied in regeneration. As Masons, we in like manner, undergo this ordeal; since it can be definitely proven that the *fake death* we pass through as we are raised to the Master's Degree, is following the Traditions of Nimrod and in no sense in applicable to Hiram Abiv.

It is recorded in the Divine Record, in both I Kings, chapter vii, and II Chronicles, chapter iv, that Hiram lived to perform all the works that Solomon had given him to perform. By this we assume that there was no murder at the East gate of the Temple at High Noon, nor burial in the rubbish of the Temple. So mote it be.

Now, I did not set out to offer an extended Historical Research, but any System that is founded upon Untruth, Tradition, and Balderdash, requires a quiet peep into the Mystery that surrounds it. Before our Lord went to the cross He gave forth a warning, to His church, in these words:

"Wherefore if they shall say unto you, behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: behold He is in the secret chambers; believe it not." (Matt. 24:26).

Almost six hundred years from the time of this utterance, we find in Rome, on the banks of the Tiber, one exalted to the position of Vice-God; in the Arabian desert, we find a False Prophet ready to start his crusade declaring, "There is no God but Allah and Mohamed is His prophet." Less than another five hundred years, we find both the Vice-God and the False-Prophet with armies before the city over which the Prince of Peace had wept such tears of agony: "O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not. Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." (Matt. 23:37, 38).

Now, as noted, the Armies of those two False-Christ are at

each other's throats, and because of distance and the life line that must be maintained between the Tiber and the "most holy shrines," there were—first and last—three Religio-Military Orders of Knighthood established, having the *Ritualism* of the *Ancient Mysteries* and the avowed purposes of "Caring for the sick and wounded Crusaders"; "Entertainment of Christian Pilgrims"; "Guarding of the Holy Places"; and ceaseless "Battling for the Cross." Great humanitarian projects, you say? Yes, but look at the "power" that jiggled those armies of "wooden-dolls" from the Tiber, causing them to wallow in their own gore for more than two hundred years.

One of those Orders, "The Knights of Teuton," or the *Teutonic Knights* became so powerful in the political affairs of Germany that it was publicly disbanded, but like the True Mysteries of Isis, it went underground, and the Powerful "Worshipful Masters," working as an Esoteric group produced the House of Hohenzollern, with all its war-lords, and paved the way for Hitler.

Who was the first War-Lord? The great patron of Masonry, Nimrod. Through the Machinations of what system have all wars since his day been promoted? Through the Ancient Mysteries, and I challenge any man to prove differently. The Knights of Saint John and the Knights Templar, became active, within the Roman Church, after the failure of the Crusades.

They became the promoters of the great "Mystery"; "Miracle"; and "Morality" themes, in a system of dramatic plays, tending toward Purification by ordeals (Penances) as promoted by all Occult Religions, in building their ladders to heaven. During the great period of Cathedral Construction, in Europe, the *Masonic guild* owing to the *holy nature of their enterprise* (the building of the Cathedrals) took the lead in the Dramatic presentation of those plays and were greatly looked up to as a result. The Passion Play enacted every ten years by the inhabitants of Oberammergau, Germany, is an instance that may be seen in the original form. Now there comes a division in the Empire of the Vice-God, Antichrist, on the Beast and the Dramatic presentations were greatly retarded. The faction that followed the Reformation, however, set up a new system on the pattern of the old, in the year A. D. 1717, in England. That this new Order might attract men of every religious pattern, all reference to any distinctive Sectarian teachings was barred, so that the Mohammedan, the Jew, or the Christian, might kneel before the Pagan altars and there find fellowship, "implore the light," after the manner of the High Priest of Fraud, Cush.

It is no accident that Jesus Christ is barred from Masonry. In some of the "Old Crusader's Rituals," the name of Christ is used, but after the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church (materialistic), but very few Masons follow the York Route any more and all take the Scottish Rite Rituals which adopt the Nomenclature of the Sun-Worshippers, one hundred per cent.

Since I have given up all affiliation with Masonry, I have talked with a number of Baptist preachers, who agree that it is Pagan to the core and worse the higher one advances, yet, they cling to it; and let two or three of them get together, the mention of the subject will cause them to tear you apart.

To prove that Masonry is meant as a ladder by which men

attempt to reach God, outside of Christ I cite: "The three great lights in Masonry are the *Holy Bible, Square, and Compasses*, and are thus explained: The Holy Bible is given us as the rule and guide for our faith and practice; the *Square*, to square our actions, and the *Compasses*, to circumscribe our desires and keep our passions in due bounds with all mankind, especially the brethren."

"The First, or Entered Apprentice, degree of Masonry is intended, symbolically, to represent the entrance of man into the world in which he is afterward to become a living and thinking actor. Coming from the ignorance and darkness of the outer world, his first craving is for light—not the physical light which springs from the great orb of day as its fountain, but that moral and intellectual light which emanates from the primal source of all things—from the Great Architect of the Universe—the Creator of the sun and of all that it illuminates. Hence the great, the primary object of the first degree is to symbolize the birth of intellectual light in the mind; and the Entered Apprentice is the type of the unregenerate man, groping in mental and moral darkness, seeking for the light which is to guide his steps and point him to the path which leads to duty and to Him who gives to duty its reward." Note the use of *moral, intellectual, and duty*.

"Freemasonry is far removed from that is trivial, selfish, and ungodly. Its structure is built upon the everlasting foundation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man."

"Temperance is the due restraint upon our affections and passions which render the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice."

"No institution was ever raised on a better principle or more solid foundation; nor were ever more excellent rules and useful maxims laid down than are contained in the several Masonic lectures."

Before we pass from this subject entirely, let us take note of the charge to the Chaplain, upon his installation as such: "It will be your duty to perform those solemn services which we should constantly render to our Infinite Creator, and which when offered by one whose holy profession is 'to point to heaven and lead the way,' may, by refining our souls, strengthening our virtues, and purifying our minds, prepare us for admission into the society of those above whose happiness will be as endless as it is perfect."

Now, to make a short Recap: The Holy Bible, Square, and Compasses, on an even footing; with only the Moral and Intellectual Precepts of the Holy Bible accepted. The Square and Compasses, belonging to the "Builders of Towers, Temples, Cathedrals and Strong Buildings, generally," and symbolically are used to design and build the ladders, bridges, towers or what have you, as a means of reaching heaven, outside of Christ; let us assume that they are so used within the Craft.

As an Entered Apprentice I came from the outside world, filled with the ignorance and darkness which characterize the outside world; but on one occasion being received upon the point of the Compasses, on another being received upon the heel or angle of the Square, then on another passing through the Symbolical death and Resurrection of Nimrod and after all the Blood Curdling Oaths, I was required to take; I then as a Master Mason was able to reflect back upon a well-spent

life, to die in the hope of glorious immortality. 'Taint so did you say? It is all in the Ritual anyway, my brother. Upon each occasion of having the Oath Administered, I was admonished to kiss the Book which lay open before me which I was assured was none other than the Holy Bible. I love the Bible, I love its teachings, but adore its Christ. To adore the Bible, the Cross, or any inanimate object, no matter what Symbolism, is Idolatry as pointed out and as dishonoring to God, if I kiss my hand to the Stone (Job 31:27).

From whence emanates this Idolatry? From the Grotto and Underground Cellars on the banks of the Euphrates. The doctrine of the Everlasting Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man is a Pagan teaching, pure and simple, to cap it all off, "The Solid Foundation, and the high order of the Maxims contained in the several Masonic lectures" transcend the foundation of any church and the Sermon on the Mount according to the *Bible Statement* transcribed for your benefit if we are to accept the teachings of Masonry.

Now I can trump up any kind of a charge, in order to break my marriage vows, and I will hold in the most strict sense fellowship and brotherly esteem even when married again. Where do I stand when I try to break the bonds that bind me to the Harlot of Babylon? You know and I know that no one defiled and perjured wreath ever graced or disgraced the earth as I become. I make bones of the fact that I have broken my Masonic Vows, and I know the penalties I entail upon myself in so doing. I cannot exact those penalties against myself. It is up to the Craft to rectify this lapse. A Mason brother recently preached a sermon on the ungodly aspect "Cremation." I cannot consider my internal organs to the "fire" even though I destroy myself, am calling upon all Baptist preachers, who are still loyal to this hellish device to come and be the first to carry out the murderous implications contained in my several Masonic Oaths. Do not be Moral Cowards, since you place such stress upon Morality, and speaking of Morality, the murder of the Grand Master of Arkansas, less than one year ago, while engaging in the practices of the Sodomites, is not only thing that can be divulged on Masons that will make hair stand upon the "nape of the neck" of any decent citizen, Mason or no.

I have made the statement upon several occasions, eighty-five per cent of the sons of my acquaintance are religious libertines and that exclusive of Baptist Preachers now active in Masonry. How can we expect to be a proper adornment for the Lord's Bride while we commit Spiritual Adultery with the Harlot of Babylon or any of her favored daughters? If you are not guilty I am not mean you, but the challenge is under your nose; why remain in the mess when there is a majority of the forces of evil to overwhelm you.

If I have stuck out my neck and cannot prove every word I have written, from History, from the Ritualism of the ancients, and even from the "Masonic Books," then shall your axe. My neck is at your disposal.

O Lord, O my Lord, endow us with intelligence; even the intelligence of a jackass that may turn aside from evil when thine angel bars our way.

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