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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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BAPTISTS AWAKE!

A blow was struck at the heart of Baptist churches on July 31, 1950 by a decision handed down by Judge R. J. Thrift, Circuit Court Judge, in Fayetteville, West Va. Court on that day. The decision, if allowed to stand, cannot mean anything else but the beginning of the end of religious freedom in this nation. The decision was against the Ansted Baptist Church of Ansted, West Va. The decision was the climax of a long struggle between the church and secret orders, parti-

cularly Masonry. For about two years the struggle has been going on. On last December 7, 1949, the church excluded about 85 members for non-support and public conduct which brought shame upon the church. To this number was added 42 persons whose names were not on the membership roll of the church. The suit against the church was brought against it on behalf of 130 persons.

These 130 persons were in the following categories: active, 54; inactive (no right to vote), 34;

and 42 who were not members at all! A paper had been circulated, getting this number of signers, the object of the petition being to run the pastor away, and to destroy the church constitution. As long as the pastor said nothing about lodges in the previous years (four), he got along fine and there was no complaint to the pastor or church officials about the church constitution. But when the forces of evil (lodge people and their sympathizers) rose up

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GIVE UP?

Give up because the cross is heavy,
Sink down in weakness 'neath its load?
Give up and say you can't endure it,
Too rough, too toilsome is the road?
Ah, no; rejoice you have a cross,
A cross which none but you may bear;
Why, you are rich, when by that cross
You earn your right a crown to wear.

Give up while there is still in heaven
A God who notes the sparrow's fall?
Give up when He so longs to help you,
But only wants to hear you call?
He clothes the lilies, feeds the birds;
Would He to you, then, pay less heed?
Look up to Him with prayerful heart,
He will supply your every need.

--Grace B. Renfrow

How Far Should We Be Dominated By Tradition

By ROY MASON
Tampa, Florida

Few things play more important part in the lives of people than custom and tradition. People do "what is being done" and they shrink from being found different from their fellows. The UBANGI SAVAGES, such as Ringling had with his circus, wear huge disks in their lips and pounds of metal rings around their necks—why? Because it is the "custom" of the tribe. And before we laugh at them, let us remember the "hobble" skirt; and the "hoop" skirt; "bustles," and the Princess Regent hat. Also just why does a man wear a necktie? (You tell me!)

Baptists used to be a non-conforming people, but they are more and more like the rest, due to the pressure of custom and tradition. They used to re-

fuse to observe Lent, Good Friday, and Easter. But now—well, nearly every Baptist pastor in town is mixed up in "Good Friday" celebrations. Pressure of custom. And the Sunday School Board sends out catalogs of Easter supplies. Truth is the same Sunday School Board and its affiliates is back behind most of the world-conformity of Baptists of today.

What Custom Led To In Past Times

ISRAEL AND A KING. The nation wanted a king, just to be like other nations around them. They got their king, and much grief also.

LED TO IDOLATRY. In order to be like surrounding peoples, Israelites took up the worship of strange gods. Before we are surprised too much, let us remember that Easter observance is heathen worship of a heathen goddess. No amount of so-called Christian camouflage can hide this fact.

LED TO EXTREMES. A lot of traditional teachings of the Jewish rabbis had grown up, called the "oral law" and this came to

overshadow the written law of the Old Testament. And Jesus told the Jewish leaders that they "by their traditions, set at naught the law of God." (Matt. 15:6).

What The Bible Says About Custom And Tradition (Rom. 12:2). IT SAYS NOT TO BE CONFORMED TO THE WORLD. That means the ways, manners, habits and customs of the world, set of course by the god of this world—Satan himself.

IT SAYS TO JUDGE THINGS BY LAW AND TESTIMONY OF GOD'S WORD, and if they are out of accord with that, then "there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20).

IT SAYS TO PROVE ALL

THANK YOU, BELOVED

Your help to us in revising our mailing list is most deeply appreciated. If there is anyone whom you know who should be getting this paper, please advise us.

THINGS AND TO HOLD FAST ONLY TO THE GOOD. (I Thess. 5:21). That means that we are to test things out in the light of God's truth.

IT SAYS THAT GOD'S PEOPLE ARE TO BE A PECULIAR PEOPLE. (Titus 2:14). How are they to be "peculiar?" By some particular garb? By long whiskers? By acting queer? No. By their refusal to be dominated by the customs and manners of the world, when they are plainly set by the god of this world. Yes, please point out much peculiarity that you can see in Christian people today. Don't they do just about everything that any others do?

Some Baptist Customs And Traditions, Not In The Bible

THE PRACTICE OF THE PERIODICAL REVIVAL. There isn't a line of Scripture to show that evangelism is to be carried on only during protracted meetings. Yet that is the rule among churches. In most churches you won't hear any invitation given at regular services. And the form of revivalism carried on is the very identical thing that accounts for

this. The Bible teaching is that we ought to be trying to reach the lost all the time. (See Acts 2:47). Church members who have to be "revived" every few months, really need exclusion more than they need reviving. No—they really need conversion. We have gotten along far better at our church since we have come to depend upon regular week by week evangelism.

THE ANNUAL CALL. Multitudes of churches practice this abomination, which completely denies divine leadership.

PART TIME PREACHING. Country churches are dying as the result of this practice.

SET WAYS OF CONDUCTING SERVICES WITHOUT ANY VARIETY OR DEVIATION. Baptist churches can get into a rut and can have a ritual as well as the Catholics.

SEMINARY HERESY

Well, on October 30th it happened again! That is to say, the Federal Council of Churches brought Bro. Herbert Gezork, professor of social ethics at Andover Newton Theological Seminary, a modernist of the most modernistic seminary of Northern Baptists, to Louisville to deliver the special address and to help celebrate properly the Federal Council's Reformation Day. And whom do you suppose the Federal Council people called on to come down and to present Bro. Gezork to the great union meeting of the Protestants of Louisville? None other than our own Bro. Ellis A. Fuller! Is Bro. Fuller a Protestant or a Baptist? Well, Bro. Fuller went right along and presented this shameless Liberal, Bro. Gezork, to his fellow Protestants. And it is the seventh wonder of the world that he did not take Bro. Gezork up to the Seminary, or did he? For Bro. Gezork is an old-time friend and fellow German and fellow-Liberal with Bro. Wm. A. Mueller, the thorough-going Liberal now head of the Department of Theology at our Louisville Seminary. So why not?

The First Baptist Pulpit

"TRAGEDIES RECORDED IN THE BIBLE"

(Read John 3:1-18).

I say by way of preface that the word "tragedy" itself is not found in all the Bible, but the principle of tragedy is found all the way through the Bible. The word itself is not to be found within the Bible, but from Genesis to Revelation there are multiplied instances of tragedies in the Bible.

I recognize the fact that the majority of people don't like to think about tragedies. I judge that it is true of you, and I know it is true of me. I am satisfied that the majority of people would rather think about comedy than they would trage-

dy, but regardless of what your preference is, the fact remains that tragedy stalks this world day by day. Tragedy comes into your life and into mine, and, beloved, there are many tragedies recorded within the Word of God.

During the last week end—the long week end of July 4th—the papers tell that there are approximately 800 tragedies in the United States—people that met death in a tragic manner. It seems almost impossible to think that there could be 800 tragic deaths within the United States over one week end, yet, beloved, what was true this

week end will be true for every week end, perhaps not to as great an extent, but there will be tragedies, for tragedy continues day by day in life.

I want you to see what is true with us has been true all the way through the Word of God, for the Bible records numbers of tragedies that took place.

I

THE TRAGEDY OF SIN'S ENTRANCE INTO THIS WORLD.

The third chapter of the book of Genesis tells the story of the entrance of sin into the human (Continued on page two)

RUSSELLISM

Russellism had its beginning with Pastor Russell and the Seventh-Day Adventists. Russellism teaches that the death of Christ was a failure.

It denies the Divinity of Christ.

It teaches that Jesus became Divine after His resurrection, but was not Divine in any sense before.

It teaches that Jesus Christ made His second advent in 1874.

It teaches that the final consummation of the age came in October, 1914.

It teaches that after 1918, it will be dangerous to teach the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion.

It teaches that to teach the doctrine of an eternal hell for the impenitent wicked after death is blasphemy.

It teaches that there is no such thing as an eternal hell.

It teaches that the great mass of mankind will be saved after they are raised from the dead.

It teaches that Russell's works are better than the teachings of the Bible; for without his works no one can understand the Bible; but with his works, the Bi-

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Other books were given for our information; the Bible was given for our transformation.

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J. Frank Norris

Three years ago I almost took a vow that I'd never again stain the pages of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER with the name, J. Frank Norris. Considering him the most outstanding religious scoundrel that has walked the face of God's footstool in all ages, and knowing that the majority of our readers consider him in the same manner, I have thus refrained from speaking of him for the past three years.

I have said that ultimately he would be discredited in the eyes of the world, and now that prophecy has come true.

His entire empire is now tottering. He has been fired as pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. His school in Fort Worth is split in shreds. His mission office has been moved to Fort Worth. The most faithful men that have ever been his friends have now repudiated him.

There was a time when I would have sworn by him, yet like hundreds of others I have learned that he could never be trusted. No preacher has existed whose morals, ethics, standards or principles were lower. No preacher in America has had more good men as friends for a time than J. Frank Norris. Hundreds of great preachers have stood by him only to find that he could not be trusted, and sooner or later had to turn from him.

Of course, the triumvirate of years' standing still exists: Norris, Luther Peak, and Louis Entzminger. They still hang together and they had better, for if they don't, they will hang separately. Each knows too much concerning the other for there to ever be a separation of these three.

When Entzminger and Norris temporarily separated a few years ago, Entzminger said worse things concerning Norris than I ever dared to say. I have the letters which Entzminger wrote. Both he and Peak know the character of Norris, and Norris knows the character of these two. But while these three cling together like the thieves of Bagdad who feared to separate, the balance of Norris' empire is fast slipping from him. Future history of not many days hence will prove Norris to be the most discredited preacher on this North American continent.



"Tragedies"

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family. When Eve sinned, Adam, realizing that his wife had sinned and that she was going to die spiritually, and loving her so much that he would rather die with her spiritually

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DR. J. FRANK NORRIS
PASTOR

June 14, 1950

To the Membership of the Temple Baptist Church:

Recent vicious attacks upon our God-given leader, Mr. Vick, impel us to let you and the world know that we have made a thorough, careful and prayerful study of all the issues involved.

When we gave Dr. Norris an invitation to appear before us to present his side of the case, it was at once apparent to everyone of us present that Dr. Norris desired merely to use that meeting with us as a sounding board to vent his personal spleen against Mr. Vick and to indulge in low, vile gossip and innuendo and bring in matters which had no connection with the issues involved - even while he was, in the same breath, telling how much he loved Mr. Vick and his family.

We found from testimony of our own Office Force, and from personal testimony of quite a number of the Preachers of our Fellowship, and from the testimony of numbers of our fine young men who were ministerial students at the Seminary that Dr. Norris has repeatedly distorted facts and deliberately misrepresented the case. We also found this to be true from letters which Dr. Norris himself has written.

On the other hand, we have not found a single instance in which Mr. Vick has misrepresented facts nor where he has failed to conduct himself as an honest, honorable Christian gentleman.

Dr. Norris' attacks upon Mr. Vick are an attack upon the Temple Baptist Church and an obvious attempt to harm this great soul-winning church which he has professed to love and from which he received a salary for many years.

To all spiritually-minded Christian people it should be very apparent that these pitiful attacks are but the products of a mind that has turned to low, vicious things. That is why the Deacons of the Temple Baptist Church voted 25 to 0 to recommend to the church that we sever all connections with Dr. J. Frank Norris which recommendation was adopted by the church by the overwhelming vote of approximately 3000 to 7.

Our prayer for Dr. Norris is that he will repent and turn to God and be restored to his once great soul-winning ministry and again preach with power as he did years ago.

Meanwhile, the Temple Baptist Church is in its greatest time of victory and soul-winning.

As real soldiers of Jesus Christ, the Members of Temple Baptist Church will arise as one mighty army and go on about our one business of winning the lost to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ our Savior, Leader, and coming King.

Deacons of Temple Baptist Church

(by)

Ralph W. Pew, Chairman

than to live on by himself, sinned also. Thus the first pair that was ever placed here within this world died spiritually, and they as the federal head of the human race, caused all of us to die spiritually that day. Listen:

"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."
—Rom. 5:12.

Beloved, to me that was a tragedy to think that Adam sinned and passed that sinful nature on to his children, so that we today are all born as sinners. I say, beloved, that was tragedy—the entrance of sin into the human family.

This last week end a man whom I knew rather intimately, was killed. As I thought of that individual's family, it struck me forcibly as to what a tragedy that that man was taken in death. As I was thinking of this, I also remembered some-

time ago of a family here in Kentucky that was going to church one morning, and when their car stalled on the tracks, a fast train demolished the car, killing the father, the mother, and all six children. There were eight Bibles and eight Sunday School quarterlies picked up after that wreck had taken place. I tell you, beloved, when you think of those eight individuals on their way to the House of God, and their lives snuffed out in a moment's time, it is no wonder that the daily paper referred to it as one of Kentucky's outstanding tragedies of all times.

Beloved, the greatest tragedy though that ever struck the human race wasn't the falling of an airplane, nor was it the striking of a train against an automobile, nor was it the failing of a submarine to rise to the top of the water, nor was it a motorcycle accident, nor a train wreck, nor a sinking of a ship,

but the greatest tragedy that ever confronted this world was the tragedy that came the day that Adam sinned and all humanity became sinners in Adam. Listen:

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes."—Rom. 3:10-18.

Here are fourteen charges which God brings against the human family in His indictment concerning us. You can't

read it without saying with me this morning, that it was a tragedy when sin entered the human race and the human family became contaminated by sin.

The Scriptures tells us that all have sinned. Listen:

"But the Scripture hath concluded ALL UNDER SIN, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."—Gal. 3:22.

Beloved, this includes you and me, and everyone of us. It was a tragedy when sin entered the human family.

II

THE TRAGEDY OF CHRISTIANS LIVING IN SIN.

It would seem to me that a child of God ought to love God enough to live for Him. You know as well as I that there are multiplied thousands of Christians today though, whose lives come far short of what (Continued on page three)

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God demands as a standard for us within His Word. Just be honest this morning, beloved. Don't you have a hard time yourself living like God wants you to live? Even though you love Him with all your heart, don't you have a hard time living for Him? I tell you, beloved, it is a tragedy to see Christians living in sin.

I believe that Ananias, of whom we read in the early chapters of the book of Acts, was a saved man. I don't think that I could prove it, but I believe he was a child of God. I think he was a Christian because he was associated with the Christians of that early church, but Ananias sinned and sinned grievously, both in the sight of God and in the sight of that church.

There was a godly man by the name of Barnabas who saw that there was distress among the poor of the church, and he sold his property and gave it to the church. Accordingly, everyone thought of Barnabas as a great character and a marvelous Christian. When Ananias heard the people singing the praise of Barnabas as a great man of God, he became jealous. He wanted the praise that Barnabas was getting but he wasn't willing to pay the price that Barnabas had paid. He sold his property and brought a part of the price, not all of it, and laid it down at the apostle's feet. He said that he had brought all of the money but the Word of God tells us that he only brought a part of it. Immediately Ananias fell dead. When his wife came in later, not knowing that her husband was dead, she, too, acted out the same lie and fell dead and was carried out for burial. Here were two people who died because they lied to the Lord. I think they were saved people and I am satisfied that in the main, they were good people, but they lied to the Lord and to the church and the Lord knew them.

I might pause and say, beloved, it is a good thing that God doesn't treat liars like that today. If He did, we would have more deaths in the average Baptist church than we would have people to take care of the dead.

Let's look at another example within the Word of God. There isn't a doubt in my mind but what Simon Peter was a saved man and is in Heaven today. We find these words concerning him:

"You who are KEPT by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

—I Pet. 1:5.

Simon Peter did a lot of wrong while he was here in this life. In the book of Luke you will find that he did everything and anything but what a Christian ought to have done. When they arrested the Lord Jesus Christ, Simon Peter followed afar off, and when they kindled a fire, Simon Peter sat down around that fire and warmed his hands by the enemies' campfire.

I tell you, beloved, it is a terrible thing for a child of God to find his fellowship with the enemies of our Lord. Every man outside of Jesus Christ is an enemy of the Son of God. Every unsaved man is an enemy to the cause to Christ. If you are a saved person and you get fellowship by association with unsaved people, that just means that you are finding fellowship with the enemies of the Lord

Jesus Christ.

As Simon Peter sat around the enemies' campfire, three people accused him of being one of Jesus' disciples. In an effort to convince them that he wasn't a saved man, he turned loose with a volley of good old-fashioned, Baptist deacon cuss words. Look at him. He followed afar off, and he sat down and warmed his hands around the enemies' campfire, and he has denied his Lord three times. Now he punctuates that denial with profanity. He doesn't look much like a saved man and he certainly doesn't act like one, but, beloved, he is saved. How do we know it? Why he tells us himself later on that he has been kept by the power of God.

Oh, what a tragedy it was that day for Christianity and for the cause of Christ for Simon Peter to sin when our Lord was just a few feet away and needed his help so grievously! Brother, sister, our Lord isn't far from us today. Even though He is in Heaven today, He still lives in us. I say to you, it is a tragedy for a child of God to live in sin. If Christ is living in you, then when you live in sin you are subjecting Jesus Christ to the presence of sin and you are making, compelling, forcing, the Son of God to witness the sin in your life. I tell you, as surely as He looks down upon us today, it is a tragedy for God's people to live in sin.

III

THE TRAGEDY OF LOVING THE WORLD MORE THAN GOD.

Only an unsaved person loves the world more than God. No Christian could be guilty of that sin. A Christian might live according to his flesh but only an unsaved person can love this world more than he does God.

Lot was a saved man. The Word of God tells us that he was a righteous man and that his soul was vexed by the unlawful and ungodly things the people of Sodom did. Even though Lot was a saved man, his wife was unsaved. On that memorable day when they were coming out of the city of Sodom in an attempt to make their escape therefrom, Lot's wife turned around and looked back in the direction of the flames of Sodom, and instantly was turned into a pillar of salt. Here was a woman who loved the world more than she did God. She had two alternatives — she could turn back to Sodom that she loved, or she could believe the Word of God. When God spoke to her and gave her warning as to the consequences of turning back, she made her choice, and God turned her into a pillar of salt. What a tragedy it was that she loved the world more than she did God!

Judas Iscariot is a good example also. See him as he comes to the high priest and makes a trade with them, saying, "What will you give me and I will betray Him into your hand?" When they covenanted with him for 30 pieces of silver (exactly \$15.95 in our American coin), Judas Iscariot went out to betray the Son of God into the hands of His enemies. He couldn't have been a saved man, for a saved man couldn't have done what he did. Jesus had already referred to him as a devil, for He said:

"Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?"—John 6:70.

I say to you, it is a tragedy to find a person that loves the world more than he loves God. There may be some woman here this morning whose heart is

THE PRESIDENT PRAYS



The President, in what may someday be pointed out as the most fateful week of his life, had a heavy heart. Instead of dropping appointments from his crowded schedule, he simply worked longer and harder. He found time to lay a Washington courthouse cornerstone, to talk to some senators about "a little judgeship" and to speak to a convocation of Boy Scouts. He also prayed. At the cornerstone ceremony the words of the simple prayer had to do with judges and obedience to law, but the President's face looked as though he were praying for something that went far beyond that.

The question is: Will God hear him when he prays. He is reported to have said that he prefers the Sunday papers to worship in God's house on Sunday morning. His profanity has been quoted in the press. He seems to have plenty of time for fishing, poker playing and his various lodge functions. When at home in Missouri he was a Baptist in name only, and if he attended a church service, it was usually with his Episcopalian wife.

Will God hear him when he prays? I don't know, but I know what God's Word says:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."—II Chron. 7:14.

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."

—Psa. 66:18.

"Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices."—Prov. 1:24-31.

It looks to me like it would be a mighty fine time for national repentance on Capitol Hill.

just like the heart of Lot's wife. There may be some man whose heart is just like the heart of Judas Iscariot. God pity you if you love the world and what the world has to offer more than you love God. There are people by the multiplied thousands in America of whom it can be said that they love this world more than they love God. They are striving to gain the world

and would rather satisfy their bodily appetites and passions and desires than anything else in this world. It is a tragedy to love the world more than you love God.

IV

THE TRAGEDY OF ANY LIFE TO BE LIVED ACCORDING TO THE FLESH.

Whether saved or unsaved, it

makes no difference. It is a tragedy for any life to be lived and governed solely by the flesh.

There isn't a doubt in my mind but what Samson was saved. If you will read the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, you will find that Samson is mentioned as one of the great heroes of faith. That to me is sufficient to convince me that Samson was a saved man and is in Heaven today. Samson didn't live like a saved man ought to live. He was controlled entirely by his flesh. If you will turn to the Word of God and read carefully the story of Samson, you will find that Samson could have been a mighty man in God's hand if it hadn't been for his flesh. Every chapter that tells the story of Samson gives an escapade of sin in his flesh. Without a single exception, every chapter that mentions Samson holds him up as a man who allowed his flesh to dominate his life.

He was a strong man physically and was endowed supernaturally and miraculously with additional strength from the Lord, yet instead of using that strength for the Lord, he wasted that strength by a life of the flesh. See him as he uses his strength for the Lord, taking in his hand the jawbone of an ass and slaying a tremendous throng of the enemies of our Lord. See him when he was used of God that he brought victory after victory in the name of the Lord, and then notice that after a victory was over, he would give himself over to the flesh. What a different story we would have concerning him if everything of Samson's life had been on the same plane that it was that day that he took that jawbone and slew those thousands of Philistines at one single time.

What a tragedy that any child of God might be controlled by his flesh! Oh, may God reach down this morning and help each of us that are saved, that our lives might be controlled by the Spirit of God rather than by our flesh.

V

THE TRAGEDY OF DYING UNSAVED.

It was bad enough that sin ever entered the human race, but God didn't leave sinners in that state. Beloved, God made a way whereby sinners might be saved. The Word of God tells us of the plan that was effected even before sin became a reality, for we read in Rev. 13 how Jesus was a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Long before sin became a reality, God had already planned man's redemption in Jesus Christ. What a tragedy then, beloved, that men die in sin and go out into Hell unsaved! What a tragedy to die unsaved since Jesus Christ has died on the Cross for sin!

Notice that rich young ruler who came to Jesus and boasted of the fact that he had kept the Ten Commandments. When our Lord put him to the test concerning the first of these, he failed on the test. If Jesus had put him to the test on every one of those commandments, he would have failed just as miserably on the other nine as he did on the first one. See him as he turned away, loving his gold more than he loved his God, proving that the very first commandment had not been kept in his life.

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Ideas For The Hell Box

The Hell Box is where all discarded metal—printer's mistakes and errors—is thrown, to be melted and remolded.



Popular misconceptions of religion that are deadlier than yesterday's type.

"ALL ONE NEEDS IS RELIGION"

This is a statement that is heard often and no doubt it is said by many sincere people. Heresy is popular, as well as deadly poison to the soul.

If all one needs is religion, then all one needs to do is to be a Mohammedan for they are very religious. At noon day the Mohammedan kneels in the dust and turns his face towards Mecca in Arabia and prays to Allah. The Arab will entertain you in his tent and not harm you, but after you leave he will follow you and rob and kill you in the name of his religion.

If all one needs is religion, then all one needs to be is a Buddhist or a Mason or Catholic for they all have lots of religion.

If all one needs is religion, then the apostle Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus (Acts 9) and his faith in Jesus Christ was all unnecessary, because Paul had lots of religion before he was saved. In Acts 26:4-5 Paul tells us that before he was saved that the Jews could testify that he lived a Pharisee after the strictest sect

of the Jew's religion. Paul had lots of religion of the strictest sect for a long time before he was born again.

If all one needs is religion, then one does not need Christ as a Saviour because one can be very religious without Christ.

If all one needs is religion, then the Indian mother who throws her baby in the Ganges river is sure for heaven, because she sacrifices her baby in the name of religion.

If all one needs is to be religious, then all one needs to do is be a Campbellite and depend upon his baptism and works and holding out faithful to the end, and pray "finally save us in heaven."

If all one needs is religion, then God offered up His only Son as a Sacrifice needlessly. Most of the people of the world are religious, yet they are lost. All who are depending upon their good lives, their church membership, or their baptism or their religion are lost and on their way to hell. All one needs is Christ as his or her Saviour. "If any man be in Christ he is

a new creature," II Cor. 6:17. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, (not by your religion) it is a gift of God." Eph. 2:8. "We have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand," Rom. 5:2. So we do not have access by religion. We are "justified by faith" not by religion, Rom. 5:1. "Ye must be born again" of "incorruptible" seed, not by religion, John 3:3; I Peter 1:23. "We have redemption through his blood," not through having religion, Eph. 1:7. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," not by having religion, Acts 16:31. Jesus Christ "loves us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood," not in even the strictest sect of religion, Rev. 1:5.

If all one needs is religion, then the way to heaven is broad, and not narrow as the Bible tells us it is, Matt. 7:13-14. God hath made Christ Jesus (not a religion) "unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption," I Cor. 1:30. Receive Jesus as your Saviour today. John 1:12.

you go out of this house of God today in your sins, almost a Christian, but lost. What a tragedy it would be for you to go out into eternity almost saved, but lost!

Sometime ago, Robert L. Ripley, in his "Believe It or Not" column, said that for a person to count up to a billion, it would take over eighty years time. This was the proof that he offered: He said that it would take one minute to count to 100, 10 minutes to count to 1,000, or

you could count to 6,000 in one hour, or in an eight-hour day you could count to 48,000, or in 40 hours you could count to 240,000, or in one year of 52 weeks you could count to 12,480,000. He said to count to one billion that it would take 80 years, 6 weeks, 3 days, 2 hours, and 40 minutes.

Beloved, what is eighty years in comparison to eternity? If it would take over eighty years to count to a billion, think what eternity must be like. The

DO YOU KNOW

Do you know that rejection of alien immersion is a fundamental historical practice of Baptists? Do you know why Baptists were formerly called Anabaptists? Do you know that alien immersion is the handmaiden of unionism, which is now threatening the existence of real Baptist churches? Do you know that alien immersion and open communion are Siamese twins? Do you know that for Baptists to receive alien immersion is for them to bid Godspeed to all the man-made denominations in the world? Do you know that alien immersion can only add to the present confusion of Christendom?

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tragedy of a soul going out into eternity not saved, not ready to meet the Lord! He is the one to whom you are going to have to give an account. It isn't your preacher, or it isn't your church, but everyone of us is going to have to give an account to Him.

Connie Mack, after watching his Philadelphia Athletics play a game of ball and noticing how the ball players squabbled with the umpire, condemned his men for their buffeting; but then later said that in sixty-five years of watching professional baseball, he didn't believe that the umpires were as good today as they used to be. He didn't believe that the umpires had as fine principles as the umpires in the past, but he said this to his boys, "You have to abide by the decisions of the umpire."

I thought as I read it, the Umpire that I am going to stand before some day is just as good today as He was before the world began. The Umpire that I am going to stand before is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Beloved, when we come to stand before the Lord, He is the one you are going to have to give an account to. You are not responsible to me nor to any other human being. Just think of a man living in this life and dying out of this world and going out into eternity unsaved. It is a tragedy to die unsaved and stand before the Umpire of all times, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh, may the Son of God bless your hearts this morning, Christian friends, and may He draw you up a little nearer to Him and cause you to walk a little closer beside Him. May the Lord bless you, dear unsaved friends. May you trust Jesus and be saved today.

May God bless you!

Russellism

(Continued from page one) ble is made easy, and can be understood.

Russellism teaches that we have been living in the millennium ever since 1874.

Russellism teaches that "Pastor Russell" (so-called) was the pastor of the Laodicean Church.

Russellism teaches that the Gentile Dispensation has come to an end.

(Pastor's Note: This is the doctrine contained in the pamphlets which are given to people on the street corners of every city. If a doctrine was ever hatched in hell, then this one was, for it contradicts every Bible doctrine. God's people should always refuse such heretical literature).

—Grady Higgs

Baptists Awake!

(Continued from page one) against the preaching and publishing of the Word of Truth, they used the church constitution as their stooge to put forward. However, all people in the State of West Virginia know that it is purely a struggle between the church of the Lord Jesus Christ and the ungodly Masonic system, and its evil brood.

The Masonic judge set aside the church constitution in his decision. The constitution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the church several years ago. On page four of the constitution is the following: "BAPTISTS STAND FOR THE BIBLE. IT IS THEIR LAW, THEIR CREED, AND FINAL AU-

THORITY IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO FAITH AND PRACTICE." The judge took no notice whatever of the fact that the Bible is the authority on excluding members from a Baptist church. Details concerning this part of church life were not inculcated in the constitution for the reason quoted above from the constitution. The persons were excluded from Ansted Baptist Church on scriptural grounds; but the judge set aside the Bible also.

This decision must not be allowed to stand! By judicial edict the judge placed, over the vote of the church, 130 unwanted people on the roll of members, 42 of whom were not members at all. By despotic and dictatorial language to be expected only from a Hitler, He also removed the pastor of the church as moderator of its business sessions. There is an entry on the records of the church soon after the present pastor took up his work as pastor recording the fact that the church elected the pastor to be the moderator over its business sessions. This action by the church has never been rescinded by the church.

Since when, in America, did we begin living under a system that provides for a judge to grant membership to non-members of a church and to give him the power to set aside the vote of a church, and to remove a pastor as moderator for a church who had been duly elected to that office? Is such a thing already here, or is this merely a taste beforehand of what all Baptist churches in the land may expect in the near future? ? ?

Before the judge's decision was made public, the Ansted Baptist Church had already voted unanimously that if the decision compromised its rights and liberty in any manner, the case would be appealed to the State Supreme Court of Appeals. The church is fighting a battle for all Baptist churches everywhere. Ansted Baptist Church does not have the money to appeal the case and furnish necessary legal counsel. It will cost at least six hundred dollars for the appeal alone. The total cost of the case may be close to fifteen hundred dollars. They need the help of our Baptist brethren, and other Christians, everywhere. "Come over into Macedonia and help us!" They have only sixty days in which to appeal, and two weeks of this is gone.

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