

Catholicism And Its External Grandeur

The Roman Catholic Church has a grandeur all its own. It would be difficult for even Hollywood, with its masterful artists and fabulous decoys and displays, to recreate the dead and empty, yet awesome atmosphere which pervades the Roman Catholic Church buildings. The faint smell of sweet and spicy incense, the dancing reflections of the flickering gestures of those saying and participating in the mass, each plays a part in the great masquerade. We say, Hollywood would find it difficult to imitate, and assuredly Christ would find it very alien to his simple Gospel taught on the quiet shores of Galilee and along the sandy roads of Judea.

As a system of power, the Roman Catholic Church has no equal and is likely to retain its influence as long as mankind remains spiritually unregenerate. For its entire structure is geared to an earthly, human realism that is admirably suited to the weaknesses of human nature.

It possesses elements of power that are strictly empirical and of the kind that weigh far more with the multitudes than logical argument or spiritual insight. On the one hand, it gains all the advantages accorded to a religion, and on the other, all the benefits, profits and power that accrue to political and business organizations.

Its ritualistic worship may be listed as one of the chief factors that make Roman Catholicism attractive, not only to its devout members, but even to Protestants and more especially to those of no religious affiliation. Witnessed in a great cathedral, Roman Catholic worship appeals as much to the senses as any spectacle on the stage of a theatre in New York City. Though the total effect of such ritualistic displays is often repulsive to reflective minds, a witness to them can not fail to be in some way attracted by the seeming union of the human and the divine. What spiritually sensitive souls most condemn

has the greatest attraction for the great mass of people who, though without interest in religion as such, are moved by sensuous spectacular religion displays and mystifying symbolism.

In Roman Catholicism much emphasis is placed on the type and color of the vestments worn at mass. The Council of Trent at its XXII Session defended this mysterious pagantry declaring:

"Whereas such is the nature of man that, without external helps, he cannot easily be raised to the meditations of divine things, therefore, has Holy Mother Church instituted certain rites, to wit, that certain things be pronounced in the Mass in a low and others in a louder tone. She has likewise employed ceremonies, such as mystic benedictions, lights, incense, vestments and many other things of this kind, derived from an Apostolical tradition, whereby both the majesty of so great a sacrifice might be

recommended and the minds of the faithful be excited by those visible signs of religion and piety to the contemplation of those most sublime things which are hidden in this sacrifice."

Priestly Vestments

There are six vestments worn today by the priest at mass: the amice, alb, cincture, maniple, stole and chasuble. The Roman Catholic Church claims that these, with one exception, represent the ordinary daily dress of the second century Roman, and that they are indeed an excellent witness of the Church's continuity. "The clergy of a modern church wears the dress of the modern citizen," the Church further holds.

The Amice (from the Latin, amicare, to clothe or cover) is a rectangular piece of linen from two to three feet wide, sometimes embroidered at its upper edge. It was originally a hood to cover the head and ears in a cold church, or as others main-

tain, a scarf to protect the throat. Generally, on the middle of the upper edge is stitched a small cross, which the priest must kiss before putting the amice on his shoulders. This garment is always white, and is symbolic of the weapons of war which a soldier of Christ must put on, and its purpose is to recall to the priest that life is a constant war in which he must continually seek victory. The priest should recite, while placing the amice on his shoulders: "Place upon my head, O Lord, the helmet of salvation for repelling the attacks of the evil one."

The alb, declared by Pope Innocent III from its color to typify newness of life, is a long white garment reaching almost to the ground. It is held around the waist by a cincture, a belt or sash with tassels. While donning the alb the priest should say: "Purify me, O Lord and make me clean of heart, that washed in the blood of the

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The Verdicts Of The Great Men Of Science

SIR DAVID BREWSTER, K.H., F.R.S. (1781-1868)

Sir David, a man of massive intellect, said when dying: "I shall see Jesus and that will be grand... I shall see Him who made the worlds." Later he added: "I have had the light for many years and oh! how bright it is. I feel so safe, so satisfied."

SIR JAMES SIMPSON (1811-1870)

The discoverer of chloroform. A Christian of the most enthusiastic and evangelical type. One of his latest utterances is: "I have unshaken confidence in Jesus only." Asked what he considered his greatest discovery, he astonished his interrogator by replying: "That I have a Saviour."

W. M. THOMPSON, LORD KELVIN, O.M. (1824-1907)

Called the Napoleon of Science," he said: "I do not find that the leading men of science are irreligious... If you think strongly enough you will be forced by Science to believe in God. Science positively affirms creative power... Religion and true Science harmonize perfectly." (Continued on page four)

ROBOT READY TO TRANSLATE

Scientists predict the big mechanical brain will soon translate languages at the flip of a switch. It already will do the most intricate mathematical problems.

Dr. H. D. Huskey of the National Bureau of Standards told about the new development in talking to the national convention of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

"By next fall we hope to be able to translate foreign languages by use of the machine," he said.

First attempts probably will be made in translating Russian or German into English. Dr. Huskey said that if the machine will do the job, it will solve a big problem facing engineers and scientists who are not sufficient.

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PROTESTANTISM AND CATHOLICISM IN CONTRAST

By A. Z. MATHEWS
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Every one should know that there are three branches, or divisions of religion in the world today — Catholics, Protestants and Baptists. Baptists are not Protestants, for they were never in the Catholic Church (?) to come out and protest her doctrine. Baptists can trace their doctrine from the present, back through the dark ages to Christ and the apostles. Sometime, through persecution, mostly from the Catholics, they were driven under ground, so to speak.

An illustration of what I am speaking of, is found in some streams that are said to exist in Florida. Down in a low place you will find some water bubbling up from the ground. Follow this little stream a few miles and all of a sudden it will

go underground. Follow the little valley a few miles further, and you will find water emerging from the ground again. Analyze this water and the water from the spring and you will find it to be the same water.

Analyze the faith-doctrine of the Baptists, and that of the Christ and the apostles, and you will find them to be the same. Of course Baptists were called by different names through the centuries.

The Catholic Church (?) was not heard of until near the close of the third century A. D., and the world would have been much better off if it had never been heard of. It is a fact of history that the Catholics have murdered over fifty million

Baptists because they were true to the teachings of Christ. This would be repeated if they were to get into power again.

Baptism, that of the immersion of a believer in water, was practiced by the churches for almost three centuries after Christ. The mode was changed by the Catholics to sprinkling — "rantsm" — which was born of a belief in baptismal regeneration — a damnable heresy.

In the sixteenth century A. D., a band of men led by Martin Luther came out of the Catholic Church, and protested her doctrine, and there, and later on all the other Protestant denominations had their beginning. The sad thing about this is the fact that when these different denominations came out of the Catholic Church they brought

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Sanctification By The Blood And By God's Word

By ROY MASON
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The Bible teaches sanctification, and Baptists believe in sanctification, although many don't know that they do. There is much misunderstanding as to what sanctification is. Many are ignorant of its meaning as was the old colored woman who was asked how her sick mistress was. Her reply was, "She sho is bad. I think dat sanctification done sot in."

Let us note some Scriptures that deal with sanctification: I Thess. 4:3; 5:23; II Cor. 7:1; 13:9; Eph. 1:4.

A Common Error

It is taught by holiness groups that sanctification is a second work of grace, that one receives subsequent to conversion. In this, the old Adamic nature is supposed to be eradicated, such that one no longer sins or has any desire to do so. And this sanctification is supposed to be obtained through altar exercises in which one rolls, prays lustily, and is helped by being beaten on the back by anxious friends.

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SOME MODERN TROJAN HORSES

Students of history remember the episode of the Trojan Horse and the fatal consequence to those who were fooled by it. Under the cover of what seemed to be wholly harmless and innocent the enemy soldiers achieved entrance into the city and soon captured it. This tactic is one much used today by the forces of error as they seek entrance into the confidence and support of the Lord's people. They come in the guise of that which is difficult to condemn and under cover of much that is good. After it is too late for those who love the truth to do anything effective about it, they discover how terribly they have been fooled. Many of the great religious programs of the day are largely "Trojan Horses" and

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"God's Hand In Human Affairs"

(Read Matthew 24).

I remember a number of years ago that a Boston self-styled wise man and philosopher announced through the paper that he would answer any question for anybody, any time, on any subject. A Baptist preacher in the city of Boston saw this advertisement in the paper and went to this self-styled wise man and philosopher, paid the customary fee for the interview, and then said, "Tell me, how is things?" This wise man, not to be stumped by the question

that was asked him, said, "Things is mixed."

Beloved, it doesn't take a wise man to know that this is true of this world today, for "things is mixed" and nobody knows the way out of the mixup. All you have to do is just observe conditions as they exist—religiously, spiritually, morally, educationally, nationally, internationally, industrially and economically—and you will know at once that "things is mixed."

I have been wondering a great deal as to what is going to be

the outcome. It seems to me that one of three things could take place.

God might give us a worldwide revival. God knows I would be happy to see it but I don't think He is going to. I don't see any evidence of it. It would appear to me that things would indicate that we are getting farther from a worldwide revival everyday, and the likelihood and the possibility of it is certainly far removed.

A second thing that could take place is a world-wide revolution.

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lution. I believe that we are far nearer a world-wide revolution that we are a world-wide revival, for there is unrest and distress on every hand. It would be a mighty easy thing for a world-wide revolution to take place overnight, but I don't believe that even that is going to come to pass.

In this world where things are mixed and confused, there is a third possibility of what might come to pass and that is the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that it is not only a probability and a possibility, but I believe that it is furthermore a glorious reality that shall soon be materialized before our very eyes.

I say then, that there are three things that might come to pass — a world-wide revival, a world-wide revolution, or the return of the Son of God to this world again. May it please the Lord that we shall be spared from a revolution. May it please the Lord that He would give us here and there a revival as seemeth good in His sight, and especially may it please the Lord to give us the imminent soon return of the Lord Jesus back to this sin-cursed world.

I

I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO NOTICE SOME OF THE PROPHECIES THAT WE HAVE AS TO TODAY, TOMORROW, AND UNTIL JESUS DOES COME.

This world will never know any abiding condition of peace until Jesus comes.

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

—Mt. 24:6.

The statesmen and the politicians are working at a warless world from the wrong angle. There will never be a peace in a world that rejects the Prince of Peace, and the only time that we will ever have a warless world is when we have the Prince of Peace controlling this world. This verse of Scripture would indicate to us that this world will never know any abiding condition of peace among individuals or nations until Jesus Christ comes back again. The League of Nations became a "League of Nations." Peace conferences following World War II have amounted to no more than the League of Nations. The Security Council of the United Nations that was going to outlaw war has proven to be valueless and worthless so far as their goal is concerned.

H. G. Wells, who was one of the greatest historians of this generation, even though he was

THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION

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The blessed doctrine of election,
Taught so plain in God's Holy Word,
Difficult for some to comprehend,
So in anger unsheathe the sword;
They call it, "Hyper-Calvinism,"
Say it destroys man's free choice,
Says, if God calls some He is partial,
Fight the doctrine with pen and voice.

In sov'reign grace of His own free will,
In eternity of the past,
God sealed a remnant, the true elect,
And forever He holds them fast;
He knows the names of His own dear sheep,
And they come at the Shepherd's call;
"I know my sheep, and am known of mine,"
From His love they never can fall.

Who are the elect God has chosen
From the foundation of the world,
And sealed by His Holy Spirit,
So their future is not imperiled?
"For whom he did foreknow," God's Word says,
"He also did predestinate,"
Them "to be conformed to his image,"
That they might not be left to fate.

Friend: It is a glorious doctrine,
It gives assurance to the soul;
It is all of grace apart from works,
Pointing to the Saviour its goal;
Strikes blow at Arminianism,
Its exaltation of the flesh,
Magnifies the sov'reign grace of God,
Leads away from doctrinal mesh.

an infidel, said a few years ago that in six thousand years of known history concerning the world that there had never been but 227 years of peace. Imagine a world that is able to trace history for six thousand years and yet can find only 227 years in which there has been any type of peace.

Beloved, there will be little seasons of peace between individuals, in churches, in communities, and among nations, but the world will never know any abiding condition of peace until the Prince of Peace takes up His residence again here within the world.

I want you to notice also that opposition to God and to God's people will never cease until Jesus comes again.

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake."

—Mt. 24:9.

Years ago, about the time that I became pastor here in Russell, someone sent me a Russian newspaper. I never knew who sent it or where it came from, but in it was a cartoon of a working man, climbing up a ladder that was pointing toward the skies, with a sickle and a mallet in his hand, and with an angry scowl upon his face. Under it was the caption, "Now that we have finished with the earthly Czars, we will tackle the Heavenly ones."

Beloved that is Communism. That hand that held the mallet and the sickle and the scowl of defiance upon the face of that working man all indicate the hatred and the animosity on the part of human beings toward God. You don't have to go to Russia to find men who hate God. Multiplied thousands of people all over America are motivated by the same spirit and the same principle.

God demands of every saved person one-tenth of his income. How many church members give it to Him? God demands of saved people their attendance at the house of God. How many

saved people even attempt to be regular in their worship in the house of God? It has come to the place that men look upon Sunday as a time for relaxation and a time for anything and everything but to serve God, so that Sunday is no longer a worship day, but it is now a "fun day" and the Holy Day has thus been turned to a holiday.

Beloved, the same spirit that causes God's people not to bring their tithe, and causes God's people not to serve Him on His day, is the same spirit that motivates the Communists and the Atheists and the agnostics. That opposition toward God and God's people who faithfully love and serve Him everyday, will never, never let up until Jesus Christ comes back again. If you are going to stand for the things of God, you can expect opposition until Jesus comes again. You need not expect things to get any easier.

A lad came to see me a few days ago who felt that God had called him to preach, and he wanted to talk to me about it. I said, "Can you do anything else and be happy? Can you do anything else and feel like everything is right between you and God? If you can, do it. If you feel like you can't do anything else and be happy but preach the Word of God, then take off your coat and roll up your sleeves and pitch in. It will be a battle from the day you start.

God's people also are going to wax colder and colder as the days come and go.

"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."—Mt. 24:12.

All around, iniquity is going to abound. You needn't expect it to be otherwise. There will be plenty of iniquity all around us.

Last evening I went to the drugstore and as I walked in I noticed a television set. As I waited to get some medicine my doctor came in, and we stood there talking about the program. I had seen several pro-

grams on television that were indecent, but last evening was the most indecent one that I have ever seen flashed before a public audience. As we stood there talking about it, my doctor said, "But Gilpin, just remember it is there because the American people want it thus."

Beloved, that it what we can expect. Iniquity is going to abound, and when iniquity abounds, God's people get cold. It oughtn't to have that effect; it ought to have just the opposite effect. When iniquity abounds and we have to see it and come in contact with it, it ought to make us hate it. It ought to make us on fire for God. It ought to cause us to fight harder than ever before. The sad thing is, when iniquity abounds, God's people get colder and colder toward the service of the Lord.

I think this morning how many of God's people once were on fire and who were busy actively serving the Lord, yet now, if they do anything at all, they just go to church, drop down in a seat, and at least apparently try to listen and endure the service. Beloved, instead of God's people being cold, they ought to be on fire for God.

The Word of God says that we can expect iniquity, and as we look forward to the coming of Christ, that as iniquity abounds, the love of many shall wax cold.

The Word of God tells us that human nature is going to remain the same until the coming of Jesus.

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

—Mt. 24:37.

Talk about education and science and civilization all you want to, but, beloved, it won't make human nature one bit better than it was in the days of Noah. Men and women have the same kind of nature now as they had back in the days of Noah, and education and science and civilization haven't made it better. The fact of the matter is, our boasted education and science certainly have been, for the last twenty-five years, confused. I can remember when the United States Government established a Department of Agriculture and put a man at the head of that department and called him the Secretary of Agriculture. They began then their propaganda of teaching farmers how to raise more and bigger livestock and bigger and better crops than ever before. We succeeded so well with that program that we had to start killing off the surplus of the livestock, plowing up every third row of cotton, and chopping down the corn and burning up the wheat and making fertilizer out of the potatoes. That is education, science, and civilization for you.

Listen to me, beloved, human nature is going to be the same when Jesus comes back as it was in the days of Noah, and science and education will never change it one particle.

Society itself is going to become more and more corrupt as time goes on toward the coming of Jesus Christ.

"For whosoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together."—Mt. 24:28.

The word for "eagle" is the word for "buzzard." When you see an old buzzard floating around in the sky above, you can know that something is dead on the ground. That old buzzard is looking for something dead.

Jesus said that before His return that this world will be like a dead, rotting, decaying carcass that the buzzards are look-

ing for. Talk about society getting better; talk about society becoming more like it ought to be, the day will never come but what society will be corrupt at heart, and as time goes on, society will be more and more corrupt until Jesus comes.

Oh, what an accusation this is against humanity when God said that when His Son comes back to take possession of this world, that society will be just like a rotting corpse! Can you imagine anything much more repulsive than a dog that has been killed by an automobile and left by the wayside without being buried, blown by the flies and smelling as it decomposes in the elements? That is just exactly what God says civilization is going to be like when His Son comes back.

II

THOUGH THESE THINGS CHARACTERIZE THE DAYS BEFORE THE RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S HAND IS CLEARLY SEEN IN HUMAN AFFAIRS RIGHT DOWN TO THE END WHEN JESUS COMES.

God's hand is going to be seen in the survival of the Jewish race.

"Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."

—Mt. 24:34.

The word for "generation" is the word "gena," which means "race." Jesus said that the Jewish race is not going to pass away until all these things be fulfilled. I couldn't begin to tell you the times when the Jewish race has been assaulted, when it looked like every Jew was going to be exterminated. There is not one nation on the top side of the earth except the United States but what has stained its statute books with laws contrary to the Jews. Every nation except the United States has done so, yet, beloved, the Jews are still here. Don't tell me that you fail to see God's hand in human affairs today.

When you go into the mercantile markets, you have to deal primarily with one of the descendants of Abraham. Beloved, Jesus said that until He comes back again, this race shall not pass away.

Notice again, you will see God's hand in the preservation of the Bible.

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

Notice the heavens you see above you — the heaven of clouds where the birds fly by day and the heaven in which the stars and the moon shine by night. These heavens are going to pass away. These heavens are going to pass away, and this earth is going to be renovated. There is a day coming when God is going to burn this old earth over by fire and it shall pass away.

On the contrary, this old Book is going to last. It may not be read. As God's people get colder and colder, they are going to read it less and less; and as iniquity abounds, it is going to be used still less. But, brother, sister, this old Book is going to be preserved right down to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. You are going to see God's hand in human affairs right here in this Bible.

There is a third way in which we will see God's hand—we will see His hand in that there is to be an effectual witness of the Gospel until Jesus comes back.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."—Mt. 24:14.

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preached right down to the end of time. It isn't popular today, it never has been popular, and it won't be any more popular tomorrow than it was today; but, beloved, it is going to survive. God is going to have some preachers here and there who are going to preach the Gospel until Jesus Christ comes. Most preachers are going to preach a social Gospel—soup, sunshine and sanitation, but, beloved, God is going to have some preachers who are going to preach the pure, unadulterated Gospel—that Jesus died for the sins of His elect. God is going to have some preachers who will preach that until Jesus comes back again.

That Gospel isn't going to be without effect. It is going to have power; it is going to be a witness to all the nations; and it is going to be the means of calling out God's elect until Jesus Christ comes back again.

Some people think that God has forgotten about this world, but He still has His hand in human affairs. The Jews are surviving, His Word is being preserved, and the Gospel is being preached as a witness and God is calling out His elect. In it all, God is manifesting His hand in human affairs today.

Like the words of the poet, when he said:

"Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne;
Yet that scaffold sways the
future,
And behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the
shadows,
Keeping watch upon His own."

Yes, brother, sister, God has His hand in human affairs, and the things that are happening today are just working out God Almighty's plan and will continue to do so until Jesus comes.

III

IN THE LIGHT OF THIS,
THERE ARE SOME THINGS
THAT WE NEED TO REMEM-
BER.

We need to remember that there is going to be an end to human affairs.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall THE END COME."—Mt. 24:14.

There is going to be an end to all this some day. People act as though they are going to live forever, and some folk act like this world is going to go on forever.

One man said to me a short time ago, "When I am gone, there will be others to take over, and this world will go right on." Beloved, that is true. You and I won't be missed but a mighty few days, if at all, but it isn't going right on forever. There is going to be an end to human affairs some day.

Another thing to remember is that terrible times await this earth.

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, Then let them which are in Judea flee into the mountains."—Mt. 24:15,16.

Beloved, there are going to be some terrible times coming to this earth—so terrible that the Lord in advance promises woe to that woman who is pregnant with child and woe to that individual who is giving nourishment to a babe. God says that terrible times are in store for this old world. If you will read Revelation 5:19, you will see some of the things that are in store for this old world, how that God is going to send plague after plague. If you are still alive when Jesus comes, there are some terrible days ahead for you if you are not a Christian.

Another thing that we should remember is that the Christian life is just a battle ground.

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you; and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake."—Mt. 24:9.

We hear people talking about how terrible the Korean War is, and it is. My sympathy goes out to any individual who has a boy in the army, whether he be killed or not. Beloved, listen,

the Christian life is the same thing if you are doing what you ought to for the Lord Jesus Christ. If this world isn't a battle ground for you today, it is because you have gone AWOL. If everything is going smoothly and you are not having any difficulties as you try to serve the Lord, there is something wrong in your Christian experience. This world is just a battle ground for the child of God.

There is something else for us to remember — nothing but the grace of God can change human nature.

In the days of Noah, he found grace in the sight of God. When Jesus Christ comes back again, this world will be just the same when he returns as it was in the days of Noah. It will still take the grace of God to change a man's life. Nothing will change your life but the grace of God. You can join all the churches that you want to join, you can become affiliated with all kinds of organizations, but there isn't anything in this world that can change human nature but the grace of God. It takes the grace of God to operate on a dead man to make him alive, and nothing but God's grace can do it. We are all spiritually dead in this world until the grace of God comes into our lives. If you are ever made alive, it will be because of God's grace.

Also we should remember that Jesus is coming back again.

"And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."—Mt. 24:31.

Yes, He is coming. One of these days, we know not when, nor would we even seek to tell you when,—one of these days He is coming for His elect. He is going to gather His elect. He will have some elect in Russell. He will have some elect down in South America where we have our missionaries. He will have some elect over yonder in China and in Africa. He is going to pick them up here and there.

Yes, thank God, He is coming. I am glad that He is coming. I am glad that we have the prospect of His coming. I am glad that we can look forward to His coming, and as we do, may it please the Lord to help us to be clean, to be ready, and to be watching. May it please the Lord to help us to—

"Take time to be holy
The world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret
With Jesus alone."

God help you to be ready when He comes and to remember that He still has His hand in human affairs.

May God bless you!

Trojan Horse

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are being used effectively to capture multitudes of the Lord's faithful children. Among Southern Baptists the most effective "Trojan Horse" is the "Co-Operative Program." Outwardly it is fine (if one does not compare it too closely with the Scripture), and included in it are many really worthwhile activities. But, in order to support the "good" in it one must also support the "bad," and it is by the continued support of many of the Lord's people through this "Program" that the forces of rationalism and infidelity are capturing what is left of the citadels of historical Baptist faith.

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Lamb, I may possess eternal joy," and for the cincture: "Gird me, O Lord, with the cincture of purity and extinguish in my loins the heat of concupiscence that the virtue of continence and chastity may abide in me."

The maniple, originally a white linen handkerchief carried in the left hand, or thrown over the left arm used in touching the sacred vessels, is now a small strip of cloth, worn on the left wrist of the priest, and is usually two feet long. It has three crosses embroidered on it, one in the middle and one at each end, and is symbolic of the chains that held Christ tied to the column of flagellation.

This is particularly symbolic, as the Roman Catholic priest is considered as an alter Christus, another Christ, one who daily offers the sacrifice of Calvary, one who offers, according to John D. Delany in his pamphlet *My Mind Wanders*, a better sacrifice than Christ offered on Calvary. "By offering the mass you add something to Calvary, you almost improve on Calvary." (Italics are author's own.)

When the priest takes the maniple, he should repeat, "May I deserve, O Lord, to bear the maniple of weeping and sorrow in order that I may reap joyfully the reward of my labors."

The fifth vestment, the stole, is a band of cloth which is worn around the neck of a priest and crossed on his breast and held in place by the cincture. It was originally a long scarf worn by Roman officials and magistrates when on duty, and is used today when the priest administers the sacraments, as a badge of his authority. Its color must correspond to the liturgical color of the day. When putting on the stole before mass, the priest is to say:

"Give me anew, O Lord, the robe of immortality, which I have lost by prevarication of our first parents, and although I am unworthy to approach thy holy mysteries, may I yet merit eternal joy."

The final priestly vestment is the chasuble, which is the outer garment. This is opened at both sides and the top so it can rest on the shoulders. It reaches to the knees. This was originally worn by Roman soldiers and was a bell-shaped rain-cloak, but even Roman Catholic sources admit, "it has been so cut away since the fifteenth century as to be almost unrecognizable."

The chasuble is emblematic of the charity that envelops the soul, and in donning it the priest should recite: "O Lord, who has said, 'My yoke is sweet and my burden light,' grant that I may so carry it as to merit Thy grace."

Liturgical Colors

A calendar year is regarded by the Roman Catholic Church as a liturgical year, and by a law of her liturgy, the Church directs that vestments worn by Roman Catholic priests and the drapery used in the decoration of the altar and statues of saints should correspond in color to the prescribed color of the day. According to the official Roman Rubric, the Roman Catholic priest is obligated *sub grave* to use the appropriate liturgical color of the day.

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Two Continents! One Bible!

The white and black portions of the two American Continents shown here were discovered and colonized at about the same time. Any difference of opportunity or of resources that may have existed between them was in favor of the southern Continent. However the northern land prospered greatly from the very beginning in all those things that make life worth while. The southern countries grovelled for four centuries, and still grovel, in almost universal destitution, illiteracy and illegitimacy. WHY? The answer is clear. The countries above the Rio Grand were given the Bible and the Protestant faith of the Pilgrim Fathers. Those to the south were given the sword of the Spaniard and the idols of the priests of Rome. The map tells the rest of the story!

Neglected Opportunity

The percentage shown for the countries north of the Rio Grande would be even lower were it not for Roman Catholic Quebec in Canada, and the foreign-born Romanists in the United States. The figures for the Latin American countries are, on the whole, approximate, due to the fact that some of the more backward nations down there do not keep careful records of vital statistics. However, the percentages given are those of the most conservative estimates from authoritative sources.

Poor "Neglected Continent!"
But, if our Lord shall tarry—verily,
LAND OF THE FUTURE! Shall
we give her the Word of God?

ILLITERACY 60 TO 80%
ILLEGITIMACY 25 TO 50%

OUR SISTER
CONTINENT
CALLS FOR
A SAVIOUR!

SHALL WE
ANSWER
THE CALL?

Catholicism

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The history of liturgical colors is not easily traced. Benedict XIV says that up to the fourth century white was the only liturgical color in use. But before the 10th century, different colored vestments are noticeable in mosaics and frescopaintings. "Whilst affirming that vestments were white down to the beginning of the fourth century, in that and succeeding centuries the practice developed of using a diversity of colors, as is demonstrated in monuments earlier than the seventh century."

There are five primary liturgical colors: white, red, green, purple and black; and five supplementary colors: rose, lily, blue, gold and yellow. White speaks of purity and innocence of life, joy and glorification. Red is the symbol of love and sacrifice; green of hope and peace; purple of penance and mortification; and black the color of death and the grave.

The color of the mass is determined by the liturgical color of the day. At the opening of the legal courts in the fall of the year, we often read of Red Mass. The Mass on the feast of the Holy Ghost, when red vestments are required, is dedicated to members of the legal profession, when the Holy Ghost is invoked to grant wisdom and justice to members of the legal profession. Likewise, a Black Mass is said on Good Friday and in all masses for the dead, when black draperies adorn the church and black vestments are used.

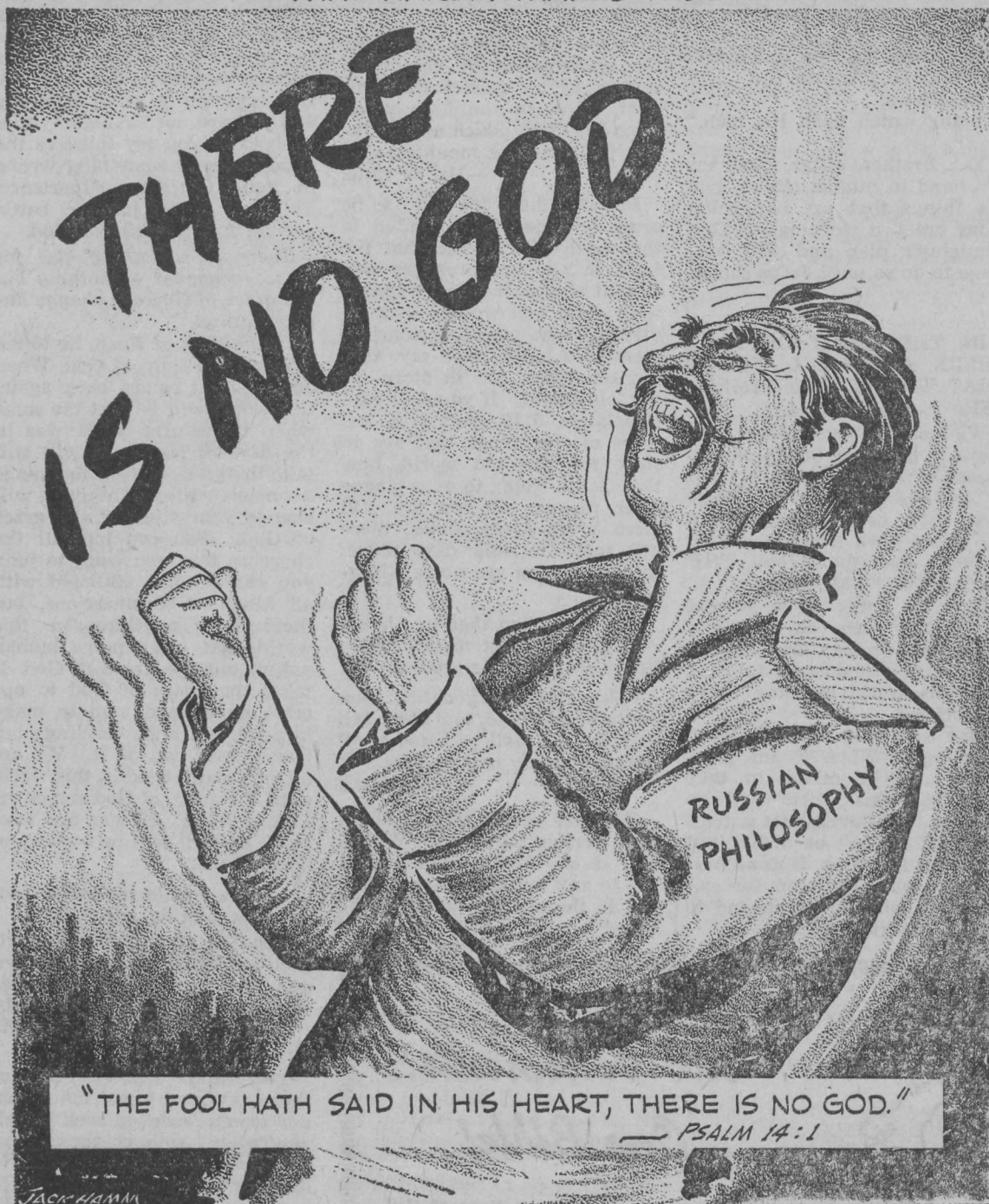
The Roman Catholic Church desires to teach that these liturgical colors are visible expressions of religious feeling that she is imbued with when she offers the Sacrifice of the Mass. Furthermore she holds that the priest bears through these liturgical colors the whole history of the Roman Church on his shoulders, her victories, the virtues of Christ and the Saints, her sorrows and joys.

According to the Roman Catholic Church her liturgical tend to remove the thoughts of her children from earthly things and turn them to the heavens.

But in all this, the Roman Catholic Church has failed. The intensity of no color, the aroma of no incense, the flame of no candle will ever bring a soul to Christ. There is only one medium of access to heaven, the cross of Christ. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Christ warned against outward appearance, "Woe unto you, scribes, and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones and of all uncleanness." Paul gave the secret for real peace, real satisfaction and joy, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." And Timothy declared, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

THAT HARDLY MAKES IT SO



Sanctification

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This is by no means an exaggeration — we have seen this process demonstrated. All of this is wholly unscriptural and wrong, and is of the flesh.

What Does The Bible Say?

1. It says that sanctification is through the blood of Christ. (Heb. 10:10). That means that when one receives Christ as having died in one's stead, he is "set apart" as God's property forever. That is our position—that of a child of God forever.

2. It says that we may become more sanctified in actual practice through knowing the truth of God. (Jn. 17:17). One might adopt an orphan boy. He is immediately given the position of a son, but he knows little of the wishes of his new parents, and has many things to overcome. As he lives with his new parents, he becomes more like them in habits and behavior. He quits wolfing down his food — quits eating with his fingers — quits going with dirty hands and face — quits many unlovely habits.

3. It says that we shall be wholly sanctified as to body, mind, and spirit, when we stand one day in the Lord's presence. We shall "be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." Never until "we see him as he is" shall we be completely sanctified. So then, complete sanctification awaits our resurrection or transformation at the coming of Christ.

We Might State It Like This:

1. We are saved from the GUILT AND PENALTY OF SIN, when we believe on Christ.
2. We are saved progressively FROM THE HABITS AND

DOMINION OF SIN, as we learn more of the will of God, and "grow in grace."

3. WE SHALL BE SAVED from the very PRESENCE of sin, at the appearing of the Lord.

Thus you can see that there are THREE TENSES to the Christian life—past, present and future. One should be able to say, "I have been saved—I am being saved, and I shall be saved."

The Bible says, "Now is your salvation nearer than when ye believed." That means, salvation in its consummation—salvation in its full completion.

Because sanctification is distorted, and so many fanatical things are taught about it, is no reason for us to reject the Bible doctrine of sanctification. We don't reject good money because there is counterfeit money.

Robot To Translate

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ficiently trained in languages to translate scientific papers of other nations.

The \$200,000 mechanical brain on the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles now can handle 2,500 multiplications and 16,000 additions every second.

Dr. J. B. Rosser of the Bureau of Standards said an extra machine is being devised to "read" foreign texts. He explained it is planned to feed a foreign vocabulary into the "memory" department of the big computer. Then, when everything is set, it is expected that the English words, in lit-

eral translation, will come out printed on a tape.

At that rate, it will not be at all difficult for the False Prophet of Revelation 13 to have the image of the Beast made, and give it breath to speak and command that "as many as would not worship the image of the Beast should be killed."

Protestantism

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out with them many of their heresies, and are preaching and practicing them today. I will now name a few of them (a) sprinkling for baptism; (b) infant baptism; (c) Episcopal form of church government, which makes man the head of the church instead of Christ; (d) Baptismal regeneration. If you were to tell those who preach and practice these heresies that they were brought out of the Catholic Church, it would make them fighting mad, but that is exactly where they came from.

Baptists will accept the truth taught by all others, and then some. They will accept the one truth (they have but one) the Catholics have—the virgin birth of Christ. I ask this question: If the Baptists will accept all truth wherever they find it, and they will, WHAT USE HAVE WE FOR ANY OTHER DENOMINATION?

Suppose you had a large canvas, and you were to begin on one side and write the Catholic Church with all her doctrines, and then write all the others in between, and write the Baptist doctrines on the other side, you would have the Baptists where they belong as they are just as

far from the Catholics as they can get in their belief. Now begin with the Baptists and erase them with all their doctrines, leaving the Catholics alone. You will have destroyed every principle for which Jesus died. Put them all back, and begin at the other end and blot out the Catholics with all the others except the Baptists and you will not have destroyed one principle for which Jesus died.

All other denominations got a part of their doctrine from the Catholics and part from the Baptists.

I am aware of the fact that many Baptists have drifted into modernism and post-millennialism, and other isms. But I am an old-time Baptist, that believes the Bible from "Kiver to kiver," and this is written in the defense of the Faith that was once for all delivered to the Saints. May God help you to be that type of Baptist!

Men Of Science

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SIR AMBROSE FLEMING, D.Sc., F.R.S. (1849-1946)

Pioneer in Electrical Physics. Inventor of the Thermionic Valve making wireless to date possible. He said: "We must not build on the sands of an uncertain and ever-changing science . . . but upon the rock of the inspired Scriptures, which do not comprise the guesses of fallible minds, but utterances of Holy men of God who spoke by the Holy Ghost."

From the above testimonies, to which those of many more learned and scientific men might be added, we see how foolish is the remark with which we are sometimes confronted, that science has quite demolished the Bible or at least that it is quite unscientific to believe the Bible. Scientists know that they have not yet spoken the last word, that Science is constantly changing its mind, but the Word of God is unchanging and unchangeable. "For ever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven" (Psa. 119:89). "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35). In all its changings and new ideas, Science is constantly drawing nearer to the Bible. Indeed, as Science advances, it even adds to our understanding of Scripture by showing us, for instance, how "the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the works that are therein, shall be burnt up . . . All these things shall be dissolved. The heavens being on fire shall be dissolved and the elements shall melt with fervent heat" (2 Pet. 3:10-12). We, of course, knew that this would be so, but with the discovery of the terrific power of atomic fission, we can see a little more clearly how it will happen.

To sum up, then, Science is not only not contradictory to the Bible, but it is even allied to Holy Scripture. Indeed, seeing that both, in their true and ultimate origins, come from God, there can be no contradiction between the Book of Revelation and the Book of Creation. Our God is indeed He whose name is "Wonderful," and how wonderful it is that puny creatures like ourselves, so utterly unworthy of the least of His favors, should be lifted by His grace, through faith in His Son, to a position of "children" with such a Father!—The Standard Bearer.

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