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How Satan Deceives Concerning Hell

No one knows better than the Devil that Hell has been prepared for him (see Matt. 25:41). Nevertheless he seeks to deceive people concerning Hell, with a view to taking away people's fear of Hell. This is with a view to causing people to go to Hell. Let us take note of some of the false notions that Satan has put into people's minds concerning Hell.

entific" present. Of course, in assuming this attitude, they must needs cast aside the divine inspiration of the Scriptures, for beyond question the Bible teaches the existence of a Devil, demon spirits, angels, and a place of eternal torment called Hell. "Hell, prepared for the devil and his angels" said Jesus.

2. There is the teaching that Hell is nothing more than the grave. This is the contention of the "Jehovah's Witnesses." It is based on faulty scholarship. The grave cannot be identified with the place of final punishment. The Bible calls it the "Lake of Fire" (Rev. 20:13-15). Here in this passage we have the dead brought out of their graves, judged and assigned to the Lake of Fire.

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Adventists, for instance, teach the final annihilation of the wicked — and that must include Satan. They take such passages as, "The wicked shall be ashes" and apply that to the spiritual part of man, when the application is only to the body. Rev. 20:10 is (Continued on page 8, column 5)

The Russian government newspaper *Izvestia* contained the account of the conversion of V. Rozin, a Russian orthodox priest, to atheism.

On a certain Sunday, he said to his congregation in the village of Sodorokove, near Moscow, "I have become an atheist. There will be no service today."

The reasons he gave were: "People have learned to dominate nature, carry a pennant to the moon, photograph the moon's hidden side and put rockets into space. Not God, but science helped them. I am convinced there is no God!"

A few questions are in order. What does the priest mean by "Nature"? Multitudes of people say "Nature," instead of saying "God." Who created the moon which man can photograph? Man must observe some well established laws in order to put rockets into space. Who put those laws into operation?

A Russian lad receives a fine camera as a birthday gift. He has been eager to photograph the Kremlin. He studiously reads the instruction book which came with the camera. He talks with and asks questions of adults who have been successful in the art of taking pictures.

At long last, he takes snap-

shots of the world famous buildings! He has the film developed and discovers he has some splendid views of the buildings. He is so excited about it, he calls all members of the family together and informs them that he no longer believes the Kremlin had an architect.

He is asked his reasons for his unbelief. He shows them the snapshots, and says: "I not only took exterior views; but with the aid of flashlight bulbs, I even took a photograph of its darkest interior niche. And the authorities even allowed me to hang my school pennant on one of its walls! Doesn't that satisfy you?"

The family replies: "We don't understand what your picture taking of the Kremlin, and the hanging of a pennant on its wall has to do with your denial of the fact that an architect planned it all!"

"O," says he, "You are old-fashioned, and you want to cling to the old idea that the Kremlin had an architect. Can't you see it was not the architect that helped me to do this: it was my knowledge of the science of photography. Hence, I am convinced there was no architect!" The parents give one long, sad look, and exclaim, "Son, we fear for your reason."

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This Issue Is The "Last Call For Rally Day." If You Intend To Help TBE On This Special Day, Now Is The Time To Do Something!

Amillennialism Examined

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ARTICLE 4 WARFIELD'S AMILLENNIALISM

We considered the Augustinian view in the last article, which holds to the erroneous position that Christ is now reigning over the church from the Father's throne. Those who teach such say that all the Old Testament promises of a kingdom are fulfilled in this reign over the church. I now want to present the position that B. B. Warfield promoted in this country.

He held to the unscriptural view that the reign of Christ was not earthly in any sense, but that Christ is reigning in Heaven over the saints there. To prove the utter falseness of this view we simply turn to the Word of God and show that Christ's reign will be on the EARTH. Many of the same Scriptures that I used in the last article, refuting the Augustinian theory, may be used to refute this theory. So we ask

the reader to check the previous article in this series.

Christ is to Reign on the Earth
"And hath made us unto our God a kingdom and priests; and they reign on the EARTH." — Rev. 5:10 (ASV).

"And the Lord shall be king over all the EARTH; in that day shall there be one Lord and his name one." — Zech. 14:9.

"Behold, the day come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice IN THE EARTH." — Jer. 23:5.

"The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from JERUSALEM; and the heaven and the earth shall shake . . . So shall ye know that I am the Lord your GOD DWELLING IN ZION, my holy mountain: then shall

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LAST CALL FOR RALLY DAY

As this article is written, TBE's Rally Day is almost at hand. In fact, some of you may even receive this issue after Rally Day, due to slow mail delivery. But we hope you will not let that hinder you from still having a part in our Rally Day offering. We always allow for a few days for all possible mail to come in before we consider something special like this closed. So you can still get your contribution to us to be counted in the Rally Day offering, even if you have received this issue late.

But some of you have not received it late. You still have time to take out a sizeable offering from your pocket-book (Continued on page 3, column 1)

A Roman Catholic Candidate-- A Roman Catholic President

Today the public has been propagandized to the place where if one makes bold to dare to speak or write on any phase of our subject, he is at once branded a bigot.

A current expression heard most everywhere is, "A man's religion is his own business." True our constitution expressly says that religion shall not be a test of state. Baptists probably had more to do with putting that clause in the constitution than any others. We would be the first to fight to keep it in the constitution. As much as we may differ from the essence and form of Roman Catholic philosophy and practice, we would all fight for the right of Roman Catholics to believe and worship God the way they choose to worship Him.

In fact, the issue before us is

not that of religion at all. Who would object to a Roman Catholic for president just on that basis alone? The hitch in the mind of Americans is, at this point, would it be possible for a Roman Catholic to be possible without being a Roman Catholic president? America doesn't want a Roman Catholic president, or a Baptist president, nor a Christian Science president.

This whole issue stems from the very nature and structure of the Roman Catholic philosophy. This is it. Roman Catholicism is a totalitarian religious organization with the so-called Vicar of Christ seated in Rome who has absolute authority over every member of the body all over the world in certain phases of life such as the attitude toward church and state relations and the American idea of public education. The basis of its philosophy in such matters of separation of church and state, the public school system, etc., is in complete variance to the concept which most Americans hold and which concepts are clearly defined in the constitution (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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"TROUBLES--HE BEARS THEM"

Fourteenth in a Series of Messages from Isaiah 53 — By John R. Gilpin

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows." — Isa. 53:4.

I doubt seriously if there is any message that I shall preach in this series on this fifty-third chapter of Isaiah that will be any more practical, or any more to the point, so far as we ourselves are concerned than this message. In fact, the Scripture referring to our griefs and our sorrows ought to strike home to the hearts of every one of us, for surely every one of us knows the meaning of griefs and sorrows in our own lives.

I TROUBLES ARE THE COMMON LOT OF ALL MANKIND.

We read: "Yet man is BORN UNTO TROUBLE, as the sparks fly upward." — Job 5:7.

If you stand beside a fire, particularly an open fire, you will notice that the sparks fly naturally upward and out in space. The Word of God says this is only natural and likewise man is born to trouble.

Notice again: "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and FULL OF TROUBLE." — Job 14:1.

Surely, beloved all of us know in a sense the meaning of this Scripture. Our days are not long. Rather in comparison to eternity they are but a few, but those few days we have within this world are full of trouble.

I remember a woman who many times in the past, in conversation has made mention of the fact that she wasn't happy, so far as her life was concerned. I think she is a saved person. I am sure that she is a child of God. She has had a lot of difficulties in many, many ways. I remember on numerous occasions when she has made a statement to me, that she (Continued on page 4, column 3)

APPRECIATED LETTER

Dear Brother Ross and Brother Gilpin:

Well, after so many months of being blessed by the works and messages that have appeared in the paper, I have decided to write a blessing and a great help to me in times past and also the time present.

An old brother in a church I used to pastor in Shreveport, La., and sent me the TBE for me that time I was leaning toward the Bible Baptist Fellowship and was so unscriptural in a lot of my teachings, but thanks be to God and the truths that TBE stands for, that with the Bible (Continued on page 8, column 4)

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Scriptural Light On Roman Catholicism

By Anthony Zeola

I have beside me a Roman Catholic Bible which has been approved by His Eminence John Cardinal Farley, Archbishop of New York. I want to show some things that are in this Bible that are not believed and not practiced by the Roman Church. If the Roman Church would give to her people the Word of God, then we could believe that she means well. The true fact is that the Roman Church does not want her people to have the Word of God and proves that she wants to keep her people in darkness. If the Roman Church wanted her people to have the light she would give them the Bible because "The entrance of Thy words giveth light, it giveth understanding unto the simple." Ps. 119:130. The Roman Church knows that her people could not be held in fear if they read the Bible and so for this reason and many others, the Bible is kept from them. We will take up some of the things taught in the Roman Church.

Call No Man Father

The Roman Catholic Church teaches her people to call the priests, Father, while in their Bible it says, "And call none your Father upon earth for one is your Father who is in heaven." Matt. 23:9. It says very plainly "call no one, or no man, Father." This means priest, Pope and all in religious circles.

Communion Or The Lord's Supper

When Christ instituted Communion or the Lord's Supper, He gave bread and wine to His disciples, I Cor. 11:24-25. The Roman Catholic Church does not give bread or wine to her people as the Lord commanded. In place of bread she gives crackers and no wine, but Jesus says in I Cor. 11:26, "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup." The priest is the only one who drinks the wine. How true the Word of God is in Isaiah 28:7, "But they have also erred through wine and through strong drink are out of the way. The priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine. They err in vision and stumble in judgment." Read also Jer. 23:11.

Marriage

The Roman Catholic Church forbids her clergy to marry, and according to GOD'S WORD, this Doctrine is error. In I Tim. 4 we read: "The Spirit saith in the last days, or times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to spirits of error and doctrines of devils" — I Tim. 4:1, "forbidding to marry" — I Tim. 4:3. These are very plain statements, taken from the Roman Catholic Bible, and,

as these verses mean just what they say, the Roman Catholic Religion is accordingly a doctrine of error and devils because it forbids marriage. It was Pope Gregory VII who said, "Leave your wives, children and homes, and follow me, my clergy shall not marry." This Pope was not Peter's successor, and therefore he said and practiced such wickedness. The Roman Catholic priests, nuns or sisters cannot marry according to the Roman Catholic Religion, in spite of the fact that the Roman Catholic Bible says that any religion forbidding marriage is a doctrine of devils and error. This is another reason why the Roman Catholic Church keeps the Bible from her people.

Forbidden To Eat Meat

The Roman Catholic Church forbids her people to eat meat on certain days, and the Roman Catholic Bible says any religion which forbids the eating of meat is a religion of devils and error — I Tim. 4:1-3. The fourth verse of I Tim. 4 says, "For every creature of God is good and nothing should be rejected." So again we see another reason why the Bible is kept from them lest their eyes should be opened.

A Bishop

The Roman Catholic Bible says, "A faithful saying, if a man desire the office of a Bishop, he desireth good work. It behooveth therefore a Bishop to be blameless, the husband of one wife, one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all charity." — I Tim. 4:1-4. It is very plainly written here that if a man wants to be a Bishop, he must be the husband of one wife. The Roman Catholic Church does not practice what her Bible teaches and therefore we see another reason why the Bible is kept from her people. A bishop of the Roman Catholic Church is not the husband of one wife and therefore is not a Bishop of God.

Idols and Images

The Roman Catholic Bible very clearly teaches us not to make idols and heeds not her own teachings. The Roman Catholic Church makes idols and heeds not her Bible or her God. Let us examine a few verses in the Roman Catholic Bible on idols and images. Please let us turn to the Book of Leviticus 26:1 and read, "Ye shall not make to yourselves, any idol or graven thing (image)." In this verse it says ye shall not make idols or images. This is another occasion where the Roman Catholic Church pays no attention to God's Word, and therefore makes idols and images. In Exodus 20:4 it says, "Thou shalt not make to thyself a graven thing

(image) nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above or in the earth beneath, nor of those things that are in the waters under the earth." Here again we see that "thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or likeness of anything or anybody in heaven," and yet the Roman Catholic Church makes idols and images of saints in heaven, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Jesus, etc. Here again the Roman Catholic Church ignores God's Word. The man who makes these images and idols is idolatrous. He gets together lots of clay and when it is fixed up he takes his moulds of clay and from the clay he makes a bull dog, then an Indian, then a woman image, and then he makes Saint Mary, Saint Joseph, Jesus, etc., all out of the same dirty clay, baked in the same oven, made by the same sinner, and yet he will charge seventy five cents for the bull-dog, fifty cents for the Indian, and from \$1.00 to \$3.00 for the image of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, etc. Are not they made out of the same clay, and if so, the bull-dog is just as much God as the image of Jesus because they were all made out of the same stuff, baked in the same oven and made by the same manner? We pity the heathen in Africa and China who worship idols while those following the Romish faith are being deceived.

We have the Bible and education and yet are being deceived by the people who make light of God's Word. Isaiah says, "Their land also is full of idols, they worship the works of their hands, that which their own fingers have made, and the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself, therefore, forgive them not." Isa. 2:8, 9.

In I Corinthians 8:4 we read, "That an idol is nothing in the world."

In Acts 15:20 it says, "The people should refrain themselves from the pollutions of idols."

I John 5:21 reads, "Little children keep yourselves from idols."

All these verses are taken from a Roman Catholic Bible. We see again why the Bible is kept from the people, for Rome knows that "the entrance of God's Word giveth light" — Ps. 119:130. The Roman Catholic Church does not want her people to have light, and we see the reason why the Bible is kept from them.

Peter Was Pope

Let us turn on in our Roman Catholic Bible and read whether or not Peter was Pope. Take for instance I Peter 1:1, "Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ" (not Pope). Gal. 2:9 we read, Peter was a "pillar of the Church" (not Pope). In I Peter 5:1, Peter says that he is an elder (not Pope). Paul considers himself Peter's equal. He says, "I was not a whit behind the very chiefest Apostle" — II Cor. 11:5. If Peter had been a Pope, would Paul dare to speak after this fashion? Paul also rebuked Peter when he came to Antioch. Paul said, "I withstood him to the face because he was to be blamed" — Gal. 2:11-16. How would Paul have dared to rebuke Peter openly for failing to practice what he preached in his action toward the Gentiles if Peter had been Pope? No writer of the New Testament speaks of Peter as Pope. What does the silence mean? Can it be a conspiracy against him? Why did they ignore his authority? Why? Because Peter was never Pope. All the Apostles were brethren. The only time Peter acted like a Pope was when he used the sword and cut off the ear of Malchus (John 18:10) (Popes have often made use of arms), and when in Antioch he did not walk according to the truth, Gal. 2:14. Popes have done the same thing for centuries.

Peter also contradicted and opposed the teachings of Christ, Matt. 16:21-23. In this respect all Popes have excelled. This was all the popery Peter had in him. It was enough, but Christ delivered

him from the power of the evil one. This does not seem Pope-like. Instead of sending others out to preach he is sent himself. Peter did not call the council or open its deliberations, but James took the direction of the gathering. If Peter was Pope, why did he not show his authority? — Acts 15.

Butler's Catholic Catechism, pages 5, 46, contains the following: "Who is the visible head of the church? To whom does the Pope succeed as visible head of the church? To Saint Peter, who was the chief of the Apostles, Christ's Vicar on earth, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome." The Roman Catholic Church is wrong in this, as Peter was not sent to Rome. It was Paul who was sent by Jesus to Rome and not Peter. Read Acts 23:11. Peter preached to the Jews and preached the Gospel of Circumcision — Gal. 2:7, 8. In the Question Department of the "Catholic Observer" appeared the following: "Saint Peter was married before he became an Apostle, but 'CEASED' to live with his wife when he was elevated to the office and dignity of the Christian Priesthood." The paper called "The Menace" very quickly answered this slander against Peter by saying, "If Peter ceased to live with his wife, one of them must have left the other. If it were the wife who had left Saint Peter, then he must have been a poor foundation for a church. If, on the other hand, Saint Peter did the leaving, then he was a wife deserter, then the Roman Catholic Church was founded by and upon a wife deserter."

We know Peter did not leave his wife. The Roman Catholic Church lies when she makes such a statement. Paul makes it plain that after Peter became an Apostle he still had his wife; he says, "Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife as other apostles, and as the brethren of the LORD,

and Cephas (Peter)?" — I Cor. 9:5.) Was Peter ever a Pope? NO. Therefore Benedict XV is not his successor, consequently the whole papal fabric falls to pieces, because the whole system is founded upon a lie. "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof, from such turn away." II Tim. 3:15.

"Purgatory"

Never once in God's Word do we read of purgatory. I was speaking to a Roman Catholic one day and he tried to tell me that in I Cor. 3:15 we have a picture of purgatory. How foolish! In this passage it speaks of our works tried after we are saved and not of Salvation. The fourteenth verse speaks of a reward. These people to whom the Apostles were speaking were all Christians and saved. He was not speaking of Salvation by works, but works being tried after we are saved, and rewards given accordingly.

It does not say in the Bible to pray for the dead. Abraham could not help the dead. Luke 16:19-31. "After death the judgment," Heb. 9:27, and not purgatory. Purgatory is a downright, bareface falsehood and an invention of man inspired by Satan for the destruction of souls. The Roman Catholic Church makes slaves of her people on earth, and after death makes merchandise of their souls. "The merchandise of gold and silver . . . and slaves and souls of men." — Rev. 18:12, 13.

Prayers for money after death cannot save you, for the Word of God says, "Because there is wrath, beware, lest he take thee away with his stroke (death), then a great ransom cannot deliver thee." "Will He esteem thy riches?" "NO, not gold or all the

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Scriptural Light

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forces of strength." Job 36:18, 19. "None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: For the redemption of their souls is precious, — and it ceaseth forever." Psalm 4:9, 8.

"Not redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, but by the precious blood of Christ." 1 Peter 1:18, 19.

Strong public sentiment that is everywhere found against obtaining money under false pretenses should apply to the Roman Catholic Church or priests who take money from deceived relatives for masses which they pretend will better the conditions of the dead. This is an imposition that should be earnestly condemned. The priest who tells a

sorrowing father or mother that their children are suffering in a place called purgatory and that their prayers, to be paid for with cash in hand, are necessary for the release of the souls of such dead persons from this man-made purgatory, is surely an impostor and ought to be counted with those who obtain money under false pretenses. How well the LORD spoke when He said, "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees and Hypocrites, for ye devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers; therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation." Matt. 23:14. There is no system of gambling nor species of fraud more brazen or barefaced than this crooked game on bereaved people to rob and cheat them out of their oftentimes hard-earned and scanty wages. If a Roman Catholic dies and has no money left for masses the soul of the dead may so far as the priests are concerned suffer in their supposed purgatory or be cast into hell. The high mass costs from \$10.00 to \$1000.00 or more, according to the display of flowers and candles, and the number of guests taking part, and is sung in a loud tone of voice. Of course, even if one be poor he will save up enough to have a high mass, thinking it will do more good than the low one. One is as good as the other and they are both "good for nothing."

It is high money — high mass
It is low money — low mass
It is no money — no mass
It is foolish to believe because one leaves some money when he died for masses that he will be severed from supposed purgatory; when the poor man dies who has no money for masses then he must stay in the supposed purgatory forever.

The Roman Catholic Church is making little of GOD and His word when she teaches such lies. Here are a few verses from a tract by Theodore E. Beebe:

Money for masses, but who ever read
Where we're told in the Bible to pray for the dead,

So. Baptist Church Favors The Dance; Pastor Resigns

Brother Roy Harrell, a son of one of our long-time readers of Elizabeth City, N. C., recently resigned from the church which he has been pastoring for the past few months as a result of the church's stand favorable to dancing. Over eighty people, according to a letter to TBE, came out with Brother Harrell and a new church is being established.

A newspaper clipping from a North Carolina paper reveals that Bro. Harrell brought attention to the fact that one of the church officers participated in dancing and the pastor desired that this person give up the office held. The church decided against this, which amounted to a vote for the dance against the pastor and his position.

Brother Gilpin held a meeting in North Carolina years ago and became well-acquainted with the mother of Bro. Harrell and remembers this preacher as a small boy who would stand at the door of the church building, tugging on Bro. Gilpin's pants' leg.

We are satisfied that if the stand taken by Bro. Harrell were taken in more Southern Baptist churches, similar things would result, for the dance is quite popular with many church officers among Southern Baptists. In fact, it is hard on an anti-dance, anti-worldliness pastor to maintain a position in Southern Baptist circles. At least, that has been our personal observation.

Or the soul after death is cleansed from its stain,
Or through masses relieved from suffering and pain?

Money for masses, Oh! what a sham,
A trick of the devil, the millions to damn,
Here only the soul from all sin is made free,
For no one can read GOD'S Word and not see.

Money for masses, but time will expire,
And the last priest will die, and enter the fire,
And we want to know, if you can explain,
How he'll be prayed out when no priest remains?

Money for masses, hang on to your purse,
Let the priest threaten, condemn, and then curse.
Take GOD'S Word as your guide, it is safest and best,
Trusting Jesus, then, dying, you'll enter His rest.

Death does not end all with the Roman Catholic church. A member cannot avoid church dues by dying. His or her estate or friends must pay on and pay forever; even the tax collector gives up a dead man, but the Roman Catholic Church never. The priestly threat of sending the soul from purgatory into Hell will bring the last dollar from the pocket of the sorrowing mother whose only daughter sleeps in her dark and narrow cell. She scrapes together her scanty means, denies herself of every comfort in order to purchase prayers for the supposed repose or promotion of the soul of her dead darling. Oh! that the day will soon come when GOD will put an end to this work of Satan's stealing money from poor men and women. "Ye are not redeemed by corruptible things, such as silver and gold, but with the precious Blood of Christ." 1 Peter 1:18, 19; also Jer. 23:11; Zeph. 3:4.

Confession

In the Roman Catholic Church the people confess to the priest; this their Bible does not teach. Let us look at these verses in First Esdras 10:10, 11, where we read, "And Esdras, the priest, stood up and said to them, ye have transgressed and taken strange wives to add to the sins

"I Should Like to Know"

(THE BAPTIST EXAMINER welcomes questions, to be answered in this column. Please state questions on separate sheet of paper, rather than including them in correspondence which relates to book orders, subscriptions, or some other matter.)

1. Do you believe there are some Roman Catholics that are saved? The way you speak of them seems as if you think they are all going to Hell.

Sorry you receive that impression. We believe that every person who has trusted Jesus Christ alone and fully for salvation is saved. If there are any Roman Catholics who have so trusted Christ, then they are saved. But how can one go on in Romish idolatry, having trusted the Lord Jesus?

2. Are only Baptists going to be saved?

Again, we say that every one

of Israel, and now make confession to the Lord God of your fathers." It does not say here that the priest told them, the people, to confess to him, but to God. In Acts 8:22 Peter says to Simon, "Repent of this thy wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thoughts of thine heart may be forgiven thee." Here in this verse Peter says, "Pray to God," not to confess to men. In Acts 10:26, we read, "As Peter took him up, saying, stand up, I myself am also a man," not Pope or priest, but a man.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter told the people to believe the Gospel and be saved, not to confess to him. In Heb. 10:11, we read, "And every priest indeed standeth daily ministering and often offering the same sacrifices which can never take away sins." In this verse we see no priest can forgive sins, nor sacrifice either. In Heb. 10:10 we read, "Jesus is the sacrifice once and for all," therefore, there remains no other. Read also 1 John 1:9.

Virgin Mary

The Roman Catholic Church does not believe that the Virgin Mary was a sinner, and does not teach or believe that she had children. In Roman 3:23, it says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." This, of course, means the Virgin Mary also. The Virgin Mary did become Joseph's wife after the birth of Jesus, for we read, "And Joseph knew her not till she had brought forth her first born son." Further, it is proven that she had children after the birth of Jesus, for in Matt. 13:55-57 we read, "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And his brethren (brothers), James and Joseph, Simon and Judas and His sisters, are they not all with us? Here we see very plainly that Jesus had brothers and sisters, and we cannot deny it, for the Word of God says so. In Mark 6:3 we read again the names of the brothers of Jesus, and again we read he had sisters. In Gal. 1:19, we read, "But other of the Apostles I saw none, saving James, the brother of the Lord." The Roman Catholic Church denies that Jesus had brothers or sisters, and therefore does not believe her own Bible.

When Romanists pray they ask God, in the name of the Virgin Mary, to grant their petitions, yet their Bible teaches that they are only to ask in the name of Jesus Christ, John 14:14 and Matthew 16:23, and not in the name of the Virgin Mary.

The following taken from a tract by G. M. U. No. 370:

"Of the many institutions contrary to the Gospel which are practiced by the Romanist Church today the earliest in their origin appeared to be prayers for the dead and making of the sign of the cross, both of which came into existence about three hundred years after Christ and the Apostles. About six hundred years after Christ and the Apostles, Gregory I established a worship in an unknown tongue or in Latin. The Gospel teaches us only the known language in the (Continued on page 4, column 1)

who has truly trusted Christ for salvation, depending upon Him alone for full deliverance from the penalty of sin and for righteousness before God, is saved. Doubtlessly, there are people who are not Baptists who have so trusted the Saviour. We have never said that one must be a Baptist before he can be saved. We do say that if a saved person will read the Bible carefully and do what it reveals for a saved person to do, he will become a member of a church which holds to the truths held by those people nicknamed "Baptists."

3. Didn't Jesus start all the churches?

Only an ignoramus would answer "Yes" to this question. And we make no apologies for using the term "ignoramus." It is a good, descriptive word, found in all dictionaries and it certainly is the right word for the person who would say that Christ started all the different churches in the world today. The person who would contend that Christ started churches which stand for conflicting doctrines needs to have "No. 1" examined very carefully. Now, don't write us and tell us that we don't have a Christ-like attitude in the way we speak about such people; rather, read Matthew 23 and see what Christ told another group of ignoramuses.

4. What do you think of the "Sword of the Lord"?

We don't want to get started on that again, please.

5. Is it right for Baptists to unite with sound Presbyterians and Methodists for revival meetings?

We have never seen any sound Presbyterians and Methodists. If they were sound, they wouldn't be Presbyterians and Methodists. Baptists have no scriptural right to unite with any unscriptural group for any kind of a meeting.

6. Aren't you a mission board, taking money for missionaries and sending it to them?

Now what mission board secretary has been talking to you? Certainly we are not a mission board. Do you not know what a mission board is and what it does? Well, here is a brief run down: it is made up of individuals who in some way have been chosen to be "on the board." For what purpose? To control the mission work "under the board." What sort of control? Approving missionaries, setting salaries, scheduling furloughs, recalling missionaries and other like things.

Now if you hand a preacher a dollar and ask him to send it to some sound missionary work, does that make the preacher a board? If you think so, you had better do a little more investigating.

If people in our reading audience want us to send money to missionaries, we certainly aren't going to refuse to do so on the grounds that such would make us a board. Use your own common sense, rather than swallow such sophistry put out by mission board leaders who have not a leg to stand on in justifying their missionary set-ups.

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Scriptural Light

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church. According to the Gospel all our prayers should be addressed to God alone. Prayers were never offered to Mary and the saints by the Apostles and members of the early church. The worship of Mary and the saints was commenced about six hundred years after Christ and the Apostles. The worship of the cross, images and relics was established about seven hundred and eighty-eight years after Christ. It is impossible to find a single trace of this practice in the Gospels. The baptism of Bells does not come from the Bible, Christ or the Apostles. This baptism was invented by Pope John XIV nine hundred and sixty-five years after the beginning of the Christian Church. It was about nine hundred and eighty-eight years after the Apostles that Lent was imposed upon the Roman Catholic Church. Lent and the obligatory fast on Friday are commandments of men, not teachings of the Gospel. Roman Catholic priests introduced the fabrication of holy water about one thousand years after the Apostles; thus this so-called holy water is merely a human novelty. Gregory VII is the Pope who made the law against the marriage of the priest ten hundred and seventy-nine years after Christ. The Gospel teaches the marriage of the clergy.

The sacrifice of the mass is a novelty, and has been in existence only since the eleventh century. The Gospel teaches us that the sacrifice of Christ was offered once for all. About eleven hundred and ninety years after Christ, the Roman Catholic Church began the sale of indulgences. The Christian Religion as it is taught in the Gospel condemns such a traffic. The Roman Catholic Church uses a wafer in the Lord's Supper instead of bread. This change was made about the time the doctrine of Transubstantiation was proclaimed an article of faith by Pope Innocent III in the year 1215. In the year 1220 Pope Honorius III invented the adoration of the wafer, and thus the Roman Catholic Church worships a god made by the hands of man. The adoration of such a god is entirely contrary to Gospel. Auricular confession or confessions to the priest was also instituted by Pope Innocent III during the session of the council of Lateran twelve hundred and fifteen years after Christ. Since the year 1414 the Roman Catholic Church refuses to give the cup of wine to the people in the Communion services. This institution of Christ was changed by the Council of Constance. The Gospel teaches that the Lord's Supper should be given with bread and wine.

The Doctrine of Purgatory was proclaimed an article of faith fourteen hundred and thirty-eight years after the Apostles by the Council of Florence. The Gospel does not contain a single word about the Roman Catholic purgatory. Roman Catholic traditions were placed on the same level with the Holy Scriptures by the Council of Trent fifteen hundred and forty-five years after Christ. These traditions are simply teachings of men. The Apocryphal books, some doubtless false, and none of them inspired, were placed in the Bible by the Council of Trent fifteen hundred

and forty-five years after the Apostles. Eighteen hundred and fifty-four years after Christ the Roman Catholic Church invented the doctrine that Mary was born without sin, but the Gospel teaches that all have sinned. The infallibility of the Pope is a new doctrine which was made in the year 1870. The Gospel teaches that there is not a man upon the earth that doeth good and sinneth not."

Therefore, dear reader, we now see that the Roman Catholic Church does not teach her people what the Roman Catholic Bible teaches, and does not practice the teachings of her own Bible. God's Word says, "If any man shall add to his word, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book, and if any man shall take away from this book, God shall take his part out of the book of life."—Apocalypse 22:18, 19.

The priests have changed God's Word, lied and taught error, and they have robbed God of His glory. We read in Malachi 2:1-3 this: "And now, oh, ye priests, this commandment is for you; if ye will not hear and if ye will not lay it to heart to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you and I will curse your blessings, yet, I have cursed them already because ye do not lay it to heart, behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts" (A. V.).

So then, dear readers, if you have never received Jesus as your

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personal Saviour, do it now. His Word says, "To as many as received him (Jesus), to them gave he power to become children of God" (John 1:12). "If you hear his voice today harden not your heart" (Heb 3:15). "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18). Please, dear friend, will you not now trust Jesus as your Saviour and will you not trust Him now?

"What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

Receive Him now and be made free for time and for eternity. My prayer is that this message will point the way to Christ and that through it many souls may be led out of darkness into light. All for the glory and praise of Christ Jesus our Lord.

"Troubles"

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thought it just was not intended for some people to be happy. Every time that she has made that statement to me, I have reminded her of the fact that it is not just some people, but all people, for the Bible says that man is born of woman is full of trouble. All of us are born of woman. Therefore, this Scripture would teach us that we need not expect happiness, we need not expect pleasures, we need not expect to have unlimited and unbounded joys in this life. In contrast, we can expect our few days here in this world to be full of trouble.

Listen again:

"How long shall I take counsel in my soul, HAVING SORROW IN MY HEART DAILY? and how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?" — Psa. 13:2.

David is asking a question in view of the fact that his enemy King Saul was exalted over him, and particularly since David was having to flee for his life every day. It was only miraculous that David was able to escape with his life. I assume that David must have felt that his enemy Saul was truly exalted over him, so he asked this question, "How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily?" He didn't indicate that he had sorrow once a year or once a month or once a week, but rather his sorrow was a daily sorrow.

I say, beloved, in the light of such verses as these it is only obvious for us to come to this conclusion that sorrow is the common lot of us all.

We read again:

"Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am SO TROUBLED that I cannot speak." — Psa. 77:4.

I am not sure just when this Psalm was written nor the background for it. However, one thing is certain, David said that his troubles were so great that he couldn't even speak.

I am sure that there is not a person here but what some time or other in life has come to the same conclusion that your troubles were such that you just couldn't speak of them.

We read:

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength and labor and SORROW; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." — Psa. 90:10.

Moses is telling us that the average span of life is to be reckoned as seventy years, but some people being unduly strong physically may be able to live for eighty years, yet if an individual outlasts the seventy years and lives the ten years on what might be termed borrowed time, even that ten years as well as the seventy is but labor and sorrow. He doesn't indicate that those last ten years will be ten years of happiness, but rather, he indicates that they like the seventy years will be years of labor and sorrow.

The Psalmist makes mention again of our sorrow, for we read:

"It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the BREAD OF SORROWS: for so he giveth his beloved sleep." — Psa. 127:2.

In other words, so far as we are concerned, we work, we rise early, we stay up late, and what comes of it all? He says that we just eat the bread of sorrows. Now beloved this verse of Scripture is very definitely connected to the book of Genesis when we read:

"And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in SORROW shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground: for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." — Gen. 3:17, 19.

You will notice that God reminded Adam that he was going to eat of the ground and that in

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I pray for your physical and spiritual welfare, and in faith believe we will all assemble this summer in 1960; if not, may we all assemble around and sing praises at the feet of our glorious Redeemer.

sorrow should he eat of the fruit of it all the days of his life. In other words, life was not to be filled with joys, but rather we can expect in the sweat of our face, that we shall eat our bread, and in sorrow eat of the fruit of the ground all the days of our lives. Therefore Solomon says that it is nothing but vanity for a man to rise up early and sit up late in order to amass money for after all, if you do so, you are merely going to eat the bread of sorrows.

Notice again:

"We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold TROUBLE." — Jer. 8:15.

I have often read this Scripture and thought how true of most every individual in this world. You plan for life. You try to the best of your ability to take care of your health. You get your shots regularly from the time that you are born into this world in order to keep you from getting some disease. You get a physical check-up regularly from the doctor. You go to the dentist and run home with a card saying, "Look,

Mom, no cavities." You go through life to the best of your ability taking care of yourself and you try to have good health, and yet the Word of God says when we expect a time of health we don't achieve it, but rather instead behold trouble.

Listen again:

"We are TROUBLED ON EVERY SIDE, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair." — II Cor. 4:8.

If you will read the verse just preceding you will see that Paul is talking about his difficulties as a preacher. He says concerning the problem he has in preaching that he is troubled on every side—not just occasionally, and not just once in a while, but on every side, Paul says troubles are the lot of his ministry. Certainly he had trouble on every side, for we read:

"Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep." — II Cor. 11:24, 25.

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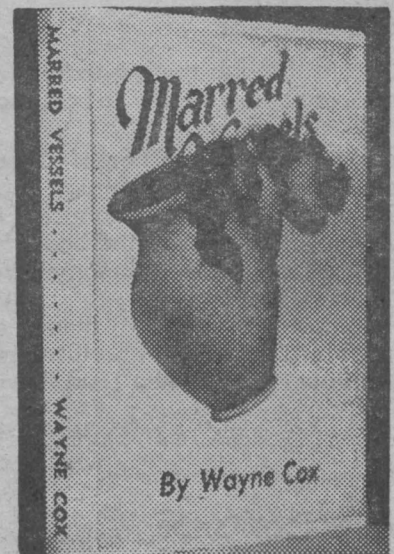
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ROME IS BIGOTED, INTOLERANT AND OPPOSES RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

New York, Dec. 7, 1959. — A noted Protestant clergyman says that Senator Kennedy (D., Mass.) yielded in 1950 to a Catholic bishop's orders to cancel his scheduled appearance at an interfaith meeting.

Dr. Daniel F. Poling, editor of the Christian Herald, relates the episode in the magazine's current issue. The article is taken from his recently published autobiography, "Mine Eyes Have Seen."

He says that Mr. Kennedy, then a congressman, had "graciously accepted" an invitation to take part in a 1950 banquet in Philadelphia, marking the end of a "Chapel of the Four Chaplains."

"Yet, bowing to the will of an eminent Catholic prelate, Mr. Kennedy disappointed us," Dr. Poling writes. He identified the intervenor as the late Dennis Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia.

Yet two days before the banquet, Dr. Poling says, Mr. Kennedy telephoned from Washington and "said he would have to cancel his appearance," that Cardinal Dougherty had asked him not to take part.

"The congressman's distress was obvious as he relayed this information," Dr. Poling writes.

"All but overwhelmed with my disappointment, I reminded Mr. Kennedy that the banquet was a civic occasion, that all the faiths were participating, that we were meeting not in a Protestant church, but on neutral ground in a hotel."

"The congressman replied that he understood all this and that he had done everything he could to change the cardinal's position. His speech was prepared, he said, and he would gladly forward it to me, but as a loyal son of the church, he had no alternative but not to come."

"Mr. Kennedy was grieved as he reported Cardinal Dougherty's decision to me, and unquestionably also, he was profoundly embarrassed."

At the chapel's dedication on Feb. 3, 1951, at which then President Harry S. Truman was the main speaker, Dr. Poling says Cardinal Dougherty again intervened to prevent Brig. Gen. James O'Neil, a Catholic, then deputy chief of Army chaplains, from participating.

"Later, in years, Jimmy personally expressed his disappointment in me. 'You understand, Dan,' he said. 'Dr. Poling recounts. 'Yes, I understood his predicament. . . . When President Truman learned of Chaplain O'Neil's forced withdrawal, he was incensed. He said, as I did, that a bishop of the church had invaded the province of the state.' (Buffalo Evening News 12-7-59).

If a Cardinal was able to prevent a Roman Catholic Senator from attending an interfaith meeting, what will other Cardinals and maybe the Pope himself be able to do with their man, if elected president, because sponsored by the powerful Roman Catholic Church? As Senator Kennedy said to Mr. Poling, "As a loyal son of the church, I have no alternative." How can a Roman Catholic remain free from the dictates of Roman Catholicism if they make possible his election?

It seems to me that the Roman Catholic Church favors a Roman Catholic for president not on account of his personal abilities but only because he is a Roman Catholic. The Roman Catholic Church in our country is therefore discriminating against candidates of

other Faiths. The Roman Catholic Church, by favoring only a Roman Catholic candidate, becomes bigoted and intolerant and un-American.

It is my personal opinion, if we elect for president a candidate who is sponsored by the Roman Church in America and by her 40,000 priests and 35 million Roman Catholics, then it means to endorse the aspirations of Rome in our country. To vote for a Roman Catholic just because he is a Roman Catholic is like voting the Pope into the White House, as the following official statements will show, because "the authority of the Pope and the Bishops is not restricted to strictly religious matters." Here is in part the political platform of the Roman Church in USA.

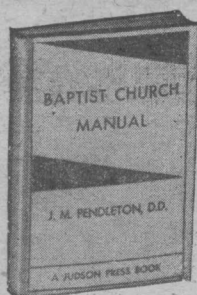
"The authority of the Pope and Bishops is not restricted to strictly religious matters. . . ." The Register, November 14, 1954, reporting on the address of Pius XII to the International Marian Congress.

"All Catholics must make themselves felt as active elements in daily political life in the countries where they live. They must penetrate wherever possible, in the administration of civil affairs. All Catholics should do all in their power to cause the constitution of the states and legislation to be modeled on the principles of the true (Catholic) Church." Pope Leo XIII, Encyclical of November 1, 1885.

"The ideal situation exists when there is perfect union and accord between Church and State, with each supreme in its own field. . . . In this country (U.S.A.) the (Catholic) Church has flourished to such a degree that we may be inclined to think that separation (of Church and State) is a satisfactory and workable plan. The Church holds that this is still a compromise and that the condition is the lesser of two evils. . . . non-Catholic methods of worshipping God must be branded counterfeit." Living our Faith, Catholic High School Religion Series, page 247.

"But constitutions can be changed, and non-Catholic sects may decline to such a point that the political proscription of them may become feasible and expedient. What protection would they have against a Catholic State? The latter could logically tolerate only such religious activities as were

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confined to the members of the dissenting group. It could not permit them to carry on general propaganda nor accord their organization certain privileges that had formerly been extended to all religious corporations, for example, exemption from taxation. . . . Years hence the United States may become overwhelmingly Catholic and may then restrict the freedom of non-Catholic denominations."

We have been trying to tell the American public that there are many political issues on which the clerics of the Roman Catholic Church claim the right to dictate to their members and also to the general public. It is exceedingly unfortunate when clerics, protesting that they speak for God, pick up either a scientific or a political matter and issue impossible directives in regard to it.

—By Joseph Zacchello



"Troubles"

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In view of statements like this as to what Paul suffered, it is no wonder that Paul said to us:

"For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were TROUBLED on every side; WITHOUT were fightings, within were fears." — II Cor. 7:5.

Now isn't that the experience of most every child of God? I am sure that if we had asked the preachers who were present for our Bible Conference of last year if they had ever gone through any experience in life which might be likened unto what Paul described here, I am sure that the majority of them would have said, "Paul certainly knew my life." Let me remind you, beloved friends, of this truth, we are troubled on every



side, We have fightings on the outside and fears on the inside. Surely when Paul declared that we were troubled on every side with no rest in his flesh, Paul was describing the experience of all of God's children.

God's children perhaps have the greatest troubles from the standpoint of death. We read:

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye SORROW not, even as others which have no hope." — I Thes. 4:13.

You talk about sorrows, beloved, God's child has nothing to sorrow about so far as death is concerned, but if you have lost a loved one who is not saved then you have a sorrow. Paul says, "Sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." The man who has died without the Lord Jesus Christ is the one whom you are to sorrow over, but if your loved one who has departed from this life, knew the Lord Jesus Christ, then Paul would comfort us by the words of the Holy Spirit in these verses. He would tell us that there is a hope that the Lord Jesus Christ is coming again to

raise us from the dead to be with Him.

I say, beloved, in the light of these many verses that I have read, surely we can see this truth, that troubles are but the common lot of every one of us who are here. I am sure that there is not one of us but what has sometime or other felt that our troubles were the greatest of anyone, and that we had more troubles than anybody else. I think of the old lady who was always lamenting the fact that the wind went through her shawl so badly, and that she felt the east wind worse than anybody else. When she was reminded that the east wind touched everybody, as well as her, she said, "Yes, but it does not hurt them nearly as bad as it does me."

I am sure that most of us are just about like that. We think that our troubles are just a little worse than most anybody else, and I am positive that many, many times, we fall back on Lamentations 1:12, which says:

"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and SEE IF THERE BE ANY SORROW LIKE UNTO MY SORROW, which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger."

We all more or less feel that we are subject to troubles and problems. We feel that ours are the worst, and that our problems and our griefs and our heartaches and our disappointments, are a little bit worse than anybody else's. I would remind you that sorrows are the common lot of all of us here in this world.

I think of the problem that Paul had with false preachers. When we were studying the book of Galatians sometime ago I was impressed by the fact that one of the great problems of Paul's life was the problem of false preachers. He said:

"Which is not another; but there be some that TROUBLE you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." — Gal. 1:7.

You will notice then that the Apostle Paul speaks about these false preachers as being individuals who were troubling the saints of God. In other words, lots of times our troubles may come because of a false preacher. Lots of times our troubles may come because a preacher has brought a false message, and caused us to become confused thereby. Then I think about Abraham in the Old Testament. He had lots of difficulties and troubles. In fact, not just Abraham but everybody that

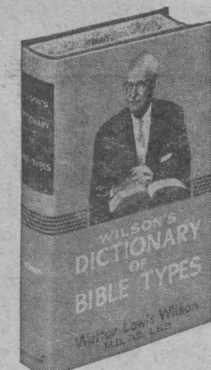
you read of in this Bible were subject to troubles again and again and again. However, I think particularly about Abraham as relating to his home life. We read:

"And the thing was very GRIEVOUS in Abraham's sight because of his son." Gen. 21:11.

If you will read Genesis 21, you will find that little Isaac had been born and was weaned, and on the day that he was weaned, Ishmael made fun of him. The Word of God tells us that just as soon as Sarah learned how that Ishmael had made fun of her boy Isaac, she called Abraham to her, and told him he had to get rid of Hagar. The Word of God says that this thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.

Now I go back and read that, and I think of family troubles and family problems. I don't know how many times in life I have cited this passage of Scripture to other people who were passing through some season of difficulty so far as their family was concerned. I don't know how many times I have reminded them that Abraham had his family troubles and family problems and that we can all expect these things as we go through life. (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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"Troubles"

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Do you remember how Jonah was called of God to go to Nineveh and Jonah was just about as anxious for that call to preach as lots of folk are today. In fact, Jonah just did not want to go to Nineveh. I think perhaps the reason was that Jonah was a loyal Jew, and he just couldn't conceive how God could save a Gentile, and how God would spare this Gentile nation with the capitol city of Nineveh. I think Jonah reasoned, "Now if I go preach to these people, my own people will think of me as a turncoat. If God would spare them, my people would think of me as a traitor to my own country." So Jonah took off in the other direction. You recall how that God in a miraculous way brought him back to Nineveh and Jonah preached with the result that six score thousand persons were saved within the city of Nineveh. Then Jonah began to feel sorry for himself. He thought, "Now when I

go home and the word gets out that I preached to our enemies and six score thousand have been saved, they are going to think of me as a traitor. They are going to think of me as one of the worst characters in all this world." So the Word of God says that he went out from the presence of the Lord, angry because God had saved six score thousand people. Then he sat down and the Word of God records that he said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

Now haven't you had the same experience when you felt that you would be better off dead than alive? The Word of God says that as Jonah sat there underneath a little shade he had made by way of a booth, that God felt sorry for him and showed him pity and caused a gourd to grow up in a night's time that covered his booth and gave him complete shade from the sun. For this Jonah seemingly was glad for the moment's time. The next day the same God that prepared the gourd that grew as a shade for him, prepared a worm and the worm ate the gourd and the gourd died. Then Jonah began to pout again.

The Bible says this gourd was a shadow over his head to deliver him from his grief. Now the gourd grows, the gourd dies, and Jonah pouts, and God seemingly made it just a little more difficult, because in addition to the sun that was beating upon his head, God also prepared a vehement east wind that blew the hot rays of that sun into the very face of Jonah. Then he fainted within himself and wished that he could die, for he said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

Now, beloved, consider this passage of Scripture. Look at Jonah and realize that there was a blessing that came by way of the gourd, and then the same God that brought the blessing, took the blessing away. The same God that had caused the gourd to grow, caused the worm to eat the gourd, that resulted in its death. That same God sent a vehement east wind, and a hot scorching sun into the life of Jonah so that we can see this truth — that sorrow, troubles, problems, disappointments, heartaches and griefs are but the common lot of all of God's people here within this world.

II

GOD STANDS BY US IN ALL OF OUR GRIEFS.

Oftimes we are tempted to believe that surely God has forgot-

ten about us, yet the Bible makes it clear over and over again that God stands by us in all of our griefs. Listen:

"For in the time of trouble HE SHALL HIDE ME in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock." — Psa. 27:5.

"God is our refuge and strength, a VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE." — Psa. 46:1.

Isn't it wonderful to know that in time of trouble we have a refuge? We have one who can give us strength. I have a refuge and I have strength, and that refuge and that strength comes from God who is a very present help in time of trouble.

Listen again:
"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, THOU WILT REVIVE ME: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me." — Psa. 138:7.

Notice, he says, "Though I walk in the midst of trouble." Well, most of us think that we are walking, surrounded by troubles and perhaps we are, but we need to remember that God has promised that He will revive us.

I think often of the many weddings that I have performed in life, which you know run into the thousands. It is nearly always true that when I finish marrying a couple that I will offer my congratulations to the groom and to the bride, and I nearly always say to the bride that I hope she will always be as happy as she is that day. Usually I say to the groom that I hope he will always think she is as sweet as he thinks she is that day. Without exception, I am sure that those who were not too scared to speak, and those who had any command of their tongue at all, said, "Well, I am sure that I'll always be happy" and "I am sure that I'll always think her as wonderful as I do today." Time and time again they have answered me thus, just certain that trouble would never come to them — just certain that problems would never be their lot, and yet it is true that problems become the lot of every one of us. The blessed thing is that while troubles come, God stands with us in all of our griefs.

As the old song says:

"We are often tossed and driven
On the restless sea of time,
Somber skies and howling tempests
Oft succeed the bright sunshine,
In that land of perfect day
When the mists have rolled away,
We will understand it better by
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Want of shelter and of food,
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and by.

Trials dark on every hand
And we cannot understand
All the way that God would
lead us

To the blessed promised land.
But He guides us with His eye
And we'll follow till we die
For we'll understand it better by
and by.

Temptations, hidden snares,
Often take us unawares,
And our hearts are made to bleed,
By some thoughtless word or
deed.

And we wonder why the test,
When we tried to do our best
But we'll understand it better by
and by.

I think about Brother Boyce Taylor, a man whom I loved indeed because he meant much to me in my early ministerial experience. I often think of him when he came down to the end of the way, brokenhearted and cast down because of the problems through which he had passed and the difficulties that had become his in the latter years of his ministry in this world. As Brother Taylor came to die, he quoted this song. The last words that passed from his lips were the words of the chorus of this hymn. Then, I think of the last time that I talked to Brother Taylor just a few months before his death. I often think how he made mention of the problems that had been his, yet he also made this statement, "In it all the Lord has stood by me, and the Lord has been good to me." Surely, beloved, that is the experience of a child of God.

III

GOD WORKS OUT ALL THESE TROUBLES FOR HIS OWN GLORY.

"And we know that ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." — Rom. 8:28.

When you have a problem, can you say, "Thank you, Lord, this is some of the 'all things?'" When you have a grief and when things don't go your way, can you say, "Thank you, Lord, this is some more of the 'all things' that come to my life?" Regardless of whether you are able to say it or not, it is true that God is working these all out for His own glory, and for your own good. That is why it is that Paul said:

"IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS: for this is the WILL OF GOD in Christ Jesus concerning you." — I Thess. 5:18.

Whatever comes into your life is the will of God. If it were not, God would change it, and make it otherwise, because God is working all things after the counsel of His own will, and He is working all things for our good and for His glory. There are lots of things that we don't understand, but it is all for the best so far as our lives are concerned.

As the song says:

"God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill;
He treasures up His bright designs
And works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,
The clouds ye so much dread,
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense

But trust Him for His grace
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His works in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

IV

WE WILL UNDERSTAND THESE TROUBLES AFTER WHILE.

In John 13 we find the Jesus Christ getting ready to wash the disciples' feet. He makes preparation for this. Simon Peter wanted to argue the matter with the Lord Jesus and read:

"Jesus answered and said him, What I do THOU KNOWEST NOT NOW; but THOU SHALT KNOW HEREAFTER." — John 13:7.

In life we sail under sea. No vessel ever put to sea with the orders hidden in an envelope, to be opened only when the ship was safe at the captain's—no ship that ever sailed out thus to sea is more under orders than you and I. We travel in this world. We know what is around the corner. We sail under orders so far as this world is concerned.

I often think of Jacob and respect. You remember when the boys came back from Egypt and told the father the man down in Egypt roughly to them and told them that they had better bring their younger brother, or they would get any food the next time they began to think of his presence. He thought about Joseph who was being held as a slave in Egypt at that very time. He thought of little Benjamin who had to go with the boys and that they might get more of him. I can hear Jacob as he said:

"Me ye have bereaved of children. Joseph is not; and ye will take Benjamin away. All these things are for me." — Gen. 42:36

Truly, beloved, the experience of Jacob is often your experience. But, beloved, so. What Jacob said was, "We need to read a little." (Continued on page 7, "Troubles")

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It is a sorry house in which the hen crows and cock is silent.

"Troubles"

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ed to get the sequel to this
It never was true that
was not. It never was
Joseph was not. It never
that all these things
him. Rather it was
all of these things were
together for the good of
and ultimately he came to

days later I see Jacob as
looking toward the
wondering if his boys will
come that day. As he looks
the distance he sees a
cloud of dust arising and
that dust takes on a
large aspect and a tremen-
tous proportion. He says, "It is a
train. It is not my boys.
went down to Egypt
them riding a burro. It
be my boys." I imagine
back grieving. Pre-
wagon train came
and who was sitting up in
of the wagon but one of
the wagons of that train
of his sons. He realized
something had taken place
beyond his expectation
comprehension. When
drove up, they told the

father all that had happened.
They told him how Joseph was
alive, and here is Simeon, and
here is Benjamin, and here is
food for all — I imagine that
Jacob realized then that it never
was true that all these things
were against him. It never was
true that Joseph was not, and
Simeon was not, and all these
things were against him. Rather,
he then understood the plan that
God had for his life, that he
hadn't known before.

He leadeth me.
In pastures green? No, not al-
ways.
Sometimes He who knoweth
best
In kindness leadeth me in weary
ways
Where heavy shadows be;
Out of the sunshine warm and
soft and bright,
Out of the sunshine into darkest
night.
I oft would yield to sorrow and
to fright
Only for this: I know He holds
my hand
So, whether in the green, or
desert land,
I trust, although I cannot under-
stand.

He leadeth me.
Beside still waters? No, not

always so.
Oft times the heavy tempests
round me blow,
And o'er my soul the waves and
billows go.
But when the storm beats wildest,
and I cry
Aloud for help, the Master stand-
eth by
And whispers to my soul: "Lo, it
is I."
Above the tempest wild I hear
Him say:
"Beyond the darkness lies the
perfect day;
In every path of thine I lead the
way."

So, whether on the hilltops, high
and fair,
I dwell, or in the sunless valleys,
where
The shadows lie—what matter?
He is there.
And more than this; where'er the
pathway lead
He gives to me no helpless,
broken reed,
But His Own hand, sufficient for
my need.
So where He leads me I can
safely go
And in the best hereafter I shall
know
Why in His wisdom He hath led
me so.

Now why is all this true? Why
is it that while sorrows come as
the common lot of us all, that it
is God that stands with us in
those sorrows. Why is it that He
is working all these problems out
for His own glory and for our
good? Why is it that after while
we will know and understand,
and everything will be all right
in God's sight, and in our sight?
Why is it true? Beloved, my text
says, "Surely he hath borne our
griefs, and carried our sorrows."

I am glad that I can present to
you a God who is in the business
of bearing our griefs and carrying
our sorrows. Do you know why it
is that these things all work for
our good and for God's glory? It
is because that a God of purpose
and predestination, who has pre-
determined the events of our lives,
is working all things after the
counsel of His own will. It was a
part of His will to give His Son
to die for our sins and when He
died He became not only our sin
bearer, but He became at the
same time our grief bearer and
our sorrow bearer. That is why it
is that Solomon said:

"The blessing of the Lord, it
maketh rich, and he addeth NO
SORROW WITH IT." — Prov.
10:22.

Listen, beloved, whatever God
does for us there isn't any sorrow
connected with it. We need to re-
member that the blessings of God
maketh us rich. They make us
rich, and thanks be unto God, He
addeth no sorrow with it. There
isn't any sorrow that comes along
with the blessings of God. As far
as your life is related to this
world, there will be plenty of
sorrows connected with your life,
but I thank God so far as our sal-
vation is concerned that He
addeth no sorrows to the blessings
that He gives to us. How I thank
God that we have one who car-
ries our griefs, who bears our
burdens, who as a burden-bearer,
as a grief-carrier, blesses us with
salvation that makes us rich, and
at the same time adds no sorrow
unto what He gives us. How we
thank God for such a Saviour.
May God bless you!



A Roman Catholic, Etc.

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of the United States.

Only in February this year, the
attempt in Maine to force the
public tax payers to provide
transportation for parochial
school children was defeated by
a small majority.

Recently a great test was met
in California. The "Christian
Brothers" liquor manufacturers
have tried to evade taxes on the
grounds it was a religious cor-
poration, wonderful business for
"Christian Brothers" to be in.
The Federal government slapped
on a fine of some \$400,000.00 and
when "Christian Brothers" pro-
tested, the fine was increased to
some \$1,500,000.00, a triumph for

law and order. It will be interest-
ing to watch and see if that fine is
ever paid.

The fact is, the whole philoso-
phy of Roman Catholicism is ab-
solutely foreign to our concept of
the church and state set-up and
our public school system. Some
one asks, are not Roman Cathol-
ics good citizens? Of course many
are, many are good citizens. This
whole charge is not against indiv-
iduals, not even against the re-
ligion of Roman Catholics. It is
against their political system, set
up and operated by the hierarchy.
The difference between their posi-
tion and that of Protestants and
others is that they live under a
dual allegiance. They have the
religious hierarchy over them
handing down laws and restric-
tions often contrary to what the
American constitution stands for,
and don't forget there is always
the ultimate of penalty, even to
ex-communication hanging over
them.

What about a Roman Catholic
for president? In the March 7,
1960, issue of the *Wall Street
Journal*, this whole problem was
discussed in two full columns. Af-
ter a broad survey of the Ameri-
can pulse, *Wall Street Journal*
said the feeling in America "is
not anti-Catholic, but anti-clerical."
It's difficult for Protestants and
others to understand that absol-
ute authority emanates from the
Holy See and that only the bish-
ops of the Roman Catholic
Church are participants in the
laws and regulations of the
church for the people. But here,
at the point of the authority of
the Pope and the power of the
clergy, the public pulse of Amer-
ica rightly senses the real issue.

In the *Wall Street Journal* sur-
vey, a Boston business man said,
"I voted for Kennedy for senator.
I think he is a good senator, but
the presidency concentrates great
power. I would think long and
hard before I voted for a Catho-
lic for president." Time and
again those interviewed said they
feared the power and pressure
of the clergy, meaning the absol-
utism of the Pope and the pres-
sure of the hierarchy.

True, Mr. Kennedy has declar-
ed himself clearly on certain is-
sues such as the church and state
issue. However, Mr. Kennedy's
own religious press confronts him.
Here is the *Ava Maria* story. On
Feb. 23, 1960, a Roman Catholic
magazine took issue with a state-
ment by Sen. John Kennedy on a
public official's attitude toward
the church and the state. In *Look*
Kennedy was quoted as saying:
"Whatever one's religion in pri-
vate life may be, for the office-
holder, nothing takes precedence
over his oath to uphold the Con-
stitution and all its parts — in-
cluding the First Amendment and
the strict separation of church
and state . . ." The *Ava Maria*, a
national weekly published at the
University of Notre Dame by the
Holy Cross Fathers, said the
statement reflected an attitude

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"not only unrealistic but danger-
ous as well . . . Such thinking con-
tains a serious flaw . . . It is
dangerous because it leads to secu-
larism in public life."

The *Catholic Encyclopedia*, Vol.
9, page 65, says: "General canon
law binds all Catholics wherever
they may be. All dogmatic de-
crees of the Pope are infallible
and irreformable, once made no
Pope or council can reverse
them."

On December 30, 1959, Pope
John XXIII said, "Today as yes-
terday, the church deeply affirms
that its rights in the field of edu-
cation come before those of the
state."

It isn't any wonder that the
average American has a question
in his mind as to the power of the
Pope and the clergy to dominate
and direct a Roman Catholic
president. This is just too bad. No
doubt Mr. Kennedy is a fine
young man who is of presidential
material, but he must also be
recognized as a good, loyal, obedi-
ent Roman Catholic.

Apart from the question as to
whether America wants a Roman
Catholic for president or not,
America must face up to an issue.
America must awake to the fact,
of which most people are seem-
ingly unaware, that the Roman
Catholic clergy are out to break
down the Constitution on church
and state, and cause the tax payer
to build and finance the operation
of Roman Catholic parochial
schools. Regardless of the convic-
tions or intentions of any indivi-
dual candidate for president,
Protestant America is doubtful
that any Roman Catholic presi-
dent would be able to stand up
against the pressure of the Roman
Catholic hierarchy. Baptists, of
all people, should be alert and
concerned about these issues be-
cause of the price they paid for
freedom. "Eternal vigilance is the
price of freedom." De we want to
keep it?

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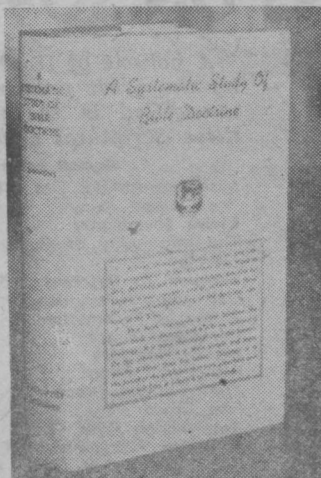
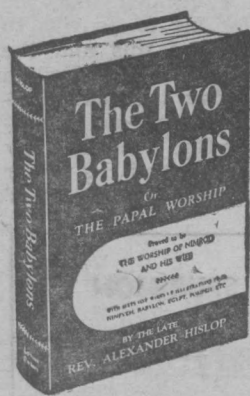
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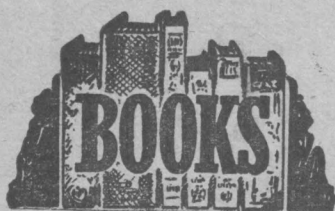
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Amillennialism Examined

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JERUSALEM be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more. — Joel 3:16-17.

It is here that we have the Amillennialist and the Post-millennialist spiritualizing the Word where it should not be done. They say that Zion is the church rather than a place in the city of actual Jerusalem. If this Jerusalem is a heavenly Jerusalem as the Amillennialist teaches, — then why does the verse read, **"THEN SHALL JERUSALEM BE HOLY"**? They are forced to say that Heaven has not always been holy. Perish the thought.

The Bible makes it very clear that Christ is to reign from **"David's throne,"** and that throne is not in Heaven. See Luke 1:32, Isa. 9:7, Acts 15:16. The Amillennialist is hard pressed to make these Old Testament scriptures teach something other than what they say. To spiritualize the Bible like they do we may very easily come up with anything we so desire.

What is the meaning of Rev. 20:1-6?

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand

years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them which were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." — Rev. 20:1-6.

The Amillennialist goes to enormous heights to spiritualize this portion of the Word of God, for it is a thorn in his side. For one to take this text for what it says is to definitely become a Premillennialist.

I now want to quote Dean Alford on this text of Scripture:

"It will have been long ago anticipated by the readers of this commentary, that I cannot consent to distort its words from their plain sense and chronological place in the prophecy, on account of any considerations of difficulty, or any risk of abuses which the doctrine of the millennium may bring with it. Those who lived next to the Apostles, and the whole church for 300 years, understood them in the plain literal sense; and it is a strange sight in these days to see expositors who are among the first in reverence of antiquity, complacently casting aside the most cogent instance of unanimity which primitive antiquity presents. As regards the text itself, no legitimate treatment of it will extort what is known as the spiritual interpretation now in fashion."

The text here makes it very clear that there are **three** different groups referred to. First: **"I saw thrones, and they sat on them."** There is no account of a resurrection here for these. For they were caught up before this time. They were caught up when Christ appeared in the sky and called them forth (see I Thess. 4:13-18 and 2 Thess. 2:1.)

The second: **"The souls of them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God."**

They are, we believe, the martyrs coming after Christ called out the saints at His coming and before the class last mentioned.

The third class who reign with

Christ are "such as worshipped not the beast," which plainly marks them as saints out of the "great tribulation" period. They either pass through those awful three and one-half years, or are martyred.

Then verse 5 reads: **"The rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years should be finished."** "The rest of the dead" are the unsaved, whose spirits are imprisoned in "hades" till after the thousand years.

We will not at this time go into what the text has to say about the first resurrection, but will save that for a later time. There are those who teach that the only ones mentioned in this passage as reigning with Christ are those that are beheaded for Christ. But I think that from what I have shown from the text proves contrary.

Also, to try to prove that an actual thousand years is not meant is simply futile. But this is what the Amillennialist is forced to try to do. The Amillennialist argues that the word "millennium" is not in the Bible. This is a trick of sophistry, used by the Amillennialists. I say the word millennium is in the Bible. I don't mean the Latin word "millennium", but the word "thousand", which is simply what the Latin word means. So this is a cheap trick that the Amillennialist endeavors to use on one uninformed, similar to the Russellite's argument on the word "trinity", if not worse. The Amillennialist also argues that this is the only place that a time is mentioned, so therefore it is not so. I would like for the Amillennialist to give me one sound reason why something has to be mentioned in more than one place in the Bible in order for it to be true.

Dear friends, let us remember that he who would pit himself against such plain language as this is very likely holding to an error that cannot be justified.

Appreciated Letter

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and the paper I have come to know the divine power of God more fully.

I had, when I was pastoring, a deep conviction on the place of women in the church, and so I began to study my Bible and pray about it and the teaching from the paper gave me one conclusion that the Bible meant what it said in I Cor. 14:33-34; I Tim. 2, etc., and I decided that the only thing for me to do was to take my stand on this and the evils of mission boards, and when I did one Sunday, the next Wednesday they voted me out as pastor. But praise God I still had my Lord to lean upon and His power keeps me from the enemies'

hands.

Now there is not a New Testament church anywhere close I know of and I just can't lowship with a happy heart, an unscriptural church, and my family and I go to somewhere also every Sunday. The closest New Testament church is in Mansfield, La. H. L. Peacock is the pastor. It was a picture of him in the not long ago, who is a close friend of mine.

I want to take time now to thank God for Bro. Fred [name] and I would like for you to send me his new God-given dress as I want to help his work there. I may be able to send much but every bit helps.

May God bless you and the TBE.

Donald O.

NOTE: Halliman's address is [name] Guinea. Write him an encouraging letter.

How Satan Deceives

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a sufficient refutation of the trine of annihilation. They read that "the devil that deceives them, was cast into the fire and brimstone, where the Beast and False Prophet shall be tormented day and night forever and ever." This is a passage relating to the trine of annihilation.

(1) Satan is cast into a place where the "Beast and False Prophet" have already been cast there for that length of time then that proves that they have not been annihilated.

(2) They are to be "tormented day and night forever." This could not be, if they are annihilated.

3. There is the idea presented by Satan that Hell is not fire, that it is some kind of spiritual discomfort. This is purely a lie. The Bible teaches that Hell is to be a place of punishment by fire. If God didn't mean fire, why did He say fire?

"But," some argue, "why doesn't it burn up the wicked?"

We answer, "Why doesn't it burn up asbestos?" We know it doesn't. Likewise the wicked shall be indestructible in their final state.

4. There is the further teaching that "God is too good" to let people go to Hell. This objection is raised by people who have created a god, out of their own imagination, who is "gooder" than the God revealed in the Bible. God says that there is a Hell (Read Matt. 5:29; Luke 12:5; 18:9.)

No one will ever go to Hell who does not deserve to go. This land people by the thousands wilfully reject the Gospel and reject every appeal of the Gospel. If people live in sin, the Devil — serve the Devil — refuse to break with the Devil, why should they complain if they are given the privilege of going to Hell with the Devil throughout their eternal future?

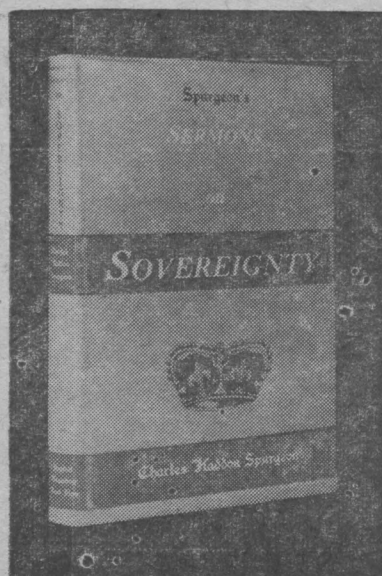
Not only does the Bible teach the existence of Hell — not only did Jesus teach it, but the Bible reason demands the existence of such a place. It is not reasonable to believe that God will let the wicked into Heaven with the people. They would turn Hell into Hell, if they could get in. Besides, if there is any such as justice, sin and sinners must be punished. When the wicked go to Hell, they will continue to sin there, and when they are eternally there, they will receive eternal punishment.

The death of Christ argues for the existence of Hell. Had the human race not been in a desperate plight — in danger of eternal Hell, the Son of God would not have come to this world to be betrayed and crucified.

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