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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20

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What Will Happen During Millennium?

By ROY MASON
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to say a thing a thousand times to mean it? As a matter of fact however, the statement quoted



Eld. Roy Mason

above is a big lie. The Millennium IS TAUGHT over and over again in the Bible. The term Millen-

nium may not be mentioned, but the period referred to by that word is unmistakably mentioned. I shall not take the time to enumerate the many Scriptures, but shall refer to just one passage—the 11th chapter of Isaiah. This chapter doesn't make good sense apart from the idea of the perfect reign of Christ over this earth.

But what will happen during the Millennium? What kind of place will this earth be? Let us take a brief glance at some of the Scriptures that throw light on these questions.

In Matt. 16:28 we find Jesus saying, "There are some standing here, which shall not taste of (Continued on page 5, column 1)

Six Recurring Reactions As To Our Written Ministry

(1) "WHY DO YOU ALLOW YOURSELF TO GET IN DEBT?"

Those who work in the shop expect their pay on Friday afternoon. The paper on which we print costs money. We plan to print an issue of the paper every week. Sometimes (in fact, quite often through the years) the money just hasn't materialized with which to pay the labor, paper, and other expenses.

(2) "RECENTLY I READ THAT IF YOU DON'T GET \$2000 BY THE END OF THE MONTH, YOU WOULD HAVE TO QUIT PRINTING THE PAPER."

I never did say this. I have tried in a confidential manner to tell our friends as to our needs. I have said that we needed certain amounts by certain dates. However, I have no intention of ceasing to publish THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I think God started it and that He will in some manner provide for us in all of our needs. For over 25 years, I've made many sacrifices in behalf of the paper. I expect to continue to do so. It has been my life's work and I don't expect to see it fail if there is any way to prevent

it. I'll make many more sacrifices before I see it come to naught. Sometimes it seems that He makes us wait a long time. I am glad to have friends and supporters that I can write to and tell them as to our needs.

(3) "I DON'T SEE WHY THE PAPER COSTS SO MUCH—THAT IS TO PRINT IT EACH WEEK."

Frankly, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is printed in a very economical manner. It is true that it costs us considerably. It costs us about \$700.00 weekly to print and mail it. However, considering our circulation, this is most reasonable.

(4) "I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU HAVE SURVIVED THROUGH THE YEARS."

Well, humanly speaking, I can't either. All the lodge crowd in Baptist churches, all the Arminians, and all the Feminists naturally refuse to support us. Preachers in the Southern Baptist Churches who are completely "pickled in the brine" of the Cooperative Program naturally will have nothing to do with us. Even many of the local lodge crowd who are businessmen, who would patronize us otherwise, boycott us, in view of our stand on the lodge. Naturally all the mission boards whom we have held up (Continued on page 2, column 4)

OUR ENEMIES

Yes, we have them. What Bible preacher hasn't? We have always had them, and, I am sure, in view of the type of ministry carried on by our church and paper, we will always have them.

Years ago one of my close friends said, "Nobody dislikes Bro. Gilpin—they either hate him or they love him." I imagine this pretty nearly sums up the attitude of most people toward me and my ministry.

Of recent date, I have been impressed particularly by what God says in the Bible about our enemies. In my devotions I have noticed the following passages within the past few days:

"Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly." Psalm 3:7.

"Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words." Psalm 64:3.

"They that hate without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head; they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty." Psalm 69:4.

"And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love." Psalm 109:5.

Then in addition to these Scriptures I have noticed others—Scriptures which tell us how God takes care of our enemies.

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Under His Wings

"Under His wings I am safely abiding;
Though the night deepens and tempests are wild,
Still I can trust Him; I know He will keep me;
He has redeemed me, and I am His child.

Under His wings, under His wings,
Who from His love can sever?
Under His wings my soul shall abide,
Safely abide forever.

Under His wings, what a refuge in sorrow!
How the heart yearningly turns to His rest!
Often when earth has no balm for my healing,
There I find comfort, and there I am blest.

Under His wings, O what precious enjoyment!
There will I hide till life's trials are o'er.
Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me;
Resting in Jesus I'm safe evermore.

Under His wings, under His wings,
Who from His love can sever?
Under His wings my soul shall abide,
Safely abide forever."

Let The Trouble-Maker Of Tekoa Set Our Standards

By VANCE HAVNER

Many years ago I attended a week of meetings in a small Carolina mountain town. The preacher gave a message each morning from the book of Amos. I had never heard anyone preach all week from one book of the Bible. It was expository preaching and it fascinated me. Moreover, it introduced me to Amos, the colorful country prophet who went up to Bethel and gave that religious and political center a brand of preaching they were not accustomed to hearing.

In later years, after a barren period in my own ministry, the Lord woke me up and led me into plain old fashioned preaching. One of my first sermons was from Amos. I preached it almost everywhere I went. Homer Rodeheaver used to speak of it almost every time we went on the platform together. I believe he thought it was my best sermon. It became a sort of pattern for my preaching.

A God-Called Man

Amos is decidedly out of style these days. He was a herdsman and a gatherer of sycamore fruit. He was trained in none of the schools of men. He got his message from God as he meditated outdoors in his humble work. He said, "I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son but I was an herdsman and a gatherer of sycamore fruit. And the Lord

took me as I followed the flock and the Lord said unto me, "Go, prophesy unto my people Israel" (Amos 7:14-15).

Bro. Kyle Yates says of Amos: "His time had not been spent in a Divinity School. He was unwilling to be classed as a member of the guilds who made their living by bowing to the wishes of the people and preaching a pleasing message that would guarantee a return engagement." Amos was not angling for return engagements. Nor was he a link in anybody's chain. He was a non-conformist, unregimented, unclassified. He had never heard of the Organization Man. He had never been brainwashed, collectivized, standardized. He was riding no bandwagon. He was not on his way up. The grass did not look greener in somebody else's pasture nor did he crave any man's bishopric. He had no sponsor but Almighty God. He was definitely "out of order" at Bethel. He should have made an appointment through the regular channels instead of simply walking into town and opening up unannounced. He would not likely be invited to many big churches today. He might be invited to leave (Continued on page 7, column 2)

HOLLYWOOD RELIGION

Although Hollywood has become more of a cesspool of corruption than ever, still Graham has all of his films produced there and is welcomed as one of their own. Graham spoke to 900 people at the Motion Picture Relief Fund Banquet. He preached a "watered down" gospel which included high praise for a recent book by Roman Catholic Bishop Fulton Sheen. Rabbi Edgar Magnin pronounced the benediction in which he thanked God for Graham, and that he, Graham, realized that the battle today was not one of faith against faith, but of faith against no faith." The faith of a Jew who rejects the Son of God is acceptable to Billy Graham. If he were a true man of God, he would have been forced to give a true testimony to this Rabbi, who has no God any more than any other heathen cult has; for Jesus said, "He that hateth Me hateth My Father also." "No man cometh unto the Father (Continued on page 8, column 3)

Elder, Bishop And Pastor — One Office

By HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28).

In present-day Christianity the offices of elder, pastor, and bishop are considered as separate one from the other. But in the New Testament these terms refer to the peculiar functions of one office. This is clearly seen in Acts 20:28 where Paul speaks to one group with reference to three functions which they are to perform.

He is speaking to the Ephesian "elders" (Acts 20:17). The word "elder" (presbuteros) originally referred to age or to older men (cf. Jn. 8:9). In Acts 2:17 it is used in contrast to "young men" (neaniskoi). Old men were regarded as wise men. So the word (Continued on page 2, column 5)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"WICKED BALANCES AND DECEITFUL WEIGHTS"

"Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?"—Micah 6:11.

May I remind you at the very outset, that all the way through the Bible, God demands exact weights and just measures. We read:

"Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt."—Lev. 19:36.

The ephah and the hin were two measures. The ephah was almost two bushels, and the hin

was about six quarts. Regardless of the size, God said that He was demanding just balances and just weights—a just ephah and a just hin.

Notice again: "Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath."—Ezek. 45:10.

The bath was about eight gallons. Well, regardless of the size of any of these measurements, the fact remains that they were used in the Old Testament and God demanded that the balances—the ephah and the bath—be just, and that there be nothing

deceitful and unjust about these measures.

Listen again: "A false balance is abomination to the Lord; but a just weight is his delight."—Prov. 11:1.

"Divers weights are an abomination unto the Lord; and a false balance is not good."—Prov. 20:23.

I might say that I have chosen these four verses carefully out of a rather great multitude of like verses to be found in the Bible—verses that would tell us over and over again that God demands just (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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We constantly call on our readers, both individuals and churches for the financial support of our written ministry. Knowing the folk that we reach, and the blessing that TBE is to these readers, we rejoice for the opportunity of asking our friends to share with us in sending this paper on its journey each week.

I have no salary as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. Our church is small in membership and we need all our money for the support of TBE, our missionary activities, our radio programs, and our annual Bible Conference.

Neither do I have any support from TBE. Every penny contributed, goes directly for the maintaining of our paper by way of the purchase of paper, the payment of labor, and the cost of mailing.

My salary, which isn't half the salary of the average Baptist pastor in America, comes from our printing shop, and in view of this, I take pride in asking our readers to support this great weekly of Truth. If I were pleading for myself, I'd be embarrassed, but as it is, my appeal is for you to support the Truth for which we are contending.

We do need your help. If you are able, and God directs you to do so, we will thank you greatly for whatever help you give us at this particular time. If you don't send an offering, I am sure we won't "fold up." Somehow we will keep going. God has been raising up friends for years, and I am sure He won't fail us now, or ever. Over and over again I have "trusted the Lord" and "told His people" about our needs, and He has cared for us.

I do request that you pray definitely for us. And then, may I ask that you give as God impresses you. 1965 has been our greatest year. I trust that God makes 1966 even greater. I am glad that you and I can serve Him together. May we hear from you early in the New Year!

OUR NEW BOOK OF SERMONS ON CATHOLICISM

Our new book of anti-Catholic sermons will be ready for mailing within the next two weeks (D.V.). We have had the usual delays, plus some unusual ones—all of which add up to the fact that we are late getting it on the market.

Let all of our readers who are expecting a copy, take notice. We hope to have it in the mail by January 15. Please be patient with us. Just remember it will be most worthwhile when you do get it.

MISSIONARY CONNECTIONS

As a boy, I thought perhaps God had called me to be a missionary. Later on I realized that this wasn't my calling. However, I have always had an exceedingly warm spot in my heart for all true missionaries. I am so thankful for the connections that He has given us through the years, and in a particular way I bow my head in gratitude when I think of the work that is being accomplished by some of the brethren whom we especially seek to support, particularly Bro. Fred T. Halliman.

We consider Bro. Halliman as one of the greatest of all modern missionaries. We of Calvary Baptist Church are happy to publicize his work, and we urge all our readers to pray for, and support his ministry in 1966 as you have never supported any missionary before. He is worthy of your support, and when you get to eternity your only regret will be that you did not support him more.

I am not interested in mission boards nor mission work that is done under a mission board, nor am I concerned about unionistic missionary activities. I wouldn't give one cent to support such work. However, I am glad to support true Baptist missionaries.

REMEMBER US IN YOUR WILL

Since publishing our last paper, we have been encouraged in hearing from one of our readers who says that he made provision in his will in behalf of TBE over seven years ago. I would encourage all of our readers who have helped TBE in life to leave a portion, even though it might be a small amount, of your estate for carrying on TBE when you are gone.

This simple statement by way of a form of devise inserted in your will could very easily be the means of helping to carry on this paper when you are gone:

"I devise to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, published by Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky, the sum of \$..... or the following property, to wit."

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER AND ITS CIRCULATION

For many years our paper has gone into all the states and into about twenty-five foreign countries. We estimate that the paper is possibly read by approximately 40,000 readers every week. I consider this a tremendous ministry in that I am preaching to thousands with every issue of the paper that goes forth. There is never a day, but that we receive letters of appreciation from our readers. How we do thank God for the wonderful and encouraging letters which we receive!

Moses had an Aaron and a Hur to uphold his hands, and like him, we have a host of loyal friends who encourage us with their letters, and with their contributions. Most of our readers we have never met. About all we know of the majority of them is what we have learned from their letters. We will probably never meet them in this life until that day when we all "go up." Surely it will be a blessed time of meeting when we get acquainted in the air.

Editor Looking Ahead With Joy To Visit Alabama Church

As was announced last week, the editor of this paper will be preaching for the Union Hill Baptist Church of Ranburne, Alabama, the weekend of January 8, the church being located just a few miles from the Georgia-Alabama state line, near to Bowden, Georgia. We are hoping to meet a number of our friends who live within driving distance, who perhaps can attend the services, particularly on Saturday evening, January 8. It will be a joy to see many whom we have never met, yet have heard from often.

BIBLE CONFERENCE IN 1966

Although nothing has been said about a Bible Conference in September of 1966, I am sure that those of us of Calvary Baptist Church, as well as those of you living at a distance, are looking forward to Labor Day Week-end.

Actually, even in our church we have not voted to have the Conference, but it is more or less taken for granted that such will be held. The women of our church have already cooked, deboned and frozen about twenty turkeys, all of which we feel are destined to "enter the ministry" at one of the meals of our Bible Conference.

What do you say? Let's make it a date to meet in Ashland September 2-5 for another great season of fellowship in the Lord!

BOOK OF SERMONS PREACHED AT 1965 BIBLE CONFERENCE

We have not started printing the book of messages preached at our annual Bible Conference in 1965, as we are waiting on several of the preacher brethren to correct their manuscripts, and get them back into our hands. We had hoped to have it completely printed before now.

We are not in a position to say when it will be printed. All we can say is that it will be printed ultimately—just as soon as the preacher brethren get their manuscripts to us. May we venture a wish that it might be soon that we have this book available, for it is needed most badly.

TBE Still Operating In The "Red," But Nearly Out Of Debt

1965 has been a good year for us in every respect, and as we near its end, we bow our heads to give thanks to God for all of his goodness.

We did not get the paper out of debt as we had hoped, but we are much closer to this goal than we have been since 1958—the last year we operated in the black. This is being written just a few days before the year ends, and it could be that God may yet put it into the heart of someone, to make a large offering that we might end the year debt-free. However, as it stands now, we will still be in the "red," as we begin the new year.

We are glad though for God's blessings upon us this year, and we are looking forward, trusting God to give us an even greater year in 1966.

In addition to the material blessings with which He has showered us, we thank God for the many letters of encouragement we received in the past twelve months—letters which tell of sinners being saved, and the building up of the saints in God's Word and Grace. For all this we give Him thanks today!

Six Reactions

(Continued from page one) again and again to scorn, to expose them for their heresies have no use for us. My sermon, "When John Met John" has cost us heavily; yet every day I thank God that I printed it and would do it again if the occasion were to arise. Still, it has cost us greatly. Frankly, it is a mighty small crowd we have for our friends. I too have a hard time understanding how we have survived through the years. And I assure you we would not have, had it not been that God has been on our side, and has led His people who love the truth to support us.

(5) "I AM SO GLAD YOU WRITE FRANKLY TELLING US OF YOUR NEEDS; OTHERWISE WE WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT."

Through the years, my philosophy has always been "Trust the Lord and tell His people." Accordingly, God has been exceedingly good to us in raising up friends.

(6) "I THANK GOD FOR WHAT THE BAPTIST EXAMINER HAS MEANT TO ME AND TO MANY OTHERS, AND I AM GLAD TO SUPPORT IT."

This is the tenor of the majority of the letters that we receive following the sending out of any appeal for funds. It seems that many of our readers feel that it is a privilege to have a part in sending forth THE BAPTIST EXAMINER every week. How glad we are for these wonderful friends.

START A GOOD LIBRARY IN 1966

As you may know by reading this paper from week to week, we have a book store which has a most complete line of good books, which you can buy from us cheaper than you can buy them elsewhere.

Remember: we do not sell books, just to sell books. We sell them to help our readers. You may be assured that whenever you buy a book from us, it will be reasonably sound.

With us, the selling of books is not a business—it is a ministry in behalf of our readers.

Why not make it a point to start a good library in 1966? Buy (Continued on page 8, column 5)

Our Enemies

(Continued from page one) neighbour, him will I cut off." Psalm 101:5.

"He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproveth kings for their sakes." Psalm 105:14.

"If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us: Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us." Psalm 124:2,3.

"His enemies will I clothe with shame." Psalm 132:18.

Therefore, in view of these, and realizing that God is our stay, like David I cry unto Him and say, "Save me from all them that persecute me." Psalm 7:1.

Even though God sometimes seemingly stands afar off and oftentimes hides Himself from us in times when our enemies rage—still I know He is with me, and I thank God I have the assurance that they shall not triumph over me.

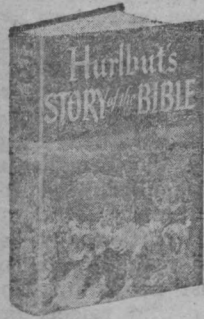
Elder - Bishop

(Continued from page one) "elder" came to refer to the office of one who gave counsel.

"Bishop" in Greek life referred to one who was placed over others to oversee their work that it might be done properly. Hence "overseer" (Acts 20:28, episkopos). In this sense it also referred to the office of "bishop" in the local church (of Phil. 1:1).

"To feed" (Acts 20:28) is the infinitive *poimainein*, meaning to feed as a shepherd. Hence to act as a shepherd or pastor.

So Paul used these three figures in one verse to refer to the various responsibilities of one office. They were "elders" giving counsel; "bishops" overseeing the work of the church; shepherds or pastors feeding the flock of God. Therefore, every pastor is an elder, a bishop, and a shepherd. While historical Christianity has divided these titles to refer to three offices, the New Testament clearly regards them as one. —Arkansas Baptist News Magazine.



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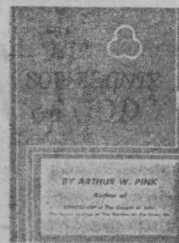
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PAGE TWO

"Balances, Weights"

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weights and just measures, and that wicked balances and deceitful weights are an abomination unto Him. So when we come to our text, beloved, we get at once somewhat of a picture from it when God says, "Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?" as if to say, "It is an impossibility for a God who demands that there should be just weights and just measures, to ever use wicked balances and deceitful weights in weighing the people of His creation."

I MAN WANTS TO BE FOUND PURE.

I don't care who the individual is, he wants to be found a pure individual. Oh, I think once in a while you'll find maybe a man who is so given over to his depravity that probably at times he takes pride in his depraved condition, but, generally speaking, I think that most everybody wants to be found pure before God.

For example, if you will go back to the early chapters of Genesis, you'll find that when Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, before they came into the presence of God, they covered their nakedness with fig leaves. To be sure, the garments which they used by way of fig leaves did not please God, but nevertheless they wanted to be found pure. I am satisfied that those fig-leaf garments that Adam and Eve wore the day they came into God's presence were the attempt of Adam and Eve to be found pure in God's sight. They did not want to appear impure. They did not want to come into the presence of God in an impure condition; therefore they did the best that human nature would allow them to do — they came dressed in their garments of fig leaves.

I say, beloved, from the first time that sin ever entered into the human family that man has wanted to be found pure in the sight of God.

Will you ladies allow me to indulge just a little with you, when I remind you that you go to the beauty parlor for one particular purpose — that you might come away a little prettier than you were. I am sure there is never a woman that goes to a beauty parlor but that she expects to be improved, just a little when she comes away therefrom. Beloved, that is nothing else but the attempt of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to be found pure. Nobody wants to remain in his present state; all want to be considered better than they actually are.

Take an individual that goes into court — a criminal that is put on trial for his life. The criminal does everything he can in order to make it appear that he is more pure than he actually is. The fact of the matter is, a man will go into the courtroom, and if he knows that he has been guilty of that which is wrong, and there is no way to prove that he is innocent, he will then hire a psychiatrist, or a psychologist to come into the court and swear that what he did, he did in a mo-

ment when he was just a little out of his mind — that he had temporary insanity. Now if anyone were to say that he was insane before he committed the crime, he would probably sue him for a million dollars, but when he has committed a crime and wants to be cleared by the court, he'll hire someone to swear that he had temporary insanity.

Don't you see what it is, beloved? He is trying to prove himself to be just a little better than he actually is. He is trying to make it appear that he is more pure than he is. Man, I say, wants to be found pure.

The fact of the matter is, men don't sin openly. Rather, men go behind closed doors, generally, for sin. Men go behind curtained windows for sin. We read:

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." — John 3:19.

Why is it that individuals don't sin out in the open? Why is it that individuals don't sin publicly? Why is it that sin is behind closed doors and windows that are curtained? Why is it that individuals sin in the night — that the night is the time of sin primarily rather than the day? Beloved, they want to be found pure.

II ACCORDINGLY, MEN MEASURE THEMSELVES BY FALSE STANDARDS.

In view of the fact that man wants to be found pure, man will measure himself by false weights and by false standards. What standards do men use that are false in order to make themselves stand a little higher than they would ordinarily? Well, first of all, an individual will compare himself with professing Christians. How many individuals will measure themselves by some professing Christian, and will say, "Now I am better than he is"? Or some individual will measure himself by a church member, and will say, "I am a whole lot better than that man really is." What is he doing, beloved? That individual who wants to be found pure is measuring himself by the false standards of professing Christians.

We have an example of that in the New Testament, in the story of the Pharisee and the publican. We read:

"And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes into heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." — Luke 18:14.

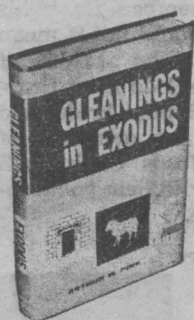
What does this parable that

Jesus gave, teach us? It shows us how that individuals measure themselves by other individuals, and how they use a false standard to measure themselves thereby. I say to you, every man wants to be found pure, and in order that he can be found pure, he'll measure himself by the false standard of professing Christians, like this Pharisee did. He said, "I thank thee Lord that I am not as other men are." He didn't say, "Lord, I thank you that I am just as good as you are." He didn't use the standard of ultimate perfection, but he used the standard of comparing himself with professing Christians, and he said, "Lord, I thank you that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers." Then he looked over to one side and saw the fellow that was standing next to him, and he said, "Lord, I am so thankful that I am not as this publican."

Beloved, do you see what this fellow was doing? In order to prove himself pure, and in order to be found pure, he was using a wicked balance and a deceitful weight, and the false standards whereby he was measuring himself was that of professing Christians when he measured himself with the man who was standing next to him in the church.

I say to you, that wasn't the last fellow that went to church who measured himself that way. There's been many and many a

GLEANINGS IN EXODUS



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man down through the years that's gone to church and compared himself with somebody else, that he saw present, and has thus measured himself by a false standard — the false standard of professing Christians.

There is a second false standard and that is that some people will say, "Well, I am not as good as some, but I am a whole lot better than others." How many times I have talked to an individual, inviting him to come to the services, and he'll say, "Now I am not quite as good as some of the folk, but I am a whole lot better than others." Do you know what he is doing? That individual is using a false standard to measure himself, in order that he might be able to prove himself pure.

In one city I know of, they have a requirement that a man has to be 6' tall to be on the fire department. Let's imagine that

THE WORLD SETS UP ITS "PROGRAM"

David Dietz, writing in the New York World Telegram, recently, lined up "Ten jobs ahead of those who will assume world leadership." Here they are:

(1) Tame the hydrogen bomb; (2) the conquest of heart disease and cancer; (3) discover an antibiotic that will kill all disease germs; (4) learn how to prevent the common cold; (5) control the world's expanding population; (6) get to the moon; (7) and then, on to Mars; (8) mo-hole the interior of the earth; (9) put into practical usefulness the conversion of sea water into fresh water;

(10) mine the oceans, successfully, for minerals, metals and food.

Very interesting program: but God too has a Program, for His people. It is a four-fold program, clearly stated in the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20). Here it is:

(1) Preach the Gospel to every creature; (2) Baptize the converts; (3) Gather the saved into churches, for worship and cooperative missionary effort; (4) Teach the converts the "whole counsel" of God — "whatsoever things Christ commanded." — Christian Victory.

there is a man who is 5' 10" tall, and he goes in to plead with them that they put him on the fire department. He says, "I recognize the fact that I am not 6' tall; however I am 5' 10", and there is another fellow out here on the outside who is only 5' 6" tall." Do you see what that man is doing? He is doing exactly what the man does who comes to church and who says, "I am not as good as some of the folk, but I am a whole lot better than others." What does that prove, beloved? Simply one thing — he is using a false standard in order to measure himself and to try to prove himself pure.

I say to you, this passage of Scripture in the book of Micah which talks about the wicked balances and the deceitful weights, certainly proves to me how that in their attempt to be found pure, men use false standards, in order to make themselves pure in the sight of God.

Here is another fellow who has a little different type of false standard. His false standard is that of sincerity. He says, "I am sincere in everything that I do."

Beloved, I say to you, I have never yet believed any man when he said that. I know that no man in this world is sincere in all that he does. But suppose he were sincere? That is a false standard whereby that a fellow would measure himself. Listen:

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." — Prov. 14:12.

Suppose I am upon the tenth floor of a hotel building and I want to come down to the main lobby. I open the elevator door, and step in. I think I am stepping into the elevator, but actually I am stepping into an open elevator shaft. I am sincere in what I do, but I'll fall to my death ten stories below.

Or here is an individual who reaches into the medicine cabinet at night in order to take a headache pill. He thinks he knows exactly where the bottle of headache medicine is, and he reaches into that medicine cabinet in a sincere manner, but his wife took one of those housecleaning sprees day before yesterday, and moved everything around in that medi-

cine cabinet and he gets a bottle of prussic acid tablets instead. He takes one and dies. Beloved, he was sincere, but it doesn't keep him from dying.

Or here is an individual who gets into an unseaworthy boat in order to take an ocean voyage. He is sincere in what he does. So far as he is concerned, he thinks that boat is perfectly safe, but that boat is unseaworthy and it sinks, and he is drowned. I tell you, beloved, he was sincere, but he was sincerely wrong, and the boat sinks and he goes to his death.

I say to you, the man who wants to prove himself pure, is surely using a poor measurement — a false standard, when he uses the standard of sincerity in order to measure himself. It is a wicked balance, and it is a deceitful weight in the sight of God.

Here is another man who has a little different type of false measure in order to prove himself pure. You ask him how he is getting along, and how he is living, and how pure is his life. He says, "I am doing the best I can."

How many individuals have said to me in life, "Brother Gilpin, I am doing the very best that I can!" That was what Adam and Eve did. They didn't say it in so many words, but when they put on those fig leaves garments, and walked out in the presence of God, in the Garden of Eden, they said silently, "We are doing the best we can." But what did it amount to? Pretty soon you see them with bowed heads walking out of the Garden of Eden, to enter it again no more. Pretty soon you see them sadly and sorrowfully leaving the Garden of Eden. They said, "We are doing the best we can," but God turned them out of the Garden of Eden.

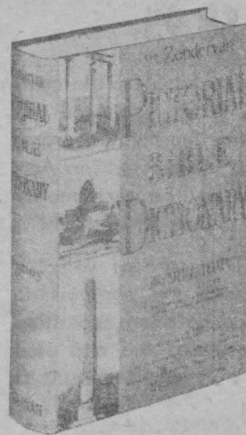
Man wants to be found pure. He'll do anything he can to be found pure. He'll use all kinds of wicked balances and deceitful weights. He'll use all kinds of false standards. Beloved, the worst false standard of all that (Continued on page 4, column 4)

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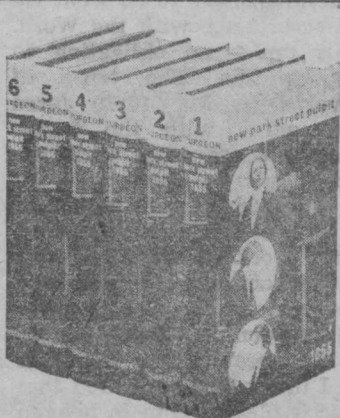
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"If a person has Scriptural baptism and belongs to a New Testament church and there came an occasion when the church had to exclude him, what would happen to his baptism in the light of Matt. 16:19, if he was never reconciled to that church?"

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would happen to his baptism. He would, if he were genuinely saved, still be saved, and as a genuinely baptized person he would still be baptized, but as an excluded member of that church, he would be out of fellowship. Should he in repentance seek restoration to fellowship, he would be accepted back into membership without having to be baptized again. This would show that the church still regarded his baptism as being valid.

I do not understand just what the questioner had in mind by saying "in the light of Matt. 16:19," nor do I see the relevance of that passage to the question of baptism.

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If an individual is baptized upon the authority of a New Testament Church, that baptism is valid and is recognized in Heaven, even though the church may find reasons to exclude him from their membership. In the baptism of a saint of God, there are many different pictures which can never be taken away or repeated. Baptism shows forth to the world that the saint has died to sin and to the law. Now that one is dead, it becomes necessary that he be buried, which is pictured by the saint being immersed in water. After death and burial, if that individual is to live then there must be a resurrection, which is shown forth in the saint being brought forth from the water. In order for the saint's baptism to become void and thus in need of another baptism, there must be another death, another burial and another resurrection. To the saint of God there is no more death, therefore there could not be another baptism, even though the church of which he is a member excluded him. Baptism would still be good even though he is guilty of some sin.

A Biblical illustration of this is found in I Cor. 5 and 2 Cor. 2. In I Cor. 5 we see a member of the Corinthian Church excluded for the sin of fornication. In 2 Cor. 2:6-8, we hear Paul instructing the Corinthian Church to re-

ceive this man back into their fellowship. If you will notice carefully you will find that they did not re-baptize this man when receiving him back into their fellowship. From this I gather that this means baptism would still have been valid though he were never reconciled to the church.

Furthermore when a church excludes one of their members they never have in mind to exclude all the things that they have done for this particular member. For instance, they do not take away the knowledge that he has gained during his membership with the church, neither do they intend to take away the blessing that he has received, or others received through his being a member of the church. Neither is there any scriptural evidence that Heaven desires to take away these blessings. Therefore I cannot believe that his baptism is made void by his exclusion from the church.

When a church excludes a member though, it does not affect his baptism, even though he is never reconciled to the church, but I do believe that if he is never reconciled to that church that it will affect his membership in the bride of Jesus Christ. For what the church does on earth, the Head of the church does in Heaven. "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of the heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matt. 16:19.

If Christ acknowledges the exclusion of a member from his body on earth, would not it mean exclusion from the bride of Christ? Brethren, I do most firmly believe in a Baptist bride, and those who are not members of the church of Jesus Christ will not be honored with being a member of the bride.

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If this person is never restored to the church, his baptism, along with everything else he may have done, will avail him nothing. Since he had Scriptural baptism we can only assume that he has been born again. No one other than a saved person can have Scriptural baptism. Therefore, it is my contention that this person will be saved, so as by fire (I Cor. 3:15). His baptism had nothing to do with his salvation, so its being disannulled by his exclusion from the church does not affect his future destination.

My comments on this subject hinge upon the assumption that the church excluded this person in a Scriptural manner. Even though our authorized version of Mt. 16:19 sounds as if our Lord operates under the supervision of the church, I am convinced that all our readers know better. He operates through His churches, but never under them. The teaching of the whole body of Scripture is that we, as churches and as individuals, are to do what we do in accordance with the Word. God is under no obligation to abide by His. The tense of the verbs in Mt. 16:19 force me to agree with the translations which say that what the church binds on earth must be what is already bound in heaven. Only as a church acts in accord with the Word will our Lord consider her actions binding. May we never take the Catholic position that our little God must do what the great church tells him to do. I thank God for a God that does as it pleases Him in heaven and in earth. I could never have any respect for anything less than that.

"Balances, Weights"

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a man can use is that of saying, "I am doing the best I can."

We read:
"For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." —Gal. 3:10.

Go back and read the ten commandments, as recorded in Exodus 20, and compare it with your life. Are you living up to it? Are you just as pure as the law demands? God says, "Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." I tell you, beloved, the man who says "I am doing the best I can" is measuring himself with false standard. He is using a wicked balance and a deceitful weight in an attempt to be found pure in God's sight.

III

BY GOD'S STANDARDS ALL MEN ARE FOUND WANTING.

A man wants to be found pure. Man will invent various measures whereby he can prove himself pure, even though the measures that he uses are false measures. Beloved, when you put man side by side with God's standards, man will be found impure and wanting in every particular. Listen:

"TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." — Dan. 5:27.

Beloved, Belshazzar was weighed in the balances. What balances? Certainly not the balances of Babylon, for if you had weighed the conduct of Belshazzar in the balances of human opinion by any public poll in Babylon, he would have been found to be an upstanding individual. If you had weighed Belshazzar in the balances of the standards of his day, he would have been found to be perfectly all right in the eyes of man. If you had considered Belshazzar by the standards of man in his day, nobody could have said aught against him. But, beloved, when you look at Belshazzar in the light of the standards of God, and weigh him as God weighs every one of us, the conclusion is, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and found wanting."

Notice again:
"The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." —Psa. 14:2, 3.

Can you imagine the Almighty looking down upon this earth? Can you imagine Him turning His eyes toward this world like a microscope or a telescope, that He might microscopically or telescopically look upon us? Can you imagine God looking at us out of the skies? Beloved, when His eyes look upon us, they pierce us like an X-ray. God sees us in all things, and what is His conclusion? "There is none that doeth good, no, not one." Believe me when I say that whenever we are weighed by God's standards, we are all found wanting in God's sight.

Listen again:
"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." — Rom. 3:23.

The under-lying picture that Paul uses in this chapter of Romans is that of a contest of archery. A man has his target yonder at a distance, and he is shooting with a bow and arrow. One arrow goes up almost to the target, another perhaps falls close by the feet of the man who is doing the shooting, and the other arrows fall in between. Not a single arrow hits the target. Not

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a single arrow goes over the target. Not a single arrow comes up to the target. Paul says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." What am I shooting at today? What are you shooting at, beloved? We all ought to be aiming at the glory of God, but how far short we all come. Not one of us reach it. Not one of us overshoot it. Not one of us come up to it. Rather, we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Notice again:
"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." —Gal. 3:22.

Mark it down, beloved, that is what the Scripture has concluded. That isn't the conclusion of a human being. That is not the conclusion of a judge when he listens to a case in court. That is not the conclusion of an individual who looks at people as they pass by. Rather, beloved, that is the conclusion of the Scriptures, and in view of the fact that you are going to be judged out of the Scriptures, you ought to listen to the conclusion of the Scriptures, and the conclusion is that all have sinned.

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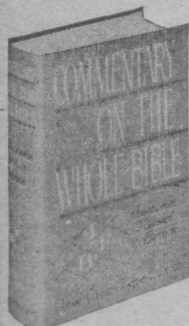


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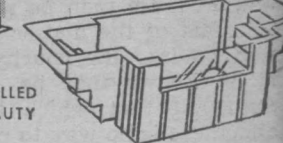
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The Millennium

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h, till they see the Son of God coming in his Kingdom." meaning of this becomes clear when we read Matt. 17:1-5. It is the story of the transfiguration. In the transfiguration we see Jesus glorified, as he will appear when he returns. We see Moses, who represents the Law. We see Elias, who represents the prophets, and we see the disciples who represent the dispensation and period of the transfiguration scene. The transfiguration scene before is a little picture of the first coming in his (Millennial) Kingdom, glorified, and all the dispensations of the Law — prophets — and period of grace.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING THE MILLENNIUM? Well, the first place this earth will be a shambles at the return of Christ with his people. Instead of the converted world that some are talking about, the last picture of this earth before Christ takes over, is a picture of a huge battle — covered with the dead soldiers of the armies of this earth. Romanism is destroyed through the destruction of earth's armies, the buzzards are pictured as feeding on their flesh. (Rev. 19:9).

What else? **EARTH'S FINAL DICTATOR**, a veritable human devil, will be taken. (II Thess. 2:8).

THE FALSE PROPHET — one who headed up Antichrist's church, which we now are being formed by the ecumenical movement as expressed in the National and World Council of Churches, shall be dealt with. Both he and his master, the Christ, shall be cast into hell. He will be the first inmate of the place. (Rev. 19:20).

THE DEVIL SHALL BE THROWN INTO A PLACE CALLED ABYSS — a place of confinement. (Rev. 20:2-3).

ISRAEL REGATHERED TO EPHRAIM IN UNBELIEF — (it is happening now) shall be delivered from destruction by the return of their long-expected Messiah. They will turn to him, and veritably "a nation shall be born in a day." Reborn to be the better term. (Read Isa. 12:4-14 and 13:8-9 and 14:1-2 and Rom. 11:26-29).

Converted Israel shall be exalted to the place of world leadership. (Isa. 2:1-5). The resurrected apostles of the Lord shall judge the converted Israel. (19:27-28). The "Times of the Gentiles" will be over for Israel. See Luke 21:24).

to the rest of the world, we are of this age, shall be rulers, and our positions of authority will be in accord with what we have served Christ and now. (Luke 19:17-19). All of course be immortal.

THERE WILL BE MORTELITY ON THIS EARTH, but among them shall be a rare few. If one dies at the age of one hundred, he shall be thought of as being in mere childhood. (Isa. 65:20). The birth rate will be

much less than now, for multiplied conception was a part of the curse that followed sin. (Gen. 3:16).

6 — WITH THE CURSE REMOVED, THE EARTH WILL BE MORE PRODUCTIVE. (Amos 9:13-15).

7 — JERUSALEM SHALL BE THE CAPITOL OF THE WORLD. (Isa. 2). Jesus shall rule from the throne of his father David. (Acts 15:16). One purpose for which he was born was this very thing. (Luke 1:32-33). The angel so announced, and the angel knew what he was talking about. What lame brained interpreters are those who spiritualize and teach that Jesus shall reign over the "Church," or over some kind of a "spiritual kingdom."

8 — WAR SHALL BE NO MORE, and there won't even be military training. "Neither shall they learn war anymore," says the Bible.

9 — MORTALS WILL NOT BE PERFECT FOR THEY WILL BE BORN OF IMPERFECT PARENTS, but they will only have the sinful nature to contend with, without Satan's solicitation to sin. That they will still have the fallen nature is shown by the fact that when Satan is "loosed for a little season" he will find adherents to follow him. (Rev. 20:7-9). It is interesting to note that "Gog and Magog" is particularly mentioned. Russia is signified by these terms in Ezek. 38. Russia is God's chief enemy today, and Communism was spawned in hell. God, according to Ezekiel, will break the power of Russia, but enough antagonism toward God will remain through the Millennium to make Russia the first breeding place of rebellion when Satan is loosed.

But why will Satan be loosed before he is finally sent to hell? There is no dogmatic answer to this, but someone has offered the suggestion that he is to be loosed to prove that man is always and everywhere a failure, apart from the grace of God. He was created and placed in a perfect environment, but he sinned. He shall be placed in a good environment with Satan shut out, yet he will be ready to trail off after the devil as soon as he is loosed. Praise God, the time is coming when man will be completely redeemed, and the devil will be shut out from the earth forever, and there will nevermore be a hand lifted against the rule and reign of God.

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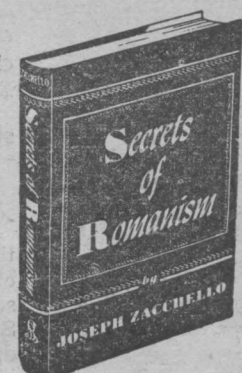
found pure in the sight of God, and you who would measure yourselves by false standards in an effort to be found pure, and you who would use wicked balances and deceitful weights in order that you might stand pure in the sight of God, I would to God that I could burn it into your soul, that you might remember forever this truth, that by God's standards we are all found wanting before Him.

IV
GOD WILL DETERMINE HUMAN

MAN WORTH BY AN EQUI- TABLE BALANCE AND WEIGHTS THAT ARE TRUE.

My text in Micah talks about false balances and deceitful weights, but God is going to determine your worth and mine, and all human worth, with an equitable balance and with weights that are true. Beloved, if God uses a just balance, isn't it foolish for man to use any other, I say, isn't it foolish for a man to use any other kind of a balance in view of the fact that God's balance is final? Since God uses a just balance, isn't it foolish for a man to use any other type? Isn't it foolish for a man to measure himself by false standards? Beloved, if God will not use a false balance at the judgment, why should you use a false balance?

I like for my life to be weighed today, and judged today, with the same kind of a balance that God is going to weigh it with at the judgment, when I stand in His presence. Beloved, God is going to judge you by Jesus Christ. God isn't going to judge you on the basis of what your neighbors say about you. God is not going to judge you on the basis of what the people that you work with, say about you. God is not going to judge you on the basis of whether or not the folk



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say that you are a good man or a good woman. Rather, God is going to judge you on the basis of Jesus Christ. Listen:

"For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son."—John 5:22.

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained: whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."—Acts 17:30,31.

I say, man wants to be found pure, and in order to be found pure, man brings in lots of deceitful weights and wicked balances and false standards in an effort to be found pure. But all the while, subconsciously, he realizes that he is weighed in the balances of God, and he is going to be found wanting. In view of all that, may I insist that God is going to determine human worth with an equitable balance and with weights that are true, and God is going to judge you by Jesus Christ. If that be true, I ask you this question: Have you believed on Jesus Christ as your Saviour? You may say, "I have joined the church," but my question is, have you believed on

Scriptures On Election Of Grace

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." — John 15:16.

"I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word." — John 17:6.

"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." — Eph. 1:4.

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." — Eph. 2:10.

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." — 2 Thess. 2:13.

Jesus Christ as your Saviour?

We read: "BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31.

"He that BELIEVETH on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."—John 3:18.

Beloved, since you are going to be judged by Jesus, I ask you, have you believed on Jesus Christ as your Saviour? Do you have on the robe of His righteousness, or are you clothed in your own sinful righteousness? Listen:

"For he hath made him who knew no sin, to be sin for us; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."—II Cor. 5:21.

What does this verse mean? It means that my sins were laid on Jesus Christ at Calvary, and the day I believed on Jesus Christ as my Saviour, His righteousness was put on me; so that when God sees me, He doesn't see me as a dirty, filthy, repulsive sinner that I am, but He sees me as His child, clothed in the righteousness of His Son.

I ask you, since you are going to be judged by Jesus Christ, do you have on the robe of His righteousness? Do you have His nature? I insist that everybody who is saved has, in addition to the old physical nature that he

inherited from his parents, the nature of God. Listen:

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."—II Pet. 1:4.

I got a bad nature from my mother and father just like you got from your parents, and they got from their parents, and all the way back to Adam. We have all inherited a bad, sinful selfish nature from our parents. However, the day that I believed on Jesus Christ as my Saviour, I received a new nature, for I got the nature of God. I don't say I don't have some of the old nature left. God knows I have entirely too much of it that remains, but I have now the nature of God inside.

Beloved, since you are going to be judged by Jesus, I ask you, do you have life? Jesus said:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."—John 5:24.

Beloved, if you are saved, you have life, for the Bible says you have it. It doesn't say you will have it, or maybe you'll have it, but it says "hath everlasting life." If you are saved, you have everlasting life. (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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"FIFTY YEARS IN THE CHURCH OF ROME"

By Charles Chiniquy

From "Fifty Years In The Church Of Rome"

When it became evident, in 1851, that my plan of forming a gdan colony of Roman Catholic French-speaking people on the prairies of Illinois was to be a success, D'Arcy McGee, then editor of The Freeman's Journal, official Journal of the Bishop of New York, wrote me to know my views, and immediately determined to put himself at the head of a similar enterprise in behalf of the Irish Roman Catholics. He published several able articles to show that the Irish people, with very few exceptions, were demoralized, degraded and kept poor, around their groggeries, and showed how they would thrive, become respectable and rich, if they could be induced to exchange their grog shope for the fertile lands of the west. Through his influence, a large assembly, principally composed of priests, to which I was invited, met at Buffalo, in the spring of 1852. But what was his disappointment, when he saw that the greatest part of those priests were sent by the Bishops of the United States to oppose and defeat his plans. He vainly spoke with a burning eloquence for his pet scheme. The majority coldly answered him: "We are determined, like you, to take possession secretly and with the utmost wisdom. If our plans are known, they will be surely be defeated. What does a skilful general do when he wants to conquer a country? Does he scatter his soldiers over the farm lands, and spend their energy with power in ploughing the fields and sowing grain? No! he keeps them well united around his banners, and marches at their head, to the conquest of the strongholds, the rich and powerful cities. The farming countries then submit and become the price of his victory without moving a finger to subdue them. So it is with us. Silently and patiently, we must mass our Roman Catholics in the great cities of the United States, remembering that the vote of a poor journeyman, though he be covered with rags, has as much weight in the scale of power as the millionaire Astor, and that if we have two votes against his one, he will become as powerless as an oyster. Let us then multiply our votes; let us call our poor but faithful Irish Catholics from every corner of the world, and gather them into the very hearts of those proud citadels which the Yankees are so rapidly building under the name of Washington, New York, Boston, Chicago, Buffalo, Albany, Troy, Cincinnati, etc. Under the shadows of those great cities, the Americans consider themselves a giant and unconquerable race. They look upon the poor Irish Catholic people with supreme contempt, as only fit to dig their canals, sweep their streets and work in their kitchens. Let no one awake those sleeping lions, today. Let us pray God that they may sleep and dream their sweet dreams, a few years more. How sad will their awakening be, when with out-numbering votes, we will turn them for ever, from

every position of honour, power and profit! What will those hypocritical and godless sons and daughters of the fanatical Pilgrim Fathers say, when not a single judge, not a single teacher, not a single policeman, will be elected if he be not a devoted Irish Roman Catholic? What will those so-called giants think of their matchless shrewdness and ability, when not a single Senator or a member of Congress will be chosen, if he be not submitted to our holy father the Pope! What a sad figure those Protestant Yankees will cut when we will not only elect the President, but fill and command the armies, man the navies and hold the keys of the public treasury? It will then be time for our faithful Irish people to give up their grog shope, in order to become the judges and governors of the land. Then, our poor and humble mechanics will leave their damp ditches and muddy streets, to rule the cities in all their departments, from the state mansion of Mayor to the more humble, though not less noble position of teacher.

"Then, yea! then, we will rule the United States, and lay them at the feet of the Vicar of Jesus Christ, that he may put an end to their godless system of education, and impious laws of liberty of conscience which are an insult to God and man."

D'Arcy McGee was left almost alone when the votes were taken. From that, the Catholic priests, with the most admirable ability and success, have gathered their Irish legions into the great cities of the United States, and the American people must be very blind, indeed, if they do not see that if they do nothing to prevent it, the day is very near when the Jesuits will rule their country, from the magnificent White House at Washington to the humblest civil and military department of this vast Republic. They are already the masters of New York, Baltimore, Chicago, St. Paul, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Cincinnati, Albany, Troy, Milwaukee, St. Louis, San Francisco, etc. Yes! San Francisco, the rich, the great queen of the Pacific, is in the hands of the Jesuits!

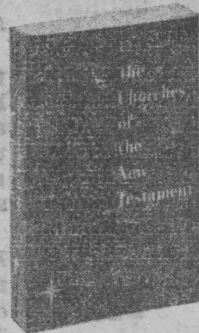
From the very first days of the discovery of the gold mines of California, the Jesuits had the hopes of becoming masters of those inexhaustible treasures, and they secretly laid their plans, with the most profound ability and success. They saw, at once, that the great majority of the lucky miners, of every creed and nation, were going back home as soon as they had enough to secure an honourable competence to their families. It became then evident that those multitudes which the thirst of gold had brought from every corner of the world, not one out of fifty would fix their homes in San Francisco. The Jesuits saw at a glance that if they could persuade the Irish Catholics to settle and remain there, they would soon be the masters and rulers of that golden city whose future is so bright and so great! And that scheme, worked day and night, with the utmost perseverance, has been crowned

with perfect success.

The consequence is, that while you find only a few Americans, Germans, Scotch, and English millionaires in San Francisco, you find more than fifty Catholic Irish millionaires in that city. Its richest bank (Nevada Bank) is in their hands, and so are all the street railways. The principal offices of the city are filled with Irish Roman Catholics. Almost all the police are composed of the same class, as well as the volunteer military associations. Their compact unity, in the hands of the Jesuits, with their enormous wealth, make them almost supreme masters of the mines of California and Nevada.

When one knows the absolute, abject submission of the Irish Roman Catholics, rich or poor, to their priests, how the mind, the soul, the will, the conscience are firmly and irrevocably tied to the feet of their priests, he can easily understand that the Jesuits of the United States form one of the richest and most powerful corporations the world ever saw. It is well known that those fifty Catholic millionaires, with their myriads of employes are, through their wives, and by themselves, continually at the feet of the Jesuits, who swim in a golden sea. No one, if he be not a Roman

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Catholic, or one of those so-called Protestants who give their daughters to the nuns, and their sons to the Jesuits to be educated, has much hopes, where the Jesuits rule, of having a lucrative office in the United States to-day.

The Americans, with few exceptions, do not pay any attention to the dark cloud which is rising at their horizon, from Rome. Though the cloud is filed with rivers of tears and blood, they let it grow and rise without even caring how they will escape from the impending hurricane.

It is to San Francisco that you must go to have an idea of the number of secret and powerful organizations with which the Church of Rome prepares herself for the impending conflict, through which she hopes to destroy the schools and every vestige of human rights and liberties in the United States.

In order to more easily drill the Roman Catholics and prepare them for the irrepressible struggle, the Jesuits have organized them into a great number of secret societies, the principal of which are: Ancient Order of Hibernians, Irish American Society, Knights of St. Patrick, St. Patrick's Cadets, St. Patrick Mutual Alliance, Apostles of Liberty, Benevolent Sons of the Emerald Isle, Knights of St. Peter, Knights of the Red Branch, Knights of the Columskill, The Secret Heart, etc., etc.

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their headquarters at San Francisco, but their rank and file are scattered all over the United States. They number seven hundred thousand soldiers, who under the name of U. S. Volunteer Militia, are officered by some of the most skillful generals and officers of this Republic.

Another fact, to which the American Protestants do not sufficiently pay attention, is that the Jesuits have been shrewd enough to have a vast majority of Roman Catholic generals and officers to command the army and man the navy of the United States.

Rome is in constant conspiracy against the rights and liberties of man all over the world; but she is particularly so in the United States.

Long before I was ordained a priest, I knew that my church was the most implacable enemy of this Republic. My professors of philosophy, history and theology had been unanimous in telling me that the principles and laws of the Church of Rome were absolutely antagonistic to the laws and principles which are the foundation-stones of the Constitution of the United States.

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2nd. Liberty of conscience is

proclaimed by the United States a most sacred principle every citizen must uphold, at the price of his blood. But erty of conscience is declare all the Popes and Councils of Rome, a most godless, un and diabolical thing, which e good Catholic must abhor destroy at any cost.

3rd. The American Constitution assures the absolute independence of the civil from the ecclesiastical or church power; but the Church of Rome declares through all Pontiffs and Councils, that independence is an impiety a revolt against God.

4th. The American Constitution leaves every man free to God according to the dictate his conscience; but the Church of Rome declares that no man ever had such a right, and the Pope alone can know and what man must believe and

5th. The Constitution of the United States denies the of anybody to punish any for differing from him ighligion. But the Church of says that she has a right to ish with the confiscation of goods, or the penalty of those who differ in faith from Pope.

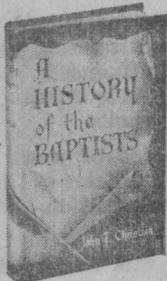
6th. The United States established schools all over immense territories, where invite the people to send children, that they may cul their intelligence and be

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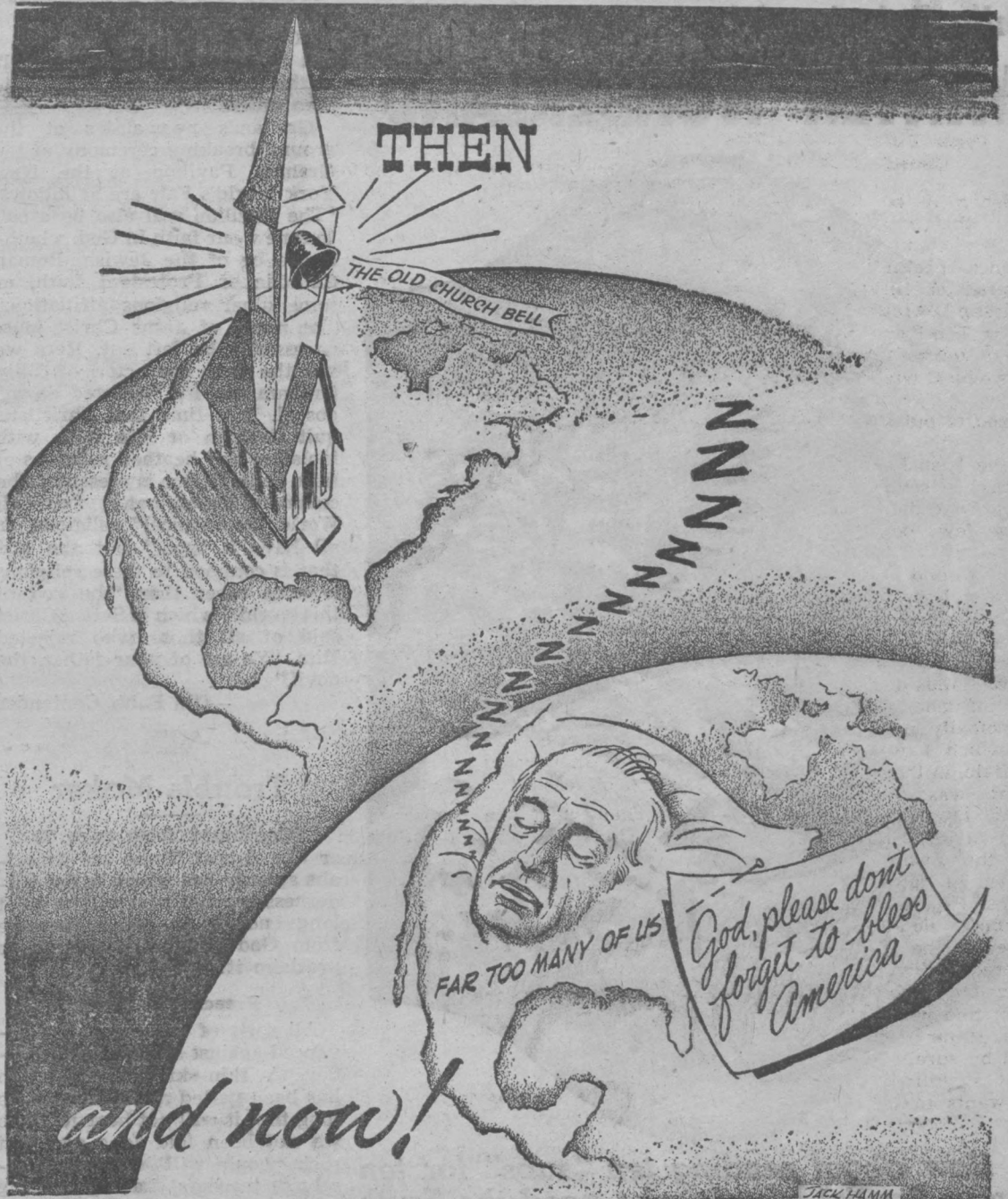
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SUNDAY MORNING SOUNDS



court preacher, who was horrified at this rustic nuisance. "Go back to the backwoods," he said in effect, "you have no business on the boulevard. You are not good for national morale. This boorish preaching of wrath and judgment, . . . have you never heard of the power of 'positive thinking'?"

Amos had not learned that it really is not nice to name things. He did not preach on sin in general, he particularized. He began with the sins of other nations, the neighbors as it were, but he did not stop at the borders of Israel. He was not one who could denounce evil at a distance but could see none close at hand. His bifocals took in both the far and the near.

The Prophet's Field

Amos preached to a nation. He was from Judah but he preached mainly to Israel. Israel was not only a nation but, along with Judah, the chosen people of God. Today we need an Amos ministry directed to America and also to the church, the "holy nation" of God's people today. We are witnessing a strange phenomenon. The world is responding to the message of the evangelist better than the church is accepting the prophet's call to repentance. Jonah is having a better response in Nineveh than Amos is having in Bethel.

Pastors, evangelists and teachers are abundant, and thank God for them, but prophets are scarce. There is definitely a place in the ministry today for the prophet, the forth-teller rather than the fore-teller, the voice in the wilderness interpreting and applying the Word of God to the age and to the church. There is a vague indefiniteness on the subject today. You will hear little about it in sermons, read little about it in books. Never was the demand smaller but never was the need greater. The prophet says what others cannot, will not, or at least do not say. The prophet is a seer and while we are looking for

scholars, specialists, socializers, showmen and strategists, we need a few seers.

It was an evil time and Amos called it just that. He could not have picked a time when that would have seemed more inappropriate. Business was booming. Everything was on the up-and-up. They never had it so good. Under Jeroboam II there was plenty of everything, including religion. Amos made light of that: "Come to Bethel and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression." For a country preacher to speak with such irony must have horrified the religious Bethelites but within fifty years the judgment Amos prophesied came to pass.

Centuries later another preacher wrote, "The days are evil." This time it was a little Jew with his speech contemptible. If you had looked around at the grandeur and the glory that was Rome; if you had turned from all the pomp and pageantry to this pitiful peregrinating little preacher, you might have said, "Paul, what do you mean? Look at the worldwide dominion of this mighty empire, its armies and art, its cities and culture, its language and laws. Have you no civic pride? You should join the clubs and broaden your interests and widen your contacts. You are too

provincial, too exclusive. And it is such poor psychology to say that the days are evil. Put on your rose-colored glasses and paint the clouds with sunshine. You will catch more flies with honey than with vinegar." But Paul was not in the fly-catching business. He looked like a nobody before Nero but someone has reminded us that now "we call our dogs Nero and our boys Paul."

Did not our Lord sit among the glories of Jerusalem and say that the day would come when not one stone would be left upon another? And looking beyond that, did he not foresee abounding lawlessness and abating love, and ask, "When the Son of Man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?" Ahab hated Micaiah for prophesying evil concerning him instead of good and our Lord said the world hated him because he testified of it that its works were evil. We live in a day that bears all the characteristics of the times of Amos. The New Testament clearly states that the last chapter of the age will be one of perilous times. There may be occasional upsurges of religion but the picture remains basically the same. We have come to such an hour but where is there a preach-

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Balances, Weights"

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Notice again: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, that believeth on me hath everlasting life."—John 6:47.

In view of the fact that you are going to be judged by Jesus, I ask you, do you have life?

Again, since you are going to be judged by Jesus, I ask you, did you wash in His blood? read:

"But if we walk in the light, he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."—I John 1:7.

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. To him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."—Rev. 1:5.

And almost all things are by law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."—Heb. 9:22.

Forasmuch as ye know that were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold,

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your vain conversation red by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."—1:18,19.

Are you going to be judged by Jesus, have you been washed in His blood? Have all your sins been paid for? Thank God, yes, then you are going ready to stand in God's presence to be judged by the Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION
To sum it up, may I say that we want to be found pure. Man brings in many wicked deeds and deceitful balances and false standards in an effort to found pure, but when he is weighed in God's balances, he falls far short. Beloved, if you want to stand in God's presence you need to remember that you are going to determine human life by an equitable balance with weights that are true,

and the only balance that is equitable and the only weight that is true whereby your life can be measured is Jesus Christ whereby you are going to be judged someday. You must be weighed at the cross of Calvary. I ask you, how much do you weigh when you stand beside the cross of Calvary to be weighed by Jesus Christ?

Job said:
"Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity."—Job 31:6.

Would to God this morning that there might be someone here that the Holy Spirit has touched and that the Spirit of God has worked within your heart — that there might be someone here today who would cry out and say, "Oh, God, let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity." Don't be content with weighing yourself with a wicked balance and a deceitful weight. Don't be content with using false standards that will not even satisfy the scrutiny of man's mind. May you this morning remember that you have to be weighed in the light of Calvary, and may you cry out, like Job, "Let me be weighed in an even balance." May God weigh you, and show you that the only way you can stand pure in His sight is by the cross of Calvary in having Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

May God bless you.

Trouble-Maker

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town but not to come to town. When he was called to preach, Amos, like Paul, conferred not with flesh and blood. His orders were direct. No council of men validated his commission. It is doubtful whether he could have found a presbytery that would have approved him. While he mused in the desolate sun-baked solitudes God prepared both man and message. He was not a prophet by profession: "I was not a prophet." He was not a prophet by parentage: "neither was I a prophet's son." His father had not made a preacher of him. He was a prophet by providence: "And the Lord took me." What better credentials does any man need?

Nobody in the school of prophets would do this kind of preaching so God picked an outsider, a rustic who had never learned the fine art of almost saying something, the trick of talking through both sides of his mouth. Here was a plain countryman who had no axe to grind either in politics or religion, who knew no better than to say bluntly what others covered up by the alibi that it would not be tactful nor diplomatic. Single-handed and with no promoter, Amos was a lone voice in the wilderness of his day.

His theology came to him like Paul's in Arabia. His sermons were not trimmed or slanted to give no offense to the godless times in which he lived. He did not take the teeth out of his messages in Tekoa and "gum it" at Bethel. He offended almost everybody including Dr. Amariah, the

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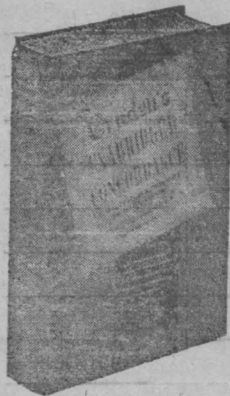
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Hollywood Religion

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but by Me." Graham's "gospel" in this case was worse than "watered down."

Graham's remarks at the ground-breaking ceremony of the Graham Pavilion at the New York World's Fair are as follows: "The Pavilion will also be a call to renew our faith in God, whether we be of the Jewish, Roman Catholic or Protestant faith, or some other religious affiliation." The name of Jesus Christ must necessarily be left out. Here we see the true character of Billy Graham and his "watered down" gospel. It is time that Christians quit Graham or join faith with idolators and heathen religions of false gods. Herein is presented the common denominator for all World "ecumenical" religions, as all have a "god," but the god that is common to these religions is none other than "the god of this world," which is Satan. Christ said of all those who rejected Him, "Ye are of your father, the devil."

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Trouble-Maker

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er like Amos? There are Amaziah aplenty but where is the wilderness prophet who will be quiet long enough to get a message from God and brave enough to proclaim it?

Preach the Word

All sorts of arguments are advanced against such preaching today. A thin-skinned generation has been petted and pampered so long that it will not hear it. Have we not been told long ago that such people will heap to themselves teachers having itching ears? And where in the Word of God is the public response the test of the message? Whether they hear or forbear, the main thing is they shall know that a prophet has been among them. When Paul wrote that the day would come when men would not endure sound doctrine he also wrote, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2). In other words, preach it anyway!

The question will be asked, "What good will it do?" Once again, that is not the test. God told Isaiah to preach a message that would only blind eyes, deafen ears and harden hearts. Our Lord and Paul used that same passage to explain the poor response of their generation. Isaiah and Amos and then our Lord and Paul preached to God's people and they refused the message. Likewise, the prophet who tries to arouse the church today need not be surprised if he gets the same treatment. Amos did not change the situation but he gave God's message to his generation and left it without excuse.

Such preaching will not build up a crowd but the business of the prophet is to fill the pulpit, not the pews. Nowhere in the New Testament is the size of the crowd the criterion of good preaching. Our Lord sometimes preached his crowd away (John 6:66). It is not our business to make the message acceptable but to make it available. We are not out to make them like it but to see that they get it.

Some will call Amos a pessimist but they forget that the book ends with as rosy a picture of the glorious future as can be found. There is a blind optimism that cries "Peace and safety" but there is a Bible optimism that lifts up its head when it sees all these things begin to come to pass. The present-day false cheer makes it hard to be an Amos at Bethel and the new polite little rules for successful preaching leave no room for such disturbers of the peace. But there will always be a few

who will preach because they must . . . "The Lord hath spoken, who can but prophesy?" There will always be Jeremiahs with a holy bonfire, apostles who cannot but speak the things which they have seen and heard. Like Paul, they cry, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel!" No school can produce them and no school can stop them. They are odd numbers in a regimented day. May there be even now in the backwoods somewhere a solitary succession to Amos, the trouble-maker from Tekoa! Ahab accused Elijah of troubling Israel. Elijah reversed the charge and yet in a very true sense Elijah was a troubler in his time. So was Amos and may their tribe increase—not the pestiferous sort of pulpiter with no real burden from God—but men who speak for God to arouse sinful nations and awaken a sleeping church.

But hundreds of times, Church of Rome has proclaimed that this principle is impious heretical. She says that "all government must rest upon the foundation of the Catholic faith; the Pope alone as the legitimate and infallible source and interpreter of the law."

I could cite many other things proving that the Church of Rome is an absolute and irreconcilable enemy of the United States; it would be too long. These are sufficient to show to the American people that Rome is a viper which they feed and press into their bosom. Sooner or later the viper will bite to death and this Republic. This was foretold by Lafayette, and is now proclaimed by the greatest thing of our time.

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Fifty Years

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good and useful citizens. But the Church of Rome has publicly cursed all those schools, and forbidden their children to attend them, under pain of excommunication in this world and damnation in the next.

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