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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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## Rome The Great, The Mother Of Harlots

(Read Revelation 17-19)  
 Man, with all of his accomplishments in the fields of science and learning, seems yet confronted by many mysteries. Life with its mysteries, life which many scientists think had such simple beginnings, still continues to elude, confound and frustrate the most concentrated and scholarly probings into its mysterious depths. It seems that as fast as one mystery is solved, others arise to take its place.  
 It is only natural that we should be interested in our origin. But it seems to this writer that the more we know of us should hold far more of interest and concern than what we have already traveled.  
 There was a mystery brought to the attention of John the Revelator, or John "the beloved" about 1900 years ago. Having been banished to the rocky Isle of Pat-

mos for his Christian witness and testimony, he there received a number of revelations and was given instructions to record those revelations.

There was a mystery revealed to him in the 17th, 18th and part of the 19th chapters of Revelation that is of paramount importance to each and every individual. The events connected with this mystery are of such a nature as to be extremely important to each individual today.

Take your Bible and carefully read this account. Unless you are already very familiar with your Bible and the plan of salvation, it may not be too clear to you after reading it. And yet, some careful attention to a number of clues contained in the angel's account of this mystery, may reveal some surprising, yet some astonishing things.

As one who has obtained mercy

through repentance and faith in Christ, we would like to share some of the things God revealed to us concerning this mystery.

Let us consider the first part of the angel's conversation with John "... Come hither, I will show unto thee the judgment of the GREAT whore that sitteth upon many waters." All of the mystery revolves around and hinges upon this whore, this GREAT whore. Whoever or whatever this lewd woman is a type of is by no means a small, or insignificant, or obscure person or thing.

The angel here presents to John and also to us, a mystery wrapped up in an allegorical or analogical or figurative form.

For many years the meaning was very obscure for the world in general and Christians in particular had little need for the information contained therein. But

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## Example Better Than Precept

"I'd rather see a sermon,  
 Than hear one any day;  
 I'd rather one should walk with me  
 Than merely show the way.

"The eye's a better pupil  
 And more willing than the ear;  
 Fine counsel is confusing  
 But example's always clear.

"And the best of all the preachers  
 Are the ones who live their creed,  
 For to see good put in action  
 Is what everybody needs.

"I soon can learn to do it,  
 If you let me see it done  
 I can watch your hands in action  
 But your tongue too fast may run.

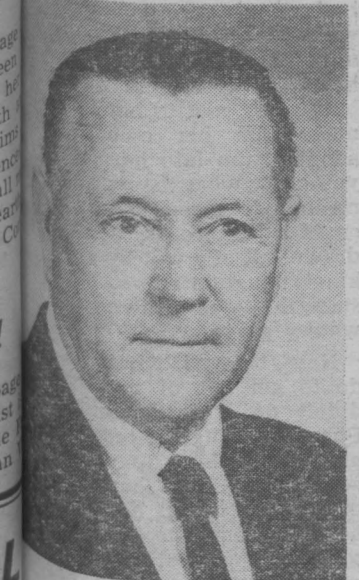
"And the sermon you deliver  
 May be very wise and true,  
 But I'd rather get my lesson  
 By observing what you do;

"For I might misunderstand you  
 And the high advice you give;  
 But there's no misunderstanding  
 How you act and how you live."

## Naaman, A Product Of God's Sovereign Saving Grace

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Of all the accounts of God's sovereign, and electing grace, in His dealings with the human family, there is none more beautiful, nor is there one more beau-



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tiful than that of Naaman, the Syrian. Here is a man, who for all intents and purposes, is bound to a heathen monarch. He is a great man, a man of high and commanding authority, a man who is highly esteemed by the King, a man who went in and out as he pleased, a man who brought to his monarch a great and mighty position among nations and deliverance to his nation. He was also a brave man, yet, a leper.

Why has God taken such care to pull aside the curtain, and allow us to see (as it were) behind the curtains, in this drama? Why did He please God to take us to the land of a heathen monarch, a Godless nation? Why has He taken the time to place before us, in such simplicity, His sovereign, and eternal selection of His own? Does He not have one of the greatest lessons to teach at this sentence. God said to His man. God had decreed it

and not the King of Syria. God brought it to pass and who can stay His hand? "Because by him (by Naaman) the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria."

Will you look with me, as we pass along the streets of Jerusalem, in the long ago, and see there the invading armies of the King of Syria, and riding in the most magnificent chariot, drawn by the most beautiful horses, is this great man, whom God has taken great pains to describe in detail, to us. As a great and proud conqueror, he directs his victorious army, and along the way of conquest, God has placed a little maiden. God said, "Because by him (Naaman) the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria."

This taking of the little maiden, is no accident. It is no coincidence. It is no common, run-of-the-mill, occurrence. This is God's selective grace, His predestined choice at work. He works out of sight of men, and His ways are past finding out.

We are not told of the beauty, or lack of beauty of this little girl. We are not told of her parents, nor even of which tribe she was a part. None of these things are important, so far as (Continued on page 2, column 1)

## FORBID NOT TO SPEAK WITH TONGUES

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"... and forbid not to speak with tongues" I Cor. 14:39.

Now I would not forbid anyone to speak in tongues, because I feel that the Bible speaks very clearly on this subject and how it is to be done. Anyone that does not follow God's teaching concerning this will be a stumbling block to the lost and will not honor or glorify anyone or anything. Read I Cor. 14:23-25.

The Greek word for tongue is "Glossa," which means language. By studying the context of the Scripture we can determine if it is understandable or not.

One of the first places we come across the word in connection with salvation is Mark 16:17. "... they shall speak with NEW tongues." Let me answer this with a question: Have you heard (Continued on page 8, column 2)

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## Should Baptist People Ever Be "Re-Baptized"

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In holding a meeting some years ago, some of the most prominent members of the church, including the pianist and



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the leading Sunday school teacher, came forward and made a public profession of faith. The pastor of the church said, "Please

handle it somehow, Bro. Mason, I don't know what to do." I suggested that the church withdraw fellowship from these, technically, so that the church would have a record of the proceedings. This was done after which the church received them as candidates for baptism on their profession of faith.

In another instance, where I was pastor, a woman who had been a member, came forward saying that she had previously been an unsaved church member, and had just trusted Christ. She was received just as were the people mentioned above. A Baptist preacher who was present criticized the procedure, and a member of long standing took me to task for baptizing over again a person who had already been immersed. In reply to his question, "Why should such a person be re-baptized?" I have answered somewhat as follows:

1. WE HAVE SCRIPTURE AUTHORITY AND EXAMPLE for baptizing over again those who were unsaved at the time they were previously baptized. (See Acts 19:1-5) Note in this Scripture that the thing wrong was not "John's baptism." John's baptism was alright, for it was all that Jesus and the apostles had. Evidently it was not John himself who baptized those people — but some disciple of John who had a garbled conception concerning what it was all about. (My guess is that it was Apollos who did the baptizing — and Aquilla and Priscilla had to take him aside and straighten him out. See Acts 18:24-26).

Evidently those people had not truly believed on Jesus, and thus they were not really and truly saved. They did so evidently when told about Him and subsequently were baptized.

2. BAPTISM DOES NOT MEAN ANYTHING — and in fact it tells a lie, when a person has not been truly born again. Baptism signifies that one has been raised to "walk with Christ in newness of life." (Rom. 6:4) This is not and cannot be true, unless one has actually become a believer.

3. ONE OF THE CARDINAL DOCTRINES OF BAPTISTS — and of the New Testament, is the (Continued on page 8, column 1)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "FROM ABOVE"

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."—Col. 3:2.

I am afraid that the majority of us spend too much time looking down at the earth, and not enough time looking up at the heavens. I have often noticed when I was a boy on the farm that a hog never looks up, until you lay him over on his back. His eyes are so placed in his head that he can't see up, until you turn him over on his back, and then he looks out the side of his nose, to see the sky. I am afraid that too many of us have to be laid down flat on our backs,

in order to get us to look up toward Heaven. Too many times we fail to look up. As I say, I am afraid that we spend too much of our time looking down at the earth and the things round about us, rather than looking up into the sky and unto the Lord Himself.

Several years ago I carried a picture in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER of a church building in Mobile, Alabama. The thing that was interesting about this church building was that on top of the spire, there was a hand, with the index finger pointing to the sky. There wasn't anything unusual

about the building, and there wasn't anything unusual about the spire, but on top of the spire was this hand with the index finger pointing towards the heavens. I remember that I commented at the time, by saying that this is the purpose of a church, and, beloved, I would repeat tonight, that the only purpose of any church is that that church might point men upward. If we fail to do so, we certainly have failed in the task that our Lord has given to us. I said at that time that this was definitely the purpose of every church — name-

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## Naaman

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God is concerned, in this particular instance. We are told, and in the most simple language, that even a child could understand: "And she waited on Naaman's wife."

This places the Jewish maiden, who knows God, and knows God's prophet, and has been taught from a child, the great power of God, exactly where God wants her. Can you not hear her, as she says to her mistress: "Would God my Lord were with the Prophet that is in Samaria! For He would recover him of his leprosy?" Are there any, who are so dull of hearing, or so blind, as to fail to see the hand of God at work here? God pity you, if you do not see this, as God's selecting Grace.

Now, I want you to notice the remainder of the story, very hurriedly. The devil begins to undertake to thwart the purpose of God. The King, who is very anxious to have his right-hand man healed, or cured of this dread disease, immediately sits down and in a commanding way, writes the King of Israel, concerning Naaman's leprous condition, and its cure.

When Naaman had arrived in Israel, and the King of Israel had read the letter from the King of Syria, he was disturbed and rent his clothes. The King of Syria had not followed the directive of God, to send Naaman to the prophet of God, but had used his own discretion, and sent his man to the wrong place. However, here is God's hand again. Listen, as God takes charge now.

Elisha heard of the interview, and sent word to the King saying, "Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel." Notice, again, this is God's doings, not man's.

Here is a haughty, brave, high-ranking man, being sent from one place to another, by those, over whom his King has absolute control. This man is attended by the pomp and glory of his King's wealth, and attire. He is ready to pay a King's ransom for his recovery, and yet as his driver stops in front of the prophet's house; all he sees is a servant, who comes to say to him, "Go

and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean."

Can you not visualize this lost man? This man whose hopes had been kindled, if, may be, ever so faintly, turn in almost savage fury, away?

Here again we have a perfect picture of man as he uses every scheme and device known to him, to be the master of his own destiny. But God is not finished with Naaman. He is furious, he is humbled, he is cast down in his hopes of recovery. He is disgusted with the prophet, and His behaviour toward him, but especially the Prophets' recommendation for his recovery.

God's ways are not our ways. One who wishes to live, must die. One who desires to go up must go down. One who would be great, must be the servant of all. This was foreign to Naaman. This was not the way he had won his rank and position. But this is God's recipe for greatness, and Naaman is called, chosen, selected and God is bringing him, as though it were by a leadrope, to Himself.

God has used a lot of means so far, in bringing Naaman to Himself and now He uses one of Naaman's own servants. Oh, how sublime the language. "My Father, if the Prophet had bid these do some great thing, wouldst thou not have done it?" All Naaman's life, he had been used to doing the great — the uncommon things. But here, by one who had even seemed to disrespect his place of authority, and honor, he had been ordered, not asked, to go and dip seven times in Jordan.

Of all the insults that could have been heaped upon him, none could have been more to his dislike than this was. Why this muddy Jordan? There were the rivers of his own country, which were much better, but God demands obedience, and Naaman is to learn that he must come God's way.

Naaman's servant went on to say to him, "How much rather then, when He saith to thee, wash, and be clean." Here is God's greatness, go down, in order to go up. Here is God's directive, become humble, in order to become great.

Naaman turns himself about, even in his anger, and begins to go God's way. The call has been issued, that had been recorded before the foundation of the world. A sheep has come to the day of his Shepherd's call. One whom God had circled in, had come to the place where he was about to turn to God from idols. Although God has been working out Naaman's salvation, he was not aware of it; yea, he is even wrathful, and had he been allowed his own way, he would have, at this point, turned from God's leading. I am glad that salvation isn't left to man. (John 6:37, 44, 64ff).

Watch an unsaved man as he grasps at a straw. A man with an incurable disease, so far as man is concerned, stumbled his way down the banks of the Jordan. Look at his embarrassment, in the presence of his subjects. Watch as he begins his slow, and tortuous dipping. One, two, three, four, five, six; were it not for God's drawing power even now he would quit and go away, as he would have at many an other time, on his journey. But, Oh! That happy moment, when he

comes from his seventh dip, and is clean, and is healed, he is a new man.

Look what God has done for a totally undeserving sinner, who didn't love God, who was angry with God's prophet, and everything that the prophet had said for him to do. His flesh is like that of a little child. He is clean. What will he do? Will he go home? Will he continue in his unbelief? Look, as we conclude this story of a man called Naaman.

Now he is God's man. Now he is saved. Now he turns his steps in a different direction. See him, as he goes back to the Prophet and says, "Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; "God has worked out the salvation of another one of His sheep." Ephesians 1:33ff. May God bless us to see this great and blessed doctrine, of His eternal choice, of the elect.

## "From Above"

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ly, to point men toward the sky, and I'll say tonight that this is the purpose of Calvary Baptist Church. If the time ever comes when that isn't our purpose, then we have already fulfilled our mission so far as this world is concerned. I say, beloved, you and I ought to ever be looking up.

### REVELATION IS FROM ABOVE.

The Bible is a revelation, and it is from above. Listen:

"It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things FROM THE VERY FIRST, to write unto thee in or-

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der, most excellent Theophilus." —Luke 1:3.

Notice that expression, "from the very first." It is a Greek word, "anthen," which means "from above." The only time it is ever translated "from the very first" is in this passage of Scripture, and there is not a reason for its translation here. In every other instance where that Greek word is found in the New Testament, it is translated "from above." Actually what this text says is, that the revelation that Luke is giving unto Theophilus is a revelation that has come to him from above. Or, in other words, Luke is telling us, that he has derived his knowledge not from eye witnesses, and not from man, but rather, the gospel that bears his name is of a heavenly origin. He hasn't gotten his gospel as a result of tradition nor observation, but he has gotten it as a result of inspiration. He says that he is writing about things that he has learned about from above.

So I say, in the first place, in the light of our text, our revelation is from above, and when I refer to our revelation, I mean the Word of God itself. It came from above. I can't emphasize this enough, and I can't insist upon it sufficiently, but I say to you, the Word of God is inspired of God.

We read:

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but HOLY MEN OF GOD SPAKE as

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they were moved by the Holy Ghost."—II Pet. 1:21.

"ALL SCRIPTURE is given by INSPIRATION of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."—II Tim. 3:16.

Put these two Scriptures together, and you come face to face with this truth, that the Bible is a revelation from God. That is exactly what Luke says about his gospel, for he tells us that the revelation that he had, did not come through tradition, and that the gospel that he wrote was not given as a result of eye witnesses, but rather he was giving it as a revelation from above.

### II

### OUR SAVIOUR IS FROM ABOVE.

We read:

"He that COMETH FROM ABOVE is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that COMETH FROM HEAVEN is above all."—John 3:31.

Here we have that same Greek word "anthen" again, which means "from above," and it says concerning Jesus Christ that He is above all. He came down from above, and therefore He is above all.

The same thought is presented to us again. Listen:

"And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath: I AM FROM ABOVE: ye are of this world: I am not of this world."—John 8:23.

"And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that CAME DOWN from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven."—John 3:13.

So I say, beloved, in the second place, that our Saviour is from above. Not only is it true that our revelation, which is our Bible, is from above, but it is also true that our Saviour is from above. He didn't begin in Bethlehem. Some people talk about Jesus having had His beginning in Bethlehem. It might seem shocking to you to think of it, but I have met many preachers who took the same position, that the Lord Jesus Christ had His beginning in Bethlehem. That is not so. I would insist upon it that the Lord Jesus Christ had His earthly beginning at Bethlehem when He was born of Mary, but the Lord Jesus Christ didn't have His beginning then. He had existed from all ages in the past; He merely had an earthly beginning in Bethlehem.

Suppose that a man goes out in a boat, and steps inside a diver's suit, and goes down into the water. Presently, they bring him up out of the water. Now that individual who takes off his diver's suit is the same man that stepped into the diver's suit, when he went down into the water. That diver's suit was an encasement that he wore while he was in the water — while he was down underneath the surface of the water.

Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ came into this world and took upon Himself the form of man, and that form of man which the Lord Jesus Christ took upon Himself when He was born a babe—that form of man corresponds to the diver's uniform. Just as the Lord Jesus Christ put it on when He came into this world, He likewise laid it aside when He went back to Glory.

So I say that the Lord Christ, our Saviour, is above. It would have to be because if He were from earth, He couldn't save us higher than this earth. The matter is, He came into this world to save us from earth unto Heaven, and He have to be from Heaven in to do so.

### III

### OUR SALVATION IS FROM ABOVE.

We read:

"He sent FROM ABOVE took me, he drew me out of waters."—Psa. 18:16.

This is a reference to the Jesus Christ, and it says that He was sent from above, and He drew me out of many waters. In other words, our salvation is from above.

Suppose a man is drowning in the Ohio River and that individual is perhaps desirous of being saved from the waters, and the death of drowning, and as a friend are anxious to save him. How are you going to save him? If that man clings to his own hands, is there any hope he'll be able to be saved from those waters? I wouldn't think so. Suppose you throw him a preserver, and tell him to hold of it. Well, that is exactly what the Arminian would say that salvation is exactly this: God throws you a life preserver, and you catch it of it, and God saves your soul.

No, no, beloved, that isn't salvation. I'll tell you what salvation is. Salvation comes from a man clasping his hands, and salvation comes not by a clasp of a rope that has been thrown to him, but salvation comes because a hand reaches down from above, and takes hold of him, and pulls him out of that watery grave.

I'll give you an illustration that from the Old Testament you remember the little boy Moses, that we read about in early chapters of the book of Exodus? That baby was put into bullrushes in a little boat, was allowed to float around until the king's daughter found him, and took him out of bullrushes, and to her home, made him her own son, adopted him into her family, you know what the word "drawn" means? It means "drawn out" or in other words, he has been drawn out of a watery grave. The king's daughter named him Moses since he was drawn out of that watery grave.

Now, beloved, what did Moses do to get out of that crib? He didn't do a thing, but Pharaoh's daughter reached down, and picked him up of her accord. He didn't have anything to do with it. All he did was be there, and she, motivated by some instinct best known to self, suddenly and on impulse picked him up and saved his life. I say to you, that is exactly what our text says in Psalm 16, when it declares, "He drew me out of many waters." That is exactly what God did so far as Moses was concerned, and it is exactly what God did for each of us. I say to you, our salvation is from above.

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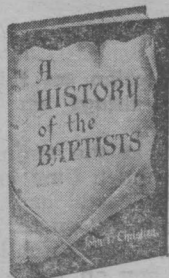
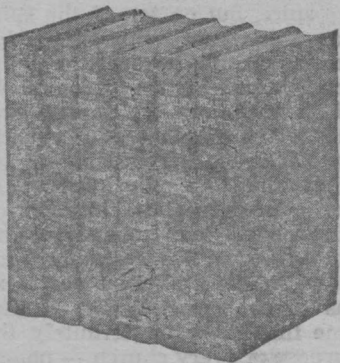
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They that like "firewater," may someday have the fire but no water.

## "From Above"

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of one of the instruments of torture that they used during the Dark Ages. They would take an individual, and put him in a four moveable walls, and by the time that he had been there about 24 hours, he realized that two of those walls were suddenly a little closer. By the time he had been there 48 hours he realized they were still closer. By the time he had been there for 72 hours he realized that unless a friendly hand reached down from the top, and picked him up, and pulled him out, that he would be crushed to death by those walls suddenly moving closer and closer together.

I say to you, that is exactly the way so far as our salvation is concerned. If left to ourselves, we are on the law on the one hand, and sin on the other, for in our law and sin move closer and closer together to crush us, and to send our souls to hell. The only way that we are saved is that a friendly hand reaches down from above — the Lord Jesus Christ reaches down from heaven, and picks us up, and saves us. So I say that our salvation is from above.

Notice again:  
"Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."—John 3:3.

If you'll notice in the margin of your Bible, there is a little word that says that the words "born again" means "born from above." Beloved friends, unless an individual is born from above, he never would be saved. Therefore I say to you, our salvation is from above.

## IV OUR GIFTS ARE FROM ABOVE.

All of our gifts that we have enjoy are from above. Listen: "Every good gift, and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variable shadow of turning."—James 1:17.

This text says every good gift, and every perfect gift comes from above. It is the same Greek word "anōthen," that we have in every one of these texts, which means "from above."

Isn't it wonderful to know that all of our gifts come from above? Isn't it wonderful to realize that we don't have anything by way of gifts that does not come from above? Think about the material things of this world, such as food, and peace and joy. Where do they come from? They come from above. If God didn't give us peace and joy, and food and clothing, we would never have them. Likewise, if God didn't give us forgiveness and life and grace and glory, we would never have them. I say to you, all of our spiritual gifts, and all of our material gifts, come from above, and you don't have one thing that you have gotten by yourself. Everything that you

have, comes from above.

That is why it is that we ought to sing that old song, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." That is why it is that there isn't a gift in our lives that we ought not thank God for, because every gift we have comes from above.

## V OUR WISDOM IS FROM ABOVE.

Where did you get the wisdom that you have? Where did you get the knowledge you have concerning God's Word. Where did it come from? I say that it came from above.

As I have often said, you can study the Bible and learn the history and the geography and the literature of the Bible, but you can't learn the spiritual lessons of the Bible like you learn other things. A man can, if he has normal mentality, study English and history, and geography and mathematics, and learn those things because of his brain, but you can't study the Bible that way, and learn the spiritual truths of the Word of God. You can't study and learn about Jesus like you can learn your lessons in school. Where does that knowledge and spiritual wisdom that you have come from? I say that it comes from above.

We read:  
"This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish."—James 3:15.

"But the wisdom that is FROM ABOVE is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."—James 3:17.

James is describing two kinds of wisdom. He says there is a wisdom that you and I have that is earthly, sensual, and devilish. That is the kind of wisdom that you get in school. The wisdom that you get in school deals with the senses. It is a sensual wisdom, a devilish wisdom, and earthly wisdom. In contrast, the wisdom that comes to us by way of spiritual truth is a wisdom that is from above, and it is pure, peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good truth.

I say, then, beloved, even our wisdom is from above.

Do you know anything about the Bible? Do you know any truth from the Word of God? Do you know that Jesus Christ is your Saviour? Have you learned any lessons out of the Bible? If you have, how you ought to thank God for it, because whatever wisdom that you have, is a wisdom that is from above.

## VI OUR LIVES ARE CONTROLLED FROM ABOVE.

Let's think for a moment. Is that true? Is your life and is my life controlled from above? Do you believe that the Lord controls our lives? What does the Word of God say?

Let's take Pilate as an example. Pilate is the man who had to do with the sentencing of Jesus to death. Pilate thought he was the one that was controlling all events, but he wasn't. Do you realize that Pilate was only doing what he did, because God gave

him power to do it? Listen:

"Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were GIVEN THEE FROM ABOVE: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin."—John 19:10,11.

Notice, Pilate thought he was "running the show." Pilate thought he could control Jesus, and could do with Jesus as he pleased — that he could put Him to death, or turn Him loose. He bragged about it, and boasted about his power. Jesus said, "Pilate, you couldn't have any power at all, unless that power had been given to you from above."

So I say, beloved, our lives are controlled from above. Pilate thought he was controlling his life, but actually his life was controlled from above.

But how about the crowd that crucified Jesus? We find the Apostle Peter told them that they had done it out of their wickedness, but the reason they did it, was because it was directed of Heaven. Listen:

"Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man

Israel to come to a very, very tight place — we'll say, a very close place in their lives. Haman had already given Ahasuerus a tremendous sum of money, apparently about 20 million dollars, for the privilege of killing the Jews in that land. 20 million dollars if he would just set a day whereby that Haman would have the privilege of putting them to death.

You know greed is a terrible thing, and Haman's greed outdid him. He couldn't wait for that day to come. He looked out, and saw Mordecai who refused to bow his head to him. He saw Mordecai, a loyal Jew, who refused to recognize this Gentile, Haman, and it hurt Haman's pride that Mordecai wouldn't bow before him. So Haman decided he would just get rid of Mordecai right then.

Haman went home and built a gallows 90 feet tall. He was going to hang Mordecai 90 feet high, and let everybody in that city see him hanging high in the air. He worked all night building that gallows, and while he was working, king Ahasuerus had a bad night and couldn't sleep.

Do you ever have nights that you can't sleep? I have had those nights when actually there was not a thing wrong with me, and not a reason why I shouldn't have slept, but I just had a case of the "big eye" and stayed awake all night.

Well, king Ahasuerus had that kind of night. He didn't say, "Bring me some warm milk." He never even thought about milk. But after a while he thought about a bedtime story. He said, "If I just had somebody to read me a bedtime story, maybe I could go to sleep," and he sent a man to bring him a book. The fellow went to the library where the books were to be had. There were 123 provinces, or counties, in Babylon, and for every one of those provinces there was a book kept concerning it. This man, without any direction from king Ahasuerus, went in there, and picked up the volume that had to do with the province of Shushan. When he came back and started to read, the very first place where the book fell open was the story of how Mordecai had saved king Ahasuerus' life.

Do you tell me that a thing like that just happened? There were 123 provinces, and a book on every province; a man goes into the library and chooses the book that tells the very story of how Ahasuerus' life was saved by Mordecai, and how Mordecai didn't have a single reward given to him, and how the king hadn't done one thing to show his gratitude for what Mordecai had done. You say, "Well, it just happened." Do you believe it just happened? No, no, beloved, I'll say to you, our lives are controlled from above.

The king said, "Do you mean to say I didn't do anything for a man that saved my life?" "No, there is not a thing recorded here." "Well, we'll take care of that in the morning." About that time he heard a noise and there was Haman to ask permission to

hang Mordecai on the big gallows that he had spent all night building. The king said, "Whose steps are those I hear in the hallway?" They said, "That is Haman." He said, "Bring him in." When Haman came in, the king said, "Haman, what shall be done to a man whom the king delights to honor?" I guess old Haman thought that the king was talking about him, and he said, "I'll tell you what ought to be done to him. Have one of your noble princes saddle a horse, put this man on the horse, and lead him through the streets of the city, and shout as he goes along, 'This is what the king does to the man whom he delights to honor.'" Then the king said, "Haman, you are one of my most noble princes. You saddle the horse and take Mordecai for a ride."

Can you imagine how Haman must have felt? But he did it. He had to do it, for it was an order from his king, and in the providence of God, before the day came to a close, Haman was hanging from the gallows that he had built for Mordecai the night before.

You say, "That surely shows God's hand." That is right. As I have often said, you can read the book of Esther, and you don't find the name of God in it once. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are not mentioned. Though you don't find the name of God in the book of Esther, you find the hand of God on every page. I say, our lives are controlled from above.

Take Job as a good example. Can you read the book of Job without realizing that God was controlling Job's life? Every time I turn to the first and second chapters of Job, I am brought face to face with this fact — God is on His throne.

As James Russell Lowell said:

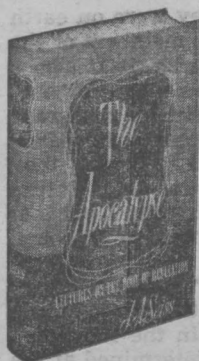
"Right forever on the scaffold,  
Wrong forever on the throne;  
Yet that scaffold sways the future,  
And behind the dim unknown  
Standeth God within the shadows,  
Keeping watch upon His own."

Every time I read the book of Job, I am reminded of Lowell's poem, and I see God standing in the shadows, keeping watch upon His own.

Believe me when I say that our lives are controlled from above. I have no reason to complain. I have no reason to feel badly about the day's weather. I have no reason to grieve excessively over the problems in my life, or the difficulties, or the burdens that I have. I have no reason to mope and be blue because of them. I am not saying that I don't mope a lot, and I am not saying that I don't get blue, but I do say that we have no reason to complain about how we feel. Why? Because our lives are controlled from above.

Jesus said to Pilate, "You wouldn't have any power at all, except it were given to you from above." That is the same word that we have had in every one of these Scriptures — the Greek (Continued on page 6, column 5)

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Notice, Simon Peter is actually saying, "You crucified Him. What you did, you did with wicked hands. It was wicked hands that crucified the Lord Jesus Christ, and you did it because He was delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God."

Beloved, this tells us that our lives are controlled from above. Those men who crucified Jesus did it because of their wickedness. They were wicked in themselves, and it was with wicked hands that they put Jesus Christ to death, but they did it because it was already determined by the counsel of Almighty God in Heaven. I say, beloved, our lives are controlled from above.

We have another example in the book of Esther. I don't know any book in the Bible that comes nearer showing us how God controls our lives than does the book of Esther. Go back, and read how God had allowed the children of

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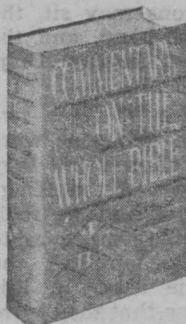
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Every Christian is in the kingdom whether he is a member of a Baptist Church or not. We are automatically in the family of God and the kingdom of God when we are saved, but we must join the church after we are saved.

"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."—John 3:5.

"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."—I John 3:1.

When we are born again we are born into the family of God and translated into the kingdom of God (Col. 1:12).

We are not eligible to be baptized until after we are saved (Acts 8:36,37) and we must be baptized into the body of Christ which is the church.

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body . . ."—I Cor. 12:13.

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Not necessarily. If he really turned to Christ, he is reborn into the Kingdom, and shall share in the reign of Christ when he returns. But if he got into the church as an unsaved person, he is still a child of the devil, and if he goes on that way, he will spend eternity with his old "daddy." Kingdom and church are not to be identified. They are entirely different.

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If Baptists could only see that the church is not the kingdom, and neither is the kingdom the church. They are two separate and distinct kinds of things. It is true that a member of a Baptist Church is in God's great universal kingdom because it is made up of every created thing, Dan. 4:35. All creation is under His sovereign power and authority, and, after all that is what is meant by the word "kingdom." His becoming a member of a Baptist Church had absolutely nothing to do with his being in that kingdom. He was in it before he ever heard of a Baptist Church even if he were born into a Baptist pastor's family. If this member happens to be one of the tares which has been brought into the church by means of her wiles, trap baiting, arm twisting, hypnotization, or by her literally dragging him in, then the church can brag of having brought him into the kingdom that is made up chiefly of tares, Mt. 13. But the

time is coming, and I believe soon, when she will not boast of her infamous deed.

A true, born again member of a true Baptist Church will, as I see it, be a part of the Bride of Christ and be permitted to reign with our Lord (Rev. 2:26, 3:21) when He sets up His kingdom, Dan. 2:44. But, let us remember that we are to do this reigning in the kingdom that our Lord sets up in the days of the ten kings who are to be ruling in the very last days of this time of the Gentiles.

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No. When one becomes a member of a Baptist Church, it does not place him within the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, for the kingdom of Christ is a future Kingdom, and it will not be set up until the King returns back to the earth, and sits upon his own throne, which the Scriptures call the throne of his father David.

Read Luke 1:31-33. The Scripture speaks very clearly that the Kingdom of Christ is a future Kingdom, but in spite of these Scriptures, there are a great number who try to tell us that being in a Baptist Church places one within the Kingdom.

These men are in error, who try to make the Kingdom and the church the one and the same. We know that our Lord has told us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come." Luke 11:2. Surely He would not command us to pray for something to come that was already in existence. Furthermore when He instituted His church He did not say, "Upon this rock I will build my Kingdom," but rather, "Upon this rock I will build my church." If I did not have any other Scripture other than this one I would know that there is a difference between the Kingdom and the Church.

The church is a visible, local and present assembly, and when I pray I do not pray for the assembly to come, but the Kingdom. Neither did the Apostles (who were charter members of the church) understood that they were members of the Kingdom because they were members of the church, for they fully expected the Kingdom to be restored at Christ's first event. Acts 1:6-7.

"Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? she said unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left, in thy Kingdom." Matt. 20:20-21.

You will notice in these two verses that these two sons were members of the church, but they were not members of the Kingdom. It would sound rather foolish, would it not, if we were to say that the Kingdom and the Church were the same in this case, for she knew that they were members of the church, but she did not know their position with the Lord in His Kingdom. Now let us listen as Christ answers the mother of these two sons, "but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father." Matt. 20:23.

From this answer of our Lord we have positive proof that one

my be a member of a Baptist Church, yet not a member of the Kingdom. There are many in the world today who are like the five foolish virgins, and the man with the one talent, who are saved but who will be refused entrance into the Kingdom, because of unfaithfulness. "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself." II Tim. 2:12-13.

In these verses He does not deny us being members of a Baptist Church, but rather he denies us the right to reign with Him in His Kingdom.

Now my I ask you a question: If being a member of a Baptist Church puts one within the Kingdom of Christ, then pray tell me the purpose of the judgment seat of Christ? Read II Cor. 5:10. Paul declares that the crown of righteousness which he had won will be given him in that day. Read II Tim. 4:8. That day refers to the judgment seat of Christ, where rewards will be given out to the faithful, but to declare that one is in the Kingdom because he is a member of a Baptist Church, is to defeat the very purpose of this judgment.

The Lord promised the twelve Apostles that they would reign over the twelve tribes of Israel. Read Matt. 19:28. It is a definite fact that this promise was not realized while they were on earth though they were members of the First Baptist Church. It is also a fact that they are now reigning over the twelve tribes of Israel, and that leaves us to this fact, that the Kingdom in which they are going to reign, is a future Kingdom, for which the Lord told them to pray that it would come.

Therefore my answer to this question is "No." Being a member of a Baptist Church does not mean that he is in the Kingdom, for that is to be determined at the judgment seat of Christ after the rapture of the saints.



### Catholicism

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the time is now come when there is a definite need that the attention of the world should be focused upon this mystery. Otherwise many shall be deceived to their everlasting loss.

We have already called your attention to the fact that this is a GREAT whore. Whoever or whatever she is meant to portray, the angel makes it clear that the scope of her influence is worldwide. For we read further, "with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

Let us digress long enough to mention this very important fact. The church is always mentioned in the scriptures in the feminine gender, and is referred to in endearing terms as "the bride of Christ," etc. But backslidden or apostate churches or peoples are referred to by such terms as "harlot," "whore," etc.

Now, there are clues given to us by this angel whereby we may ascertain the identity of this woman. There are some very definite and plain clues concerning this mystery. By the help of the Lord we shall present them to you as He gave them to us.

Let us read a little more about this woman. ". . . and I saw a woman sit upon scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having SEVEN heads and ten horns." Please bear in mind these SEVEN heads, "And the woman was arrayed in PURPLE and SCARLET colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication." Also bear in mind now the PURPLE and SCARLET colours.

Let us read on. "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood

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"... And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the SEVEN heads."

Now the angel does not proceed to give us this information in a categorical manner, but rather he skips around here and there and seems to at times almost be trying to hide this very information from us. God quite often uses this manner in dealing with us through His word. In effect He seems to be saying, and we paraphrase, "if the welfare of your immortal soul is of such little worth to you that you can spend but little time thinking or delving

ing into the mysteries of life you are not worthy of my station."

But suppose now we around here and there" with angel and see what we can up with. Let us look first at the last verse of the 17th chapter "and the woman (or GREAT CITY, which reigns over the kings of the earth." We have established fact none of this mystery. This "or "great whore" is used as a to portray a "great city."

Let us notice now the situation of this "city." In 9 of chapter 17 we find here is the mind which hath dom. The SEVEN HEADS seven mountains (or hills which the woman (or city) teth.

Now we have two facts "woman" is a great city and great city is builded on hills.

Please follow us carefully and THINK as you read. We just read that, "the seven are seven hills on which the man (or city) sitteth. What he mean then back in the verse of chapter 17 where "the GREAT whore that saith on many waters?" In one we have her sitting on hills" in another we have her sitting on "many waters," verse 15 of chapter 17. "And saith unto me, the WHORE sitteth, are peoples, multitudes, and nations and

The sitting on "seven mountains" pictures her actual situation, while her sitting on "many waters" pictures her influence over "peoples, multitudes, and nations and

Let us bring our facts up date now. Till now we have "city," builded on "seven mountains" (or hills) and we find the influence of this city is deed great in the earth for rules over people of many tions and tongues.

For another clue to the identity of this "city" let us look to "purple and scarlet." You find several mentions of the "purple and scarlet" if you read entire account. One place says "was arrayed in purple and scarlet." These colors are also mentioned other places. What color has "purple and scarlet" color? And that color in evidence and abundance?

Let us see now what kind an opinion this "GREAT or "woman," or "GREAT (or church?) has of herself. with us to verse 7 of chapter "How much she hath glorified HERSELF, and liveth delicious so much torment and sorrow her: for she saith in her heart, SIT A QUEEN, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. THORE (because she has been a hypocrite) shall her come in one day, death, mourning, and famine; and shall be utterly burned with judgeth her."

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Then begin with the 9th verse of the 18th chapter and read through to the 19th verse. Here you will find that this "GREAT City" controls extreme wealth over the earth. Ask yourself this question — what city has more "peoples and multitudes, and nations, and tongues," than any other city on earth?

Let us look now at a very important clue. The sixth verse of the 17th chapter reads, "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus." Ask yourself a few questions such as these: Who was it that turned that godly and pious man, John Huss, at the stake? Savonarola became so burdened and distressed over the moral conditions of his native Italy and over the indulgences and the awful hypocrisy, till oftentimes he would be found alone somewhere, walking in the fields, weeping and crying under the burden he was carrying for the sins of his people. Finally, God led him to Florence and there he began to preach against the sins of the church and people. God greatly honored his ministry and thousands were converted till Florence became a different city indeed. The good that there was incalculable. So many of the inhabitants of the city became truly penitent that Florence became a model of piety. Old debts of long standing were taken care of. Drunkenness became sober and industrious, taking care of families that had long been neglected. Savonarola must have been a highly appreciated man? Many yes, but to the leaders of his teachings and to the soft they led. What happened to them? They put him to death. For preaching and teaching righteousness. Who did the "GREAT whore."

Who was "Bloody Mary" and why did she come to have such thousands put to death? What of people were those who were they criminals? No, they were actually some of the people of the land. Who was back of this bloody thing? If you will look just a little closer you will see the footprints and the bloody fingerprints of the "GREAT whore."

Who was it that set up inquisitions in France, Spain, Italy, etc.? What was the job of these inquisitions? Why were they responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people over a period of about two hundred years? Who was back of all this? We go on and on, naming names of martyred, but these should make us THINK.

Truly she is "drunken with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus," say, those bloody things were not confined to the inquisition alone. The

same kind of scenes are taking place right today in such countries as Colombia, S.A. And even recently, in a spot as close as Mexico we had seven members of our particular church murdered at the instigation of the "great whore."

Her attitude before the world has always been, "I sit a queen," but read the entire 18th chapter to learn GOD'S opinion of her. In verses 18, 19 and 20 we read, "And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, what city is like unto THIS GREAT city and they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying (alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness for in one hour is she made desolate. REJOICE over her, thou heavens, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for GOD hath avenged you on her." We see here God's opinion of her and the judgment He is reserving for her.

Let us do a little recapitulating now. Remember, the angel told John (and us) "I will tell thee the mystery of the woman;" now in going carefully over the angel's account, we find that this GREAT whore is a GREAT CITY, that it is built on SEVEN mountains (or hills), that it has vast influence over "peoples and multitudes, and nations and tongues." We learn further that her principal or official colors are PURPLE and SCARLET. We also have learned that she is "drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus." Many are the thousands she has had put to death. But of course, she did not look upon them as "saints" or as "martyrs of Jesus," instead she declared them to be HERETICS. Heretics from what?

It will be astonishing beyond measure, what the judgment shall reveal. We read in Matthew 10:26 "for there is NOTHING covered, that shall not be revealed; and HID, that shall not be known." And in another place we read "with every SECRET thing." Yes, when the ecclesiastical trappings are torn away, and the pomp, and the glamour and the glitter and the OUTWARD beauty is pushed aside and the TRUE state of affairs is revealed, the hypocrisy, the fornication, the adultery, the "religious" lies, the bestiality of many of the leaders, the things they are guilty of behind locked doors and barred windows, the drunkenness of many of her adherents, and etc., etc., the remnant that is left in the world, after the "great tribulation" is over, is going to view with extreme horror all the things that are revealed.

Yes, she says "I sit a queen," and she is just as busy as she can be right now trying to deceive the nations and especially the United States. But notice in the angel's account, there will be rejoicing in Heaven at the destruction of this city and what it represents. In chapter 19 and verses, 1, 2 and 3, we read, "and after these things I heard a great voice of much

people in heaven, saying, "Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are His judgments, for He hath judged the GREAT whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of His servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever."

There is something else we feel we should mention; we have already read this verse, but we wish to emphasize it a little differently. "And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a GOLDEN CUP in her hand full of ABOMINATIONS and FILTHINESS of her fornication." Today she is very busy holding out the GOLDEN CUP. Through the press, over TV and radio and about every known news media, she is seeking to present you with a view of her golden cup. She is very, very careful in trying to prevent you from seeing the CONTENTS of her cup. She wants rather to dazzle you with the OUTWARD beauty. She wants rather to present you with that which seems so lovely. The good deeds, the charitable acts, the seeming piety, etc., etc. But she MUST NOT let you get a glimpse of the CONTENTS of her cup. That would spoil the designs she has upon your life. For she intends, if at all possible, to make you her slave. She cares not what manner she uses and when coercion fails and she becomes strong enough politically and numerically, then she will use the sword on you.

But her GOLDEN CUP is so FULL (the scripture we just read said it was "FULL") that occasionally at least, she cannot keep a few drops from spilling over the top. Sometimes this has happened to her with near disastrous results. In the nineteenth century she let a few too many drops spill over the top in the country of Denmark. The result? The good people of the land rose up against her and drove her from their country.

In the seventeen nineties in France, she must have stumped her toe and spilled a little more from her cup, for her own people rose up in rebellion against her and in something like two years, they put to death over thirty thousand of her leaders and many of her leading proponents.

But the years pass by and time erases and new generations are born. Her wounds heal and she learns more cunning and becomes more crafty. She learns how to hold out her GOLDEN CUP to better advantage. She seeks to hold it where the light rays will display its greatest beauty, its intricate scroll work, its desirability to you, but REMEMBER, her cup is FULL of "abominations and filthiness of her fornications."

Does the angel, in his account, give us any idea as to what our individual attitudes should be toward the blandishments she directs toward us? Let us read verses four and five of chapter 18. "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, COME OUT OF HER my people, that YE be not partakers of her sins, and that YE receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."

Here you have your instructions clear and plain. Have nothing to do with her. And if perchance you are already entangled with her, "COME OUT OF HER." For if you remain in her, you will have to suffer, along with her, the everlasting wrath of God.

In the last few verses of the last book of the Bible, we have some very explicit instructions. No one, absolutely no one is to add or to take from the Scriptures. But the GREAT whore, for hundreds of years, has added and added, and added to those Scriptures, whatever has pleased you.

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She then, in most instances, proceeds to tell her people that these things she has added are even more important than God's written word. The audacity of this great whore is astounding. She will seek to deprive you of reading God's word, and will assure you that what she has added to that word is even more important than the original.

Oh, America, America! How happily you are being beguiled and deluded. And how ready you seem to swallow her poisonous bait. May we ask you, under what kind of circumstances and under what kind of LEADERSHIP was this nation founded? And the events subsequent to the founding of this nation, would they seem to indicate that God was pleased with the type of leaders, and with the righteous type of foundation upon which they began to build their nation? You know as well as I, that the history of this nation would prove to any honest heart, that God must have been pleased with her anti-Catholic leadership. Founded upon this leadership she rapidly became the greatest nation of the earth.

Had it ever occurred to you that the decline of anti-Catholicism has seen a parallel decline in morals? Until now they tell us that crime among juveniles is increasing SEVEN times faster than the juvenile population increase. And that the general increase in crime along all ages, is about five times as fast as the population increase? And do you not think it is about time we began to ask ourselves just what is wrong and just where this sorry condition is going to lead us? And had it occurred to you that with the rise in power of the "great whore" in this land, there has been this corresponding rise in crime and immorality? If you had never thought of this, perhaps it is high time you should STOP and do some thinking.

You may not have as much time left to think, as you might like.

Think with me a moment, wherever you find a city, or any area, with an anti-Catholic preponderance, you will find crime at a comparatively low ebb. But any area such as Chicago or New York, etc., where the "great whore" has many followers, you will find that crime is out of all proportions to the population. Why do the newspapers not print these kind of statistics? Simply because the "great whore" laid

her plans well a good many years back and holds controlling interest in the majority of newspapers. If you should happen to own a newspaper you would only dare print such statistics at the risk of being branded a "bigot" or "hate-monger." Few now wish to risk the stigma of being publicly known as a "bigot."

Yes, the "great whore" has been very clever with her propaganda. You dare not try to expose her now, unless you are willing to bear the appellation of "bigot."

Right now, especially in the U.S., she is extremely busy burnishing or furbishing the OUTSIDE of her "GOLDEN CUP." Just to see to it that you do not try to get a peep at the CONTENTS of this cup. If you should be so bold as to attempt such a thing, see to it you do not try to expose what you saw to the world around you. Perchance you would dare to do such a thing, then brace yourself for you are certain to be the target for a string of invectives, designed to wither you and your testimony against her. For she will certainly inveigh herself against you. It is quite possible though, that she shall not need to raise her voice against you. Her propaganda campaign has been so successful that the very ones to whom you seek to disclose the awful vileness of the contents of her cup, may turn a withering look of scorn upon you.

There are many different kinds of cups. They are made to serve various purposes. Some are made plain and strong and it is obvious they were not made with an eye to beauty, but their service is to be one of utility. With these it is not the cup that is important, but rather its contents. When you sit down to indulge in your favorite beverage, coffee, tea, etc., you are not so interested in the beauty of your cup but rather the taste and flavor of its contents. Some cups were never designed to receive any contents at all. Two of my daughters were members of state champion soft ball teams. The cups they received were not for the purpose of holding any contents. They were "trophy cups." Some are designed more for beauty than contents. Milady at her afternoon tea, is very apt to be more fussy about the appearance of her delicate and dainty tea cups than the tea in them.

But the "golden cup" in the (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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# "FIFTY YEARS IN THE CHURCH OF ROME"

By CHARLES CHINIQUEY  
From "Fifty Years In The Church Of Rome"

Ten thousand copies of this exposure of the depravity of the bishop were published in Montreal. I asked the whole people of Canada to go to the Rev. Mr. Schneider and to the Rev. Brassard to know the truth, and many went. The bishop remained confounded. It was proved that he had committed against me a most outrageous act of tyranny and perfidy; and that he tried to destroy my character. Probably the Bishop of Montreal had destroyed the copy of the declaration of the poor girl he had employed, and thinking that this was the only copy of her declaration of my innocence and honesty, he thought he could speak of the so-called interdict after I was a Protestant. But in that he was cruelly mistaken, for as I have already said, by the great mercy of God, three other authenticated copies had been kept: one by the Rev. Mr. Schneider himself, another by the Rev. Mr. Brassard, another by one whom it is not necessary to mention, and then he had no suspicion that the revelation of his unChristian conduct, and of his determination to destroy me with the false oath of a prostitute, were in the hands of too many people to be denied.

The Bishop of Chicago, whom I met a few days after, told me what I was well aware of before. "That such a sentence was a perfect nullity in every way and it was a disgrace only for those who were blind enough to trample under feet the laws of God and men to satisfy their bad passions."

A few days after the publication of that letter in Canada, Mr. Brassard wrote me: "Your last letter has completely unmasked our poor bishop, and revealed to the world his malice, injustice and hypocrisy. He felt so confounded by it, that he has been three days without being able to eat or drink anything, and three nights without sleeping. Everyone says that the chastisement you have given him is a terrible one, when it is in the face of the whole world; but he deserved it."

When I received that last friendly letter from Mr. Brassard on the first of April, 1857, I was far from suspecting that on the 15th of the same month, I should read in the press of Canada, the following lines from him: St. Roch De L'Archigan, Le 9 Avril, 1857. Messieurs: — I request you

to insert the following lines in your journal. As some people suspect that I am favoring the schism of Mr. Chiniquy, I think it my duty to say that I have never encouraged him by my words or writings in that schism. I must say that, last November, when I went to St. Anne, accompanied by Mr. Desaulnier, Superior of St. Hyacinthe college, my only object was to persuade that old friend to leave the bad ways in which he was walking. And in Chicago I pressed him to put himself in a canonical way. I, more than anything else, deplore the fall of a man whom, I confess, I loved much, but for the sake of whom I will not sacrifice the sacred ties of Catholic unity. I hope that all the Canadians who were attached to Mr. Chiniquy when he was united to the church, will withdraw from him in horror of his schism. For before anything else, we must be truly and faithfully Catholic. However, we have a duty to perform towards the man who has fulfilled such a holy mission in our midst, by establishing the society of temperance. It is to call back, with our prayers, that stray sheep who has left the Pastor's fold. Yours truly, MOSES BRASSARD, Pastor.

MM., the Editors of the Courier du Canada.

I feel that there was not a line, nor a sentiment of Mr. Brassard in that letter. I smelled Bishop Bourget's hand, from the beginning to the end. I thought, however, that it was my duty to address him the following answer:

St. Anne, Kankakee County, Illinois, April 23, 1857. My Dear Mr. Brassard: I have just received your letter of the 9th inst., but no! I will not call it a letter, it will be better named a bitter tear, and a sad wail of a heart as good as it is noble and generous.

You have been a witness how the people and missionary of St. Anne have been betrayed by Mr. Desaulnier. You were at my side as a friend and father, when this traitor said to me, as well as to my brothers, "Sign this act of submission to the Bishop of Chicago; this act alone is enough to make him withdraw the sentence which fills your Canadian friends with anxiety. If the bishop does not give you the place you want, and if he does not withdraw the excommunication after having been presented with this act, I will tell him, 'It is neither the pastor nor the people of St. Anne who wish a schism, they have done that which religion and hon-

our commanded, to prove it; it is you who wishes it.' Your tears were mingled with mine, and the incense of your prayer ascended with those of my brethren, when on the 26th of November Mr. Desaulnier said to the people of St. Anne, 'You cannot be blamed for what you have done since the beginning of your difficulties with your bishop.' You were witness that our first condition to the signing of the act which you and Mr. Desaulnier presented to us, was that you should be the pastor of St. Anne, and that I should remain with you as long as you would find it to the interest of my colony. You know that he gave me his word of honour, in presence of all the people, that if the bishop would not give us peace after the signing of the act, he (Mr. Desaulnier) would go with us to St. Louis and even to Rome, to plead my cause and show the iniquity and unbearable tyranny of the Bishop of Chicago. Did he not assure us that, in case the bishop should refuse to accept the act of submission we had signed, your mission to St. Anne was finished, and that you both would return to Canada, after your voyage to St. Louis? Is it not true that when in Chicago, in reply to our question, 'What news?' Mr. Desaulnier said, 'You have only to take your bags and both return to Canada at once.' Mr. Desaulnier denies all those facts, with an impudence of which he alone is capable. You are my only witness before our Canada, which wishes and has a right to know the truth in this matter.

I took you as my witness, and you replied in many of your letters, that you could not say the truth without compromising yourself. Is not this an acknowledgment that we, priests of Jesus Christ, are groaning under the weight of the most frightful tyranny; and that we are in the power of men who threaten our honour and life, if we dare speak the truth in favour of an oppressed brother? And this is the system which proclaims itself as the divine and ineffable news which the Messiah brought to the world! And this abominable oppression, this system of deceit, is the religion which the Son of the God of truth, justice, and mercy, has established to save the world? This is the foundation stone of the church of Christ! No! you do not believe that, my dear Mr. Brassard. Neither do I. I never did and never will believe it.

They tell us it is for the greater good of the church that they act thus; that it is to preserve the respect which is due the Holy Catholic Hierarchy; that they take these extreme measures against people of St. Anne!

But I have carefully studied the laws of the church upon these great questions, and I see they say precisely the contrary. I see that the Catholic Church said to us, 'In the church there is no arbitrary power.' 2. 'The censures are null when they have been pronounced against sins which have not been committed.' 3. 'Never receive any accusation against a priest, which has not been proven by two or three witnesses.'

4. 'If a sentence is visibly unjust, the condemned must not pay any attention to it; for before God and His Church, no unjust sentence can injure anyone.'

5. 'The unjust excommunication is not binding neither before God nor the people, when that people know its injustice, because the Holy Ghost cannot abandon those who have not deserved it.'

You wish me to act according to the canons of the church. I have already told you that if I had been interdicted on the 19th of August, I would have been able to appeal from that sentence, but I had not. I had fifteen days to consider. How could I have appealed from a sentence which had not been pronounced? What witness could I bring against a fact which, I knew, had never taken place? But you will say: 'the excommunication? Should it not give you some anxiety?' 'Not the least.' St. Thomas said positively that an excommunication of which the injustice is known by the people, ought not to prevent a priest from exercising his ministry among them. They will perhaps say, 'But where did the people get the right to judge in such things?' St. Thomas must have believed that the people had that right, since he said it. St. Thomas was neither a heretic nor schismatic for believing these things.

Why, then, should I be one for having thought, spoken, and acted, according to the doctrines of him whom the church has named the angel of the school? Besides that, you know that the excommunication was a nullity from want of being signed.

The reason of this surprise about the right which the people has to exercise its judgment upon this question, is that, lately, the bishops have not only stripped the priests, but also the people, of the holy and just rights which Jesus Christ had given them. Those who have carefully studied the history of the church in the first centuries know this as well as I do. But be it known, there are rights against which time does not prescribe. There are rights which the priests and people have never renounced, and which the Church of Christ will always like to see them enjoy. I do not say that the bishops are not ordained to govern the Christian people, but I say that the bishops are not appointed by the church to govern the flock according to their caprices, but according to the unchangeable rules of justice, equity, and truth of the Gospel. In the primitive church, every time that a bishop forgets this, other bishops remind him of it.

Do we not see in the gospel, that the first Christians complained bitterly to the apostles themselves of the manner in which they had administered the goods entrusted to them? Were they excommunicated for that? Did they receive in answer the insolent reply that the people receive today? viz: 'You are but the laity, that does concern you?' No! The apostles listened to the complaints of the people; they found them just, and the people were allowed to choose the administrators of their goods. The people, then, were looked upon as something worthy of attention and respect, and were not tied, as today, to the feet of a dignitary, and obliged to go right and left at the good pleasure of their pretended master. The people were not, then, bridled; were not mere machines to pay tithes, build palaces, raise proud cathedrals; nor were they degraded, demoralized, as today; obliged to believe they had minds, but had no right to

use them; they were not, as now, poor beasts of burden whose only duty is to obey their master. But their wants wishes were consulted, their voice was heard. They had heard yet the idea that the Ghost was to enlighten only certain class of men, and that rest of humanity were given to ignorance, only to walk in light of a few privileged naries.

But the spirit of wisdom, ity, and tolerance, with respect the will and wishes of the people where do you find them? On the contrary, we find tyranny on the one side, and stern necessary resistance on the other resistances which are but the pression of the law of God, the tolerant conduct of the tles, who listened with so humility to the complaints of first Christians, be compared that of Bishop O'Regan questioned by the French people of Chicago upon the right to deprive them of their church to give it to another congregation, put them out of doors, ing, 'You do not know your ligion; I have the right to your churches, and the attached to them, put the in my pocket, and eat and where I like.'

This is what Bishop O'Regan has said and done; and what the Bishop of Canada proves and sanctions in the of the gospel! They try to you believe that it is the of Jesus Christ which those dignitaries preach and pr. Let the poor people of believe this if they wish, us in St. Anne, we do not never will believe it. Are these men who cry the to make us respect the of the church the very men publicly trample the most laws of the people and church under their feet? easy it would be to put powerful personages which they would call nent, but which would shed light in the midst of the darkness in which a certain ner of the world is kept You overwhelm us with and send us to hell if we not ready to say amen to say, what have you done the canon of the Holy of Nice, which forbids change a priest's charge his permission? Where canon of a general council allows the bishops to add words 'usque ad revocatione in the powers given to priests! While one of the of the church says: 'It is the thority of the canons and amination of the conduct of priest which ought to give take away the ecclesiastical naries, and not the will of prelates.'

(To be continued)

## "From Above"

(Continued from page 10) word, "another," which "from above."

### CONCLUSION

As I have said, our revelation is from above; our Saviour is from above; our are from above; our wisdom from above; and our lives controlled from above. In of the fact that all this is above, then I come back text which says, "Set your tion on things above." Be that is where our affection be set.

May God help us as we this place, to go out realizing everything we have is above, and may we go out our affections on the above — rejoicing and that God might help us a life that would please looks down on us from above.

May God bless you!

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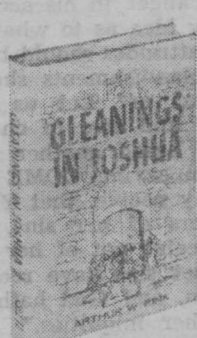
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impressed by the outward appearance of her "golden cup."

The more thoughtful observer is almost certain to see at least a little trickle, here and there, down the sides of her cup—some of the "abominable" and "filthy" things that are overflowing from "full" contents.

Over the years, many of her leaders have left her ranks. Many have written articles, also many books have been written, trying to tell the world about the CONTENTS of her "golden cup." One of the most brilliant minds in all South America wrote a book, "Behind the Purple Curtain." It would be well worth anyone's time to read it.

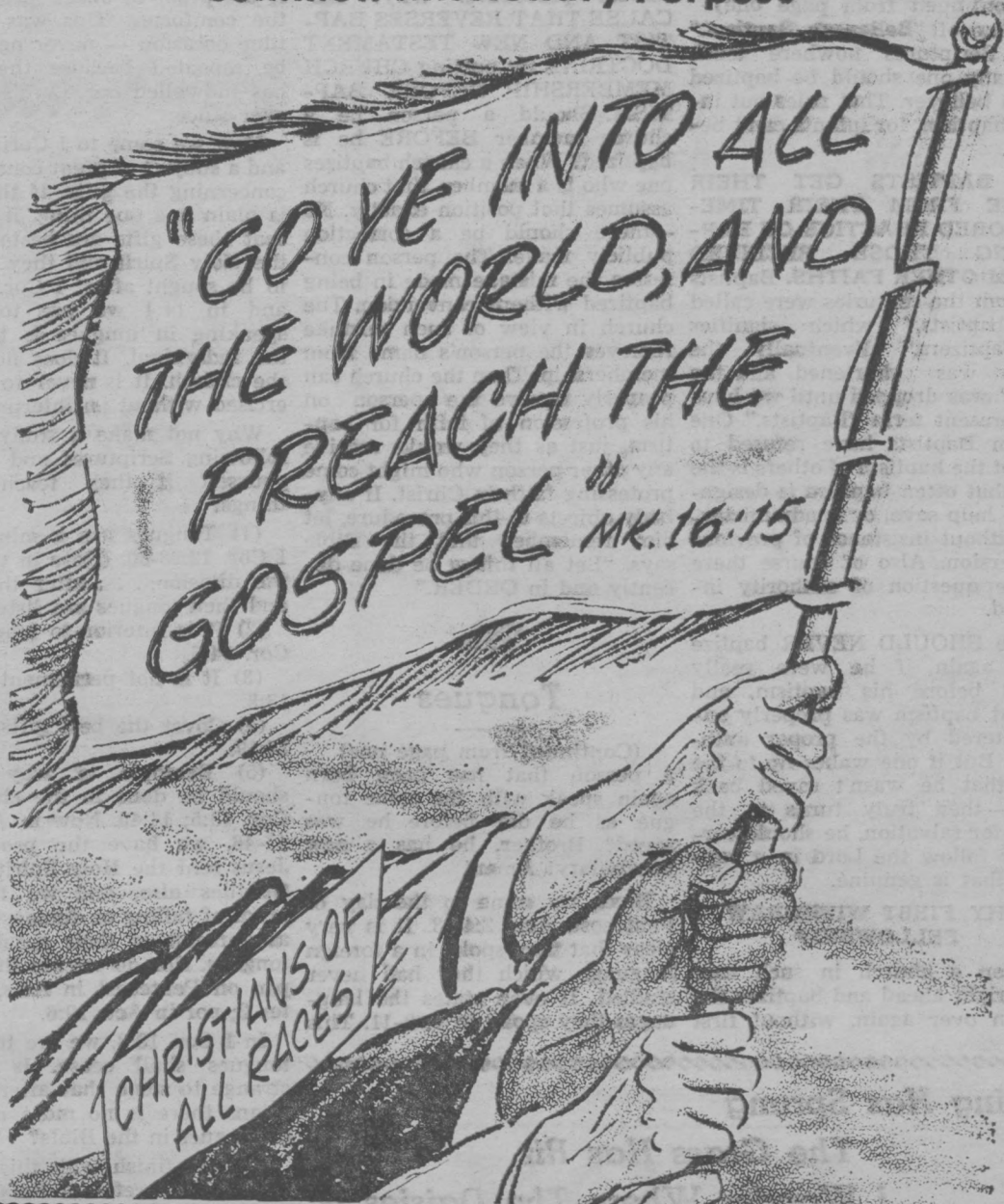
What is to be the ultimate end of the "great whore?" Chapter 18 goes into considerable detail, describing the complete destruction of her headquarters. God will not permit that city to be built back again, ever. After the "great tribulation" is over and the world enters the millennium, this city shall continue to lie waste. Let us give you the Scripture. "And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down and shall be found no more at all. And the voice of harpers and musicians, and of pipers and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: — for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived."

The ancient city of Babylon had been destroyed many hundreds of years before this revelation given to John the beloved. Of what then is the meaning of this "great city Babylon?" Seeing that Babylon has long since been destroyed, just what are we to understand is being pictured here?

If you have access to a copy of the Confraternity Revision of the New Testament (being a revision of the Challoner-Rheims version), then turn with me to the thirteenth verse of the last chapter of first Peter. We read, "The church which is at Babylon — greets you." Now, at the bottom of the page, notice this very interesting and informative footnote. "Babylon: Rome. A metaphor probably founded on Jewish usage."

Oh the MERCY of God, and His unutterable goodness. That He should cause to be placed right in their own Bible, such a simple and plain explanation of what is meant by the term Babylon. In the title of this article you read, "Mystery, Babylon the Great, The Mother of Harlots." Then the angel proceeded to reveal to us this mystery. He revealed to us a "city," builded on "seven" hills, with ruling power not only over many "kings" and other leaders, but also over "peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." A city full of "purple and scarlet," one who visualizes herself as "sitting a queen." But a city who is in reality guilty of the "blood of the saints." A city whose outward appearance, or her "golden cup," is beautiful indeed, but whose inner or hidden life is

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full of all manner of uncleanness.

Did it ever occur to you that this very excellent description given to us of this "great whore" was written several hundreds of years before she came into prominence upon the world scene? The only answer we can possibly find for this is that John the Revelator was truly inspired of God.

Let us borrow this "metaphor," taken from their own Bible, and let us use their version of the Scriptures, and see what we come up with. And we quote from their Bible, inserting this metaphor in the place of Babylon. "And upon her forehead a name written — a mystery — Rome the great, the mother of harlotries and of the abominations of the earth."

Protestant America, you had better awaken quickly. Her "siren" song has you almost lulled

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to sleep. Between her "sirens" song (her propaganda) and her "golden cup" (her outward good deeds) she is doing an amazing job of wooing you into her snare.

Someone is very apt to challenge us on our statement concerning the "decline of anti-Catholicism." They will remind us that church membership is at an all time high. To which we would answer, so is crime, corruption, immorality, drunkenness, etc. If even one out of five professing Christians had a genuine "born again" experience, then America could be having the greatest revival of her history. But the sad fact is, the great majority of those professing Christ, actually do not know Christ personally. Yes, one CAN know Him personally. The Scripture says, speaking of Christ, "whom to KNOW is life everlasting." Do you know him? If you do not, then you have the opposite of everlasting life. It is one thing to know him with a historical, head knowledge, but quite another to know Him with an experimental, heart knowledge. For we read in their own Bible in 1st John, chapter 5 and verses 11, 12 and 13. "And this is the testimony, that God has given us eternal life; and this life

is in his Son. He who has the Son has the life. He who has not the Son has not the life. These things I am writing to you that YOU MAY KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE — you who believe in the name of the Son of God."

If you will carefully compare the teachings of the great whore, with the teachings of her own Bible, you will find those teachings are as far apart as the north and south poles.

We would like to pass on to you the words of "The Priest Who Found Christ," in a tract testimony by Joseph Zaccello, and we quote, "The best book against Romanism was not written by a Protestant, or by a former priest, but by God. It is the Bible. You may be surprised to learn that the Roman version of the Bible itself condemns, one by one, the teachings, decrees, inventions of the Popes. I quote the official doctrine of the church at Rome at first hand, for I studied it for twelve years in a Roman seminary in Italy, and as an ordained priest, practiced it in large Roman Catholic churches in the Italian sections of Chicago and New York. I believe the Roman version of the Bible proves that no Roman Catholic, and no intelligent Protestant can become a Roman Catholic: because the Roman Bible itself condemns Romanism!"

America is forgetting God. Or perhaps rather we should say, America has FORGOTTEN God. A recent survey in leading colleges and universities showed less than ten percent of the students with even the vaguest conception of God. We think of Ps. 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Have YOU forgotten?

The Creator of the earth, the universe, the cosmos, does not consider it a small thing that He gave Heaven's richest, most precious jewel to redeem us. THINK!

We would not insult your intelligence by telling you the world is getting to be one giant headache. You are well aware of that fact. Everywhere, all over the face of the earth, there is terrible unrest, hatred, etc. The leaders of the nations do not seem to have the answer.

It seems most of our churches do not even have the answer to the cause back of all these troubles. The truth is that most

of our churches have drifted so very far from the teachings of the Word of God, that they have lost that vital contact with Him and are left with an empty, hollow, profession. They no longer have "fellowship" with Him. The "great joy" that came to the city of Samaria when Phillip went there and preached Christ to them, is sadly missing in our churches today. What is wrong? Why is it as a nation we seem to be losing ground till enslaving Communism is knocking at our very doors.

Think with us a few moments. Did it ever occur to you as rather a strange thing, the night Jesus was born, that the angels bypassed ALL the great church leaders of that day, and revealed His birth to some simple shepherds out there under the Judean stars? Why? It would seem the "great high priest" would have been the first to receive such a revelation from heaven. Did he not occupy the highest church seat in the world of that day? Wasn't his position comparable to that of the Pope today? Any well informed student of the Bible knows that it was. Why then did (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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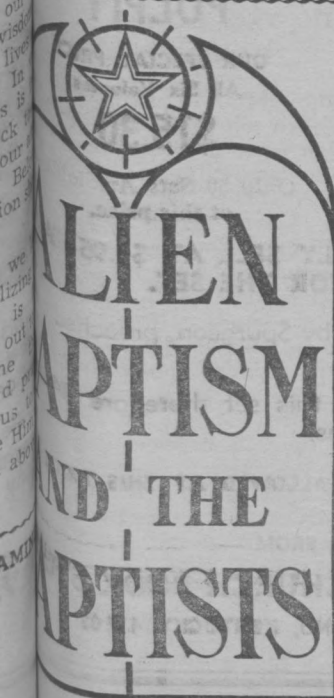
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## "Re-Baptized"

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doctrine of "Believer's Baptism." The Scriptures nowhere teach that any one should be baptized but a believer. That rules out infant baptism, for infants can't believe.

4. BAPTISTS GET THEIR NAME FROM THEIR TIME-HONORED PRACTICE OF BAPTIZING THOSE RECEIVED FROM OTHER FAITHS. Baptists through the centuries were called "Anabaptists," which signifies "re-baptizers." Eventually the name was shortened, and the "ana" was dropped until we have the present term "Baptists." One reason Baptists have refused to accept the baptism of others is the fact that often baptism is designed to help save, or is administered without insistence of previous conversion. Also of course there is the question of authority involved.

One SHOULD NEVER baptize over again if he were really saved before his baptism, and if that baptism was properly administered by the proper authority. But if one wakes up to the fact that he wasn't saved back there—then truly turns to the Lord for salvation, he should certainly follow the Lord in a baptism that is genuine.

### WHY FIRST WITHDRAW FELLOWSHIP

Often a church in such case goes right ahead and baptizes the person over again, without first

withdrawing fellowship. No harm is meant, but that is a highly incorrect procedure. Why? BECAUSE THAT REVERSES BAPTIST AND NEW TESTAMENT DOCTRINE by putting CHURCH MEMBERSHIP BEFORE BAPTISM. Should a person be a church member BEFORE he is baptized? When a church baptizes one who is a member, that church assumes that position exactly. No—there should be a correction publicly made. The person confesses the mistake made in being baptized without conversion. The church in view of such mistake removes the person's name from membership. Then the church can properly receive the person on his profession of faith for baptism, just as they would receive any other person who might come professing faith in Christ. If anybody objects to this procedure, let him remember that the Bible says, "Let all things be done decently and in ORDER."



## Tongues

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a person that has been born again speak with the same tongue as he did before he was saved? Brother, he has a new vocabulary! Amen!

Next, we come to the day of Pentecost, Acts 2:4-13. It is very clear that they spoke in a foreign language which they had never studied. It even states the languages they spoke in v. 9-11. This

is the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the church. This is the proof of Jesus' promise of the comforter. This was a one-time occasion—never needed to be repeated because the Spirit has indwelt our Lord's church ever since.

Now we come to I Corinthians, and a subject of great controversy concerning the gifts. If the Bible is plain one one thing, it is this: that these gifts are bestowed by the Holy Spirit and they are not to be sought after! I Cor. 12:8,11 and in 14:4 we are told that speaking in tongues is to edify the individual. It does not edify the church. It is never to be exercised without an interpreter.

Why not make a study of the following Scriptures and see for yourself if they teach these things:

- (1) Tongues are a minor gift. I Cor. 12:28-30. (Note in verse 28 the division . . . after that . . . and then tongues are listed last).
- (2) It is inferior to teaching. I Cor. 14:5.
- (3) It is not permanent. I Cor. 13:8.
- (4) Covet the best gifts. I Cor. 14:19.
- (5) Example of way things should be done in the church. I Cor. 13:5; 14:40. Now in Acts 10:45-46, we have the proof that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to the Gentiles also, and we find no proof of falling or demonstrations as a result of their speaking in tongues. Nor do we see this happen on Pentecost in Acts, Chapter 2; nor in Acts 19:6.

In I Cor. 13:8, we are told that tongues shall cease. Is it not strange to some that after Corinthians there is no more mention of tongues in the Bible?

Let me finish with this admonition. Be careful of Satan's deception. In Exodus 7:22; 8:19, we see that the magicians of Pharaoh could perform miracles also. But—only three! The number of man! When folk start speaking of tongues, healing, visions, etc., why do they stop before they come to raising the dead.



## Catholicism

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the angels ignore him completely?

If you will take the time and trouble to go back and study the books of the prophets, especially Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, you will find that for many years the church leaders had added and added and added to the word of God. During Jesus' ministry he repeatedly charged the scribes and Pharisees with the fact they had "made the word of God of none effect by their tradition." In other words, by introducing and teaching her man-made "traditions of the Fathers," she neglected to teach the Word of God in all its power and purity. All the misery that has come upon the Jewish people since the time of Christ, is traceable to the fact that their leaders failed to properly instruct them in the Word of God.

Yet, all this time their leaders were telling them that they alone were right and that to teach otherwise was to be a heretic.

Think with us yet for a moment. Try to picture in your mind the great temple there in Jerusalem. A building so magnificent as to cause one to stand and gaze in awe. Picture her "great high priest" robed in the utmost splendor. Picture the members of the Sanhedrin, dressed in only slightly less splendor than the "high priest." Picture her pomp and glory, think of the extremely high place she held in the lives of her followers. We might liken her to the "great whore" with her "golden cup." For the OUTWARD appearance of the religious set up of that day was without flaw. It was the things that were wrong INSIDE that caused the angels to take the message of the newborn Saviour to ones who were

## Translators And Printers Create Curious Bibles

The above is printed for two reasons: (1) It is a human interest story in itself, and should be of interest to our readers; (2) it may help our readers to appreciate TBE even more in view of the fact that our paper goes out exceedingly clean from the standpoint of error. Occasionally we too make a mistake, and our proof readers overlook an error. But generally speaking, we thank God that the paper carries but few errors each week.

Translators' whims and printers' errors have created a host of Biblical curiosities such as the "Breeches Bible," "Bug Bible," and the "Wicked Bible."

The Breeches Bible is the most famous of these unusual editions, the National Geographic Society says. In this 1560 English-language Bible, printed in Switzerland, the translator had Adam and Eve sewing fig leaves together to make "breeches," not the familiar "aprons" of the King James Version.

In a 1551 Bible, Psalm 91 speaks of "buggies by night," instead of "the terror by night." Buggs, or bogies, is an old English word meaning terror.

### The "Treacle Bible"

Another 16th-century translator rendered Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" as "Is there not treacle at Gilead?" Thenceforth this version came to be known as the "Treacle Bible."

The apostle Peter advised husbands to treat a wife as "the weaker vessel," but the translator of a 1549 English Bible appended this stern note, "And if she be

prepared to receive it. We are praying that the Spirit of God will cause all who read this article to stop and think seriously.

Yes, the "great harlot" is holding her "golden cup" so high right now, that you may have to stand on tip toe to catch a glimpse of the contents. But be assured of this—the contents are hidden by what you see on the surface.

Are we to look with contempt on all of the followers of the "great harlot?" ABSOLUTELY NOT. Most of them are more to be pitied than censured for most of them have been deceived from their childhood up. If you are a Christian, your duty is to love them and to pray for them and seek to help them find Christ as their own personal saviour. Again we would ask of you—THINK!  
—The Convert

not obedient and helpful him, endeavoreth to beat the of God into her head." So born the "Wife-Beater Bible."

Typographical errors plagued Biblical scholars more than eccentric translators. Mistakes were so prevalent in early English Bibles that Crown took control of printing, and even today a number of British publishers are authorized to print the James Version.

Andrew Anderson, remembered as one of the worst printers known in Scotland, issued a Bible in the 17th century with misprints in the New Testament alone.

Anderson was rivaled by Field of London, who in 1700 printed a New Testament error-laden with typographical errors. The most serious made a line in the Corinthians read, "the righteous shall inherit the kingdom of God." Field's edition lives as the "Unrighteous Bible."

The "Wicked Bible of 1631" resulted from the omission of the word "holiness" from the Seventh Commandment. Charles I ordered the printing of all thousand copies had been printed to be destroyed. Only four copies are known to have escaped and survived.

The reign of Charles I, also the "Fool Bible," in which the text of Psalm 14 read, "hath said in his heart there is no God." The dropped "no" cost printers 3,000 pounds.

### "Baskett-ful of Errors"

In 1717, John Baskett of London printed a magnificent edition of the King James Bible in large type and many plates. It proved to be so full of mistakes that the edition quickly acquired the nickname "A Baskett-ful of Errors." It is also known as the "Vinegar Bible" from a biblical error on St. Luke 20, which read, "Parable of the Vinegar Vineyard."

Three editions share the dubious distinction of being the "Murderers Bible." One graphical error changed "murders" in Jude to "murderers." Another made Numbers 35:30 read, "The murderer shall be put together," instead of "be put to death." In the third, the text from Mark 7:27, "Let the first be filled," became "Let them be killed."

The fearsome New England vine, Cotton Mather, excoriated "scandalous Errors of Press" in citing a Bible with a high proportion of misprints for "propaganda" in Psalm 119: "Printers have seduced me without cause."

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