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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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SOMETHING PETER NEVER HAD

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The account of the convictions and conclusions of theologian Charles Davis, who left the Roman Catholic Church last December, has troubled the hierarchy. They have sought to make a record in vindication of their Church. It is, however, a puerile attempt — and even in this they have resorted to unhistorical claims to bolster their tottering system. The exposure of internal inconsistencies and unrest has made Church authorities endeavoring to hide imperfections by seeking to clothe their history in an assumed antiquity.

The February 5, 1967 issue of the *Register*, called "America's National Catholic Newspaper,"

There is a Catholic teaching which is consistent and which

has developed for 20 centuries. Included is a body of Papal social theology which is modern and begins at least with Pope Leo XIII; and there is also conciliar teaching from the Council of Jerusalem, called by Peter, to Vatican II, called by Pope John XXIII.

In his research work regarding the history and character of the Roman Church, Charles Davis was driven to conclude: "I find no attention to truth for its own sake. Reasons of expediency, above all the preservation of authority, seem always to dominate." This determination to save face and preserve authority is clearly in evidence in the statement just quoted, viz: "... the Council of Jerusalem, called by Peter, to Vatican II, called by

Pope John XXIII."

The implication here is that as Vatican Council II was called by Pope John XXIII, so the Council of Jerusalem was called by Peter.

To say that Peter called the Council of Jerusalem is untrue to the Scripture account as given in Acts 15. Even the Roman Catholic Bible will prove that the Scripture neither assumes nor implies that Peter called the Council.

The Knights of Columbus have also misrepresented this Scripture. They stated (*Why Millions Call Him Holy Father*, pp. 20, 21): "If you want to see a Pope at work, read the Acts of the Apostles — the Book of Acts. There you will find the history of the very first years of Christ's Church and see Peter as the rec- (Continued on page 6, column 3)

Give Your Praise Now

"If you like him or you love him,
Tell him now.
Don't withhold your approbation
Till the parson makes oration
And he lies with snowy lilies o'er his brow.

"If he earns your praise, bestow it,
If he makes good, let him know it;
Let the words of true encouragement be said.
Don't wait till life is over,
And he's underneath the clover,
For, no matter how you shout it,
He won't really care about it;
He can't hear the loving,
Tender words you've said,
And he cannot read his tombstone
When he's dead.

"So, if you've anything good
To say of a man, don't wait
Till he's laid to rest;
For a eulogy spoken, when hearts are broken
Is an empty thing at best."

INDISPUTABLE FACTS ABOUT MASONRY

1.—Fact No. 1. Masonry has 142 degrees. The American rite has 13 degrees. The Scottish rite has 33 degrees. The English rite 96 degrees. The Mystical Shrine one degree. The Eastern Star 5 degrees for Master Masons and their wives. These are side degrees and not general Masonry. Mackey's *Masonic Encyclopedia* is authority for these facts.

2.—Masonic Murders. Wm. L. Stone, member of Grand Chapter of New York said: "The garments of Masonry are stained with blood." Masons killed Samuel Pritchard in London 1730 for exposing Masonry; John Smith in Manchester, Vermont, in 1798; Ariel Murdock in Pennsylvania, N.Y., in 1803; Wm. Miller of Jenkinstown, Pa., in 1813; Loring Simmonds of New York, N.Y., in 1809; Oliver Galt of Ohio in 1824; Alexander, Czar of Russia, Dec. 1, 1825; Wm. Morgan, Fort Niagara, N.Y., 1826; Job Hunt, Boston, Nov. 1827; Artemus Kennedy, a seer, Knight Templar, Feb. 27, 1827; Grand Duke of Tuscany in 1840; David Brownlee, Little Rock, Ill., in 1840 and others. According to the Son of God's words Matt. 23:35, the blood of all murdered Masons rests on the head of all Baptist Masons.

3.—No Private Judgment. "If we would be Masons we

must yield private judgment," A. T. C. Pierson (33rd degree) *Traditions of Freemasonry*, p. 30.

4.—Masonic Despotism. "The power of a Master is absolute." "... He is to be treated with the utmost reverence while in the chair and his commands must be implicitly obeyed." — Mackey's *Masonic Lexicon*, pp. 296-297.

5.—The Grand Lodge a Despotism.

In Chase's (33rd degree) *Digest of Masonry* he says the Grand Lodge has the power to "erase, extinguish" or destroy any local lodge at its pleasure, to tax lodges and individual Masons at its sole discretion, to withdraw the charter of any local lodge, confiscate and seize all its money, property, papers and effects, to expel individual Masons from the craft.—Pages 22, 24, 28, 36, 121-122, 448.

"The government of Grand Lodges is therefore completely despotic."—Mackey's *Lexicon*, p. 183.

How can any Baptist without acting the hypocrite, belong to a despotism like that?

6.—Masonry is Sun-Worship.

A Masonic writer in the *New York Herald* some years ago said that Masonry is "an effort to

bring all mankind to a common religion; to harmonize the mysteries of Christianity, Judaism and paganism; for the most scholarly Masons hold that there is only one religion and that religion is the worship of the deity under the image of the sun." Scholarly Masons admit this to be true.

7. Masonry, according to Frederick Dalcho in 1826, one of the three Sovereign Inspector Generals of the order, has divided the world into 16 parts. The lord of each of these divisions is called a Deputy Sovereign of Sovereigns of Sublime Princes. There are 16 such functionaries. Above them are three Sovereign Inspector Generals of Masonry. These are Sovereign Inspector Generals of the 33rd degree.

8. All degrees above the Royal Arch degree are written. Frederick Dalcho, one of the three Sovereign Inspector Generals of Masonry, was the custodian of all these written manuscripts of Masonry in 1826.

9. David Bernard, author of

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Light on Masonry (an expose), was a Baptist preacher. He received the secrets of Masonry up to the 33rd degree from Sovereign Inspector General Frederick Dalcho.

10. Much has been made by Masons over George Washington being a Mason. Here are two facts they do not tell. In a letter written by Washington September 25, 1798, to Mr. Snyder, he corrects an error as to his presiding over English lodges. Here are Washington's own words. "The fact is I preside over none, nor have I been in one more than once or twice in the last 30 years." The other fact is that when Washington retired to private life Congress voted him a resolution of thanks. There were three votes against that resolution. The Pennsylvania Intelligencer says all three were cast by Masons. Their votes were cast through spite because he was a non-affiliated Mason.

11. Masonry teaches the universal fatherhood of God, and that in spite of John 8:44.

12. Masonry mutilates the Bible. In *Sickles Monitor* I Pet. 2: 1-17 and 2 Thess. 3:1-16, they deliberately cut out all references to the Lord Jesus. In I Pet. 2 they quote down to "acceptable to God" and then leave out "by Jesus Christ." In 2 Thess. 3 they

quote: "Now we command you brethren" and then put stars showing some words are left out. The words left out are: "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

This omission is wicked and deliberate. Jews, Buddhists, Deists, Mohammedans and many other disbelievers deny the deity of the Lord Jesus. In order to please them they have to cut out all references to Him.

Again in verse 12 they leave out "by our Lord Jesus Christ." They deliberately take from the Word of God and do it on purpose to dishonor the Lord Jesus. Cf. Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:18-19.

13. In thus mutilating the Bible and cutting out all references to the Lord Jesus, they are guilty of treating with contempt and contempt both the person and the name of the Lord Jesus. That is why Masons are forbidden to pray in the name of Jesus by their grand lodges in many states.

14. Webb's *Monitor*, p. 96: "The first duty of the reader of this synopsis is to obey the edicts of his Grand Lodge. Right or wrong, his very existence as a Mason hangs upon obedience to the powers immediately set above him. The one unpardonable crime in a Mason is contumacy or disobedience."

The Bible says: "We ought to obey God rather than men." The Bible says God first. Masonry says lodge first. Masons are traitors to Christ and the Bible who (Continued on page 2, column 2)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"TO THE MOON AND BEYOND"

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."—Dan. 12:4.

Obviously, this passage of Scripture is a prophecy that has to do with the end of time, and it very definitely tells us that as we near the end of time, knowledge shall be increased. I presume that each of you recognize that scientists have probed the secrets of nature for years—yes, for hundreds of years and even thousands of years, without getting very far. It seems so strange that for at least the entire four thousand

years prior to the birth of Christ, and for fifteen hundred years this side of the birth of Christ, scientists practically got no where delving into the secrets of nature.

Leonardo da Vinci, whom we think of as a painter, was also an inventor. He was the man who invented the first flying machine about 1500, and everybody said that da Vinci was crazy. Copernicus discovered that the sun, rather than the earth, was the center of the solar system, about 1507; and Galileo came along in 1609 and constructed the first telescope. Newton discovered the

law of gravitation about the year 1665. Those were actually the first major discoveries on the part of science in about fifty-five hundred years of earth's history.

In reality, the majority of the discoveries that we know of today have come about in the last one hundred years. One hundred years ago, people travelled much the way that our forefathers had travelled from time immemorial. There was no advance so far as the method of travel was concerned. People, in fact, didn't travel much. Stage coach, if you wanted to go by land, was about (Continued on page 3, column 1)

PROOFS OF THE DEITY

1. God the Father affirmed it. "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17:5).

2. Christ proclaimed it. "Tell us whether Thou be the Christ, the Son of God." "Jesus saith unto them, Thou hast said." (Matthew 26:63-64; Mark 14:61-62).

3. The angel asserted it to Mary. "That holy thing, which shall be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

4. John the Baptist announced it. "And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God." (John 1:34).

5. A legion of demons knew it. "What have we to do with Thee, Thou Son of God?" (Matthew 8:29).

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ELD. GENE HENSLEY

Brother Gene Hensley, whom we consider one of God's greatest men of this generation, residing at Stockdale, Texas, is to be in a Bible Conference with the Sovereign Grace Baptist Church at Mansfield, Ohio, May 24, 25, and 26.

This church is located at 1087 North Trimble Road, and is pastored by Elder Oscar Mink, whom we love in the Lord. We have a number of unusually warm friends who are members of this church and we certainly pray that God will give to them a gracious Bible Conference.

Speaking for Brother Mink and the Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, I am sure that we can invite all our friends in that area to attend.

Masonry

(Continued from page one) obey their lodge first. Whenever Masons put the Lord Jesus first they always quit the lodge. They cannot serve two masters.

15. Webb's Monitor says (p. 284): "The meeting of a Masonic Lodge is strictly a religious ceremony. So broad is the religion of Masonry and so carefully are all sectarian tenets excluded from the system, that the Christian, the Jew and the Mohammedan, in all numberless sections and divisions, may and do harmoniously combine in its moral and intellectual work with the Buddhist, the Parsee, the Confucian and the worshipper of Deity in any form."

Masonry is a religion of the broad way and ends in hell. Matt. 7:13. Masonry denies the inspiration of the Bible and puts it down on a common level with all these heathen religions.

16. Masonry rejects the Bible as the inerrant and supernatural Word of God. In 1855 Grand Master Sayre of Alabama said: "Blue Lodge Masonry has nothing whatever to do with the Bible. It is not founded on the Bible. If it was, it would not be Masonry. It would be something else." Chase's Digest of Masonic Law p. 207.

How can any Baptist be a Mason then without being the basest hypocrite?

17. "I used to be a Mason. I have been an evangelist for years. I do not get one Mason in a thousand converts, and I never knew a Knight Templar to be converted."—D. W. Potter.

"Your hands are defiled with blood" — your brother Mason's blood — is true of every Masonic preacher.

18. "Three things are not found in Masonic prayers: No confession of sin, no mention of Jesus Christ, no allusion to the Holy Spirit."—Chas. A. Blanchard.

19. "Masonic worship is demon worship." So says Chas. A. Blanchard and he proves it by 1 Cor. 10:19-20. All Christless worship is demon worship. Masonry is a Christless, Spiritless religion.

20. We quote C. C. Hunt, Deputy Grand Secretary, Iowa, in official Document, Dec. 13, 1920: "The use of the name of Christ Jesus in Masonry is not good taste." The Master of a Masonic Lodge that I knew, years ago rebuked a Baptist preacher for praying in the name of Jesus. The preacher never went again.

21. "Hundreds of churches over the land today are anti-Christ, not only Jews but hundreds of others; yet they believe that God rules and reigns over the universe, and by such belief they are eligible to become members of our order." — Dave Jackson, secretary Grand Lodge, Ky., official Document, Feb. 2, 1921. Mighty hard on Missionary Baptist Masons to be told that they are in collusion with the anti-Christ in their Masonic lodges.

"What concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" 2 Cor. 6:15.

22. There are 12 million oath-

bound members of secret orders in this country, not including Ku Klux and Knights of Columbus. They affect politics, business, schools, and in a degree dictate the decisions of the courts and the utterances of the pulpit.

23. Mr. Jacoby, while assistant pastor of the Moody Church, Chicago, in their own church paper, said: "I suppose I ought to know something about Masonry, as I have taken some 12 or 15 degrees in it and have been an officer of my lodge in Guthrie Center, Iowa. Until I was converted to Christ I was a notoriously wicked man, a gambler, a drinker and dissipated in other ways known to evil men. I spent a small fortune in years of dissipation while a member of my lodge . . . of course the lodge is invested with enough formal religiousness to make an ordinary preacher feel at ease.

So long as a man is in the broad road that leads to death, it may be the lodge is just as good a place as any, but I pity the poor starved child of God who seeks comfort and strength from a society so largely of the godless."

24. "On close investigation I found 57 lies in the third degree alone . . . In the lecture on the fourth degree we are told that the degree was founded by Solomon, Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff. In this degree are quotations which clearly show the falsehood of the pretended antiquity of the degree. Many Jews are certainly wicked enough without saddling them with the invention of the infernal system of speculative Freemasonry. It was invented by Gentiles in a grogshop in London, June 24, 1717."—"Spectator."

25. The Bible says "Call no man Master." In direct violation of this command, Freemasons call their superior officers. "Grand Master," "Most Excellent Master," "Worshipful Master," "Perfect Master," "Royal Master," "Prince of Mercy," "Chief Prince," "High Priest," "Grand Pontiff," "King," "Captain of the Host," "Most Puissant," "Sovereign of Sovereigns."

26. "A lodge in general signifies heaven or the dwelling place of the Lord and includes all on earth who are being truly prepared for heaven." — Masonic Trowel, by L. E. Reynolds, p. 131.

According to the Masonic Trowel, nobody but Masons are going to heaven.

27. "Each man who is about to be regenerated is led by his guardian angel to the door of the Lodge, of which it is said, 'Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened.'"

"Regeneration or Masonry proceeds in progressive order, states or degrees."

"Man cannot work or correct the irregularities of life until he is clothed with innocence or the badge of a Mason." — Masonic Trowel by L. E. Reynolds, P.M. and P.H.P., 1870.

Masonry is the new birth and no man can be saved unless he is a Mason according to this Masonic author. Since women cannot be Masons, women can not be saved, according to Masonry.

28. "A lodge is said to be opened in the name of God and the Holy Saints John, as a declaration of the sacred and religious purposes of our meeting."—Manual of the Lodge, by Albert G. Mackey, p. 13, very high Masonic authority. What is the difference in Masons meeting in the name of Holy Saints John, and Catholics meeting in the name of the holy Virgin? Both of them are idolaters. Note also Masonry is a religion.

29. "He comes inquiringly to our doors seeking the new birth. Some great change is about to take place in his moral and intellectual condition . . . For initiation is, as it were a death to the world and a resurrection to a new

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life." — Mackey's Manual, pages 20 and 21. That is the teaching of Blue Lodge Masons by many of their best authors. The new birth is by initiation into the 3rd degree of Masonry without Christ or the Holy Spirit or the Word of God.

Again the same book, pp. 38-39: "Of his evil nature which Masonry is to purify."

Again on page 96: "The Master Mason represents a man saved from the grave of iniquity and raised to the faith of salvation."

30. Mackey's Lexicon of Free-

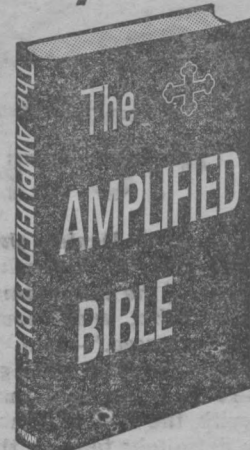
masonry, p. 16: "A Mason living in strict obedience to obligations and precepts of fraternity, is free from sin."

Again pages 295-6: "The Mason represents a man, the doctrine of love, saved the grave of iniquity and to faith of salvation."

Some of the sots, libertines, poker players of every town magnificent specimens of man's salvation.

31. "Above all, it is not, can it be, a secret, that a (Continued on page 6, column 2)

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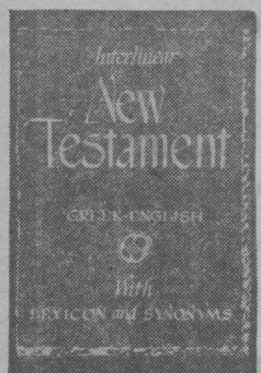
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PAGE TWO

The Monkey's View Of Evolution

*"Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree,
Discussing things as they're said to be.*

*Said one to the others, "Now listen you two,
There's a rumor about us that can't be true.*

*If man descended from our noble race,
We're to blame for a lot of their sin 'n disgrace.*

*If man, over yonder was one of our kin,
He would not have to be born again.*

*If we are responsible for such a tribe,
I feel that we should run and hide.*

*The number of sound reasons we bring to you,
Will prove to the wise evolution is not true.*

*The weakest monk on the monkey trail
Wouldn't reject God's word for a serpent's tale.*

*Had we monks been given a garden to keep clean
We'd have been good monkeys instead of mean.*

*The fact that men did not spring from us
Is proven clearly when you hear him cuss.*

*No monkey has ever yet picked up his gun,
And killed his brother to get his mon.*

*Just think of the number of man's inventions
That us monkeys would neither use nor mention.*

*Bombers, tanks, cannons and booby traps
Just anything now to kill Viet Congs and Japs.*

*I can't number the things that man has done,
Since God drove him out in the rain and sun.*

*He was driven from the garden: this is the reason;
Eve ate some fruit and he committed treason.*

*Ever since man got in so much pollution,
The devil makes him think it's due to evolution.*

*If man had actually descended from us
He could not have become such an honery cuss.*

*Since the morning of time, as you can see,
We've been good monks and keep to our tree.*

*We've not had a war since Noah's flood,
But man has shed rivers and rivers of blood.*

*No monkey ever yet deserted his wife,
Starved her babies and wrecked her life.*

*You have never known a mother monk
To leave her babies in another's bunk.*

*Monks don't pass their babies from one to another
Till they scarcely know who is their mother.*

*There's another thing you'll never see;
A monk build a fence around a coconut tree.*

*Why? If I'd build a fence around this tree,
Starvation would induce you to steal from me.*

*Then, here's another thing a monkey won't do—
Go to town at night and get on a stew.*

*Or use a gun, or a club, or a big jack knife
And beat up some other monkey and take his life.*

*Of course, man descended — the honery cuss,
But brother, I'm sure it wasn't from us."*

remedies on the part of doctors a hundred years ago.

I say there has been a lot of progress in the last hundred years. A hundred years ago, printers set all their type by hand. If a picture appeared in a paper, it wasn't made by a process such as we use today, but rather was made by using wooden blocks. In fact, the picture was printed crudely indeed from a rough wooden block. A linotype, or a monotype, or any kind of a type-setting equipment was unheard of. A high-speed, four-color offset press wasn't even dreamed of in 1860, and though today, we are plagued and cursed with all kinds of colored supposed-to-be comic magazines, in 1860 nobody had even seen a colored magazine. In fact, a piece of colored printing had never been produced one hundred years ago.

Travel, I say, was very different to what it is today. One hundred years ago trains were just beginning to catch up with the sailing vessels. One hundred years ago trains had no air-conditioning. I can remember (and I didn't live a hundred years ago) when if you wanted any air on a train, you raised the window, and by the time you got to the end of your journey, your shirt, regardless of what color it was when you left home, and your face would be grimy with cinders and train smoke. I can remember, and I didn't live a hundred years ago, that they didn't have a diner on a train, but every few hours the train would stop for a twenty-minute layover at a Harvey Restaurant, located in a depot, along the line, and everybody got out, and ate at one of these little restaurants that was a part of the depot.

Of course an airplane was an unheard of thing. The American Airlines stated just a few days ago that they started their system in 1926, and they started with a single bi-plane that had an open cockpit with the passengers sitting behind the pilot, one behind the other, braving the elements of the weather—all of them sitting out in the open. You might, if you wish, contrast that with the jets of today. I took off from Louisville to Chicago some months ago in a jet. The thing went practically straight up, and by the time it was 30,000 feet in the air, it was ready to come down in Chicago. The stewardesses on board that plane couldn't serve any lunch until the jet got up in the air, and by the time they started serving there was another stewardess following right along behind, picking up the lunch trays and carrying them away. About all a person got were a few bites before it had to be taken away. There is quite a contrast between the first airplane, and these jet planes of today.

Transformation, I say, in the last hundred years has been wonderful. It is more like the breaking of a dam, or more like the on-rush of a tidal wave. Even today, thousands upon thousands of scientists are pouring over drawing boards and test tubes to make new things available for this world today.

I might go so far as to say that actually scientists today are trying to create life in a test tube. It has been claimed that the male cell and the female cell have been fertilized, and life has been developed, and a child has been born in a test tube. Scientists though are trying to actually create life in a test tube, to take the place of the Creator.

Speed is also one thing that has increased tremendously. In 1880, the Cheetah was known as the speed king of the animals. The first time that any animal was clocked by way of speed, the cheetah, in 1880, was clocked at 70 m.p.h. In the same year, a

man was able to sprint 20 m.p.h. A balloon was able to float, provided the wind was exactly right, 25 m.p.h. A horse, if he were pretty good, could travel 40 m.p.h. But thirteen years later, in 1893, near Batavia, New York, the New York Central Railroad clocked one of their trains at 112.5 m.p.h. and they thought the world was really moving.

The Wright Brothers didn't set any records so far as speed was concerned, but in 1902 they flew the Kitty Hawk 852 feet at the amazing speed of 9 m.p.h. Airplane speed didn't pick up much, for even in 1928 the Braniff Airlines, who have been pioneers in air history, flew from Tulsa to Oklahoma City at a record speed of 90 m.p.h., the fastest that a plane had ever flown. Now it is nothing for an Air Force Jet to fly 1500 m.p.h., and experimental planes are being produced today for the Government, but not yet perfected, that will actually fly over 4000 m.p.h.

I can remember on March 5, 1962, that a B-58 flew from Los Angeles to New York City in 2

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hours, 1 minute, and 39 seconds. When the captain on this plane stepped out of the plane onto the ground, he had already figured that if a cannon ball had been fired from Los Angeles at the same time that he took off that his plane would have arrived in New York City, and they would have had time to have eaten lunch before the cannon ball got there. Now that is speed!

When we talk about planes going 4,000 miles an hour, we think of that as speed. But remember all these things that are being shot up in the air by way of rockets that are revolving around the earth at a rate of 18,000 miles per hour. Do you realize that the earth in its orbit goes around 66,000 miles per hour? Thus you can understand that man is within 30 per cent as fast as God in His revolution of earth?

The world is shrinking. It is a mighty small thing anymore. I stepped into a man's home in Kansas several years ago. He said, "Brother Gilpin, I am mighty glad to see you. I never expected to see you out here. The world has gotten mighty small." He was right; the world is shrinking. Radio and TV cameras are able to pick up a program in Moscow and deliver it in America the

same moment that it happens in Moscow.

The zest for discoveries is at a fever pitch. There are advances in every field. The U. S. News and World Report said in the July 15, 1963 issue that the patent office had 198,000 patent cases pending and were constantly falling behind—that if a man had anything to patent, it would be three years at least before he could get a patent for it.

Look how far we have advanced so far as weapons are concerned. The first weapon that anybody knew anything about was the slingshot. David handled it. Then came the bow and arrow, and that developed into the crossbow. Then some Chinese came along with gunpowder and accidentally caused it to explode, yet those Chinese never realized what they brought into existence. They never thought for one moment's time that eventually people would be building iron rods, and shooting that gunpowder, hurling lumps of stone and lumps of iron through those iron rods, propelled by that gunpowder. They never thought that it would become an ultimate weapon. I can remember when they discarded the Gatling gun, when they brought out a 4", 8", 12", and 18" cannon. This was thought surely to be the greatest that could ever be developed. I can remember in World War I when the Germans produced the Big Bertha that could shoot 27 miles, and would fall within a range of accuracy of 100 yards. They said, "My, how we have developed!"

But that wasn't the beginning, for on December 2, 1942, the University of Chicago scientists demonstrated atomic power for the first time. Nobody knew what atomic power was, but 42 scientists stood there at the University of Chicago in 1942 and smiled when they saw what atomic power could do. It took three years for it to be developed. I can remember on August 5, 1945, at Hiroshima, when 68,000 people were killed and 76,000 were injured, all because of atomic power. Then three days later at Nagasaki 38,000 more Japs were killed and 21,000 were injured, all because of atomic power. People thought with the development of atomic power, that surely everything that could be developed, had been developed so far as power was concerned.

But listen:

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."—II Pet. 3:10.

Do you think this is going to come to pass as a result of what man has developed, or is it going to come to pass because of a miracle that God shall perform. As for an answer, I will have to say, I don't know, but I do know this: God has taught us within II Peter 3:10 that the heavens and the earth are going to pass away. They are going to be melted with fervent heat, and it would seem to me that it might be through (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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only choice, or if you wanted
by water, a sailing vessel
your only choice, though
1860, steamships and steam
motives began to become
In 1860, a little over a
years ago, nobody had
an airplane. Nobody had
in an automobile. Nobody
been "cursed" with a phono-
gram, or a radio, or a record
or a television. A very,
few rich people had gas
with which to light their
pipes, and that gas had been
produced from coal. A hundred
ago there wasn't anybody
in the United States that had an
electric light. A hundred years

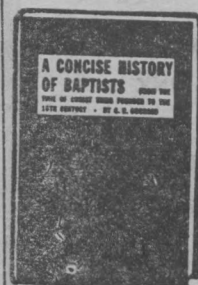
ago nobody had heard of an electric washer, electric refrigerator, electric dishwasher, or a vacuum cleaner. Those things weren't even dreamed of.

One hundred years ago, the hospitals didn't even have an X-Ray. In fact, the most of the hospital equipment that is in use today has come into existence in the last hundred years. The doctor didn't prescribe sulfa, penicillin, or cortisone. Every doctor had his saddle pockets that he carried behind him on his horse, and they were filled with three things: a lancet, a bottle of quinine, and an equally big bottle of castor oil. It made no difference whether you suffered with something, from your head to your toe, those were the three prescribed

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All scripture may be used in some way or another in this age.

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." (I Cor. 10:11). I know that we are to learn our doctrines from the Scriptures (Old and New Testament) because of II Tim. 3:16. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." Let me remind you that when this was written to the young preacher the New Testament had not been completely written. It is also clear that the Old Testament teaches the way of salvation from verse 15 of II Tim. 3. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Remember, my friends, when Timothy was a child, most of the Scripture available to his parents was the Old Testament.

It is not hard to believe that Isaiah 53 is meant to refer to Christ, nor is it hard to see Jesus Christ in his suffering in Psalm 22.

Besides the example of Israel's backsliding, I see several lessons in Ezekiel 33. I see the responsibility of a preacher to do the work of an evangelist. I see a warning to the lost, and a lesson to the saved.

This passage tells us that a minister is responsible to warn the lost of his condition. "When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity, but thou shalt have delivered thy soul." (verse 8, 9).

The same verses of Ezekiel tell

us that a person who does not turn (does not repent), will die in his sins. Luke 13:3 tells us that a person must repent. "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Acts 17:30 also says the same thing. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." The latter part of Ezekiel 33 speaks of the saved who do not serve God. "And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness." (Verse 31).

How can we tell when certain Old Testament Scriptures can be used to refer to the lost or in "soul winning"? Whenever the passage does not violate some other passage of God's Word. We must never use a passage in such a way as to make some other passage go contrary to it. Remember all Scripture is "God-breathed." God would not tell Isaiah or Ezekiel one way of salvation and Luke or John another way. The Old Testament teaches Christ just as the New Testament does. The only difference is that Christ is concealed in the Old Testament while He is revealed in the New Testament. They will never clash. If at any time you think there is a contradiction, it is your interpretation and not God's inspiration that contradicts.

Yes, Ezekiel, as well as Exodus or Genesis or any other, can show us our responsibility and teach the way of salvation.

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No, I do not believe that any reference whatsoever is related to this age. God's instructions to Ezekiel related to one people — Israel, and that people alone. — Applying verse 15 to this day and to the question of salvation, and you will find yourself teaching salvation by works. Apply verse 8 to now and to salvation, and you

will find yourself charged with the sins of other people.

But while the words of Ezek. 33 were written to Israel and not to the people of this distant age, there is of course a principle involved that is applicable to this present day. We can certainly say that we of today are under obligation to warn people of the consequences of their sins.

In a careful study of the Old Testament—and I have made a special study of the Old Testament the past two years—I have noted so many texts that I have heard men preach from and distort. Many preachers are on the lookout for a pretty, high sounding text, and they often grab one out of the Old Testament without reference to what is being talked about or taught. Too many people fail to be real students of the Old Testament. They don't get the message at all. They merely detach a statement that sounds good for a text, and off they go "into the wild blue yonder."

I think of a seminary professor who sometime ago made the statement "The Lord is through with Israel." A similar statement was made recently by one of the best known evangelists. Surely these men have never made a careful study of the Old Testament, or else they would not put out such drivel.

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Yes, this chapter shows to us very definitely our responsibility in this age, for the commission given to Ezekiel is just as true in this age as it was in Ezekiel's time. We are also called to be watchmen or witnesses of the Lord, and like Ezekiel we are also warned of the dire consequences if we do not. Our Lord is teaching us the same thing that he taught Ezekiel when He gave the parable of the talents, for this parable is teaching our responsibility, and warning us of the consequence if we hide our talent. Read Matt. 25.

Solemn indeed are the responsibilities put by God Himself upon all of those that He calls to be watchmen for Him. Paul evidently had Ezekiel 33 in mind when he declared to the Ephesian elders:

"Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not

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shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." Acts 20:26-27.

Had not Paul declared the whole counsel of God, he would not have been free from the blood of all men, thus he would have had to answer to God for his failures. Since we are God's watchmen for the world today, it is therefore our business to warn of error and of evil, just the same as it was the duty of Ezekiel. God help us that when our journey here on earth is over, that we can say with Ezekiel and Paul, I am free of the blood of all men.

In order for us to be free of the blood of all men we must speak with a certain sound — not "uncertain" as most watchmen are doing in this age.

"For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? So

likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air." I Cor. 14:8-9.

It is the responsibility of the watchman to speak the truth of God's Word without fear or favor to any man. Our messages are not to be watered down or softened with traditions of men. Rather we should speak and warn in a "certain" voice so that all may understand, giving a "thus saith the Lord" for all doctrines that we declare.

I would like to refer again to the teachings of our Lord, that I might prove to you that the commission given to Ezekiel is just as good today as it was then.

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul." Matt. 16:25-26.

These verses do not have reference to those who are dead in sin. They are incapable of doing

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any good works. Good works or righteous works must proceed from a righteous heart; therefore it is impossible for unregenerated man to perform good works. Thus these verses are speaking to you and I who are placed as watchmen for the Lord, and they warn us of two possibilities: (1) Saving our lives and then finally losing such at Judgment Seat of Christ. (2) Losing our life and then finding it at the Judgment when the Lord will reward every man according to his works.

Those who seek to save their lives, are those who fail to warn. Thus it will be that God will require the blood (life's work) at the hand of those who seek to save their lives. Those who lose their lives are those who are faithful watchmen for the Lord, whose lives are given for the cause of Christ, but they will find at the Judgment Seat of Christ that they have truly found their lives, for great will be their reward.

It is the responsibility of each

of us who are saved to deny self, and take up his cross, follow Jesus, for there is no peace to any man who compromises the Word of God, even though it seem that he gains the world, for he shall lose his (life's work) at the Judgment Seat of Christ. He will then his life's work go up in smoke and come down in ashes. It then be that he may say, I will give anything for another chance to exchange my life's work, now I see what I lost by being an unfaithful watchman. What a terrible time it will be when we face the chief Shepherd, and an account of our works, if we failed to warn of the enemy.

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In Mal. 3:6 we read, "I am Lord, I change not." If we accept it as a true fact that our Lord does not change, and if we accept the statement "For by grace ye are saved" in Eph. 2:8 down side Ezek. 33:15 which says the wicked restore the path, give again that he had robb'd, walk in the statutes of life without committing iniquity; he surely live, he shall not give something will have to go without saying that God does not change, and since we are saved by grace, there Ezek. 33:15 cannot possibly be talking about eternal life. If you this is mighty good doctrine, but it is just not natural if we try to make this apply to salvation.

If we substitute the "life" for the word "soul" throughout this chapter, and in mind that it is physical here on this earth that is under consideration, we should have no trouble in keeping what we see in the New Testament. let us never forget that when we seem to see a contradiction in our Bible, it is always just illusion. As I see it, eternal salvation is not under consideration all whatsoever here in this chapter.

As to our responsibility in this age, we find it given in certain terms in Mt. 28:18-20 in Mk. 16:15. It is true that these are principles in Ezek. 33 apply to us today. I am personally responsible to give the message to a lost and dying world. Ezekiel was to warn Israel of their wickedness. And I am persuaded that when we have the opportunity to give the gospel to the lost and we fail to do so, we will have to answer to our Lord for it when we appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ. It is 5:10. But there is absolutely nothing in this chapter for use in preaching to the lost. Rather this is the exact opposite of the gospel of grace. It only serve as the perverted gospel of Gal. 1:7.

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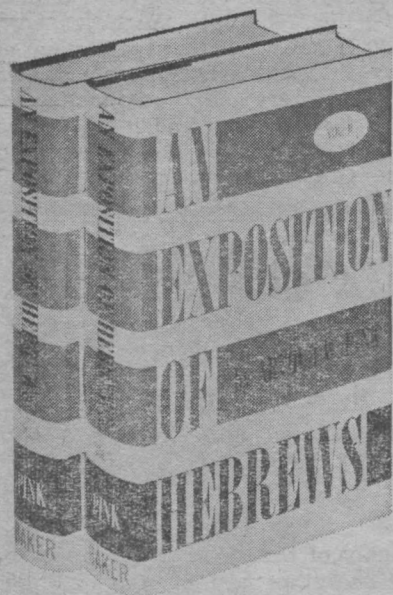
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Man Should Reach The Moon

The heaven's even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men. — Psalm 115:16.

I'm sure you've heard or read about
The satellites in space;
How Russia and United States
Are in a rocket race.
To hear them talk it won't be long
Till space they conquer soon,
And then what next will man attempt,
If man should reach the moon?

If man should ever reach the moon,
There's one thing that is clear:
He'll ruin everything up there,
Just as he has down here,
With sin and crime, with lust and greed,
He's got enough to do,
To clean the mess he's made on earth,
And you know that is true.

The sickness and the want, the fear,
The broken hearts and shame—
The cry of hungry millions—
And man is all to blame.
I think we'd better set our sights
Above the moon and space;
So let's explore eternity,
While there is time and grace.

It's not the moon we need to reach,
It's God — who put it there;
The One who went to Calvary,
A rugged cross to bear.
For sins of men with wicked hearts,
He died one day at noon;
With faith in Him you'll have no fear,
If man should reach the moon.

To The Moon

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From bondage to spiritual
From spiritual faith to
courage.
From courage to liberty.
From liberty to abundance.
From abundance to self-
From selfishness to com-
From complacency to
From apathy to depend-
From dependence back to

bondage.

How far along the way have we come. Who is depending on himself any longer? What is the use when the "Great Society" is handing out money all over the world? Why should a man depend upon himself? Why should a fellow try to make a living? Why should a man have any initiative for his business? It seems to me that we have come pretty well down the list to dependence.

This same scientific magazine said that the average age of the world's civilization has been two hundred years—that you could figure the civilization of the world, and it had taken the world two hundred years to go from bondage to spiritual faith, and then from dependence back to bondage.

Do you realize that the United States in eleven more years will be two hundred years old? I ask the question, how far have we come along the sequence so far

as nature is concerned? Is man probing into, and is man checking into the things that belong to God? Has man just about come to the end of his way so far as this earth is concerned? I read you from God's Word. Listen:

NO TRESPASSING

"The heaven, even THE HEAVENS, ARE THE LORD'S: but THE EARTH hath he GIVEN to the children of MEN."—Psa. 115:16.

"And hath made of one blood all nations of MEN FOR TO DWELL on all the face of the EARTH, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation."—Acts 17:26.

Man is not to dwell on the moon. The heavens are the Lord's. Man is to dwell on the earth.

Suppose you were to see a sign on a fence between your farm and your neighbor's farm: "No trespassing; All guilty of trespassing will be prosecuted under the statutes of this State." If you had any sense you would stay out of your neighbor's farm. You would respect the "No Trespassing" sign.

Beloved, I have put Psalm 115:16 and Acts 17:26 together, and I say God has put up a "No Trespassing" sign, that the heavens are the private property of God, and man has no right, trespassing on God's property. Man has no business trespassing into the heavens.

Notice again:

WHY THE MOON WAS GIVEN

"And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth; and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also."—Gen. 1:14-16.

There is not one indication that God said the moon was to be lived on. There is not one indication that God said that the moon was for anything except for signs, and for seasons, and for to give light upon the earth. I think it would be well if scientists, instead of laughing at us for being old-fashioned, would admit that God said that it was well for you to plant your potatoes, and your crops, and everything else in the light or the dark of the moon, and that the moon was given for signs and for seasons. God did not say that the moon was given to live on.

Listen again:

"And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place; and hear thou IN HEAVEN THY DWELLING PLACE: and when thou hearest, forgive."—I Kings 8:30.

This was Solomon's prayer of dedication at the time of the building of the temple, and in his dedication prayer, he refers to Heaven as being God's dwelling place. He didn't say one thing about Heaven being for man. He didn't say one thing about the heavens being for man to dwell in, or for man to come to rest in, until the day that God calls him there. Heaven is God's dwelling place.

SATAN'S ATTEMPT

We read of an individual trying to ascend into the heavens. Listen:

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground which didst weaken the nations! For THOU HAST SAID in thine heart, I WILL ascend into heaven, I WILL exalt my throne above the stars of

God: I WILL sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I WILL ascend above the heights of the clouds; I WILL be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."—Isaiah 14:12-15.

This is the story of Satan. He had an idea of ascending up into Heaven. He had an idea of ascending beyond the clouds. He had an idea that he was going to take God's place. He was going to be a competitor to God, but God cast him down to Hell.

THE POST-DELUVIANS

There were some people after the flood, who had a peculiar idea, and their idea was that they were going to build a tower that would reach into Heaven. These were not antediluvians, but post-deluvians. We read:

"And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that

they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, WHOSE TOP MAY REACH UNTO HEAVEN; and let us make a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do; and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So THE LORD SCATTERED THEM abroad from thence upon the face of all the

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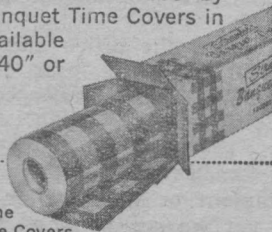
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IS BRO. D. N. JACKSON AN ARMINIAN?

WE HAVE SAID REPEATEDLY THAT HE IS SUCH, THOUGH HE DENIES IT. READ WHAT HE BELIEVES AND THEN STUDY WHAT WE SAY HEREWITH ON WHOSOEVER WILL.

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely."—Rev. 22:17.

There is nothing that should irk a child of our sovereign God any greater than the heresies of Arminianism. Frankly, it is difficult to see how one could have any more respect for an Arminian than for an out-and-out atheist. If either is to be respected, it would appear that the out-and-out atheist should at least be no lower than the Arminian, for he doesn't propagate his infidelity and atheism under the guise of its being Christian doctrine. On the other hand, the Arminian does. However, there is very little difference between Arminianism and downright atheism. Jonathan Edwards, the famous American theologian and evangelist, said, "It is the doctrine of Arminians, and not of the Calvinists, that is justly charged with a tendency to atheism; it being built on a foundation that is the utter subversion of every demonstrative argument for the proof of a Deity." (On the Will, page 357).

August Toplady, famous preacher and hymn writer of the early eighteenth century said, "This said scheme ascends, on the ladder of blasphemy, to the mountain top of atheism." (Works, page 352, 353).

The only difference that is manifest between atheism and Arminianism is that the atheist does not profess to believe in any god, whereas the Arminian professes to do so. But the god that the Arminian worships is a god conceived in man's depraved mind and imagination, the same type mind and imagination that gave birth to atheism. The Arminian god is nothing more than an idol, having been created and fashioned by man's imagination, which is the seat of all idolatry (Romans 1:21-23). In fact, the Arminians who worship the little two-by-four, weak-kneed, powerless, imaginary god of Arminianism, are no less guilty of idolatry than those poor Indians of Mexico, whom I saw bowing down to images, pictures, statues, and all manner of objects or superstitious worship. Both the god of Arminianism and the idols of the heathen were brought forth from the same womb — man's depraved imagination. If one were to ask which is the more guilty of the sin of idolatry, we would have to answer, the Arminian, for this idolatry is proceeded in despite of the light of the Bible. Most heathen do not have an open Bible, but the Arminian does. Thus, his iniquitous idolatry brings upon him a greater damnation.

We are living in perilous days, in idolatrous days; days in which the Arminian god is being worshipped from Dan to Beersheba. And this, despite the Bible, despite age-old Baptist statements of faith, despite the writings of our Baptist fathers, despite the numerous printed sermons of C. H. Spurgeon, the works of Gill, Pink, and other expositors of God's Word — despite all these things which should cause men to see that God is God, Arminianism's weaker-than-a-worm god is the object of the worship of the majority of religious people today.

Arminianism denies the total depravity of man, and fosters on the world the doctrine of free-will. Arminianism dethrones the true God, as it were, and enthrones his lordship, Mr. Free-will. People today are being taught that the purpose of God is this and that, but . . . yes, BUT! . . . unless the will of man "lets" God have His way, then He just can't have it. We are being told, as one of old has so ingeniously expressed it—

"That all mankind he fain would save,
But longs for what he cannot have.
Industrious thus to sound abroad
A disappointed changing God."

The theme of modern-day preaching is not what God can and does do, but what He wants to do, and what He will do, if man will but let Him. We even hear songs exhorting men to "let Him have His way with you," let Him do this and let Him do that. Actually, what "God's will" boils

down to, according to modern-day notions, is what man "lets" Him do, and not what He actually determined and purposed to do and actually does. Free-will has been so exalted, we are led to believe that God has no will and no power whatsoever except to do what the will of man dictates. This is the god of the Arminian imagination.

We can be sure that the Lord of Heaven and of earth, who doeth according to His will in the army of Heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth, is getting a big laugh out of the silly notions of the Arminians. In the book of Proverbs, the Lord says that He will laugh at the calamity of the wicked and I doubt not that He is already chuckling a bit over the puny conception the Arminians have drawn of Him. It's enough to make anyone laugh. I laughed when I heard J. Harold Smith say over the radio that God had done all He could do to save sinners; I laughed when I read what Noel Smith said about Hell's being a ghastly monument to the failure of God to save those that are there; I laughed when I read a sermon by Dallas Billington, in which he said, "No man can ever make his bed in Hell until God has tried His best to save him." I laugh when I read these little "decision blanks" tagged onto all the Arminian gospel tracts, saying that God wants you to sign on the dotted line; I laugh when I read or hear Arminian preachers tell sinners how badly God wants to save them, but can't do so, unless they permit Him. Why, these Arminians are the biggest jokes that could be published in any joke book. All the Abbotts and Costellos, Mutts and Jeffs, and Dagwoods and Blondies that ever lived could hardly compared with such big jokes. These modern TV comedians and entertainers have never cracked a joke that is as "jokified" as what the Arminians say about God. There is nothing so disgustingly amusing as the notions of Arminian free-willers.

Take for example, my text: one is disgusted and at the same time, amused, by the abuse rendered to this passage by the free willers. Why, there isn't even the smell of free-will in this passage, yet the Arminians think that it definitely establishes the power of the will of man. I want us to notice just a few things about this passage of Scripture, in contradiction to Arminianism.

I
In the first place, this passage says, "Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely," and not "whosoever will may come." I call attention to this fact, because Arminians almost always misquote Scriptures to establish their positions. And the Arminians quote this one, "whosoever will may come." Now, there isn't particularly anything wrong with this phraseology, but it just isn't a correct quotation, which is typical of Arminianism. Arminianism is built upon just loose quotations of Scripture, or twisted fragments of Scripture. The passage says, "Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." Let us quote the verse as it is, not as the Arminian quotes it.

II
Secondly, note that the passage does not say, "Whosoever can come," or "Whosoever has the power to come." This would imply that the ability to come resided in the sinner. Actually, this is what the Arminians teach: they teach that whosoever — just anyone or everyone — has the power to come. And this is a denial of the fact of total depravity. Jesus taught:

"No man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father."—John 6:65.

This is a verse the Arminians never touch. They are too busy setting forth their contrary notions to pay it any attention. They interpret Revelation 22:17 directly contrary to this verse, teaching that all men have the power within them to come. So naturally, they have no use for John 6:37, 44, 63-65; nor any other Scripture (Continued on page 7, column 3)

cussion with a definite assertion of his own authority . . . That this authority was at once recognized by the assembly is clear. Here we see Peter acting as the leader and guide of the Apostles and presbyters of the Church."

A reading of the Scripture will reveal this statement to be absolutely false. What really happened at the Council of Jerusalem is clearly recorded. The idea that Peter presided and that because of his authority "all the multitude held their peace" is entirely foreign to the passage. It is simply interpolated in order to give the Roman Church a semblance of Scripture authority for her claims. It is clear that the multitude held their peace in order to listen — not to Peter — but to what Barnabas and Paul had to say. "Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul." Following this we read: "And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying: Men, brethren, hear me" (Douay Version). Thus it was James who spoke the authoritative word *ego krino*, "I judge, I give my judgment." Peter did not say this. The Douay Bible translates this, "For which cause I judge . . ." Accordingly, it was James who at the Council in Jerusalem gave the final summing up, not Peter. Let these things be noted:

Not once was an appeal made to Peter.

Peter did not preside.

It was James who gave the final pronouncement.

Following the great deliverance of James, the whole church took action in the matter of sending the letter to the church in Antioch.

The primacy of Peter is in no way hinted.

The Douay Bible clearly states, "Then it pleased the apostles and ancients, with the whole church, to choose men . . ." (Acts 15:22). The words "with the whole church" rule out any idea of ecclesiastical dictatorship. The teaching of Peter's authority and his presidency at the first Council of Jerusalem is completely untrue to history and to Scripture.

The Roman Church does today what she has done throughout her history. She twists, interpolates and falsifies Scripture and history to suit her own ends, regardless of the clear demands of truth and honesty.

"To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

Masonry

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Mason is of necessity, truly and emphatically a Christian."—General History, Cyclopaedia and Dictionary of Freemasonry, by Robert McCoy, p. 26.

"Every Master Mason is, if he is in reality a Mason, a true Christian."—Same book, Page, 462.

32. "Hail Masonry divine!
Glory of ages shine,
Long may'st thou reign;
Where'er thy lodges stand,
May they have great command,
And always grace the land;
Thou art divine."
—Masonic Melodies, Luke Eastman.

Masonry divine, but the Bible put down on a level with the Koran, and Christ put down on a level with Mohammed. That's Masonry.

33. "Candidates receiving this Order (Royal Arch Mason) are said to be 'anointed into the Holy Order of the High Priesthood.'—Freemason's Monitor, Sickels, p. 94.

Usurping the office and functions of the Lord Jesus, for He is the only High Priest according to Hebrews.

34. "The Jews, the Chinese, the Turks each reject either the New Testament or the Old, or both, and yet we see no good reason why they should not be made Masons. In fact Blue Lodge Masonry has nothing whatever to do with the Bible."—Sayre, C. F. C., Ala., 1855.

35. "The precepts of Jesus could not have been made obligatory on a Jew; a Christian would have denied the sanctity of the Koran; a Mohammedan would have rejected the law of Moses; and a disciple of Zoroaster would have turned from the teachings of Zend Avesta. The universal law of nature is therefore the only law valid in every respect to be adopted as a Masonic code."—Masonic Jurisprudence, Mackey, pp. 502-503.

A denial of the revelation of the authority of the Lord Jesus. Cf. Matt. 28:18.

36. "The religion of Masonry is pure theism."—Lexicon of Masonry, p. 402.

That knocks Jesus out both as God and Saviour.

37. "Is it Masonic to have strictly Christian prayer at opening and closing a lodge, such prayer as all Masons can not scientifically join? All invocation in a Masonic Lodge must be addressed to God and to God only."—Masonic Mirror and Key, pp. 9-11.

38. Dr. Dalcho, the compiler of a Masonic book of constitutions, S. C., says: "Neither Adam nor Noah nor Nimrod nor Solomon nor David nor Hiram nor St. John the Baptist nor St. John the Evangelist were Freemasons. Hypothesis of history is absurd. There is no sacred or profane, to induce us to believe that holy men were Freemasons; and our tradition do not go back to those of old. To assert that they were Freemasons may make the world stare, but will rather excite contempt than the admiration of the wise."

39. Masonry is blasphemous and impious and demonic in its handling of the Word of God.

Andrew Rubens in his address at Philadelphia to the High Priests of the Chapter, said: "Let the High Priest of every church upon whom the Holy Order has been conferred, remember the law of a carnal commandment but after the power of an endless life, for He testifies: 'Thou art a Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.'"

That applies only to Christ and Masonry was guilty of a more blasphemous utterance.

In the Royal Arch degree the candidate represents Moses at the burning bush and hears a voice telling him to take off his shoes for he is on holy ground. He then takes off his shoes and hears a voice saying: "I am God of Abraham, etc."—Masonry on Masonry, p. 155.

What daring, impish impostor! A wicked impostor claiming to be God!

40. In the Knight Templar degree the candidate is made drink wine from a human skull and say: "This pure wine I take in testimony of my belief in the immortal of the body and as the sins of the world are laid upon the head of the sinner, so may all the sins of the person whose skull this wine is laid upon my head and in violation to my own, should I violate this my solemn obligation."—Light on Masonry, 182.

Is this not blasphemous to the Word of God?

41. "As Masons, we only sue the universal religion of religion of nature."—A. Rezon, p. 46.

In that Masons are worse than Catholics. Catholics reject the natural—Catholics do not.

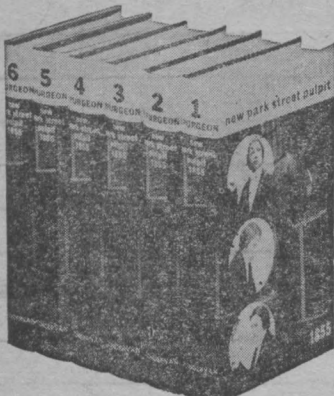
42. Masonry based on a lie. Masonry teaches that Hiram's widow's son, was murdered by three ruffians, before he was the temple, because he would give the Master Mason's degree.

3rd degree Masonry is founded on that and that is a lie. 7:40 and II Chron. 4:11 the end of doing ALL the work he made King Solomon's house of God."

Masonry lies about death and worse still it lies about Hiram having any connection with Masonry. (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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Simon Peter

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ognized head of the Apostles and the Church." This is in the chapter entitled, "Peter Recognized as Head of the Church," which stresses Peter's authority four times. This manipulation of Scripture is in direct accord with the findings of Charles Davis when he said the Church is more concerned with its own authority and prestige than with the gospel message.

The Knights of Columbus' statement continues: "The assembly was called and there was much discussion among the members. At a given point, Peter arose and opened the official dis-

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Most of our mistakes come from letting our wishes interpret our duties.



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finite—the word Eternal meaning God.

I say the Devil tried to raise himself up as an equal of God. The post-deluvians tried to build a tower to Heaven. Space men try to do likewise. Of recent date—and I say this with pity in my heart for the three individuals—the three brave men who burned to death at Cape Kennedy. The strangest thing of all is that the brainiest men of the country—the scientists who are at the head of the space program, cannot put their finger on the cause of that fire. Isn't it strange that the men that know space travel, and the men who are at the head of the space program—isn't it strange that nobody is able to find the least clue that might have been the cause of that fire?

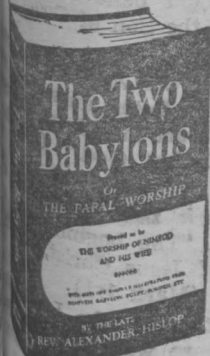
I think I can give them the cause. The Devil said, "I am going to go up above the stars. I am going to be equal with God." The post-deluvians said, "We are going to build our tower to Heaven." The "Space Journal" said, "Our future approaches the Eternal and our opportunity approaches the Infinite." They capitalized both the Eternal and the word Infinite.

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"Whosoever Will"

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on man's depravity and inability.

But Revelation 22:17 does not teach the power of the will of man, as we shall see.

III

Thirdly, this verse says, "Whosoever will," etc. It is not simply, "whosoever," but it is "whosoever will." This excludes a great number of people. Arminians teach that this is an unlimited invitation to take of the water of life; but it is not. It is limited to **whosoever is willing**. The only people bidden to take of the water of life are the **willing ones**. It doesn't say, "whosoever won't," but "whosoever will."

Now, who are those that are willing? Is it the whole world, without an individual exception? The Arminians teach that this invitation is that broad. Is it? Notice God's Word:

Jesus said, "And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life."—John 5:40.

Scriptures such as this could be multiplied, but this one will suffice, for the present point. Let me ask, are those who will not come to Christ included in "whosoever will"? Why no, you say, naturally, for they do not have a will to come; in fact, they have **willed not to come**. So you see, those who are urged to "take the water of life freely" are only those who are **willing**.

IV

This leads to our fourth notation: **who are those that are willing to take of the water of life freely?** In Psalm 110:3, we read, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power."

In Isaiah 43:21, we read, "This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise."

In Psalm 22:30, "A seed shall serve him." David said, "Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts."—Psalm 65:4.

In these verses, we have reference made to the chosen of God. His elect seed. He assures us that His people shall be willing. We are told that it is God who causes a man to approach unto Him. These are the same people of Revelation 22:17; **these are those that are willing**. They are made willing in the day of God's own power; then it is that they gladly take of the water of life freely. The "whosoever will" of Revelation 22:17 is "the blessed man" of Psalm 65:4, whom God "choosest and causest to approach unto Him."

We are to announce, "Whosoever will," because we know not who God's elect are, and we know not whom He will give the will to come. But whoever takes of the water of life, will be a **willing person**; and whosoever is a willing person, has been "made willing" in the day of God's power. And we are plainly told that such a per-

son is one of God's elect.

The following poem by John Ryland fitly describes the Arminian in his ignorance of spiritual truths:

"Arise ye dead," Arminius cries:
"Arise ye dead in sin!
Unstop your ears, unseal your eyes,
And a new life begin.
Why will ye die, ye wretched souls?
Ye dead, why will ye die?
Quicken and make your spirits whole:
To life eternal fly."

As Baal's worshippers of old,
Begg'd, pray'd and cry'd aloud;
Cutting their bodies, as we're told,
To move afancied god;
So on the idol man he'll call,
And pompously declare,
Though slightly damaged by the fall
How great his powers are.

"Rise, noble creature! Man, arise!
And make yourself alive!
Prepare yourself to mount the skies;
For endless glory strive."
Deluded Seer! But man will lie
Still senseless as a stone;
And you yourself stand fooling by,
Till both are quite undone:
Unless Almighty power be mov'd
By God's free-will, not thine,
To quicken both, and make His love
On both your hearts to shine.

What do you think your song will be when you come to Heaven? Blessed be God, that He gave me free-will? And blessed be my own dear self, that I made a good use of it? O no, no. Such a song as that was never heard in Heaven yet, nor ever will, while God is God, and Heaven is Heaven. Look into the Book of Revelation, and there you will find the employ of the blessed, and the strains which they sing. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals there-of: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation."

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"To The Moon"

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proaches the Infinite." I feel sorry for those three men and their families, but I think the hand of God was shown, and the power of God was demonstrated, when those three men were trapped and burned into a cinder, and nobody of all the space group is able to say why, or to find the cause in any wise at all.

The Reader's Digest says it is authentic and true that Russia has lost a number of astronauts through space failures. Today their frozen bodies are revolving around in space, as a warning to the world, that the Heavens are God's property and man is not to trespass therein.

We read again:

"But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and THE ORDINANCES OF THE MOON and of the stars for a LIGHT BY NIGHT, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever."—Jer. 31:33, 35, 36.

God says the sun was given as an ordinance for light by day, and the moon was given as an ordinance for light by night. He also says that the purpose of the sun and the moon is just as fixed, as that the seed of Israel shall always be a nation. I tell you, beloved, man is trespassing in God's space.

THE LATTER DAYS

The Apostle Paul has something to say about the latter days, for we read:

"This know also, that in THE LAST DAYS perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof;

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from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, EVER LEARNING, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."—II Tim. 3:1-7.

What a pitiful, pathetic, tragic description he gives for the last days! It is the picture of this day in which we live. He said that men are ever learning. Yes, they are learning to make bigger airplanes and faster automobiles; bigger tanks and bigger cannons; to make missiles and rockets that are bigger, and more successful. They are ever learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. What is the truth? Jesus said:

"I AM the way, THE TRUTH, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."—John 14:6.

Men are learning, but their learning is taking them away from the things of God.

Notice again:

"Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves; Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up into vile affections; for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature; And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a REPROBATE MIND, to do those things which are not convenient."—Rom. 1:24-28.

You read about homosexuals in the daily papers. You read about all the crime that goes on in the world today. What is it? God has turned man over to be and do those things that are spoken of in Romans one. Frankly the horror that you see on television is beyond description.

I can remember years and years ago a comic strip of a little match girl that sold matches for a living who froze to death. You would read about it, and you would almost cry, to think about this little girl. Now she isn't even in consideration, for today she has to be raped, and cut into pieces, and thrown into a concrete mixer and ground up, or else the public isn't satisfied with the story.

Beloved, God tells us that He has given the nations up. For what purpose? God gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do those things that are not convenient.

Notice another Scripture:

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."—Mt. 24:37-39.

You mean to say there is going to be something in the future similar to the past? In Noah's day they forgot about God. There wasn't anything wrong in eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, but that was all they did. There isn't anything wrong in it today, but that is all the majority of this world thinks about—eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage—thinking of science, thinking in terms of pleasure, thinking in terms of what they can get out of this life.

OUR HOPE

But there were a few that thought otherwise. What was the hope of Noah's day? An ark? What is the hope of today? The spiritual counterpart—the Lord Jesus Christ who died for sinners.

That is the only hope we have.

So far as I am concerned, if I were facing the future today, thinking only in terms of what this world had to offer, I would take it like Clarence Darrow. Twenty-five years ago, he made a speech to a group of college graduates. He said, "So far as I am concerned, there is nothing out in the future. You might as well blow your brains out and chuck it all." If that is all the world has to offer, then we have nothing to look forward to.

THE DEVIL'S COUNTERFEIT PROGRAM

What do we have today? We have the Devil's counterfeit program for God's great program. The Lord Jesus Christ established His church and the Devil tried to destroy it. He couldn't so he decided to build one. Revelation 3:9 talks about the "synagogue of Satan" and there have been synagogues of Satan from that time down to this. The Devil has his counterfeit churches.

The Lord Jesus Christ sent His ministers into the world. The Devil tried to get rid of them and found he couldn't so he decided the best thing he could do was to call some himself. So he has his ministers. Listen:

"For such are false apostles deceitful workers transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for SATAN himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if HIS MINISTERS also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."—II Cor. 11:13-15.

I say, beloved, the Devil is the biggest counterfeiter in the world. God started His church: the Devil started one. God sent His preachers into the world; the Devil sent his preachers.

God gave us a gospel—the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; the Devil is not to be outdone, so he has given us a counterfeit gospel. Listen:

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto ANOTHER GOSPEL."—Gal. 1:6.

The Devil has not only counterfeited the gospel, but he has counterfeited Christians. We read:

"But while men slept, his enemy came and SOWED TARES among the wheat, and went his way."—Mt. 13:25.

The Lord sowed His earth with His wheat, but the Devil came along, and over-sowed the field with tares, so whereas the Lord started a church, preachers, true gospel, and true Christians, the Devil has counterfeited it all to the extent that he has a counterfeit church, counterfeit ministers, counterfeit gospel, and counterfeit Christians. He has counterfeited God's program.

I cite this as an example just to say this—the Devil is in the business of counterfeiting God Almighty's program. He has done it through the years, and the space program is the Devil's counterfeit program.

I think about the Devil. I think about how the world is going after him in every way possible. I think how the world tries its best to counterfeit God's program. Christ wore the first space suit, and some of these days every one of us who is saved, is going to do likewise.

OUR SPACE SUIT

Notice again:

"But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."—I Cor. 15:23.

This is talking about the resurrection. It is giving the order of the resurrection. It is giving us the importance of the resurrection. It is giving us the fact of the resurrection. He gives the order of the resurrection, for He says,

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"Christ the firstfruits: afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."

Scientists talk about space suits. I think those space suits are most remarkable. You see an astronaut with a space suit and a "glass bowl" pulled down over his head, and it is awesome in appearance. But, beloved, do you know who had the first space suit? Our Lord. Jesus Christ had the first space suit, and each believer will have one, too.

My subject today is "To the Moon and Beyond." Some people may be interested in going to the moon. I am not. Some of these days I am going beyond the moon, to be with the Lord Jesus Christ. I hope you will too. The only hope you can have is the Son of God as your Saviour.

May God bless you!

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1717. See section 38 by Mr. Dalcho, writer of Masonic history.

43. In the "Thrice Illustrious Order of the Cross," one of the degrees of Masonry, the candidate swears "I do hereby accept of and forever will consider the cross and mark of this Order as my only hope." Masonry is a Christless, bloodless, Spiritless, Gospel-less religion. Catholicism can be no worse.

44. "I am prepared to complete the demonstration before God and man, that Masonic oaths, obligations and penalties, can not by any possibility be reconciled to the laws of morality or Christianity or of the land."—Pres. John Quincy Adams. He is the author of the statement that 45,000 of the 50,000 Masons in this country demitted after the Masons killed Wm. Morgan.

45. John Marshall, America's greatest jurist, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the U. S. held two cabinet positions and was offered the Attorney Generalship of the U. S. In a letter to Edward Everett Hale, July 22, 1833, Chief Justice Marshall said:

"The institution of Masonry ought to be abandoned as one capable of producing much evil and incapable of producing any good, which might not be effected by safe and open means."

Mr. Marshall was a Mason in early life but for 40 years never entered a lodge.

46. Salmon P. Chase was secretary of the Treasury under Lincoln. His friend Jonathan Blanchard, said of him and his associates: "Lincoln, Chase, Seward, Stevens, Stanton, Sumner and Adams, with a host of other shining lights in the American horizon, were all believers in the true God and haters of the demon worship of the lodge."

47. President Fillmore said: "The Masonic fraternity tramples upon our rights, defeats the administration of justice and bids defiance to every government, which it can not control."

48. Congressman Thaddeus Stevens said: "By Freemasonry, trial by jury is transformed into an engine of despotism and Masonic fraud."

Time would fail me to give the testimony of President John Adams, Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Wm. Wirt, President Madison, President Garfield, Daniel Webster, Wendell Phillips, Chas. Sumner, Thurlow Reed, and a host of other American statesmen. The remaining two facts have to do with the Moody church in Chicago. This is the church founded by D. L. Moody. Mr. Moody did more to stem the tide of higher-criticism in Chicago University than any other man in his day.

49. In 1910 the Moody Church, under the title "Let There Be Light," published this testimony: "Separation from secret societies is the only true position for the children of God." In that book of 60 pages the pastors of the Moody Church up to 1910 give their reasons for coming out of

lodes or never being members. 50. When A. C. Dixon was pastor of the Moody Church in Chicago he got his eyes open to secrecy. The evils and perils of secrecy became such a burden on his heart that he announced Sunday night that the next day night he would preach on secret societies. The people there. They were not there. That. His congregation fell off perhaps 50 per cent. They were gone for six weeks and then began to come back. The night he preached that sermon a man who was a member of a secret society said to him: "Have anybody to go home with?" Dixon said "No." The man said "Well, I have a company of here to go with you for protection." "Protection for what?" said Dixon. "Well, you better let them go with me," said the man.

Dixon didn't want that according to his own testimony slipped out the back way. He ran all the way home. He said of his father:

"My dear old father is a son and when I was a boy, he never asked me to do anything that I didn't want to do. He kept intimating that it was a good thing to be in the lodge. I don't think he had tended a lodge for 35 or 40 years. He is one of the silent sort. There are a good many of the sort who have taken a solemn oath and think now that better to be silent and not break their oath. I tell you, you take an oath on the altar, you had better break it as quickly as you can and your oath upon God's altar. Oath to do a wicked thing is itself wicked and the sooner break a wicked oath all to the more it pleases God. I believe Charles G. Finney did the right thing. When he got into Masonry and found it wrong, he came out and exposed it. He protested against it in the name of God. I believe it is right for man to break a contract with just as soon as possible and display it to the world."

We have quoted 55 books in this article. 45 Masons or Masonic books speak from the inside—the outside. We haven't the space to say any more there is a great deal more said.

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threw 8:29).

6. The disciples were surprised. "Of a truth Thou art the Son of God." (Matthew 24:33).

7. The Roman centurion said. "Truly this was the Son of God." (Matthew 27:54).

8. The blind man by his own said. "He said Lord, believe" (John 9:35-38).

9. Unclean spirits acknowledged. "Thou art the Son of God." (Mark 3:11).

10. The Ethiopian eunuch believed it. "I believe that Christ is the Son of God." (Acts 8:37).

11. Paul the Apostle proclaimed it. "Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16).

12. Mark the Evangelist declared it. "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." (Mark 1:1).

13. Nathanael, the Israelite, whom there was no guile in, confessed it. "Nathanael answered and said unto Him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God." (John 1:43).

14. The Apostle John testified it. "These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God." (1 John 20:31).

15. The Holy Spirit testified it. "Declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of Holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." (Romans 1:4).