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THE ORIGIN OF MAN

By RICHARD CAVORETTO
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"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them."

—Genesis 1:26-27.

When the first edition of Darwin's *On the Origin of Species* came off the press in 1859, all 1250 copies sold on the day of publication. The world was anxiously waiting for a theory with scientific prestige to render the Bible and God obsolete. George Bernard Shaw described the temper of the times when he wrote, "the world jumped at Darwin."

A great many churchmen climbed on the bandwagon then; and many more have since. In 1950 Pope Pius XII of the Roman Catholic Church issued an encyclical titled *Human Genes* in which he instructed his people that they could now believe that man evolved from the lower creatures and that God selected some highly developed apes and put into them souls. Now all the major denominations in Protestantism, in their institutions of higher learning, in their graduate schools of theology, in their church supported colleges, have adopted **theistic evolution**.

This has not been because the Bible permits such interpretation, or because science demands it, but because of the pressure of the day. "Why risk being considered ignorant and backward? Why not compromise and concentrate on other matters of faith?"

But, not everyone bowed down to the golden idol of evolution.

Charles H. Spurgeon, a contemporary of Charles Darwin, preached at Bible conferences similar to the one we are attending here. And in one of his great messages he described how that even in his time the theories of one crop of evolutionists were continually being overturned by the next crop whose theories were in turn disproved by the next. Spurgeon said:

"So the bubbles go on bursting, and meanwhile more are being blown, and we are expected to believe in whatever comes and wait with open mouth to see what comes next. But we shall not just yet fall down and worship the

FROM A BELOVED KENTUCKY BAPTIST

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I wish to help a little on the expenses for the summer months. I would rather have TBE in one page than have all the rest of the papers I receive put together.

I have been silent a long time and haven't sent anything but it was due to illness. I had a heart attack in November of 1968 and am just now beginning to get back in shape.

Keep up the good work and I'll try to help more later on in the summer.

John L. Hollowell
Henderson, Kentucky

image of human wisdom, notwithstanding all the flutes, harps, sackbuts, psalteries, dulcimers, weekly papers, quarterly reviews, and boastful professors. Show us a man of science worthy of the name, and then we will not follow him if he dares to oppose revealed truth; but show us one in whom the next generation will believe; at present, there is not one alive worthy to be compared with Newton and other masterminds reverent to the Scriptures, compared with whom these men are mere pretenders. See, my brethren, we have unbelief, scientific and otherwise, to contend with, and we must meet it in the Name of the Lord."

Why then am I preaching this message on *The Origin of Man*? Because, unless we know what we are and where we came from, we cannot know what we are supposed to do and what our ultimate destiny will be. I want us to notice that **the Bible has some definite things to say about man's origin**; then we will notice some of **evolution's physical problems**; and finally the **spiritual problems of evolution**.

1. THE BIBLE HAS SOME DEFINITE THINGS TO SAY ABOUT MAN'S ORIGIN. Gen. 2:7 says, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Again we read in Gen. 2:18-20, "And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help fit for him. And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all the cattle, and to the fowl of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help fit for him."

What mighty intellect this first man had. Each beast passed under his keen eye and he imme-

diately evaluated all of its characteristics and gave it a proper name. God intended Adam to understand his **dominion** and therefore brought the whole kingdom for him to name. Adam was also to understand his **uniqueness**. He was created in God's image. As the beasts passed, Adam failed to see in any one of them the image of God. If he smiled at one beast, there was no response; if he spoke to another, there was no answer. There was an impenetrable barrier between him and the highest beast. Adam was not related to the animal kingdom. Therefore we find in Gen. 2:21-24, "And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and took out one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman be-

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A WORD RELATIVE TO COOK'S BOOK

This new book by Brother Cook on the Book of Revelation is truly an outstanding book.

There are approximately 240 pages. It is cloth-bound and the contents are the very finest so far as an interpretation of Revelation is concerned.

Of course, this is a much disputed Book and I do not say that I agree with Brother Cook in all of his conclusions. However, generally speaking, it is the book Baptists have waited for and it is my desire to see a large number of these books in the mail. Either send your order directly to Brother Cook or to us and it will be taken care of promptly.

The price of the book is \$3.50 and is certainly well worth all that it costs. You'll never regret owning and reading a copy of it.

Calvary's Conference To Be Held In Huntington, W. Va.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH EXTENDS A MOST CORDIAL INVITATION TO ALL READERS TO ATTEND

The 11th annual Bible Conference of Calvary Baptist Church will be held as usual over the Labor Day Weekend with all the meetings taking place in Huntington, West Virginia, which is located on the Ohio River. Huntington is 311 miles west of Pittsburgh; 175 miles east of Cincinnati; 316 miles north of Winston-Salem, N.C., and 165 miles south of Columbus, Ohio.

When we outgrew our location in Ashland, Kentucky, in the providence of God we were able to secure the facilities of Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky. Due to the fact that all state schools in Kentucky are now beginning prior to Labor Day it is impossible for Morehead State University to accommodate us this year. Even though they had agreed to do so previously, when the time of opening of the schools was changed, then there was nothing that could be done except cancel their arrangement with us.

For a while it looked as if we might not be able to have the conference at all, and to be very

frank, it appeared that God might have closed the door to the Bible Conference in 1970. Now, all praise to Him, we will have our conference as usual over Labor Day Weekend in Huntington, West Virginia.

Huntington is served by airplanes, buses and trains. The Tri-State airport is located there and Eastern, Piedmont and Allegheny make many flights in and out from this airport daily. Both Greyhound and Trailways buses come into Huntington and the bus station is only a very few blocks from our headquarters in Twin Towers. The C&O Railroad, one of the finest in America, also serves the town. Good roads come into town from every direction. Come anyway you wish — just be sure to be with us.

Huntington is only 20 miles from Ashland and actually God has been good to us in causing us to make the change this year. Our location will be more superb, and so far as the facilities are concerned they cannot be beat. Of course, everyone who has at-

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"The Task Of Every Church"

PREACHED AT CALVARY'S 1969 BIBLE CONFERENCE

By ELVIS GREGORY
Columbus, Mississippi

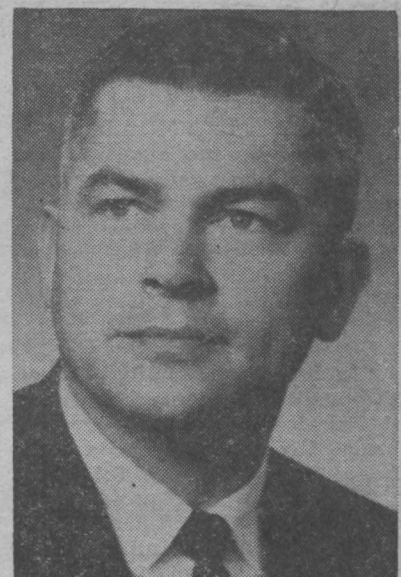
"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."—Eph. 3:21.

The message of this verse is of such magnitude that I almost hesitate to use it as a backdrop for my message this afternoon. It suffices to say that I believe the answer to the task of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ is found in this verse. We are told that "Unto him (that is, God the Father) be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end."

We know according to the humanistic philosophy of the average religionist that the task of the Lord's churches is, as they see, to redeem the whole man. Regardless of what they might mean, you and I know it is not the task of the Lord's churches to redeem anyone. That work was accomplished in the Person of God's Son and our Saviour, the Lord Jesus. The ministry of the Lord's churches is that of the ministry and word of reconcilia-

tion — that is, to handle the Word of Truth, the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation. The gospel, and the Christ that we preach does indeed redeem the whole man.

We realize that not every organization that calls itself the



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church of the Lord Jesus, is a church, just as every person that calls himself a Christian, is not a child of God. Most of them are, in fact, imitators of that which is real and genuine. So these modernistic churches of our day who are not akin to the true churches of the Lord Jesus Christ, go

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"WHY WE SHOULD READ THE BIBLE"

"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 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. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." —II Tim. 3:14-17.

This is the Apostle Paul writing to his young protege, Timothy. It is an old man writing to a young man. It is an old preacher writing to a young preacher, and he reminds Timothy that from the time Timothy was a child, he had known the Holy

Scriptures. In reality, the word for "child" is the word for "infant." So literally he says, "Timothy, from the time that you were an infant, you have known the Holy Scriptures." — the Holy Scriptures which "are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." So he says, "Timothy, since you have known the Holy Scriptures, I am exhorting you that you shall continue in the things which you have learned, and the things that you have been assured of — the things which you have known from childhood." Then he said, "Timothy, you ought to remember that this Bible is given by inspiration, that it is 'profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.' He sums up the text by saying that

the only way any man may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works is through the Word of God.

Most of you know that the boys in my Sunday School class are urged each week to read their Bible daily, and to memorize portions of Scripture. Ever since I have been teaching this class of boys, I have been insisting that they read their Bible every day, and when Sunday comes I nearly always check. I don't think that there has ever been a time that anybody has said that he missed reading his Bible over two days out of the week. Most of the time they read it every day. Likewise, I have been trying to insist that these boys learn the Scriptures. We take a verse of Scripture and commit it to memory and let that

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WHO IS A DREAMER?

Some shallow thinkers feel that Biblical Christians are unrealistic and are living in a make-believe world. Actually the Christian is the only true realist.

The non-Christian is the real dreamer. All his life he has to pretend. He must act like he is never going to die yet he knows that he is. When the news that a friend has suddenly died he is shaken within and even hopes that he might find an excuse to avoid going to the funeral home lest the reality of death confront him. This same fellow must put

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be our verse for the week. As I say, most of you know that that is the way in which I conduct this class for these boys.

I ask you, why do I insist that the boys read their Bible? Why do I insist that they memorize the Scripture? Why do I insist that they become acquainted with, and familiar with, the Word of God? I might say I insist upon it with them just the same as I would with anybody else, and tonight I want to tell you, and tell these boys, why we should read the Bible.

I

THE BIBLE TEACHES US OF THE GREATEST PERSON — THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Suppose I were to ask who the greatest person is in all the world? Somebody might say George Washington. Somebody from Italy might say Julius Caesar. Somebody who lives in a land that is controlled by Great Britain might say the ruler of England. Somebody in Russia might say that it is the leader of the Kremlin. But I would differ with you. I would say that the greatest person in all this world is none of these, but rather, the greatest person in all time past, and in all time to come is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

We read:

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."—Gen. 3:15.

This is the first prophecy in the Bible. I often refer to it as the fountainhead of all prophecy because it gives to us the first prophetic reference we have in the Word of God. In this prophetic statement we are told that the seed of the woman is to bruise the head of the serpent. The serpent, of course, refers to the Devil. The woman refers to the mother of the Lord Jesus Christ—Mary, a virgin. Her seed is a reference to Jesus Christ Himself. He is the only one that could ever be said to be the seed of the woman. All others have been born into this world as a result of the combined seed of man and woman, but the Lord Jesus Christ was born as her seed, and this is a reference to the Lord Jesus. This is the first reference we have in the Bible to Jesus Christ.

If you will come over six thousand years of time to the closing chapter of the book of Revelation, we find these words:

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus."—Rev. 22:20.

This is the last message we have in the Bible. It is the last

promise that we have in the Bible. I have taken you from the first promise in Genesis 3:15, which is a promise of the coming of Jesus as the seed of the woman, all the way through the Bible to the last promise we have in the Bible, which is a promise concerning the Lord Jesus Christ returning to this world, and I hear John say, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Beloved, in Genesis and in Revelation we have these two promises of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in between these two promises we have hundreds and thousands of references to the Lord Jesus Christ. I say to you, the Bible teaches us about the greatest person that ever lived. It tells us that He was born of a virgin without a human father. It tells us that He was born the Son of God. It tells us that He died on the Cross of Calvary as a sacrifice for our sins. It tells us that we are saved by the blood of the Lord Jesus, how that He shed His blood in our behalf. It tells us that the Lord Jesus Christ was buried and on the third day, after 72 hours within the grave, Jesus Christ arose from the grave, victorious over Hell, death and the grave, and ascended on high, where He is today interceding for us from whence He shall come back to this world someday to set up His kingdom and reign here within the world. I say, beloved, all this is found in the Word of God. All this is to be learned from Genesis to Revelation where He is spoken of over and over again. One reason then why we should read the Bible is because the Bible teaches us of the greatest person in the world, even Jesus Christ Himself.

II

THE BIBLE IS TRUE HISTORICALLY.

When I say historically, I am reminded that up until a few years ago there were a lot of people who denied the Bible and said there were things in the Bible that were not true historically. But there came about a new science some forty years ago which has done wonders in substantiating the Word of God, and that is the science of archaeology. It literally means this, that archaeologists have taken the spade and gone back to the ancient cities that are mentioned within the Word of God and have dug up the ruins of those cities, and through the digging up of the ruins of those cities, they have substantiated the very things that the higher critics doubted and denied in the years gone by.

For example, it was said concerning the cities of Pithom and Rameses that are spoken of in the book of Exodus, that were store cities that were built by the Jews — it was said that those cities, if they existed, were built of pure brick — the purest brick that could be found. Those cities were built in a time when the Jews were compelled to make bricks without the materials being furnished unto them. In other words, when they asked permission to leave the land of Egypt, and go out into the wilderness, which meant ultimately that they would go to Canaan and Egypt would lose her slaves — when they did so, Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, said, "You are having too much leisure time. Instead of us furnishing you materials with which to make the bricks, you gather your own materials from now on. You gather the straw that you need for the making of these bricks."

Naturally, the Jews were already in slavery and were having a hard time to make the quota of brick that was required of them every day. Now, since no material was given unto them, it is only logical that they are going to cheat. It is only logical that they are going to, do everything they can to get by, without putting straw in those bricks.

Beloved, archaeologists have gone to Pithom and Rameses and have dugged up the remains of those cities and they find that the walls up so far were built of the purest brick that was possible to be made, and that the walls the rest of the way up were built of bricks that were made without

straw. I say to you, you ought to read the Bible because the Bible is true historically.

Another instance from the Word of God in this respect is the city of Tyre. The city of Tyre was the home of the Phoenicians. The Phoenicians were the earliest navigators. They were the original mariners. They were the ones who learned how to sail ships on the sea. They lived in the city of Tyre.

The Word of God tells us that the city of Tyre was to be destroyed. Listen:

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up. And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God: and it shall become a spoil to the nations.

"And they shall make a spoil of the riches, and make a prey of the merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water. And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard. And I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more: for I the Lord have spoken it, saith the Lord God."—Ezek. 26: 3-5, 12-14.

I ask, did that ever come to pass? Let's take a look at it from the standpoint of history. This city of Tyre was truly one of the great cities of antiquity. They could store enough water within that city that they could with-

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stand a siege of many years. Their food supplies could be stored in like manner. One day, Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to the city of Tyre.

We are used to lightning warfare now. In World War II, there came a new word, "blitzkrieg," which means speedy warfare. We are used to the fact that a war is declared, fought, and over with today before a war ever got a good start in the days gone by.

Well, concerning this city of Tyre, a siege was laid concerning it by Nebuchadnezzar, and he held on to that siege for thirteen long years. He threw an army around the city so that nobody could come in and go out. He imposed what we would choose to call today an economic blockade, hoping that he could force the city into surrender because of the lack of food and water.

The city of Tyre held out for thirteen years. Finally, when their food supply and their water supply ran out, the king of Tyre, under cover of night, took the people of the city of Tyre and moved to an island a half mile out in the ocean. When Nebuchadnezzar succeeded in battering down the walls of the city a few days later, he found that all the people of the city of Tyre had fled — that there wasn't a person within the city, and that they had carried their riches, their gold, their jewels and all the wealth of the city away with them. The result

I HAVE SPOKEN TO THE BIBLE CONFERENCE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, AND . . .



I would urge
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I would like to take this opportunity to urge you to attend the Bible Conference of the Calvary Baptist Church which is being planned again for this coming Labor Day Weekend. I have had the privilege in the past to address this great Bible Conference, and I count these times as real highlights of my life.

Not everyone who attends can speak, of course, but that really in no way diminishes the blessing. In each case, whether I have spoken or not, the first response upon leaving is to make plans for the next year's Conference. Some who have never attended may ask, "What is so great about this Conference that makes it different from other fellowship, convention, and/or associational meetings?" To this I simply answer that Calvary Baptist Church, her pastor, and the Bible Conference speakers give God the glory rather than some man-made system such as mentioned above.

This Conference gives God the glory as to church doctrine, the doctrines of Grace, the omnipotence of God, the saving grace of Christ, and the infallibility of His word — and because of this I have always left the Conference feeling a very real spiritual uplift, rather than a feeling of having been in a pep rally for the support of a Fellowship or Convention program.

If I may end on a note of modern vernacular, let me say that you should attend the Conference this year because giving God the glory is what the Conference is all about, and there is no place this side of glory where Christian fellowship is sweeter.

Sincerely,

DALE FISHER
Platteville, Wisconsin

was that all Nebuchadnezzar got for his siege of thirteen years was an empty city with the walls standing before him. In his rage and anger, Nebuchadnezzar battered down the walls and destroyed the city of Tyre.

Out yonder, on the isle a half mile in the ocean, the King of Tyre watched what was going on, and realized that the same thing might happen again, so he said, "We are out here on the island. Let's just build an island city out here and forget about the city on the mainland." They did so, and they lived out there on that island. That same king lived, and another king, and another king, and another king lived on the island. The Word of God said, though, that that city was going to be completely destroyed.

Beloved, 240 years passed by with the island city of Tyre intact until Alexander the Great called upon the island city of Tyre to let him come in that he might worship. They refused to let him do so, knowing that once he saw the wealth and the beauty of the island city of Tyre that nothing would satisfy except to take the city and destroy their wealth. When they refused to allow Alexander the Great to come into the city, he picked up the dust and the stones and the timber from the ruined city on the mainland and threw it into the ocean and built a causeway a half mile out into the ocean, over which he marched his soldiers, to the destruction of the island city of Tyre.

Beloved, God said that He was going to destroy the city of Tyre. God said that He was going to scrape her like the top of a rock. God said that He would make that city a place where they could spread their nets, and that would be all that would remain of the city of Tyre. It took two kings,

Nebuchadnezzar and Alexander the Great, and it required 240 years time to transpire between the two events, but ultimately that city of Tyre was completely destroyed. The interesting thing is, that city has never been rebuilt as yet. Why? Because God said back yonder a long time ago that this city would be completely destroyed.

The Word of God foretold this a long time before it became a reality, yet it came to pass just as God had said. I tell you, we ought to read the Bible because the Bible is true historically.

III

THE BIBLE IS TRUE PSYCHOLOGICALLY.

We hear a lot today about psychiatrists. We hear a lot about people being confused and needing to go to a psychiatrist. I want to tell you, the thing that you and I and everybody else needs, instead of psychiatry, is a complete trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. I say that the Bible is true psychologically. Listen:

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."—II Tim. 1:7.

When does an individual get a sound mind? When he becomes a child of God. No man is saved, and no man has a sound mind, until he comes to know Jesus Christ as his Saviour. God gives us a sound mind at that time.

Notice another reference of like nature:

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."—Phil. 4:7.

What is it that is going to guard us and keep our minds clear? It is the peace of God which passeth all understanding. I say to you, this Bible is true psychologically. (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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gically. Listen:

"A soft answer turneth away wrath."—Prov. 15:1.

The majority of people don't believe this, but it is true. There is not much use in trying to fight with a person, or fuss with a person who will give you a soft answer. There is not much fun in it if he won't fuss back.

A woman called me sometime ago, who had a number of things to say to me as to what she thought about me. She was a Baptist and a member of a so-called Baptist church a few miles from here. She didn't like what I had been preaching. She didn't like a lot of things that I had to say and really wanted to "tell me off." She started in and I listened to her. Finally, I said, "It is nice weather we are having, isn't it?" She said, "I don't know. It looks like it is going to rain." I said, "I think we have had beautiful weather this spring." Beloved, she didn't get a bit of joy out of her telephone conversation. I ruined her telephone conversation because I wouldn't fuss with her. God says, "A soft answer turneth away wrath."

As I have read to you, God gives a sound mind the day He saves you, and the way to keep that sound mind in harmony with God, is through the peace of God which will guard and keep your mind in Christ Jesus. In the light of Proverbs 15:1, which tells us that "a soft answer turneth away wrath," I say to you, this Word of God is true psychologically and you ought to read it from that standpoint. I don't believe you need a psychiatrist. I don't believe you need any assistance as far as psychiatry is concerned. I think the Word of God will solve every problem.

IV

THE BIBLE IS TRUE SCIENTIFICALLY.

Let's look at it from the standpoint of medicine. Do you realize that it hasn't been very long that the doctors have believed in germ theory of disease — that disease comes as a result of germs? Do you realize that it hasn't been very long that the doctors have been quarantining people for disease? It has been just a little over a hundred years, yet fifteen hundred years before the Lord Jesus Christ was born — 3500 years ago — the Lord God said:

"And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean. All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean; he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be."—Lev. 13:45,46.

Beloved, if the doctors had just read the Bible, they would have found out 3400 years before they did about the germ theory of disease. Can you imagine doctors and medical science so ignorant for 3400 years when God had already told us in His Word that disease was caused by germs.

Talking about medicine, let's just think about anaesthesia in surgery. Originally, operations were performed without anything at all to put a person to sleep. I stood in a home some few years ago where the first ovariotomy operation in Kentucky was performed. I saw in that home the bed on which a woman lay when

she was operated on for an ovarian operation. Four men held her, one man on each leg and one man on each arm, as they operated on her. It was a very, very serious operation, with no anaesthesia at all. Beloved, that wouldn't have been necessary if men had just read the Word of God and believed it.

We read:
"And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man."—Gen. 2:21.

Notice, God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and while Adam was asleep, God took one of his ribs, and from that rib, made woman for man. That was the first experience of twilight sleep. That was the first time that any individual was ever put to sleep and an operation performed. But it took almost 5500 years for science to catch up with God. Sir James Simpson, the Christian Scientist of England, discovered ether. From that time on, operations have been a common thing, but God told about the first operation back there in the Garden of Eden hundreds and hundreds of years before Sir James Simpson discovered ether. I say, beloved, we ought to read the Bible because the Bible is true scientifically.

Let me mention one other reference to medicine. Today when a person is sick, usually the doctor will make a blood transfusion. Many, many times when a person is sick and in the hospital a doctor will give a blood transfusion in order to save a man's life. But that has only been true for a short time. It used to be that the doctors carried around in their saddle pockets a lancet, and at the very first sign of sickness, the doctor would open up a man's veins and bleed him. He thought that he would save his life by drawing the blood out of his veins. They thought that a man's life would be made better physically if they would just get rid of his blood.

George Washington was bled to death. They used to say to students of history that George Washington died as a result of pneumonia, but there is not a word of truth to it. They have proven now, and the president of George Washington University has signed his name to a statement, that George Washington was bled twice, two or three days before he died, and he died because of these successive bleedings.

I often think of that passage of Scripture which says:

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood."—Lev. 17:11.

Beloved, God said this a long time ago.

I say that this Bible is true scientifically. I have mentioned it from the realm of medicine and the germ theory of disease. I have mentioned the use of anaesthesia in surgery. I have mentioned blood transfusions. These three, so far as medicine is concerned, prove to us that the Bible is true scientifically.

Let's think about it from the standpoint of the astronauts. We are told today by the astronauts who have come back to this earth that meteorology has been given a new emphasis from the standpoint that there are no stars in the northern heavens. When I

read how these astronauts said that there are no stars in the northern heavens, I thought, "Why couldn't the men at NASA, and why couldn't the men at Cape Kennedy, have accepted it because God said it? Why did they have to wait for an astronaut to say it, to believe it. What did God say? Listen:

"He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing."—Job 26:7.

Notice, 3500 years ago God said this. Don't tell me that the Bible isn't true scientifically from the standpoint of meteorology.

Notice that God also said that He "hangeth" the earth upon nothing."

Years ago, they used to say that this earth rested upon something, but scientists didn't know what. Some of them said that there was an elephant underneath the earth that held it up with his back. Some said that there were four pegs that had been driven down, they didn't say into what, and the earth was held up by those four pegs. The Greeks, for example, got the idea that Atlas was holding up the earth. You have probably seen the picture of a big man named Atlas holding the earth in his hands. These are men's ways of deciding what holds up the earth. But there is not any elephant down underneath the earth. There aren't any four pegs there. Atlas isn't there. God's Words say that He "hangeth the earth upon nothing."

When one of the astronauts came back from space, he said, as he looked toward the earth, that the earth just looked like a ball out there in space, without a single thing holding it up. God said that a long time ago. Why should we read the Bible? We ought to read the Bible because it is true from the standpoint of science.

Let's think of it from this standpoint: what is the shape of the earth?

In years gone by, an old boy went to see a school trustee in a community about getting a job teaching school. At that time you didn't get your job teaching school from a school superintendent, but you got the job from the trustee of the local school. This old boy went to see this trustee and the trustee said, "I want to give you an examination. Is the earth round or flat?" The fellow said, "You tell me which way you want it and I'll teach it either way you want it."

Beloved, the Word of God does not say that. The Word of God says that it is round. Listen:

"It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth."—Isa. 40:22.

Notice, the earth is described as a circle.

Columbus was said to be crazy when he declared that you could sail west and go east. It does sound kind of odd to say that you can sail west and still go east, but you can. If you sail far enough west, you'll be back east. They said Columbus was crazy and it used to be as he went around the streets of the city that they called him "the crazy stranger with a thread bare coat." He had a hard time persuading Ferdinand and Isabelle to finance his little expedition, but he wouldn't have had nearly as much trouble persuading them to finance his expedition if he had been a more devout student of the Word of God, for the Bible says that this

earth is a circle.

When Jesus was here on earth and was talking about the second coming, He said:

"In that DAY."—Luke 17:31.

—Luke 17:34.

Also He said:

"I tell you, in that NIGHT."

—Luke 17:34.

Notice, when Jesus comes back, it is going to be daytime someplace and nighttime someplace else. When it is night here, on the other side of the earth just daybreak, and when it is sunset here, it is sunrise someplace else. Jesus said, "In that day" and "In that night," as if to say, "When I come back, it is going to be both daytime and nighttime when I return to this world."

Beloved, the earth is round. I say that you ought to read this Bible because the Bible is true scientifically.

Notice another Scripture to prove that the Bible is true scientifically:

"The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again."—Eccl. 1:6,7.

Did you ever wonder what becomes of the wind? It goes around and it comes right back. Science finally caught up with that. I am told that scientists say that the wind is continually in motion and eventually comes back to the place from which it started.

Why isn't the sea ever full? Beloved, there is not a drop more water in the sea than there was two thousand years ago. Do you know why? Because all the waters run into it, yet the waters evaporate from it constantly and go back to the mountains and streams and rivers and ultimately come back down into the ocean again. But God said it a long time before science caught up with it. I say, we ought to read the Bible because the Bible is true from a scientific standpoint.

V

THE BIBLE WILL KEEP US FROM SIN.

I have spent a good deal of time talking about science, but the Bible wasn't written to teach science, yet it does. Everything about it is scientifically true. The Bible wasn't written to teach you how the heavens go, but rather to teach you how to go to Heaven. The Bible wasn't written to teach you about the age of rocks, but rather about the Rock of Ages. The Bible wasn't written to teach you about stars, but rather it was written to teach you about the Bright and Morning Star, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. While I have spent most of my time tonight talking to you about how the Bible is true scientifically, I want you to notice that you ought to read the Bible also because the Bible will keep you from sin. Listen:

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."—Psa. 119:11.

Where does it say to put the Word? Not in your head, but in your heart. The greatest way to guard yourself against sin is to read the Word of God.

I have given away hundreds and thousands of Bibles and Testaments in my ministry and I always stamp with a rubber stamp in the front of that Bible or Tes-

tament these words: "Sin will keep you from this Book, or this Book will keep you from sin."

Beloved, if you sin, it will keep you away from the Bible. If you stay with the Bible, it will keep you away from sin. You ought to read the Bible because it will keep you from sin.

VI

THE BIBLE GIVES YOU DIRECTIONS FOR ETERNITY.

The Bible tells you how to avoid Hell and it tells you how to gain Heaven.

I ask you, do you want to go to Hell? Is there a desire in your heart to go to Hell? No, no; not a one of us wants to go to Hell. I have never seen but one man who told me he wanted to go to Hell, and he was a half-wit. He said he wanted to see what it was like. Men in their right mind don't want to go to Hell. They expect to go to Heaven ultimately.

Beloved, I say to you, if you will read the Bible, it will give you the directions for Eternity. It will tell you how to keep out of Hell, and will tell you how to go to Heaven. Listen:

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."—Acts 16:31.

You would never know how to be saved except by reading the Word of God.

CONCLUSION

I thank God that this old Book is going to last. I thank God that as long as time shall last, this Bible shall last. The Word of God gives us an assurance concerning the longevity of the Bible. Listen:

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."—Isa. 40:8.

Thank God, there is not any danger of the Bible failing. It is going to stand forever in spite of the modernists, and the heretics, and the higher critics. The Word of God is going to stand forever.

Listen again:

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

Thank God, the old Book is going to last! If you want to know about the greatest person, read the Bible. If you want to know history, read the Bible. If you want to know psychology, read the Bible. If you want to know science, read the Bible. If you want to know how to keep from sin, read the Bible. If you want to know how to go to Heaven, read the Bible. Thank God, the Bible is going to last. It will be the best instructions that you will ever have and there is no doubt about it wearing out.

Beloved, if you are lost, may God save you, and may God help you to realize how wonderful the Word of God is, and may you read it day by day.

May God bless you!



APPRECIATED LETTER

I just received my copy of TBE, and noticed the expiration date. Now that goaded me into action! For truly, it's not possible to express how much TBE means to us fellows here in prison. Your paper means so very much to us here.

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Some preachers say that "born of water" refers to the natural birth. Others say that it refers to the Word of God. Please explain.

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In John 3:5 we have the passage about which the question is directed, "Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

Actually there are three interpretations of this passage that I know of. One is the Campbellite idea that "water" here means baptism. I will not in this answer take the space to discuss this interpretation. Obviously this passage has nothing at all to do with baptism. Paul said, "I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the Cross of Christ should be made of none effect." (I Cor. 1:14-17). Paul here shows that baptism has nothing to do with the new birth.

The second interpretation is that the "born of water" phrase indicates physical birth. Even though some mighty sound men hold this interpretation, I cannot accept it at all. Sometimes when I hear of another interpretation I can see the possibility. With this one I cannot even see the remotest possibility. I trust that you brethren who hold to this will not be offended but I cannot see it at all.

Verse six separates the physical from the spiritual. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." In other words, after speaking of being born of God He points out that He's not speaking of physical birth but of a spiritual birth.

Naturally, from what I said, you see that I believe that the washing here represents the Word of God. In the remainder of my answer I will show why.

We are shown very clearly in the Scriptures that God uses the Word and the Spirit in the new birth. "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." (II Thess. 2:13,14). As you can see God uses the preaching of the gospel and His Spirit to save a lost sinner. We are told in James 1:1 that the Word is the seed that God uses in conception. "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures." Again we are told this in I Peter 1:23. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, Which liveth and abideth forever."

Why, then, is the word spoken of as water in John 3:5? Because water is a cleansing element and the word is spoken of as such. You see, we are cleansed by the

shed blood of Christ (see Rev. 1:5), and the word brings that blood to us. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy words." Ps. 119:9). Jesus Himself said, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing, the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." (John 6:63). The word and spirit tie in together and the flesh profits nothing. We hear Paul discussing the church and how Christ died for it, and he says, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." (Eph. 5:26.)

Now Christ proved that He was talking about the Word of God in John 3:5 by using the Word of Nicodemus.

Nicodemus had been talking to Christ about the new birth and Christ was showing that physical birth had nothing to do with it by saying what's marked as verse 6. After He told Nicodemus it took the water and Spirit, He then proceeded to use the cleansing element of the word. In verse 14 we hear Christ using Numbers 21:9 as a text. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up."

He then preached a sermon from the Word of God and Nicodemus was born again. This in itself is proof, positive as to what he meant.

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There is a lot that I do not know about Jno. 3:5. But there are some reasons as to why I cannot accept the theory that the water here refers to the natural birth. In the first place a person must be born, that is, the natural birth before he can be told what we see here. So it seems to me that to tell a person he must be born after he has already been born would be using superfluous words, and the Holy Spirit is not guilty of doing that. Then the non-elect experience this natural birth just as the elect do. So, if this natural birth plays a part in the salvation of the elect, why does it not do the same for the non-elect?

It may very well be my fault, but I must admit that I do not know of any Scripture that likens water to the natural birth. But I do know of Scriptures that likens the Word of God to water. In Psa. 119:9 we read, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed according to thy Word." In Jno. 15:3 we read, "Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you." And in Eph. 5:25-26 we read, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." The Williams version says in verse 26, "To consecrate her, after cleansing her through His Word, as pictured in the water bath." So from these Scriptures we see that God's Word is likened unto water.

Then in many other Scriptures we see that the Word is essential to the new birth. I do not mean by this that God could not save people apart from His Word

had He chosen to do so. What I do mean is that since He has ordained that people are to be saved by means of the Word, therefore, that makes the Word absolutely essential to the new birth. In I Cor. 1:21 we read, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." In Psa. 119:50 the Psalmist says, "This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy Word hath quickened me." In I Cor. 4:15 we read, "In Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel." In Jas. 1:18 we read, "Of His own will begat He us with the Word of truth." In Pet. 1:23 we read, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God." And then in II Thes. 2:13 we read, "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth."

Since God's ordained way of bringing about the new birth is "through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth," I dare not leave either one of them out of the process. Therefore, I must contend that the water in Jno. 3:5 refers to the precious Word of God.

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To understand this verse, it is necessary that we examine very closely the manner in which our Lord used the word water. In reading His words, we hear Him say, "Except a man be born of water." I would have you notice that He did not say, "except a man be born in water." The reason for having you notice the prepositions "of" and "in," is that there is a tremendous difference between being born of water, and in water. May I illustrate this difference by using marine life. We can say that fish and other marine life are born in water, but we could not say they were born of water. They live in water all their lives, yet they are not of water, rather they are of their parents, and have taken the nature of those parents. The law of God has decreed that like produces alike or after their kind.

"And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good." —Gen. 1:11-12.

These verses reveal God's law of reproduction which is that everything produces after its kind or nature. Thus, water could only produce water, snow, hail, ice, frost, and sleet are all of water and to water they return. Therefore, if he is born of literal water, then he is water for water cannot bring forth anything else. Our Lord makes this issue very clear when He said:

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." —John 3:6.

In this verse, He tells us if one is born of the flesh he partakes of flesh, and if one is born of spirit he becomes spirit. By the same token cannot we say that he who is born of water is water?

To me, this is conclusive proof that he was referring to something other than literal water. Seeing that He was teaching that like produces alike, I am compelled to believe that He was referring to Himself as the water of life which He speaks of in the next chapter.

"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him

A DEFENSE OF CALVINISM

"Had a man been an Arminian in those days (Augustine, Calvin, Whitefield's days) he would have been accounted the vilest heretic breathing, but now WE are looked upon as the heretics, and they as the orthodox. WE have gone back to the old school; WE can trace our descent from the apostles. WE can run a golden line up to Jesus Christ Himself, through a holy succession of mighty fathers, who all held these glorious truths. Those who have called it a "licentious doctrine" didn't know anything at all about it. Poor ignorant things, they little knew that their own vile stuff was the most licentious doctrine under Heaven. A man cannot have an erroneous belief without by-and-by having an erroneous life."

—C. H. SPURGEON

EDITOR'S NOTE

The "old school" referred to above is not in any wise at all to be construed to the false claims of the Hardshells. This pernicious group which is living at a dying rate of speed, make the false claim that they are the "old school" Baptists. There is nothing "old" about them as they came into existence only about 150 years ago. When they say that they are "Primitive" or "old school" Baptists, just tell them to quit their lying and admit that they are nothing but Hardshells.

a well of water springing up into everlasting life." —John 4:14.

Brethren there is only one way into the Kingdom of God and that is by being born again through Jesus Christ who gave to us His blood, and through the effectual working of the Spirit. He applies this blood to a new heart. Then, we are partakers of a divine nature which everyone must have in order to be in the spiritual kingdom of God.

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." —II Pet. 1:4.

To me, this verse reads, Except a man be born of (not in) water (Christ-living water) and of the Spirit (for it is the spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing—John 6:63) he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Thus, the word "water" symbolical of Jesus Christ as the way to God.

Not only is water symbolical of living water, but it is definitely used to picture the Word of God. Read Eph. 5:26. The Bible reveals that there are two words; one the written word (Bible), the other is the living word (Jesus Christ). Read John 1:1-3.

Now that we are saved and have been born of water (Jesus Christ—the word) and have within us His nature, the written word as water is brought forth to cleanse (wash away) the filth of the flesh (false doctrine). Therefore, we can all shout with Paul, "By the grace of God we are what we are."

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Yes, some preachers advance the ideas just suggested, and some others say that reference is to WATER baptism. Such an idea destroys the way of salvation as given in the Scriptures, and makes faith in Christ PLUS water to equal salvation.

I am NOT violently opposed to those who hold that reference is to the Word. However, I just can't see it that way. Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3: that there must be two births—one of water and one of the Spirit. Some argue around and manage to find the Word referred to. In my judgment no reference is made by Jesus to the Word of God.

Why do I believe that reference is to the natural birth? Because it is true that there must be two births. Manifestly one must be born into the world physically. That is one birth. Then in order to get into the Kingdom of God, one must be born spiritually. That makes two

births. That is quite sufficient without trying in a round about way to find reference to the Word.

Any one who is familiar with child birth knows perfectly well why it has been spoken of as "birth by water." The fetus is carried for months surrounded by a bag of water. In the birth process the bag of water is ruptured, and the child is literally "born of water."

It would seem that no further explanation is needed as to why Jesus said, "Ye must be born . . . of water and of the Spirit. However, I do not fall out with those who do not see this as I do. That is, unless they make water a Savior. There is no place in my theology for water salvation.

"The Task"

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about, as they say, to redeem the whole man. The methods and the means that they employ are not the preaching of the gospel of the grace of the Son of God, but, on the contrary, they are calling for social gatherings and the picketing of political conventions, and they are staging marches, sit-ins and walk-ins, and the like. However, the words of my text are pointed and categorical, and are undeniable that the task of every true New Testament church is to glorify God. The Bible points out and gives us emphatically the means and the messages whereby the Lord's churches might fulfill this task of glorifying God. The churches then, through their teaching and their preaching and their missionary ministries, are to glorify God.

I am convinced that we are to glorify God through the expounding of the Word of God. The admonition of the aged Paul to the young minister, Timothy, who was the pastor at Ephesus was:

"PREACH THE WORD; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." — II Tim. 4:2.

Beloved, the task of the Lord's church, whether it be in the Sunday School, or behind the pulpit, or through its missionaries, is to expound the Word of God. That is the task of every church, and when the church is employed in that business, it indeed is glorifying God.

I believe we ought to expound the Word of God as to its inspiration. Inspiration, we understand, is the way the Bible came to us. The Bible says:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." — II Tim. 3:16,17.

Beloved, you and I have nothing to preach, and the Lord's churches have nothing to preach, except the Word of God, which (Continued on page 5, column 1)

I HAVE SPOKEN TO THE BIBLE CONFERENCE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, AND . . .



I would urge
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This is one of the finest Bible Conferences it has been my privilege to attend. The spiritual messages that are preached and the spiritual singing are indeed food for the soul. The fellowship with God's children is just an additional blessing. The facilities for taking care of everyone's physical needs are always the very best.

I count it a privilege to attend and be a part of this great Conference. May the Sovereign Lord be pleased to have many, many more such Conferences until He comes again.

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"The Task"

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is the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of the living God. So our task is to glorify God by expounding the Word of God, which is God-breathed, and inspired, and without error.

We may quibble as to what Greek text one might use, or should use. We might argue which one of the English versions is more authentic. But it suffices to say that the churches of the Lord Jesus today do have the Word of God as the only rule of faith and practice. So we glorify God by expounding the Word of God, and we must teach those who come under the ministry of our churches that this Book, the Bible, that we preach is the Word of God, and that it is the last authority on any doctrine or on any issue.

When the Apostle Peter wrote to those who had obtained like precious faith, after he encouraged them and called to their remembrance the things that they already knew, his desire was to stir them up — that is, stir up their pure minds to serve Him who called them out of darkness unto light. He said:

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." — II Pet. 1:20.

That is, the Scripture is of no private or human origin. The Scripture came not in our time by the word of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Beloved, the task of the Lord's church is to glorify God not by preaching or teaching the social events of our day, not by preaching economics, not by preaching astronomy or by giving book reviews, but by expounding the infallible, inerrant Word of God.

We should expound the Word of God as to its revelation. Inspiration is how the Bible came to us, but revelation is what the Bible is. It is God's divine self-disclosure. It is the revelation of Himself to man. All that we shall ever know about Him is revealed by the Spirit, in and through the Word of God.

We are then to expound the Word of God as to its revelation, for in that revelation we find that it reveals to us a sovereign Creator. He is the creator of all things and in whose sight all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing. He is the one that has had His way among the army of Heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can stay His hand or say unto Him, "What doest thou?" This revela-

tion reveals to us the sovereign, omnipotent God who is the judge of all men.

We find that this revelation reveals the fact of sin. After God had created all things, even man with whom He might have fellowship, fell from his lofty state and plunged not only himself but the entire human race into sin and degradation and separation from God. So the holy law and justice of God was violated, and the law demands the death penalty of all who violate the holy and just law of God. The Bible declares:

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die." — Ezek. 18:20.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." — Rom. 5:12.

Yes, beloved, in expounding the Word of God as to its revelation, we find the revelation of sin, and sin is passed upon all men, for all have sinned. The conclusion is, whether you be Jew or Greek, whether you be Gentile, bond or free, there is no difference.

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

In this revelation we have not only the revelation of the sovereign, who is the creator of all things, and the revelation of sin, but we have the revelation of salvation — the only means of deliverance from sin. So Paul concludes:

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." — Titus 3:5.

So I am convinced beyond question that the task of every true New Testament Missionary Baptist Church is to glorify God, and we do that by expounding His Word.

I believe that in this Bible we not only have the truth as to its origin and revelation but as we preach the revelation and the fact of sin, we can also preach and give unto those fallen ones the invitation in the Word of God. As Isaiah boldly declares:

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." — Isa. 55:1.

We can point to the Lamb of God to all those who are tired and sick of sin and desire deliverance, and He declares that He is the one who is able to save to the uttermost.

"Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever

liveth to make intercession for them." — Heb. 7:25.

He is the one that says: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." — Mt. 11:28,29.

Beloved, the task of every church is to glorify God by expounding the truths of the Word of God — not just to the exclusion of all others, but the whole circle of truth.

II

Then I believe there is something that inevitably follows if we expound the Word of God, and that is we shall exalt the Son of God and will also glorify God, for He is to receive glory through the church by Christ Jesus. So the task of the churches of God, by preaching or expounding or exalting the Word of God, is to exalt the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

There are those today who do not accept the fact of the Bible relative of Jesus Christ being the Son of God. They say, "Oh, yes, we believe in God. We believe that Jesus Christ was a good man, but not the Son of God."

My friend, they do not know God. He cannot be known apart from His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who was the express image of His person. We exalt the Son of God and thereby glorify God when we preach His pre-existence.

John opens his Gospel by declaring:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." — John 1:1.

Jesus, in His high priestly prayer, said:

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." — John 17:5.

Beloved, in exalting the Son of God, we must preach His pre-existence.

We must not only preach His pre-existence, but His preeminence, for the Word of God declares:

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by him, and for him. And he is before all things, and by him all things consist (or hold together). And he is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell." — Col. 1:16-19.

We not only must exalt the Son of God by preaching His pre-existence and His preeminence, but we must preach His Person as revealed in the Gospels and the Epistles. By His Person, I mean that we must preach His incarnation.

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth." — John 1:14.

Paul stated:

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." — Gal. 4:4,5.

Someone says, "You don't have to believe in the virgin birth to be saved."

I would not argue that point, but if you are saved, you believe in the virgin birth and there is a difference.

Mr. Frank Stagg and theologians of his caliber declare that Jesus Christ was the first man that God ever fully entered into, and in consequence of that, God's desire for each one of us is that we permit Him to fully enter into us. Beloved, in their attempt to glorify man, they must humanize the pre-existence of the Son of God. He was not a man that God entered into, but He was God that became man. So, beloved, we must indeed exalt the Son of God

if we are to glorify our Father, and we preach the Son of God by preaching His person — the incarnation of His life.

Even the religious Pharisee, when he came to Jesus, had to declare:

"We know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." — John 3:2.

Beloved, Jesus Christ in His life went about doing good, preaching the gospel, and healing all manner of sicknesses and diseases. Even His enemies had to declare that no man spake like this man.

He was the one that declared: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." — John 3:36.

Yes, we must preach His sinless life, the one who knew no sin, yet became sin for us, that we in turn might be made the righteousness of God in Him. There are those who extol the life of the Lord Jesus Christ who will have nothing to do with His death, but in preaching the person of Christ, we must preach the death of the Son of God on the cross of Calvary.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." — Rom. 5:8.

Beloved, the man who will have nothing to do with Jesus Christ in His death, does not believe anything about the life of the Lord Jesus other than from a historical standpoint. I am rather amazed at some of the folk who declare, "Yes, Jesus Christ was the greatest man who ever lived," yet they want to believe in evolution. Jesus said that God created man and woman in the beginning, and made them male and female, yet they declare that they believe Jesus Christ was the greatest man who ever lived while they declare Him to be a liar in His teachings. They do not believe the Lord Jesus Christ to be the greatest man who ever lived if they do not accept Him to be the very Son of the living God.

Then if we preach Jesus Christ as to His person, we must not leave Him hanging on a cross, but as our scapegoat He took our sins into the tomb, and after 72 hours He came forth victorious over death, Hell and the grave. He declared:

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore." — Rev. 1:18.

Beloved, this Jesus Christ who died, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, is alive forever more. Now is Christ risen from the dead and becomes the first fruits of them that sleep.

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." — I Cor. 15:22,23.

Yes, He was wounded for our transgressions. He was delivered for our offenses, but He was raised again for our justification. Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God.

In preaching His person, we need to preach this exaltation. On the day of Pentecost, in finishing that sermon, Paul said:

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." — Acts 2:36.

In consequence of humiliation, the Bible declares:

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." — Phil. 2:9-11.

So our task as the Lord's church is to glorify God by expounding the Word and by exalting the Son in His pre-existence, His preeminence, and His person.

III

Thirdly, let me declare that the task of the Lord's churches in consequence of expounding the Word and exalting the Son that (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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on a righteous front and act like he has not sinned against a holy God. His conscience smites him and he goes to great lengths to keep away from a Bible preaching church, or from any of these evangelical Christians who might remind him of his sin or about God and future judgment. He is like the man who is cheating on his wife. He assumes that he is enjoying the affair but is threatened that any moment his wife and kids will find out the truth.

If realism is accepting things as they are, then the Christian is indeed a realist. He knows undeniably that he is a sinner and that time is short and the future is uncertain. He desires to know the worst about himself and is willing to face the truth in finding a remedy. He does not dismiss the idea of sin by saying there are people worse than himself. On the contrary, he is ready to submit to the demands of God that he might have true peace now and in the life to come.

Cease being a pretender or a dreamer. The Scriptures say, "For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?" (Job 27:8). Seek the real, living, historic Christ who can save you from your sins. — Bob Nelson.



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cause she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh."

If you believe in theistic evolution — fine, but DON'T CALL YOURSELF A CHRISTIAN for this was not a doctrine of our Lord. Jesus believed what Genesis said about creation and He put His whole authority in support of that account. Matthew 19:4 says, "Have ye not read that he who made them at the beginning, made them male and female." Now if our first parents had evolved, they would already have been male and female. Again we read in I Tim. 2:13, "Adam was first formed, then Eve." Therefore, Adam and Eve were CREATED, not PROCREATED.

The Bible teaches that man is not related to beasts. The apostle Paul writes by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, "All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fish, and another of birds." (I Cor. 15:39). The Bible makes no apology on this matter. It states the facts in such a way that if our mind is not in submission to God, the whole revelation is an offence. "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise." I Cor. 1:27.

II. SOME PHYSICAL PROBLEMS OF EVOLUTION. In the light of PROVEN fact, how does the theory stand?

Let's look at the problem of the ORIGIN OF LIFE. In Acts 17 we find Paul preaching his great sermon on "The Unknown God." He declares in verse 24 and 25 that his is the "God who made the world and all things in it, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands, neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing HE GIVETH TO ALL LIFE, AND BREATH, and all things."

Many years ago men used to believe in what is called spontaneous generation. They thought that rotten meat produced maggots, mudponds produced frogs and horses hair put into stagnant water turned into horsehair worms. I think some people still believe that!

The classic experiment disproving the spontaneous generation of life was performed by an Ital-

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The Redeemer's Return

By ARTHUR W. PINK

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Behold further characteristics of the Perilous Times — "Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God" (2 Tim. 3:4). It is needless to enlarge upon each separate item, but mark the first and the last of those enumerated here. "Without natural affection." How terribly this is exemplified today in the enormous increase of divorces, in the abandonment of their infant offspring by unnatural mothers, and in the neglect of the poor, the sick, the aged! "Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." See our church-members on the Lord's day, preferring a ride in their automobiles to the assembling of themselves together with the people of God. Mark them on prayer-meeting nights at the picture-shows instead of at the throne of grace. And witness the musical programmes, the entertainments, the ice-cream suppers etc., etc., held in our church-houses.

"But," it may be asked, "have not these things always been true of men in general?" Perhaps so, more or less, though never to the same extent as now. But these verses do not describe "general conditions," they depict *Christendom* as it exists in the "last days." This is clear from the next verse — "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (vs. 5). There is music but it is of the siren kind, not the singing, and making melody in our hearts to the Lord. There is eloquence but it is the wisdom which man's words teacheth, and not that which speaks for God and wins souls. There is fervor but it is the heat of carnal excitement born of novelty and sensationalism, and not that which cometh down from above. There is zeal, but it is without knowledge. There is a demand for righteousness, but it is civic and social righteousness and not the righteousness of God. There is love but it is a sickly sentimentality and not that which is the fulfilling of the law. There is gospel-preaching, but it is "another gospel" and not the gospel of the grace of God. There is much religion, but it is lacking in life. There are notorious evangelistic campaigns, but they are devoid of spirituality. There is much ritualistic performance but it is a form of godliness without its power.

"For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts" (vs. 6). We believe the reference is to Mormonism, yet the principle is of still wider application. How striking it is that we should read of "silly women" in this inspired list of "last days" characteristics! How remarkably this is fulfilled in modern Feminism! Observe the words "led away with divers lusts," which might be freely rendered "ambitious desires." This craving for publicity, this deplorable masculinity, this denial of man's headship, this usurping of authority, is one of the most striking Signs of the Times. We refer, not only to the modern Suffragette movement which makes every self-respecting woman blush for shame at the immodesty of her sisters, but also to the attitude and position taken by so many "silly women" in the churches. How sad it is to see the plain command of God — "Let your women *keep silence* in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak" (1 Cor. 14:34) — now so generally disregarded. Today there are not a few who unblushingly denounce the inspired apostle as "an old bachelor with narrow ideas" (Ironsides).

Now mark that what we have been considering above is a part of a Divinely drawn picture describing the Perilous Times of the "last days." How clear it is that the Perilous Times are now upon us, Times that are "perilous" to the souls of God's people, "perilous" to the spread of the Gospel, "perilous" to the whole of Christendom. How evident it is to those who have eyes to see that we have already entered into the "last days." And how dark are the immediate prospects for the world!

Take note of one other item in this striking prophecy — "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (2 Tim. 3:13). Surely moral conditions cannot get much worse than they are now. Immorality has come in like a flood which is ever swelling and widening in its course. "Uncleanness is rampant. There is an army of over thirty thousand painted prostitutes in Chicago alone. This sin of impurity, the greatest of the age, is literally undermining and honeycombing the nations till they are now tottering to their fall." (R. V. Miller). How true this statement is appears from a recent speech made by Secretary Daniels of the U. S. Navy. In the course of an address which he delivered before the Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America he said: — "There is not an army in the field whose effectiveness is not reduced by reason of immoral diseases. The navy suffers likewise and business halts because venereal diseases destroy the manhood of workmen and fighters. During the last statistical year men of the American Navy lost 141,387 days' sickness from a small group of absolutely preventable diseases contracted by sin. This means that every day throughout the year there were 456 men disabled by this

disgraceful malady. In the navy of 1915 there were admitted for treatment for venereal diseases 112 persons in every 1,000 and in the army 84 for every 1,000. In civil life the number afflicted is quite as large proportionately as in the military service. It has been printed that Hecht of Vienna, stated that at one time the equivalent of three entire Austrian divisions of 60,000 men was under treatment for venereal diseases, while the German army in Belgium, representing only a small part of the total German forces, is reported during the first five months of its occupation to have furnished 35,000 such patients. Canadian and Australian officers have deplored the ravages of this disease. The late figures from the British army gave 78,000 cases, and all other countries have also been weakened." Surely such appalling figures as these, furnished by so eminent an authority, declare plainly that the "Perilous Times" of the "last days" are upon us! Does some one ask, What will be the outcome? We answer, the same as of old. God still lives and reigns, and just as surely as He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for similar wickedness, so surely shall He pour out His indignation and wrath upon the present generation of evil-doers. Yea, He has *already begun to do so*, and this leads us to consider—

5. The Overturning which is visible on every hand.

"I will overturn, overturn, overturn it, and it shall be no more, until He comes whose right it is" (Ezek. 21:27). In close accord with this prophecy through Ezekiel is the word recorded in Haggai 2:6, 7 — "For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land. And I will shake all nations, and the Desire of all nations shall come." Note carefully the coupling of these two things together — the *coming* of the Desire of all nations (the Lord Jesus), and the *shaking* of all nations. Surely this is just what we see going on before our eyes today! Verily, God is now "shaking" and "overturning" everything that is on earth. What has been the watchword and catchword that has rung in our ears during the last decade? Reform! Reform! Reform! Governments must be reformed. The Bible must be reformed, and conformed to "modern thought." Schools must be reformed. Everything must be reformed. The marriage-laws and divorce-laws must be reformed and deformed. What does all this indicate? *Nothing is any longer right.*

This demand for reform is not merely local, it is not confined to some coterie of enthusiasts. It is worldwide. It is enveloping the earth. It has swept over Europe and across this continent, and has now reached the lethargic East. In Turkey and Egypt, in Japan and China, in Mesopotamia and India, in Asia and Africa, peoples who have been stagnant for centuries are now aroused, and the cry is going forth — Down with the old regime; Down with ancient institutions. Down with everything which brooks restraint. Never before were such conflicting forces at work. Never before were the foundations of society so seriously threatened. "I will shake all nations" — surely the appointed time for this is now here. "I will overturn, overturn, overturn" — truly this is exactly what God is doing today. Revolution is in the air, but those who are able to read the Signs of the Times can see that revolution is moving rapidly toward *dissolution*, the dissolution of the old order. Closely connected with the overturning of ancient institutions we may consider —

6. The present Distress of Nations.

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them with fear, and for looking after those things which are coming to pass on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:25, 26). As we have already remarked more than once, prophecy invariably has a *double fulfillment* at least, and so we believe it is with the one just quoted. Directly, it has reference to conditions that will prevail during the Great Tribulation which immediately precedes the return of the Lord to the earth itself, but there is much to be said in favor of giving this prediction a present-day application. It agrees exactly with the conditions which now exist. Mark five of the characteristics here enumerated:—

First, "*Distress of nations.*" How well these words describe the well-nigh universal groaning and anguish of mankind! "Distress" is now no longer confined to any one people but is international and earth-wide in its reach. The "distress" and suffering caused by the exorbitant cost of living when it is becoming more and more difficult to secure even the bare necessities of life. The "distress" occasioned by increasing taxation and the accumulation of national debts which must prove intolerable burdens for future generations to bear. The "distress" caused by shortage of fuel and food-stuffs so that one half of the world is living upon short rations. The "distress" of bereavement which is now in *millions* of homes which mourn the loss of loved ones slain in battle.

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ian scientist named Redi in 1680. He proved by a simple experiment that maggots do not come from decaying meat. He placed a piece of meat in three jars. The first jar he left uncovered. The second he covered with a piece of gauze. The third he covered with parchment. All three pieces of meat decayed but maggots appeared only on the meat in the uncovered jar. A few maggots appeared on the gauze of the second jar, and no maggots were found on the meat covered by parchment. Redi demonstrated that maggots came from eggs laid by flies attracted by the smell of decaying meat. The maggots developed into flies, which in turn laid more eggs.

Just about one hundred years ago Louis Pasteur proved that bacteria do not arise by spontaneous generation but only from previously existing bacteria. There is no basis for a belief in spontaneous generation for large organisms, or micro-organisms as bacteria, or viruses.

You might recall that in 1967 the Liberal Press came out with front page headlines, "LIFE CREATED IN TEST TUBE." And the *more liberal* the paper the larger the headlines. Many people didn't read past the headline and believe to this day that scientists have created life in the laboratory. Actually Dr. Ochoa and Dr. Kornberg synthesized a DNA molecule from enzymes of *already living cells*. The best scientists can say for this is *perhaps* it may make laboratory production of life possible. But, in man's multi-million dollar laboratories men have never been able to do what God alone could do — *CREATE LIFE!*

Evolutionists are also faced with the PROBLEM OF TRANSMUTATION. God's Word says in Gen. 1:24-25, "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature AFTER ITS KIND, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth AFTER ITS KIND: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth AFTER ITS KIND, and cattle AFTER THEIR KIND: and God saw that it was good."

We do not deny the fact of mutations. All the present *varieties* within the *created kind* are a result of mutations. God created every creature to procreate "after its kind." Here is a sound term to indicate the bounds past which no creature can go—"Baramims." The Hebrew word "Bara" means "created," and "Mim" means "kind." So we are on solid ground when we speak of "Baramims" or "Created Kinds." But where is the evidence of *transmutation*; that is, one "Kind" of beast evolving into another "Kind" of beast.

It is not to be found in actual observation. Protozoas are single celled animals which you cannot see without a microscope. They multiply very rapidly by simply dividing. Scientists have observed thousands of these organisms reproduce for thousands of generations and not once has a protozoa evolved into a metazoa which is supposedly the next stage in the evolutionary scale.

Furthermore the evidence for transmutation is not to be found in the fossil record. There is no particle of evidence of one "Kind" evolving into another. Where are the transitional stages from land to flying animals, from reptiles to mammals?

Finding no transitional evidence available scientists have come up with the theory of *macro evolution* or "evolution by big jumps." The old Darwinian theory of how the elephant got its trunk taught (Continued on page 7, column 3)

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"The Task"

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by our definite dogmatic stand we'll expose the enemies of God. Paul, in writing to the church of Ephesus, declared:

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."—Eph. 5:11.

Some of us don't mind so much that admonition to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness," but it doesn't stop there. It says, "but rather reprove them."

Beloved, it is the task of the Lord's churches to reprove heresy taught in the Name of God, and if we expound the Word of God in all of its purity, we shall expose the enemies of God.

The Lord, in His providence, has been pleased to use human instrumentality in conveying His message of salvation by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Devil likewise, mimicking and imitating the Lord, makes enemies today. We know the great enemy of God is Satan, the adversary of the children of God. We know that Satan uses men today, and if we expose these men and their methods, and their message, and their motives, their end will be according to their worth.

IV

In closing, let me say that the task of every church is to glorify God by the expounding of the Word of God, by exalting the Son of God, and by exposing the enemies of God. I believe in consequence of all that, that every true church is expecting the coming of the Son of God first of all to receive His saints.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."—I Thess. 4:16,17.

He is not only coming for His saints, but He shall repulse the wicked, for He shall destroy that wicked one by the manifestation of His presence, and all the wicked will fall before the hand of Him who is King of kings and Lord of lords.

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Second, "with perplexity." Statesmen unable to discover any way out of present difficulties. Men of Solomonian astuteness at their wits' end, fearful of what they see approaching and powerless to hinder and prevent it. Problems between capital and labor becoming more acute and insoluble. Situations arising which the wisest of our statesmen, despite all our boasted enlightenment and progress, are unable to cope with successfully. "Perplexity" by reason of political corruption, economic agitations, and revolutionary troubles.

Third, "the sea and the waves roaring." In Scripture, the sea is used to figure the peoples of the earth which, away from God, know no rest. Like the sea, the masses today are in a seething turmoil. Everywhere there is fermentation and dissatisfaction. When were human politics so confused, so contradictory, so threatening as they are now? When was law so utterly impotent to restrain the violent passions of men? Every day brings new indications of disquietude and convulsion. Every government on earth is being shaken to its very foundations. Mark the political changes which almost weekly take place in the great world powers. The time for listless indifference is gone. No longer may we quietly fold our hands and take our ease. There is among the nations a spirit of restlessness, insubordination, anarchy; a consuming desire to overthrow every established system which is too deeply rooted, too furious, too general, to be withstood. It is something more than a passing tumult or the frenzy of an hour. Every day it is gathering strength and ere long it will burst every bound that legislation can devise. The waves of human passion are rising higher, and higher and threaten to swamp the landmarks of the ancients and take possession of the whole earth.

Fourth, "Men's hearts failing them with fear, and for looking for those things which are coming on the earth." We live in a day of unprecedented agitation and unparalleled tribulation. Conditions on earth have now reached such a pass that no human skill can steer clear of the mighty maelstrom which is rapidly drawing all nations within its awful whirl. Human society is becoming panic-stricken. Heart failure both physically and morally is seizing thousands of victims. Little wonder that suicides are increasing at such an alarming rate. Men's hearts are "failing them." And well they may. Confidence between man and man has disappeared. Friendships have become barren formalities, little more than selfish conveniences. Human compassion is no more. Conscience is dead, and men are giving up in hopeless despair as they discern still worse evils presaged by present-day conditions. Feverish eyes are moving to and fro in dread expectation of the approach total collapse of civilization.

Fifth, "the powers of heaven shall be shaken." In Scripture the powers of nature are frequently used symbolically. "Mountains" figure "Kingdoms" (Dan. 2:35; Jer. 51:25); "waters" represent "peoples" (Rev. 17:11); and the sun, moon, and stars, typify human governments (Rev. 12:1). In the Great Tribulation the physical "powers of heaven will be literally "shaken," but we take it that the present-day application of our text is to be regarded symbolically, having reference to human governments. And when were the political heavens so "shaken" as they are today? Note the development of the "Young Turk" Party in Turkey. Mark the growing popularity of a revolutionary Socialism. Witness the revolution in Portugal, and the yet more recent revolutions in Mexico, China and Russia. Ancient dynasties are being overthrown; thrones are tottering; kingdoms are being broken up. The very cement by which human society has been welded together is corroded so that Civilization is now like walls without mortar — ready to fall to pieces.

What is the message voiced by these universal conditions? What do they say to the children of God? The answer to these

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that he started out about the size of a pig. As he grew in size the neck remained short but the front part of the jaws began to elongate. The incisors projected forward and became handy for digging up roots. These were pushed into the mouth by the flexible end of the nose which, after many thousands of years, had grown in length with the jaws. Then the jaws shortened rapidly but the elongated nose remained to be the trunk. But the more modern theory (and no less ridiculous) teaches that the elephant just suddenly emerged without many gradual transitional steps as also did sponges, insects, whales, birds, etc. "So the bubbles go on bursting and meanwhile more are being blown, and we are expected to believe in whatever comes and wait with open mouth to see what comes next."

Another problem facing the

evolutionist is THE METHOD OF DATING GEOLOGIC AGES. About the year 1830 an English attorney named Charles Lyell began to trumpet the theory which was the foundation of Darwin's theory of organic evolution—UNIFORMITARIANISM. That's a big word but not too difficult. It simply means that the geologic processes of erosion, sedimentation, glaciation, volcanism, etc. are all operating in a UNIFORM fashion as they have from the dateless ages past. The uniformitarian boast is "the present is the key to the past." Thus, we can supposedly measure the age of something like the Grand Canyon or a fragment of bone.

But what if all things do not continue as they always have? Peter prophesied concerning our times when he wrote in II Peter 3:3-7, "There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, ALL THINGS CONTINUE AS THEY WERE FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION." Here is the doctrine of uniformitarianism. But Peter continues, "For this they willingly are ignorant of . . . They are not forced into this position by the evidence but are "willingly ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water, by which THE WORLD THAT THEN WAS, BEING OVERFLOWED WITH WATER, PERISHED."

The geological evidence shows everywhere the evidence of CREATION and a UNIVERSAL CATASTROPHY. Uniformitarianism has been assumed but not proved. Creationism and catastrophism have been denied, but not refuted. Most of earth's geologic formations do not have even a possible explanation in the doctrine of uniformity.

If we examine the witness of volcanism, those vast lava plateaus, some hundreds of feet in thickness and covering areas up to 200,000 square miles, there is nothing today to compare with whatever process caused these tremendous structures.

If we examine the witness of the vast earth movements, that process by which our earth's mountain ranges have been recently formed with the faults, folds and rifts and thrusts, we are forced to admit that there is no process going on today which can account for it. Yet this phenomenon is essential to an interpretation of earth history.

And again, though fossils have been made the basis for the geologic time-scale and this in turn has been made the basis for evolutionary theory, the doctrine of uniformitarianism does not fit the witness of earth's great deposits of fossils. No modern parallels can be cited anywhere. In some caves fossils have been found by dozens of species of mammals with reptiles and birds — from different types of climates and habitats — all heaped together in one bed. These evidences do not support the theory of uniformitarianism but they are exactly what we would expect to find if we believe in a universal flood.

Whether we look at the evidence of sedimentation, or of the vast continental ice sheets, or of the great ocean basins all the witness can be brought into harmony with the Biblical record, but none is in harmony with uniformitarianism. Yet the dating methods the evolutionists use cannot possibly give an accurate dating of ANYTHING BEFORE THE FLOOD. On the other hand the chronometers, or measuring methods, which show the earth to be young are conveniently set aside because they do not conform with the evolutionist's assumptions.

III. THE MORAL PROBLEMS OF EVOLUTION. First of all we should realize that evolution is a Religious Faith and the scientist has become its high priest. In Hebrews 11:1 we read "now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Now notice verse three, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed (or literally, that the ages were plan-

ned and laid out) by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Therefore our understanding comes from revelation! And it conforms to the evidence! Why shouldn't it? The God of revelation is also the God of creation. Therefore, these two witnesses agree that "all things were created by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made."

A belief in evolution requires faith — a faith that is contrary to all the evidence. It takes great faith to fill in the gaps from matter to life, from kind to kind, from beast to man.

It is not faith itself that saves but the object of faith. My trust is wholly fixed upon Christ. It is Christ who saves. Col. 1:14-19 reveals the Christ who is the object of our faith, "in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins; who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities, or powers, all things were created by him, and for him; and he is before all things, and by him all things consist . . ." Jesus Christ is the great pillar of the universe and all creation is upheld by him like ivy. Remove Christ, and the whole system collapses. "And he is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in all things he might have the pre-eminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell."

The second moral problem of evolutionism is that it reveals the bias of the heart against God. In an issue of Bible Science Newsletter, Dr. Whitcomb, a great creationist and one of the authors of The Genesis Flood writes concerning today's concept of man's origin. He outlines the modern theory which involves "no miracles: no creation; no image of God: no God! Therefore no purpose in life: no reason for being here: no ultimate standards of truth or morality! Might makes right in the basic Nazi and Communist philosophy of life."

"For the sake of argument," he continues, "this view may be correct. But if it is, you have no right whatever to claim at the same time that there is a purpose or meaning in life. You cannot have it both ways. You must take either one or the other."

"The halfway position of theistic evolution is impossible; yet the tragedy of modern twentieth century is not that non-Christians cannot accept Genesis. I Cor. 2:14 says that the natural mind, however brilliant, however cultured, receives not the things of the Spirit of God. These things are foolishness to him, neither can he know them, for they are spiritually discerned. Non-Christians cannot take Genesis seriously. It is not a matter of intellectual debate, the pros and cons of this theory or that theory of man's origin. The supernaturalism of this account is impossible in principle for the unregenerate mind to accept."

The basis of evolutionism is the anti-God position of fallen man. The convincing thing about evolution is not that it gives a possible theory of man's origin, but that it dispenses with God. He hopes to be provided with supporting evidence some day in the future, but he is already sure of the answer and he is certain it is not God.

Listen to God's indictment in Romans 1:18-23, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shown it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the

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tended our Conference knows we have had a very fine meeting place, yet actually in some respects we have better facilities for our Conference this year than we have had even in the last two years.

Everyone who comes to our Conference will be housed and fed in the beautiful, new and commodious TWIN TOWERS LOCATED AT 5TH AVENUE AND 19TH STREET IN HUNTINGTON. When you arrive in Huntington, go at once to this address and register, so as to be ready to eat, sleep and worship. These towers are 14 stories high and have 18 rooms on each floor with 2 beds to the room. If you have a child to sleep in the room with you, be sure to bring your own cot, or else advise us in advance to provide such for you.

Likewise there are two bathrooms on each floor as well as a lounge and a laundry room. As I say, all of this is on each floor. We can house 504 in each of these towers and as you might guess from the name, there are two of these. This means that we have potential accommodations for over 1,000 people and I am sure that when our visitors go home, they will be rejoicing over the air conditioned rooms that they had in which to get their repose. The beds in these rooms are

equipped with both mattress covers and pads. HOWEVER, IT WILL BE NECESSARY THAT EACH OF OUR VISITORS BRING HIS OWN SHEETS, PILLOW CASES, BLANKETS, TOWELS, AND SOAP. THESE WILL NOT BE FURNISHED, BUT EACH PERSON WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH. If you ignore this portion of the announcement, or for any reason do not have your bed linen and towels, there are plenty of stores in Huntington where you will be able to buy them.

The air conditioned cafeteria is located on the ground level of one of the towers and we can seat our crowd all at one sitting.

After having talked with the individuals in authority, having inspected the bedrooms and cafeteria, and having discussed the menu with the chef, I am more than pleased with the prospects, and on my word of honor, I would say that we are equipped to more comfortably care for our guests this year than ever before.

Our book table for the sale of our books will be located in the lounge (ground level) in the same building which houses the cafeteria. We will have an abundant stock of good books. Brother Joe Wilson who has charge of the selling of our books at the Conference is urging everybody to bring a pocket full of money, and buy lots of good books at the Conference.

The auditorium in which we will meet is that of Huntington High School. It is located at 8th Street and 9th Avenue. This is about 14 blocks removed from our place of eating and sleeping, but since it is just out of the business section of town, there should be an abundance of parking space for all automobiles. It is indeed a fine auditorium, and we are looking forward with a great deal of expectancy to hearing good preaching there.

We are inviting all our friends to visit and attend the entire Conference. We insist that you come early and stay late.

Of course, the Conference costs Calvary Baptist Church a tremendous sum. If you are able to make a contribution, it will be welcomed and gladly received. However, whether you are able to do this or not, please be our guest and enjoy the best preaching this side of eternity. I tell you, the preaching and the fellowship is the greatest thing this side of the Rapture.

This is a Conference where we do not esteem men nor personalities. In other words there are no big "I's" and little "you's." This is just a group of Baptists who believe the old time principles of the Word of God, who get together for the study of God's Book and for personal fellowship. I will guarantee you that if you come once you will never want to miss another Conference. Calvary Baptist Church furnishes all rooms and meals free. The first meal will be on Friday, Sept. 4 at 5:30 p.m., and the last one will be Sept. 7 at 12:30 noon. Therefore, we urge you to be our guest over the Labor Day Weekend.

(Be sure to remember to bring your bed linens and towels. If you fail to do so, be sure to bring an air-wick along so the rest of us can tolerate you).



The Origin Of Man

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world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead (or Deity), so that they are without excuse: because, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things."

Finally, the theory of evolution ignores the sin problem. The unity of the human race is absolutely essential to God's relationship to men in salvation and redemption. Rom. 5:12 says, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned." All men were in Adam and Adam stood as the head of the race. When he fell, the race fell.

How merciful that God had ordained that we should fall in a representative! Had we each stood individually, upon our own merits, we would have fallen as surely as our first parent — and fatally. But now we have fallen in a representative, and therefore we can be redeemed through a Representative. Rom. 5:19 says, "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." Our whole salvation rests upon our relationship to the second Adam, Jesus Christ. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation, old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new!"

(Editor's note: I heard Bro. Cavoretto deliver this message some six months ago at a Bible Conference in Hayward, Calif. Considering it a most outstanding message, I asked him to prepare it for TBE. Due to lack of space we have not been able to use it sooner. Read it, thank God for it!)

THE REDEEMER'S RETURN

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questions is found in the same passage where these things are described — "And when these things *begin* to come to pass, *then look up*, and lift up your heads: *for your redemption draweth nigh*" (Luke 21:28). Let us next consider—

7. "The conflict between Capital and Labor.

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. *Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days*. Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth *and been wanton*; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and He doth not resist you. Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the Judge standeth before the door" (James 5:1-9).

Observe that the above passage makes express reference to "the last days" (vs. 3). It tells us that in these "last days" there shall be a class of "rich men" (vs. 1). It speaks of them having "heaped treasure together" (vs. 3). It declares that their riches have been acquired by "fraud" (vs. 4). It makes mention of them having "condemned and killed the just" (vs. 6). It intimates that their rapacity and dishonesty will evoke and provoke a loud "cry" (vs. 4) from their victims. It denounces them for having "lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton" (vs. 5). It pictures the sorrows and anguish brought upon the laboring classes whose cries have entered into the ears of the Lord of hosts (vs. 4). It announces the terrible judgments of heaven which shall yet descend upon them for their crimes, and predicts that they shall "weep and howl for the miseries that shall come upon them" (vs. 1).

What human wisdom could have delineated so faithfully the present conflict between capital and labor! What mortal mind could have foretold, almost two thousand years beforehand, the amazing and heart-rendering situation that is now before our eyes. Who but men "moved by the Holy Spirit" could have foreseen the recent rise of multi-millionaires, the accumulation and concentration of three-fourths of the wealth of the world in the hands of scarcely one hundred men, the hoarded riches of the capitalist and monopolist, the extravagant and voluptuous living of the wealthy, the suffering which should be brought upon the laborer by the rapacity of his merciless employer! How remarkable is this prophecy in view of our twentieth century trusts and syndicates which corner the markets, hoard up raw materials, and rob the masses by fixing extortionate prices! And what is the significance of these things? They are another proof that the end of the age is reached. They are further intimation that the "last days" are upon us. The cries of the distressed poor have reached heaven and the Divine Judge is just about to come to the deliverance of His people and deal in vengeance with those who have robbed them. The Lord's people are not to resist and fight; the command is "Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned." Believers are here urged to stablish their hearts and be patient, for *the coming of the Lord draweth nigh*." We turn now to consider:

8. The Rejuvenation and Restoration of Israel.

The Jew has been termed the mystery and miracle of history. Terrible have been the privations and persecutions which he has suffered and yet has he survived them all. For two thousand years Israel has been a homeless wanderer among the nations and yet has he preserved his individuality. Sore have been the Divine judgments inflicted upon him and yet God has not made a full end of Jacob's children.

In other chapters we have called attention to some of the numerous prophecies in both the Old and New Testaments which announce the revival of Israel, their return to Palestine, and their restoration of God's favor, and ere pointing out the manner in which some of these predictions are beginning to receive their fulfillment, we would quote just one other. In Matt. 24: 32, 33 we have a part of our Lord's answer to the disciples' questions — "What shall be the sign of Thy coming and of the end of the age?" Here our Lord says, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh; So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that He (margin) is near, even at the doors." The fig-tree symbolizes the nation of Israel — compare Matt. 21:19, etc. The putting forth of its leaves after the long winter of dispersion among and subjugation to the Gentiles, points to the reinvigoration of this ancient people. The taking on of new life by Israel is a sure sign that the return of the Redeemer is near at hand.

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