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

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THE DAWNING OF A BRIGHTER DAY

By ELDER FRED T. HALLIMAN
Missionary To New Guinea

(LAST SERMON PREACHED AT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH BEFORE RETURNING TO NEW GUINEA).

"Moreover I will endeavor that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts" (II Peter 1:15-19). "The day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out" (Jeremiah 6:4).

THE END FORETOLD BY THE LORD JESUS

Having received ample notice from Israel that they would officially and unequivocally reject Him as the promised Messiah, and knowing this and all things aforetime, the omniscient Christ, in Matthew 13, delivers a series of parables which describe the "Kingdom of Heaven" during the ab-

sence of the King. We call attention to the second which our Lord explains in verses 36-42, by demonstrating that this age will end in judgment, because the world will increasingly reject Christ, even to the point of following and accepting Antichrist.



FRED T. HALLIMAN

Let us read: "Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

The enemy that sowed them is the devil: the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Jesus said on another occasion: "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 15:24). And again: "He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11). Even so now, as then, the Lord Jesus Christ is being rejected by the vast majority, and our Lord says in no uncertain terms that this age is going to end and judgment is going to fall. The judgment-ending of the age is that mentioned in Daniel 9:27: "And he (the Antichrist) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the (Continued on page 6, column 3)

EPITAPH OF FRANKLIN'S TOMBSTONE

Benjamin Franklin wrote the following epitaph for his own tombstone: "The body of Benjamin Franklin, printer. Like the cover of an old book, its contents torn out and stripped of its lettering and gilding, lies here, food for the worms. Yet the work itself shall not be lost, for it will, as he believed, appear once more in a new and more beautiful edition, corrected and amended by the Author."

—Selected:

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Working, Because You Are Saved, Not To Be Saved

Wm. Haslam, the English evangelist, says: "Strolling along and meditating, in a church yard in Somersetshire, near Bath, I read many epitaphs on the tombstones which were there. They were chiefly of the ordinary kind, with one exception, which attracted and has retained my attention. On an old-fashioned tomb, in quaint, old-fashioned letters, was engraved the following verse, with the date of 1657:

"I dare not work my soul to save—
That work the Lord has done;
But I will work like any slave
For love of God's dear Son."

"I copied, and have transmitted it, as containing a good twofold lesson in very simple words. It will be observed there are two important thoughts contained in it: One, that our salvation, in the fullest sense of the word, is committed to another, even the Son of God; and next, that our life after we are saved should be lovingly and willingly spent in His service."

It will be seen, on a moment's reflection, that here is an admirable statement of the whole question of faith and works. We work for Christ because He has saved us, and not in order that He may save us. The following incident, told by a Navy chaplain, Mr. Denison, illustrates perfectly the great truth.

Captain N. G. Fish, of Groton, Conn., commanded for some years the brig Tampico, running between New York and Carthage, South America. On one occasion, while in the latter city, just ready for

his return voyage, when passing from the Custom House to the harbor, he found lying in the street a man in great distress, with the tropical fever, and seemingly about to die.

The sufferer, whose habits had aggravated his condition, proved to be Thomas Welden, of Alexandria, Va. Recognizing Captain Fish as an American, he appealed to him in piteous language to take him up and remove him from the sickly city. Captain Fish had compassion on him, but thought of the risk of taking him on board. He therefore promised the sufferer that he would have him taken up and removed to a hospital where he could be properly cared for, at the same time informing (Continued on page 7, column 3)

By RICHARD L. ECKSTEIN
Liverpool, New York

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (I John 4:1).

Those of us who spend our time wholly consumed with our secular work, our family affairs and working in our Lord's churches may not realize the great truth contained in our text. But, once you leave the comfort of your near

spiritual vacuum nurtured in the lives of young people by lazy and irresponsible parents has made their college-aged sons and daughters open prey for the reception and belief of the lies of the serpent with the forked tongue.

Our work has brought us into contact with college-aged young people both off and on the campus. How often we have been excited and thrilled at meeting someone who carried their Bible with them. How thrilling it is to meet a clean cut, modestly dressed young person who talks the "Christian Language." Now, I simply find myself unable to convey to you the utter terror and grief in my heart when after our initial conversations I discover that the Jesus Christ they worship is NOT the Jesus Christ of the Scriptures. There are two distinct groups with which we come in contact. There are those identified as a "sect" and those identified as a "cult." We must be able to distinguish one from the other. While a sect may teach many errors which we reject as un-Biblical, a sect differs from a cult. All cults have the same end. All cults will lead their followers to an eternity of torment in the lake of fire.

A sect is any dissenting or schismatic religious body, which may or may not have parted company with a longer established communion. In the days of John the Baptist, the Pharisees and Sadducees were called sects even though they did not break away from Judaism. Christianity was even referred to by some in its early years as a sect of Judaism. We know that the Christian faith is a gift of Almighty God to His people, and that Jesus Christ established and founded His church. The Christian faith and Christ's churches are genuine and any and all who have departed from the faith once delivered unto the saints are truly sects. Protestant churches are all properly identified (Continued on page 7, column 4)



RICHARD ECKSTEIN

brethren and journey into the world you will become aware of the fact "it is the last hour." Go into the world and testify of the grace of Almighty God, witness of the salvation available through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and your eyes will be opened. You will stand amazed before a host of anti-Christians!

Religion is alive and well today. As you look down the streets in your subdivision, you'll be deceived by what you see. You'll soon possibly conclude that almost nobody in your neighborhood attends any kind of a church on a regular basis. Do not assume there is not religion in their home. The

FORMER BLACK PANTHER DESCRIBES HIS CONVERSION TO JESUS CHRIST

SAN FRANCISCO (EP)—"My life has turned 180 degrees; I would call it a conversion experience," Eldridge Cleaver stated in his first extensive conversation with a newsman about his religious pilgrimage.

The former Black Panther leader, free on \$100,000 bond while awaiting trial in Oakland on charges stemming from a 1968 Panther-police shootout, described for Los Angeles Times Religious Writer Russell Chandler his spiritual odyssey. The path led Cleaver full circle from the Baptist faith of his childhood through radical, violent involvement with Marxist ideology to his new crusade for love and reconciliation.

The strapping, soft-spoken Cleaver, just turned 41, told Chandler that religious images and concepts

of his early youth rose up constantly to haunt him during his activity with the Black Panthers. More and more, the questions he had to decide were not about politics or tactics so much as they were about moral values, right and wrong.

"I felt ill-equipped to deal with these problems," Cleaver reflected. "Something was missing in the whole approach . . . I had to resort to religious principles to resolve the conflicts . . . I couldn't shake off values like 'love your neighbor' and the Golden Rule."

Disaffection for Marxist society was further shattering during Cleaver's seven years abroad in Cuba, Algiers, Asia, and Europe. He discovered that Communist countries and their governments were racist and repressive. He found he could no longer countenance "the denial of the human soul, the denial of the existence of anything other than the material . . . It made me feel threatened . . . I no longer had all the answers."

In a small apartment on the Mediterranean Sea, at Rocheville near Nice, Cleaver reviewed speeches by Malcolm X, Martin, Luther King Jr., Emerson, Thoreau and Walter Rauschenbusch, who wrote the "Social Principles of Jesus." But it was not from books that hope from depression, feelings of isolation and urgings toward suicide came.

"I saw the 'man in the moon' — like a photograph of me," he said. And on the moon's image were sequentially reflected his political idols — Engels, Marx, Castro, Mao . . . All passed in review as the

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A Sermon By Milburn Cockrell

THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, whose readeth, let him understand" (Matt. 24:15).

This is a troublesome passage to some. Others spiritualize it away. Still others desire to know its true meaning, but seem to be uncertain about its teaching. Today I want us to study this great prophetic text and other texts which are related to it.

Pre-millennialists believe it re-

fers to the future setting up of the idol of Antichrist in a future temple to be built in Jerusalem by the Jews at the end of this age. In this message I shall attempt to vindicate this position.

THE EVIL OF IMAGE WORSHIP
The only image that man can lawfully worship is "the image of the invisible God," Jesus Christ who is God over all and forever blessed (Rom. 9:5; Col. 1:15). Throughout the long history of man's existence Satan has ever

sought to draw man away from the worship of the invisible God to the worship of a visible image.

To curb image worship Jehovah gave some stern commandments. One such Scripture is Leviticus 26:1: "Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the Lord your God."

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The First Baptist Church of Na-
ples Park, 798 - 109 Ave., Naples,
Fla., and Pastor Wayne Crow will
host an all-day fellowship meeting
October 16. Services will be from
10:00 to 12:00 a.m. and from 2:00
to 4:00 p.m. with dinner served by
the church.

The church is desirous of secur-
ing a song leader. Write or call
Pastor Crow if interested. His
phone is 813-455-1315.

The church plans to have a Bi-
ble Conference December 25-26.
Services will be from 10:00 to 12:00
a.m. and from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Night services at 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Dinner and supper will be served.
Lodging will be furnished for
speakers and their families.

The Grace Baptist Church of
Hazard, Ky., has extended a pas-
toral call to Brother Franklin
Russ, and he has accepted the
call.

Elder Bill Mayes, P.O. Box 305,
Thonotosassa, Fla., has a new ad-
dress. It is 221 W. Emily, Tampa,
Fla., 33603.

Elder E. G. Cook will be speak-
ing nightly October 11-13 at the
Landmark Baptist Mission, 301
Brookwood Ave., Madison, Fla.
Elder David Nisbet is the mission-
ary-pastor.

Elder R. E. Pound, pastor of
Central Grove Baptist Church, Ab-
erdean, Miss., will be the guest
minister for the annual fall reviv-
al, Oct. 11-17, at the Ella Grove
Baptist Church, Glennville, Ga.
Each evening service will begin at
7:30 p.m. The Ella Grove Church
and Pastor Tom Sollosi invites
friends who live within driving dis-
tance to attend the services.

The Abomination . . .

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The Hebrews were not always
obedient to the numerous com-
mands which forbid the worship
of graven images. When Moses
came down from Mount Sinai, he
discovered Israel was worshipping
the image of the golden calf. Years
later, they frequently worshipped
the image of Baal and other idols.
In each case they were severely
punished for breaking the Second
Commandment.

THE IMAGE IN BABYLON

In the days of the Babylonian
Kingdom the worship of an image
was demanded by Nebuchadnezzar.
We read in the book of Daniel:
"Nebuchadnezzar the king
made an image of gold, whose
height was three score cubits, and
the breadth thereof six cubits; he
set it up in the plain of Dura, in
the province of Babylon. Then
Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to
gather together the princes, the
governor, and the captains, the
judges, the treasurers, the coun-
sellors, the sheriffs, and all the
rulers of the provinces, to come
to the dedication of the image
which Nebuchadnezzar the king

"It is written" (Matt. 4:4,7,10).

To me this is a very unusual
and interesting passage of Scrip-
ture. It was spoken at the very
beginning of Jesus' ministry on
earth. In the preceding chapter,
God the Father had publicly de-
clared that Jesus Christ was His
Son, and now that the Father had
openly and publicly declared that
Jesus Christ was His Son, the
Devil comes to Him and says,
"If thou be the Son of God, com-
mand that these stones be made
bread." I don't think that the
word "if" carries the idea of any
doubt in the Devil's mind, but
rather it is more the idea of
"since," or an acceptance of what
God has said. In other words,
"Since God has said that you are
His Son, command that these
stones be made bread." The Lord
Jesus answered him in substance
by saying that we are not to live
by bread alone. There's something

had set up" (Dan. 3:1-3).

The king set up a state religion
of an idolatrous character. This
was clearly an attempt to estab-
lish a world-wide religion. Maybe
he felt this move would unite his
kingdom to a greater degree. The
flow of political organizations is
always toward one universal reli-
gion. The masses in the ecumeni-
cal movement are moving toward
a one-world church and a one-
world government.

Nebuchadnezzar was guilty of

TBE FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance, Aug. 1	\$ 3.76
Receipts	5,415.32
Expenditures	5,109.61
Balance, Aug. 31	309.47

We closed the month of August
in the red. Calvary Baptist made
an additional contribution of \$375
so we could pay our bills. The
month of September will end in the
red it would appear from our pres-
ent finance.

What has happened? Have you
lost support from the churches?
Only three to my knowledge have
stopped support since I became
editor. Eight new churches have
started support in the past year.
Inflation and increased postal costs
have hit us hard. We now pay \$.25
for each address correction from
the post office. This is costing us
something like \$20.00 each week.
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rect on subscriptions you send to
us.

religious intolerance. Those who
refused to worship the image were
thrown into a furnace of fire. He
believed the fear of such dreadful
punishment would compel all to
worship the image out of love for
their natural life. The mighty
monarch probably thought that
none would dare to oppose him, but
he was mistaken.

Three prominent officials refused
to worship the image. Some of the
ministers of state told the king:
"There are certain Jews whom
thou hast set over the affairs of
the province of Babylon, Shadrach,
Meshach, and Abednego: these
men, O king, have not regarded
thee: they serve not thy gods,
nor worship the golden image
which thou hast set up" (Dan.
3:12).

The furious king summoned
these three Jews to his presence
and inquired why they had not
worshipped the image (Dan. 3:13-

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By JOHN R. GILPIN

Our Beloved Pastor and Editor, Now In Glory



"MODERNISM"

more to life than what we get out
of it. We are not to live by that
which sustains the body, but we
are to remember that we are to
live by that which sustains the
soul.

Then the Devil perverted the
Scripture. He took a text out of
Psalm 91, from its context, and
away from its setting, and said,
"Now if you will cast yourself
down from the pinnacle of this
temple, the Lord will give His
angels charge over you so that
you won't get hurt." He actually
quoted the verse from Psalm 91
in bringing this second tempta-
tion, but he took the verse out of
its context, and away from its set-
ting, and made a false application.

The fact of the matter is, the
Devil perverted this Scripture in
precisely the same manner that
the snake-handling Holy Rollers
pervert the Bible, for the Devil
took a verse of Scripture that was

spoken to the man who was walk-
ing in fellowship with the Lord
God, and literally said, "Tempt
God to take care of you." That is
what a snake handler is doing.
He is tempting God to take care
of him when he is handling cop-
perheads and rattlesnakes.

Then the Devil took Him upon
a high mountain, and showed Him
all the kingdoms of the world. He
said, "Now if you will just fall
down and worship me, you won't
have to go by the way of the
Cross to get this. You want to be
a king? You want to be a world-
wide ruler? You won't have to
go by way of the Cross. I'll give
it to you if you will just worship
me." Jesus answered again, "It
is written."

Now, beloved, notice, when
Jesus answered the Devil these
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while one-third will be preserved.
The Lord promises: "And I will
bring the third part through the
fire, and will try them as gold in
the furnace; they shall call on my
name, and I will hear them: they
will say, It is my people; and they
shall say, The Lord is my God" (Zech. 13:9).

The coming king of the political
Babylon of the end time will also
make an image and demand that
all worship it, just as Nebuchadnezzar
did thousands of years ago.
Those who fail to worship the
image of the Beast will be killed.
Antichrist will know no religious
toleration. Some of those like
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-
nego that do not worship the image
of Antichrist will be preserved
(Rev. 7:1-8) in "a place prepared
of God" (Rev. 12:6).

Just as the men who cast these
three Hebrews into the fiery fur-
nace were destroyed, even so the
enemies of Israel will be destroyed
by the coming of Christ to be with
His remnant. As the three He-
brews were exalted in the govern-
ment after the fiery furnace ex-
perience; likewise, the Jewish
remnant of the Great Tribula-
tion will be exalted and given a
position in the Millennial Reign
of Christ (Rev. 20:4-5).

ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES IV

Daniel the prophet foretold the
rise and rule of a Syrian ruler
who was on the throne from 175
to 164 B.C. This king reigned in
the days of the decline of
Syrian and the rise of Rome. He
is called Antiochus Epiphanes.
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"Modernism"

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times, and said, "It is written" and quoted Scripture each time that He did so, immediately the Devil left Him. Beloved, He "old Splitfoot" to flight with the quotations from the Bible. I tell you, you can put the Word of God. There isn't a man in the world who will stand up and face the Word of God when it is fired at him broadside. He will do just like the Devil. He will flee. The final issue of the Bible, as Jesus Christ and the Church were concerned, was the authenticity of the Word of God, when Jesus Christ quoted it, the Devil fled.

WHAT IS MODERNISM?

When I say in the beginning that modernism is not very modern, everything that the so-called modernist believes today is nothing new in the world but the old errors and heresies that have been rehearsed through the centuries. There really isn't anything new about it. The fact of the matter is, I'll say that the modernist speaks today in opposition to what is written" was preached before the days of the Lord Jesus Christ. Beloved, anybody who denies the historical accuracy of the Bible is a modernist. Anybody who denies the scientific accuracy of the Bible is a modernist. Now I don't believe the Bible was written to teach science, but I will say that it is scientifically accurate on every point of science that it touches. The Bible wasn't written to teach us how the heavens go, but rather to go to Heaven. The Bible was written to teach us the Word of God, but rather to teach the Rock of Ages. In every instance where the Word of God deals with any scientific matter it is scientifically accurate, the man who denies the scientific accuracy of the Word of God is a modernist.

I give you an example of how brethren can be badly led by sometimes trying to keep with science, falsely so-called. There is a Bible Dictionary that is reputed to be a sound Bible Dictionary. Generally speaking, it is all the early editions of the Bible Dictionary apologized one verse of Scripture that is about the ants. For years the Bible Dictionary came out the same old apology—apologizing for one verse of Scripture being inaccurate scientifically, one day some new scientific argument was developed, and it found that the Word of God was exactly as it said — that it was accurate in every respect.

BATTLE FOR THE BIBLE

THE BATTLE FOR THE BIBLE
Harold Lindsey

\$6.95

This book the esteemed editor of *Christianity Today* writes on the vital importance of the inerrancy of the Scripture and its supreme importance to the Church. One of the best books ever written on this subject. On page 114 states that George E. Ladd, a postmodernist, denies the inerrancy of the Bible in the areas of history and geography. He gives an up-to-date exposure of liberalism in the Lutheran Church, Southern Baptist Convention, and other denominations. Names and dates are given.

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IS "THAT" IN THE BIBLE?



Question:
"WHAT WAS THE HEBREW PENALTY FOR SCULPTURING ANY BEAST, BIRD, INSECT, OR FISH?"

Answer:
Death to the nation, Deuteronomy 4:14-31, especially verses 25-26: "When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the Lord thy God, to provoke him to anger: I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed." The remainder of the section somewhat softens this extremely severe penalty.

All science had to revise its philosophy concerning the ants. Now this Bible Dictionary doesn't apologize for that passage of Scripture anymore.

I tell you, beloved, any man who puts a question mark about any portion of the Word of God is a modernist. Anybody who says the Word of God is filled with mistakes and inconsistencies and inaccuracies is a modernist. Every once in a while somebody tells me that he has found something that is inaccurate or inconsistent or contradictory in the Bible. Oh, no, beloved, the contradiction is in the individual, not in the Bible. Tom Payne used to charge \$10 a head for folk to hear his lecture on the Mistakes of Moses. He took the first five books of the Bible and he riddled them, calling attention to what he called the mistakes of Moses. Now, beloved, I wouldn't give five cents to hear Tom Payne talk about the mistakes of Moses, but I'd give \$100 to hear old Moses speak on the mistakes of Tom Payne.

Any man who says that the Bible is filled with mistakes and inconsistencies and inaccuracies is a modernist, and any man who talks about new truth and who says that there are new revelations coming to us every day is a modernist. That's Nels Ferre for you. If you will read his little book entitled "Pillars of Faith," Nels Ferre says that we haven't begun to get all the truth that can be given to us, but rather God is in the business of revealing new truth to us continually. Any man who goes beyond this Bible and says that there's new truths coming to us, and that there is more for us by way of truth, than what's in the Bible, reminds me of a minnow swimming in the ocean, which says, "Must I be confined to this body of water?"

Any man who denies that the Bible is God Almighty's final revelation on all subjects on which it speaks is a modernist. The Bible doesn't speak on every subject. There are many subjects in this world that the Bible does not touch on in anywise at all, but on every subject that the Bible speaks on, it is final in every particular, and any man who denies the finality of it is a modernist.

Now let me give you three or four illustrations of a modernist. I turn to the Word of God and I find that one day the children of Israel, after forty years in the wilderness, were going across

from Moab over to Canaan. They had to cross the Jordan River. It was at flood stage. When the priests stepped down into the Jordan River, the Word of God says that the waters stopped, and began to pile up wave on top of wave, while the balance of the water flowed on; it allowed them to march dry shod across the Jordan River. Now, beloved, the modernist says, "That ain't the way I heard it. There was a big landslide on one of the mountains beside the river, and the whole mountain slid into the Jordan River. It puts a dam across the Jordan River so that all the water came right against the dam and stopped, and all the rest of the water flowed on."

Beloved, I'm glad I am not a modernist. I'm not smart enough to think up things like that. It takes a man who has an imagination to be a modernist. I'd much rather turn to the Word of God and hear Joshua say:

"And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap. And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people; And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest), That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zarethan; and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho" (Joshua 3:13-16).

Beloved, I'd a whole lot rather take what the Word of God says than to try to explain it away. I'd a whole lot rather take what the Word of God says than to try to find the non-existent mountain that slid into the Jordan River.

Let me give you another illustration. In 1940, in Philadelphia, the rector of the Holy Temple Church asked for a three-year moratorium on preaching — that is, he asked that they not have any preaching for three years' time. This is his statement:

"There is far too much preaching. It is bad for you. Anybody at least twenty-five years old should be able to find the way to God by himself."

Now I'm quite ready to agree with the rector in one respect. As far as his kind of preaching is concerned, there has been entirely too much of it, and I'm willing to agree to a moratorium of his kind of preaching — not just for three years but for thirty years and for the rest of his lifetime if he outlives the thirty years. The fact of the matter is any kind of preaching that is done by a modernist, if it is just one syllable, is just one syllable too much. Beloved, there never will be too much preaching if it is the kind that exalts the Word of God and exalts Jesus Christ as God in the flesh.

What is a modernist? A modernist is that individual who takes the Spirit out of the Bible, who takes God out of Jesus Christ, who takes the water out of the baptism, and who takes life out of the grave. Any man who preaches that kind of preaching is preaching entirely too much of it. I'd vote for a moratorium on his kind of preaching, but not for the man who preaches the Bible as the Word of God.

Let me give you another illustration. Quite a number of years ago the Northern Baptist Convention was in session. W. B. Hinson, who was an outstanding Bible preacher of the Northern

Baptist Convention, presented a resolution before the convention asking that all outgoing missionaries sign a statement that they believed in the virgin birth, the deity, the blood atonement, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the inspiration of the Scripture. His resolution made it mandatory that every outgoing missionary of the Northern Baptist Convention sign such a statement declaring that he believed those five cardinal teachings, yet when it came before the Northern Baptist Convention for a vote, it was voted down by a majority of two to one. What does it tell us? That this Northern Baptist Convention is made up of modernists by an overwhelming majority of two to one — men who do not believe the Bible.

Let me give you another illustration of a modernist. If you will read Jeremiah 36:19-25, you will find a story of a man who had the Bible read to him, but he didn't like it. He was a king, and when the prophet Jeremiah wrote his book, he sent the king the original copy of it. When one of the servants read this copy of Jeremiah to the king, the king would interrupt him every few minutes and with his penknife would cut out a page or two of this roll and cast it into the fire burning on the hearth, so that in a little while the entire roll of Jeremiah was consumed. When this king had whittled out of it what he did not like, he burned it all on the hearth.

Now, beloved, if I mistake not, we have a lot of whittlers of the Word today. They don't like the finality of the Bible and they whittle out every Scripture of the Bible that talks about the Bible being final. They don't like the divinity, or the deity of Jesus Christ. They don't like the blood atonement of the Son of God. They don't like the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and they whittle that out of the Word of God. They don't like a New Testament church and they whittle that out of the Word of God. They don't like the security of the saved, and they don't like the doctrine of Baptist baptism — the only kind of baptism that there is in the world today. What do they do? They whittle it out. What are they? Every last one of them is a modernist.

A DESCRIPTION OF A MODERNIST.

In the Gospel of Luke we have God Almighty's own description of a modernist. Listen:

"Then he said unto them, O FOOLS, and SLOW OF HEART TO believe all that the prophets have spoken"—Luke 24:25.

If you will look it up in the original, you will find that when the Lord Jesus said, "O Fools, and slow of heart to believe" that it is really the word for "stupid" or "senseless." Beloved, if you want a description of a modernist, it is the man who doesn't believe all that the prophets have said, who doesn't accept all the Bible, and the Lord Jesus Christ says that he's a fool, or literally,

he is stupid and senseless.

God gives us another description of the modernist. Listen:

"Because that, 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 uncorruptible God into an image like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things"—Rom. 1:21-24.

What does He say about the modernist? He says, "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools," and the word for "fools" is the word for moron or a simpleton or a blockhead.

Sometime ago a little boy ran up to me and said, "Brother Gilpin, do you like moron jokes?" I said, "Yes," and he said, "Most morons do." I said, "What would you have said if I had said 'no.' He said, 'I would have said then that most morons don't.'"

Beloved, you've got the word "moron" right here in the first chapter of Romans, for God says that the man who turns away from God, the man who turns away from the revealed will of God, the man who turns away from what God has said within His Word — that man professes himself to be wise, but actually he is a fool, a moron, a simpleton, or a blockhead.

That's not very complimentary to the modernist. Some people think it is so wonderful to say, "I'm a modernist. I believe in a modern approach to the Word of God." Let me tell you something. It may sound good to them, but God looks down from the heavens and says, "Poor moron, simpleton, blockhead, stupid, senseless fool."

III

THE AUTHOR OF MODERNISM.

I would insist, beloved, that the Devil is the author. It was the Devil in Matthew 4, from whence I read my three texts, that tempted the Lord Jesus Christ, and finally he himself ended up quoting Scripture to the Lord Jesus Christ. I say the author of modernism is none other than the Devil.

If you will go back to Genesis 2 and 3, you will find that the Devil was the very first modernist that this world ever had — that he himself was the author of modernism then, and he is the author of all modernistic approach today. We read that God said:

"But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die"—Genesis 2:17.

"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die"—Gen. 3:4.

The first denial of the Word of God was by the serpent who was merely being used of the Devil. I tell you, beloved, I look at that passage of Scripture and I contend that the Devil was the first (Continued on page 4, column 3)



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"In Matthew 24:13 it says: 'But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.' Saved from what?"

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Everytime we see the word "saved" in the Bible we are prone to think it is speaking of being saved from the penalty of sin. But even our salvation is a three tense salvation. We have been saved from the penalty of sin, we are being saved from the power of sin as we study our Bible, and grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord, and we will be saved from the presence of sin when our Lord comes for us.

In Psalm 44:7 David speaks of his being saved from his enemies. In Psalm 106:10 God saved the children of Israel from the hand of the Egyptians who hated them. So here in Matthew 24 our Lord is talking about the awful times that are to be in the last days, and about the terrible tribulation that is to come upon this old world very soon. In verse 11 He speaks of the many false prophets that are among us at this very time who are deceiving so many people. Then in verse 12 He tells us that because of the awful iniquity that exists even today that the love of many of His own people will wax cold. And then in verse 13 He tells us that the ones who endure unto the end shall be saved.

This word "endure" is from HUPEMENO which means to bear up courageously under. So our Lord is telling us that those who bear up courageously under the onslaught of these false prophets, and under the temptation to permit our love for Him to wax cold will be saved from being deceived by those false prophets, and from temptation to let our love for Him wax cold. It has nothing to do with being saved from our sins. Rather, it is an admonition to His people who are already saved from sin.

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The question has been asked concerning the signs of the coming of the Lord and of the end of the age (see verse 3). Verse 13 is part of the answer that the Lord gave to His disciples.

Christ told them that there would be many things happen prior to, and during, various events of the final advent of the Lord. Some of those things, as well as physical events such as famine and earthquakes, will be a false spiritual revival. He then says: "He that endures to the end shall be saved." Those who go through these trying times leading up to the rapture and culminating in the tribulation are those who are truly the saved.

We have Scripture that assures us that we will "endure to the end." Let me quote just a few:

"For God so loved the world,

that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life . . ." (John 3:36).

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:44).

"Who shall separate us from the Love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword . . . Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Rom. 8:35-37).

You see we are saved by the power of God, not our own power, so we are kept by that same power.

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The quotation given here from the words of Jesus Himself are a part of His prophetic message given to the disciples on the Mount of Olives. I would advise everyone to read the passage from verse 1 through 14. Jesus here foretells the fearful things that will take place before He takes over to rule the world following His second coming. My personal belief is, following years of prophetic reading and study, that there will be two tremendous things that shall

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take place at the end of the age. I believe that Jesus shall come in the region above, and shall issue a summons that will call saved people, dead and alive, to meet Him. There seems to be an interval before these raptured saints are brought down to earth. During this time, Daniel indicates seven years, there will be what is usually termed the Great Tribulation. During this horrible time, Anti-Christ shall be running things. There will be preaching during this time, although it will cost many their lives. The Book of Revelation indicates that the Lord will save a Jewish group of 144,000, and that these shall preach the gospel over the world. Many shall be saved. I believe that people saved during the Tribulation are the ones referred to in this 24th chapter of Matthew. It says, "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations, for my name's sake." Shortly after this, follows verse 13, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

Jesus did not teach, and He does not teach here, nor does the New Testament teach, that people shall be saved as a result of their endurance and holding out faithful to the end. However, the Scriptures do make it plain that real genuine saving faith is something that comes as a result of sure enough salvation. I believe we have an illustration of this in this verse 13. In other words, the saved are going to endure to the end, and in the light of the rest of the Bible, we know that they shall not be saved just because they endure to the end. Rather, their enduring to the end will constitute proof that they were genuinely saved.

The questioner asks, "Saved from what?" Primarily, they shall be saved from an eternity in the lake of fire in company with the host of people who died without Christ as Saviour.

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modernist that this world ever saw. When he denied what God had said in Genesis 2, and cast a doubt at the Word of God, and the veracity of Almighty God, he became then and there the first modernist that this world ever saw, and he is the author of modernism.

"He that believeth on the Son hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son"—I John 5:10.

Notice, beloved, that is what the Devil did. He didn't believe God. He made God out a liar in the third chapter of Genesis when he said, "Ye shall not surely die."

Oh, listen to me, the man who preaches modernism is preaching the Devil's doctrine. The man who is a modernist is the devil's apostle and ambassador. The man who stands before a congregation with a modernistic approach to the Word of God is nothing less than a follower of the Devil himself, for the Devil is the author of modernism.

IV

THE CAUSE OF MODERNISM.

I contend, beloved, that you won't find the cause of modernism in a man's head. He hasn't any reason in his head for modernism, but you will find the cause of modernism in a man's heart. Listen:

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life"—Proverbs 4:23.

The cause of modernism isn't found as being something wrong with a man's head. The wrong is deeper. It is in the heart, for out of the heart are the issues of life.

Listen again:

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God"—Hebrews 3:12.

Who departs from the living God? The man who has an evil heart of unbelief. Why do modernists depart from the Word of God? They have an evil heart of unbelief. I say, beloved, the cause of modernism is not in a man's head. It is not because he has a diseased head, but that he has a diseased heart, and he departs from the living God for one reason — namely, an evil heart of unbelief.

We read:

"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies"—Matthew 15:19.

Where do these things come from? They come out of the heart. And what is the first one that is mentioned? Evil thoughts. Beloved, that is what modernism is. It is an evil thought. Modernism speaks evilly of the Word of God. It is a denial of the Word of God. I tell you, beloved, the cause of modernism is found right down in a man's heart. His heart is wrong. His heart is filled with unbelief. He has a heart that has no faith in it toward God. That, beloved, is the cause of modernism.

V

THE CURE OF MODERNISM.

The greatest cure in this world so far as the individual is concerned is a new heart. Listen:

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh"—Ezekiel 36:26.

I tell you, beloved, whenever a man gets that new heart that God gives every individual who is saved, he won't be a modernist. That is the cure from the individual's standpoint.

What is the cure for modernism so far as the preacher is concerned? Listen:

"I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; PREACH THE WORD: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after

their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables"—II Timothy 4:1-4.

I tell you beloved, from the standpoint of the preacher, he needs to continue to preach the oldtime doctrines of the Word of God. Just preach the Word. Mark it down, there's nothing that will take the place of the preaching of the Word of God.

I had a good friend who used to be pastor of a church that had a lot of wealth in it and a lot of education. At one time he had twenty-two college professors that sat in his congregation on Sunday. They knew everything. He said to his old father one day, "What am I going to preach? If I talk about the rocks, there's the professor of geology out there and he knows more about rocks than I'd ever know. If I talk to them about chemistry or about physics, there's the professor of chemistry and physics. If I talk about literature, there's the English professor. He said, "What can I preach?" The old father said, "Just preach the Bible and the Lord Jesus Christ. They probably don't know anything about Him or the Bible."

Beloved, the old father was right. I tell you, as surely as there's a God looking down on us, there'll never be too much of the preaching of the Word of God. And what's wrong with this world tonight? The reason that modernism has its sway today is because the preachers are softpedalling many of the truths of the Word of God and failing to declare the entire counsel of the Word of God.

VI

THE END OF THE MODERNIST.

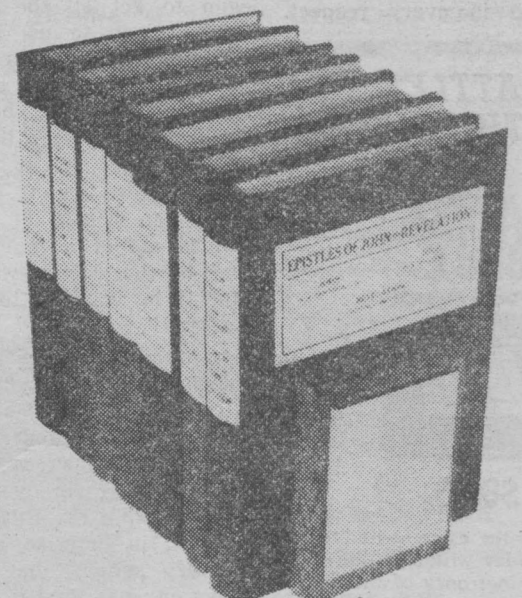
God's Word tells us what the end of the modernist is going to be. Listen:

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son"—II John 1:9.

I was impressed sometime ago with reading Moffatt's translation of this verse. He said that "Any one who is advanced and will not remain by the doctrine of Christ does not possess God." And that is what these modernists say. They say that they are advanced thinkers. They say that they have advanced beyond the Bible. (Continued on page 5, column 2)

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"THE BETTER END"

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Better was the end of Sarah than the beginning. The Lord had promised her a child but alas, we read, "Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" (Gen. 18:11,12).

More than anything, Sarah wanted a baby. But she is old, now. Her womb is dead and her husband is old, also. The situation looked dark to Sarah. But better was the end of this thing than the beginning thereof. Notice: "And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear shall laugh with me. And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age" (Gen. 21:6,7).

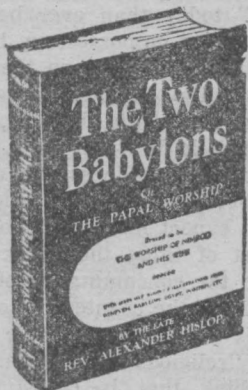
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which was blind from his birth (John 9:1). In the beginning, this man was blind. As an infant, as a boy, as a teenager, and as an adult he was blind. He could not see. Then Jesus touched him, and the end was far better. He saw his Messiah face to face. Many were living in that day who could see perfectly all their lives, yet were blind to Jesus Christ.

Look at the beginning of the man Christ Jesus. He was born in a stable, despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrow, mocked and ridiculed, beaten and crucified as a common criminal. Oh, better is the end thereof as He reigns as King eternal and Lord of glory. Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God is the man Christ Jesus.

Ladies, does your way seem dark, just now? Is your heart breaking with personal grief? Does the burden of your problem weigh heavily on your shoulders? Be of good cheer — Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof. "There hath no temptation (trial) taken you but such as is common to man: But God is faithful Who will not suffer you to be tempted (tested) above that ye are able; but will with the temptation (testing) also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Cor. 10:13).

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Let me tell you something, the end of the modernists, the end of these advanced thinkers and these advanced critics is simply this. They are going to a Devil's Hell. You go back and read the Bible. It teaches the virgin birth. In Isa. 7:14 we read that a virgin shall conceive and bear a son. He is advanced beyond it, yet the Bible says that the man who is advanced beyond the Book does not possess God.

You go back to Isaiah 53 and you can read the story of the atonement in prophecy. You can come to the New Testament and you can read it as it was in actuality in the experience of the Lord Jesus Christ as He wrought an atonement in our behalf. The modernist denies that there is an atonement. What has he done? He has advanced beyond it, and the Word of God tells us that the end of the man is Hell, because that man does not possess God.

The Bible talks in the Old Testament and the New Testament about the second coming of Jesus Christ. The fact of the matter is, for every prophecy in the Old Testament that talks about the first coming of Christ, there are at least two prophecies that talk about the second coming. In other words, there is twice as much in the Old Testament about the second coming of Christ as there is about the first coming of the Son of God, yet modernists laugh and deny and scoff at the idea of the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. I tell you, beloved, they have advanced and gone beyond what the Word of God says, and II John 1:9 says that the man that has done so does not possess God.

There is one place where there's not going to be any modernists. That is Heaven. Do you know why? Because a modernist will never be where Jesus Christ is. They have denied everything about Jesus. They have denied everything concerning the Son of God. They do not possess God. The one place where there will be no modernists is in Heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ Himself is.

CONCLUSION

I come back to my text and I hear the Lord Jesus Christ say to Satan, "It is written." When a second temptation came, He said, "It is written." When the third was presented, He said again, "It

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Says man is saved by grace;
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5

Galatians says they of the faith,
Are Abraham's true seed—
Thus all that be in Christ will see,
His kingdom come indeed!

6

Ephesians speaks of God's elect,
Those whom by grace He calls;
'Tis o'er this truth that the uncouth
Arminian preacher falls.

7

Philippians counsels of the time,
When men shall bow the knee;
Confessing Jesus Christ is Lord,
And will forever be!

8

Colossians bids us live to God,
Forsaking worldly leaven;
Thessalonians One declares the Son
Of God shall come from Heaven.

9

The Second Thessalonians,
Doth Anti-Christ foretell;
The "Man of Sin" has ever been
Foreordained to Hell!

10

Epistle One to Timothy:
Paul says he's chief of sinners,

(In sin, forsooth, to tell the truth,
We are all from birth beginners!)

11

Second Timothy says in the latter
days,
Men shall be boasters, proud;
Having a "form" of godliness,
But not of the Spirit endowed.

12

Titus we're told, is a preacher of
old;
He is given the bishop's rule:
"For a bishop must be blameless,"
Lest he be the Devil's tool.

13

Philemon marks the Christian love,
And only Christians know it;
Hebrews reveals the Gospel,
As old-time Law did show it.

14

James insists that without works,
Our faith is vain and dead;
First Peter points to us the way
The Saints of God are led.

15

Second Peter says, in the end of
days,
There'll be false prophets, too;
While in First John the theme
is on
The love of God so true.

16

Epistles Two and Three of John—
He warns us of false teachers;
And Jude doth tell the wrath of
Hell,
On all unfaithful preachers!

17

The Revelation speaks to us
Of that great Judgment Day—
When Jesus Christ, the Lamb of
God,
Will have the final say!

Glory to God, All Highest! in
Jesus' name we pray!

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is written." I tell you, beloved, God would have us to saturate our souls with the Word of God, that our minds and our hearts and our souls might be filled with the Book. We will go out then, beloved, to meet Satan and his adversaries and his preachers with a "Thus saith the Lord" or "It is written" as our watchword. You will find this, that not a man who denies the Book can stand in the face of the preacher who has "It is written" as his watchword or Shibboleth from day to day.

Oh, may God help you and me that there will never be a tincture of modernism about any of us, but may we always say "It is written" and fall back upon a "Thus saith the Lord."

May God bless you!

The Abomination...

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The Divine record is found in Daniel 11:21-35.

"Therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate" (Dan. 11:30-31).

History gives the fulfillment of these words. When Antiochus returned from defeat in Egypt, he ventured his wrath upon the Jewish people. He took Jerusalem by force, slew a multitude, and his soldiers plundered without mercy. He desecrated the temple

by offering a sow upon the altar and forbidding the practice of offering the daily sacrifices for three and one-half years. Antiochus issued orders for the Jews to erect in the holy place an idol, the image of Zeus Olympius. This is the meaning of the words of Daniel in verse 31: "They shall place the abomination that maketh desolate."

THE DESOLATION OF ANTICHRIST

In the 9th chapter of Daniel there is a prophecy about 490 years of Jewish history. The 70 weeks of years concerned the future of Israel from Daniel's time until the second coming of Christ and the restoration and conversion of Israel. In the 49 years

the city of Jerusalem was to be rebuilt. The 434 years ended at the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem, followed by the crucifixion of Christ, and finally, the destruction of the Jewish temple.

Between the 483 years and the last seven years is a gap which takes in the church age. Daniel made no reference to the church as his prophecy only concerned the Jews. The last seven years awaits a fulfillment in the coming tribulation period that ends by the second coming of Christ to the earth.

Daniel 9:27 points to a future Antichrist who will desecrate the Jewish temple, just as Antiochus Epiphanes did two centuries before Christ. The verse reads:

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the

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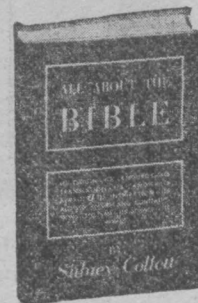
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 oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

This prophecy discloses that many of the unbelieving Jews will enter into a seven-year alliance with Antichrist. There will be a remnant who will not enter into this "covenant with death" and agreement with Hell" (Isa. 28:15), 18). The covenant is made with apostate Jews as indicated in Daniel 9:24.

After three and one-half years the one who caused a covenant to prevail "shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease." This time is spoken of in Daniel 12:11: "And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days."

The fulfillment of this prophecy necessitates the reinstitution of the Mosaic sacrificial system in a future temple to be built in Judea. Both Paul (II Thess. 2:4) and John (Rev. 11:1-2) make reference to this same temple in their writings. It is interesting to note the temple bread is being baked in Jerusalem already by the Jews, and young men of the tribe of Levi are being trained for temple worship, including offering of sacrifices. There is no temple as of yet, but there is talk of building one.

The last part of Daniel 9:27 reveals that the temple will again be desecrated by Antichrist as it was by Antiochus in the time of the Maccabees. The verse reads: "For the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

Some translate the expression "the overspreading of abomination" as either "upon the wings of abomination" or "upon the wings of abominable idols." The marginal note in my Hertel Bible translates it as "upon the battlements shall be the idols of the desolator."

It is wrong to apply Daniel 9:24-27 to Christ and His death on the cross. Christ did not make the Mosaic rites cease, for they continued until A.D. 70. The sacrifices were not stopped by Christ but by the Roman soldiers who destroyed the temple. The only covenant which Christ confirmed was the Everlasting Covenant made between Him and the Father in eternity past. Jesus Christ did not at Calvary or at any other time make a seven-year covenant with anyone. Furthermore, Daniel puts the crucifixion after the 383 years and before the seven years.

MATTHEW 24:15

The Lord of glory did not believe Daniel 9:27 and 12:11 were fulfilled by Antiochus Epiphanes IV. He declared: "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whose readeth, let him understand)." Here the Saviour speaks of Daniel's prophecy as a future event, not an accomplished fact in the past. This statement from the Lord demolishes once for all the theory that this prophecy is fulfilled.

What did the Saviour mean by the word "abomination"? He referred to the image of a false god. Deuteronomy 27:16 reads: "Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place." (See also I Kings 11:5-7).

The presence of an idol in the Jewish temple would make true

worship impossible. Thus the idol of Antichrist will cause the Mosaic sacrifices to cease. The orthodox Jews will desert such idolatrous practices, leaving the temple desolate of true worship. This is exactly what Jesus Christ predicted in the verses following Matthew 24:15: "Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Matt. 24:16-21).

Matthew 24:15-21 teaches at least these five things: (1) There is a future Jewish temple to be built. (2) It is to be built "in Judea" and will have in it "the holy place." (3) An idol of Antichrist will stand in the holy place, making desolate all worship. (4) The inhabitants of Judea will "see the abomination of desolation." (5) Those who see it will flee to the mountains.

Other verses in Matthew 24 put this event at the beginning of the Great Tribulation (Matt. 24:21), during which there shall be false christs and false prophets (Matt. 24:24). This awful time of trouble will end at the second coming of Christ to the earth (Matt. 24:29-30).

To attempt to make the placing of the Roman eagles in the siege of Titus upon the walls of Jerusalem the fulfillment of the abomination of desolation is utterly erroneous. According to Matthew 24, Christ comes to end this time of trouble, yet He did not return and end the siege in A.D. 70. If Matthew 24 is to be fulfilled, and it certainly will, it must be accomplished in the future.

II THESSALONIANS 2:4

The Apostle Paul wrote about the future coming desecration of the Jewish temple by Antichrist. In II Thessalonians 2 he gives a detailed account of the Man of Sin. The Apostle John spoke of this same person as Antichrist (I John 2:18).

In relating the work of the coming Antichrist Paul wrote: "Who opposeth and exalted himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God" (II Thess. 2:4).

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Satan has long desired to "sit upon the mount of the congregation" (Isa. 14:13). His dream will be realized when Antichrist sits in the future Jewish temple in Jerusalem. It seems that Antichrist will literally take his seat in this rebuilt temple at the beginning of the Great Tribulation. Shortly after doing this, he will put his image in the holy place.

Some attempt to make the temple of God in II Thessalonians 2:4 the false church. But the Apostle Paul does not write of the false church, for he would have never designated the apostate church "the temple of God." He could not mean the true churches as it would be impossible for one man to sit in all the churches at one time. Nor do I believe the members of a true Baptist church would sit still in their pews, if Antichrist stood in the pulpit.

It is true that the true church is sometimes called a temple (I Cor. 3:16), but it is also true that in the New Testament the Jewish temple then in Jerusalem was called the temple of God (Matt. 4:5).

REVELATION 13

In Revelation 13 there is a foreview of the rise of Antichrist in verses 1 to 10, and then the False Prophet in verses 11 to 18. It is written that the False Prophet will command the earth-dwellers to make an image to the beast, "which had the wounded by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Rev. 13:14-15). God will despise this image (Ps. 73:20).

The King of Babylon of the end-time will demand that all people worship his image under penalty of death. While the great society of apostate Jews and apostate Gentiles will commit idolatry, there will be a number of others who will refuse, as in the days of Daniel. These are referred to by John as the tribulation martyrs who are raised at the end of the Great Tribulation. He distinctly says of them that they "had not worshipped the beast, neither his image" (Rev. 20:4). The Jewish element of these martyrs are referred to in Hosea as "the children of Israel" who "shall abide many days . . . without an image" (Hos. 3:4).

World events are shaping up for the building of a Jewish temple in Jerusalem and the reinstitution of the Mosaic sacrifices. The Rapture could be at any moment, followed by Daniel's Seventieth Week and finally, the abomination of desolation and the commencement of the Great Tribulation. Those who love the appearing of the Saviour must watch the clouds of the east. Earth-dwellers had better prepare for the coming time of trouble.

The Dawning Of . . .

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 consummation."

THE END HERALDED BY THE PROPHETS

All past ages have ended; so will this present one. All past ages have ended in man's failure and God's judgment; so will this present one. Having learned from the "sure word of prophecy" that this age will end, and how it will end, we now ask, "Can we know when this age-ending is about to take place? Do we have a right to seek an answer to this question?"

Our Lord severely rebuked the scribes and Pharisees for not having discerned the signs of the times which heralded His First Advent. "The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul

weather today: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the sign of the times?" (Matthew 16:1-3). And are we to invite this same rebuke by closing our eyes to the multiplied signs of His imminent return? A wicked world has been told that the Day of the Lord will overtake it as a thief in the night entirely unexpected: "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, yet that day should overtake you as a thief" (I Thessalonians 5:4).

I have little time for date-setters, and we are warned against such in God's Word, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matthew 24:36). But from the same Lord and in the same chapter, verse 33, comes the command to know by certain foretold signs that His return is near: "When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors."

And now we return to our first question: How can we know that a brighter day is dawning? Jeremiah 6:4 says: "... the shadows of the evening are stretched out," meaning that "coming events cast their shadows before." When we see the evening shadows begin to fall we know that night and darkness is fast approaching.

I am reminded of my boyhood days when I lived and worked on the farm, and before I knew what it was to assume any responsibility. There were always two things that I liked to see: a rainy day and the late afternoon. A little while before sundown when "the shadows of the evening were stretched out" I knew it was not long before time to quit for the day. That was something that I looked forward to; and now that I have passed the "noon hour" in this life, I find myself enjoying and looking forward to the evening shadows of life as they are being stretched out. The dawning of a brighter day will soon be on the horizon.

The Bible tells us that the end of this age, and just before the dawning of a brighter day, this world will have a day of unspeakable darkness, and gloominess, full of evil men and the fury of a Holy God. Let us read: "Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?" (Amos 5:18-20). "The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord; the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness" (Zephaniah 1:14-15).

In order that we might better

understand these prophetic signs that are transpiring before our very eyes, let us liken the consummation of the age unto a great drama about to be enacted.

THE SETTING OF THE STAGE

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away" (I Timothy 3:1-5).

1. We are living in a sin-laden, materialistic, proud world. Pride caused the fall of Lucifer, so that he became Satan and brought sin in this world. He is the "god of this age," the father of a great host, and his children are increasingly manifesting their family trait.

2. It is a worldly-wise, self-satisfied, and selfish world. Every man seeketh his own, or as we would say in modern slang, "Every man looks out for himself." As the end of the age draws near, man becomes increasingly wise, but only in the wisdom of the world, and that is in God's sight as foolishness because "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Beloved, that fear is notably absent among the wise of this world.

3. It is a deceitful, deluded, and cynical world. One only needs to read Isaiah 5:19: "Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it; and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!" or II Peter 3:3-4: "Knowing this first, that 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" and then look around about them and see and hear the constant denials of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, to see these very prophecies being fulfilled before our own eyes.

4. It is a cruel, lawless, and hypocritical world. Practically everything today has some kind of substitute, and in some cases the substitute looks more genuine than the real thing. Religion is not excepted. There is more "vener religion" today than ever before, profession but no possession, beautiful sepulchers, white on the outside, but full of dead men's bones; honoring God with the lips, but their heart is far from Him; having a form of godliness, but denying power thereof, and, beloved, we may expect more and more of this sort of thing the nearer we come to the consummation of this age. One of the counterfeiters of the Devil is to deceive people into being "religious" and making them think that is Christianity. There is a vast difference in "re-

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"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY?"

BONN (EP) — A 22-year-old West German woman died here following a Catholic ritual to rid her of alleged possession by demons.

Four criminal complaints have been lodged against Josef Stangl, the Catholic Bishop of the diocese involved. Anneliese Michel, a teaching student at the University of Wurzburg, had shown fits of violence, striking wildly at the people around her and screaming.

Her parents asked their bishop for an examination. Bishop Stangl called in 81-year-old Father Adolf Rodewyk who recommended the exorcism. Miss Michel apparently died from malnutrition after being unwilling or unable to eat during the dramatic ritual.

SAN DIEGO (EP) — Protestants have traditionally "made far too little" of the Virgin Mary, according to Evangelist Billy Graham.

He gave his thoughts on such topics as the roles of Mary and the Pope for Protestants, and the abortion issue in an interview with Richard McMunn of Southern Cross, newsweekly of the San Diego Roman Catholic Archdiocese. The evangelist was in the city in preparation for the current crusade ending August 20.

In years past, Mr. Graham said, "I think that Protestants, in reaction to the Roman Catholic position, have made far too little of Mary. Mary was the most remarkable and the most blessed of all women . . ."

With regard to the role of the Pope, the Southern Baptist clergyman said, "There is a greater acceptance of the Pope among Protestants regarding his position as a religious leader, though there is not acceptance of his infallibility. But many thousands of evangelical Christians recognize the fact that he is dealing with moral and social questions and that many times he expresses their views on such issues as abortion, for instance."

ISTANBUL (EP) — A missionary family escaped injury here as terrorists exploded grenades and fired on passengers waiting to board an Israeli El Al jetliner in which the missionaries were traveling to Tel Aviv.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Donald Mantooth, Southern Baptist missionaries to Israel, were returning to Tel Aviv with their two children after Mantooth had been on a preaching assignment in Ankara, Turkey, according to Mrs. Jeannine Buck.

A hijacking was thwarted but four persons were killed and about 20 wounded in the attack.

NEW YORK (EP) — Membership in Lutheran church bodies in North America decreased again in 1975 — but the drop was the smallest in any of the last five years, according to statistics compiled by the Lutheran Council in the USA. The annual summary of statistics supplied by various branches of Lutheranism showed a membership total of 8,930,581, a decrease of 85,853 members or .41 of one per cent from the previous year.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — Two U.S. Congressmen made an unsuccessful attempt to deliver a petition on behalf of Soviet Jews to officials at the Soviet Embassy here.

Reps. Robert F. Drinan (D-Mass.) and Benjamin Rosenthal (D-N.Y.) spent 25 minutes inside the embassy trying to present the document, which had been signed by 91 members of Congress.

After leaving the embassy, Rep. Rosenthal said, "They wouldn't look at it. They refused to accept it." He reported, however, that he and Rep. Drinan had had a "cordial, but strained and vigorous de-

bate" about the condition of Soviet Jews with two embassy counselors.

CHICAGO (EP) — A Jewish lawyer for the defense, a Jewish prosecuting lawyer and a Jewish judge here acquitted 20 "Jews for Jesus" workers, Aug. 19, charged for resisting arrest in June during their "Operation Birthday Cake" evangelistic blitz.

Some time ago we reported that the Bicentennial Bell which the Queen of England gave the United States omitted Leviticus 25:10. Now we have learned that Martin Luther King's quotation is on the Queen's Bell.

The official program used at the Service of Presentation of the Bicentennial Bell on July 6, 1976, by the Queen of England announces that the words inscribed on the Bell, "Let Freedom Ring," were used by Martin Luther King on August 28, 1963, in Washington, D.C., in his famous speech, "I Had A Dream."

The words, "Let Freedom Ring," are also found in the hymn, "America."

Doctors report an increasing number of young couples are using the prenatal testing procedure known as amniocentesis to determine the sex of their unborn baby, and then having the child killed by abortion if it is not the preferred sex.

The Soviet Army has planned to replace the renowned "Kalashnikovs."

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nikow AK-47 sub-machine gun with a new model. The new gun has several advantages over the old one. It has less weight, increased penetration and a bigger magazine (90 rounds instead of 30).

According to American secret service specialists the ammunition for this gun is unique. To save on weight the bullets are not metal covered but covered with a synthetic material. Synthetic products are not fire resistant and will burn. This may help us to understand how Ezekiel 39:9 can be literally fulfilled.

The Navy of the United States has put out a book entitled OCEAN FRONTIERS. On page two, the third, fourth and fifth lines read: "Life emerged from the sea. Man himself has the sea's salt flowing in his blood stream. Now, after crawling from the sea to make his home on land, he returns to the ocean for survival."

Since the Navy cannot mention God in its publications, why can it teach evolution? Why can they print books on evolution and expect the taxpayers of this country to pay for their publication and distribution?

The Institution of Creation Research, San Diego, California, has secured permission from Turkey for its team of explorers to ascend Mount Ararat. Mike Harris, manager of the expedition, says that they will climb twelve to fifteen thousand feet on the east side of Ararat in search of the remains of Noah's Ark.

The dream of a United States of Europe is not dead. Common Market heads of government have approved a formula allowing the 253 million citizens of the European Community (EC) to directly elect a multinational parliament in May 1978.

Their plan calls for a directly elected legislature of 410 members to replace the present non-elected European parliament of 198 delegates. The enlarged parliament would hold allegiance to no single movement, but to the EC as a whole. Under the agreement, the four largest EC member nations—West Germany, Italy, Britain, and France — would have 81 seats each. The Netherlands would have 25, Belgium 24, Denmark 16, Ireland 15, and Luxembourg 6.

It would seem that the present economic entity is about to acquire a political identity. The powers of this parliament will grow into the ten-federated nations predicted in Bible prophecy.

Working, Because . .

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him that all of his expenses there should be provided for.

But Tom well knew that this was not his best chance for life. He, therefore, entreated Captain Fish not to leave him. He cried out, "Oh, no, no! Take me out of this city! Take me on board your vessel! I shall die here! Oh! help me! save me!"

Captain Fish spoke of the peril of all on shipboard, in case he should take one in his diseased state; but as Tom only cried and begged the more, he finally ordered him to be taken on board the brig, and immediately put to sea. When there he was made as comfortable as possible, and the captain ministered to the sufferer from his medicine chest as best he could.

It was not long before the fresh sea breeze began to revive the sick man; and the remedies which his preserver applied seemed to have been wisely chosen.

Notwithstanding his fears, Captain Fish found that, providentially, no one on board caught the malignant disease, whose symptoms were rapidly abating. It was not long before Tom gained sufficient strength to creep about the deck. At once he asked for some kind of work, such as he might be able to do with his hands. Before reaching New York he had become quite strong again, and had done good service as a mechanic.

On arriving, he remained on board and assisted in unloading the brig, anxious to make some returns for the expense of his rescue, though the captain made no demand on him. As the brig was to be overhauled and refitted in Connecticut, he remained on board and worked vigorously till Captain Fish begged him to desist, since he rescued him as an act of mercy, for which he desired no compensation.

Tom at length found steady work as a blacksmith, and proved himself an expert workman. As each year came round and the brig came in to be refitted, Tom would dash off his day's task in the shop, and then hurry down to work on the vessel. Captain Fish remonstrated again and again. Finally, Tom looked, with tender tears in his eyes, and said, "Captain Fish, you saved my life."

This answer contained the com-

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plete solution of the question of the man's earnestness in working for his rescuer. Substitute Christ's name for that of the good captain's, and the same answer would explain the zeal and devotion of the most devoted saint. — THE WATCHWORD, September, 1880.

Recognizing Cults

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fied as a sect of the Roman Catholic Church. In turn the Roman Catholic Church can, I truly believe, be identified as a genuine cult.

In contrast to a sect, a cult is identified as unorthodox or spurious. It is usually, but not always a minority religious group holding beliefs regarded as non-Biblical, illegitimate or not genuine. A cult is always seen to hold to doctrine that is an abrupt break with historic Christianity and its historical confessions and creeds.

There are five distinctive traits for a cult:

1. An extra Scriptural source of authority.
2. The denial of justification by grace, through faith.
3. The devaluation of Christ (His Person — His work).
4. The group claims to be the exclusive community to the saved.
5. The group has always a central role in eschatology.

As one finds himself the object of evangelism from a dedicated cultist you will discover the almost incomprehensible ability of Satan to blind and motivate those whom he enslaves. The cultist is usually well indoctrinated. He knows what he believes. He has "proof" texts (out of context) for everything he expounds. He has a zeal to ensnare others. He passes out attractively printed brochures and tracts. And he always conveys to his hearers the urgency of immediately joining up with him and his group.

There are five lessons that we can learn from the cultist:

1. Be positive, have definite convictions about matters of faith and doctrine. Never compromise.
2. Know the Scriptures. Not just a verse or two, but the entire Word of God.
3. We must have a zeal (ardor, enthusiasm, eagerness, fervor, willingness, devotion), yes, a passion to witness of our faith and The Lord Jesus Christ.
4. Effective use of the printed page. Yes, I say shame on any tightwad, Sovereign Grace Missionary Baptist who is too tight fisted to buy a dozen subscriptions to The Baptist Examiner for his heathen friends! Shame on you!
5. Strong sense of urgency. Yes, I'm a Biblical predestinarian. I am not a fatalist. Our command is to "go." Redeem the time, beloved, tomorrow you must stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ! We are responsible to preach the gospel to every creature. There is no exception to our Lord's command.

Let me give you five suggestions for dealing with a cultist.

1. Give a positive testimony to

the truth of God's Word. Be kind, but cut them deep with Scriptures. Rebuke them.

2. Make them face squarely the source of authority.

3. Present them the Scriptural evidence for the major doctrines of the Christian faith.

4. Don't give up. Follow up!

5. Pray for them. Yes, without ceasing.

God has recently given us a victory and much cause for rejoicing as we dealt thusly with one of Satan's cultists. Two months ago we met a sweet young girl who professed to be a Christian. We soon discovered that she was a member of a group called "The Way." "The Way" is a cult. It is headquartered in the small Ohio community of New Knoxville. It is well established with leadership throughout the United States and focuses especially upon the college campus. They own a publishing house known as American Christian Press. The founder and guiding "light" of this chasm of darkness is a Dr. Victor Paul Wierwille. Dr. Wierwille boasts of 30 years of Biblical research with a doctorate from Princeton Theological Seminary, and has studied under such famous anti-Christians as Karl Barth. In short, Wierwille's theology includes the doctrine that "Jesus Christ is not God."

Shortly after meeting with this young lady, I soon discovered that she was seeking after tongues. In the book of Acts, Chapter 8, we find that Simon the sorcerer had offered to buy from the apostles their gifts. Peter rebuked the Christ-denying Simon by saying: "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money" (Acts 8:20). Dr. Wierwille's "The Way" cult offers for the sum of \$80.00 a course called "Power for Abundant living" which promotes an almost ironclad promise that the student will receive the so-called gift.

Beloved, be warned. Look out for your children on the college campus. This cult is highly organized, it operates in almost total secrecy to the outsiders. It is almost impossible to penetrate unless taken in by another member. To freely examine them in depth requires one to be registered with the home office. Once a young person is taken in, the pressures exerted by the other members against one who wishes to withdraw are titanic, yea, Satanic.

The Way meets all five distinctive traits for a cult as surely as does the Jehovah Witnesses, the Mormons or the Armstrongites, only these deceivers call themselves Christians. Dr. Wierwille claims to base his doctrine on reason. We base our doctrine on Divine Revelation. Dr. Wierwille uses logic in his formulation of doctrine, we accept by the gift of faith the supernatural and that which cannot be explained away by a finite depraved human will.

He further claims a correct exegesis of the Greek language. He seems to grossly ignore the inflections, the voice, mood, gender and number, and translates definite articles with prepositions. Until

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The Dawning Of . . .

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ligion" and "Christianity." In fact, the Devil is the most religious person in the world. He is so religious, he has almost 1900 different sects, cults, isms, and in many cases each one of these different sects, cults, and isms has thousands of congregations that the Devil calls churches, all of which is a sure sign of "the dawning of a brighter day."

THE ASSEMBLING OF THE CAST

"Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about" (Joel 3:11). In this great drama that is transpiring before our eyes, as the cast is being assembled for their respective parts, we find many notable characters, of which, we shall call attention to a few.

1. The Antichrist. There are many antichrists, in fact, there are as many antichrists as there are opposers to the one and only true Christ. But all of these, even the most wicked of them, are only faint shadows of the Antichrist. Upon the breaking of the first seal of Revelation 6, as the end-time drama begins, a rider comes forth on a white horse "conquering and to conquer." It is this character that we refer to as the Antichrist. He is powerful but not all powerful, and will, like all those that oppose God meet his doom.

2. The Revived Roman Empire. Many people are living in constant fear that one day Russia will rule the world. And some predict that the United States will be a world ruler. They should stop worrying and start reading the Lord's Word. Nowhere in the Bible does it say or even so much as hint that Russia or any other nation, that has not already been a world ruler will rule the world. A study of Daniel 2 and 7 will reveal that only four Gentile nations shall rule the world. They are Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, and Rome. Also

a study of Daniel 7 will reveal that at the near-end of this age, Rome, in a revived form of a tenation federation will hold worldwide sway again. "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed" (Rev. 13:3).

3. The Budding of the Fig Tree, or Israel's Regathering to the Promised Land. Most Bible scholars are agreed that the parable of the fig tree (Matthew 24:32) refers to the regathering of Israel to the land of Palestine. No one needs to be told that the Jews are migrating back to their homeland by the thousands every year, and so Matthew 24:33 reads: "So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." God says to a dispersed Israel: "Fear not; for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west: I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth" (Isa. 43:5-6). Truly we can know, when we see these prophecies being fulfilled daily, that the dawning of a brighter day is already on the horizon.

4. The Counterfeit Church. As we have already mentioned, as the end of this age draws near, people will become more and more religious (even though most of it will be a counterfeit religion). Satan's most successful efforts to keep men from God have ever been those of imitations, half-truths, and counterfeits. And as the end of this age approaches we see him exercising all his diabolical cunning and craftiness as he prepares his masterpieces for their coming rolls: a counterfeit christ, counterfeit world empire, counterfeit Israel, and a counterfeit church.

Some of these characters have already begun to file down the corridors of time, some we believe will soon follow, while some no doubt are already assembled on the stage. We believe it will not be

long until the entire cast will be assembled and then we will hear—

THE SOUNDING OF THE PRELUDE

"Sound an alarm . . . for the day of the Lord . . . is . . . at hand" (Joel 2:1). First, we hear the midnight cry: "And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh" (Matt. 25:6). This wicked age becomes more and more enfolded in the deepening hues of its midnight gloom of evil, sin, and fear. But that is why the cry is heard: "Behold, the bridegroom cometh," for then the darkness must flee away because He is the "light of the world." Therefore, His bride, is being awakened to be ready to meet her Beloved, and as the shadows of the midnight deepen, the cry rings out more intensely.

Oh, beloved, can you not see the need as never before to sound an alarm from every Baptist pulpit, because "the stage is set," and "the cast is assembled," surely, "the day of the Lord" will soon be at hand? Lost sinner friend, the alarm is being sounded for you to repent of your sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, for one day "Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (II Thess. 1:7b,8,9).

As the midnight cry is made and has been reverberated to the ends of the earth, and then as the sound of the alarm begins to fade into the ether, there in the blackness of pre-dawn hours appears—

THE MORNING STAR

"I Jesus have sent mine angel (preacher) to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright and morning star" (Rev. 22:16).

As the morning star suddenly appears in the pre-dawn hours while all is quiet and still, even so, beloved, will Jesus, one day, while the world is yet asleep, come for His bride and all the saved. Therefore, brethren, being called of God and sent by Jesus to "testify of these things in the churches," let us be, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:16). God's people and especially, Baptist preachers should not withhold this message from a deceived, deluded, damned, and condemned world. Let "the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing" (Psa. 2:1), if they will, but, beloved, we "have . . . a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts."

We should proclaim this message without reservation: "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch" (Mal. 4:1).

THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

First, we hear the midnight cry, then we see the Morning Star, then comes the darkest hour of the night, the hour just before dawn, which, in this case represents the "Great Tribulation" or "the time of Jacob's trouble." "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings" (Mal. 4:2).

Beloved, as I look upon the horizon of time, and study "the sure word of prophecy," and with each fleeting day I am convinced more and more that we are upon the threshold, "even at the door" of the dawning of a brighter day.

With each new day I expect to see the "Day Star" arise (the Second Coming of Jesus) to take us out of this world before the dark hour of tribulation begins. I am patiently waiting, and longing for that day. "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:8). "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 24:44). Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Recognizing Cults

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Wierwille arrived on the earth 42 years ago he would have his followers believe that God had left the entire world in darkness for nearly twenty centuries. Yes, like all the cults of ages past — there is nothing new under the sun. The Way denies the Trinity, the blood atonement and the deity of Jesus Christ the pre-existent Creator and Redeemer.

Christianity has a message. "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." The cultist has a mission. The cultist is dedicated to his master, to promote the desires of Satan by semantic cheating and to lead souls to a fiery eternity in the bottomless pit prepared especially for him and his followers by Him that they deny!

Be careful what you read. Be careful what your sons and daughters are reading. Let me list some names that should be avoided like a cobra with a head at both ends: John A. T. Robinson, Feuerbach, Wm. Hamilton, Bonhoeffer, Nietzsche, Bultmann, Heidegger, Van Buren, Fosdick, Tillich, Dewart, Altizer, Kierkegaard, Barth, Sartre, Buber, Macquarrie, Schleiermacher, Reinhold, Neibuhr, Weiss, C. H. Dodd, Schweitzer, Ritschel, Kant, Troeltsch, Ferre, Hegel, Cullman and Wierwille. These men all have had much to say regarding the Christian Faith and The Word of God, they speak not the truth, because there is no truth in them.

To illustrate the deception employed, let me describe the exterior of a package just received containing one of Dr. Wierwille's books. The postage label reads "The Word of God is The Will of God." A gummed sticker in the top of the package quotes Psalm 33:12 in part: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Of course, to quote the rest of the verse would have shined light upon the precious and gracious doctrine of the election. The rest of the Psalm 33:12 reads: "and the people whom he hath chosen for His own inheritance."

But we must admit the sheep skin on the package was attractive, almost a pure white fleece one might say. There was also a rubber stamped "God Bless You All." But, what was inside? A book by Dr. Victor Paul Wierwille. Yes, under the sheep skin was a wolf! The book inside that package of sheep skin was "Jesus Christ is not God." Not only was this wolf deadly, but he did not come cheap. Enclosed was an invoice for \$7.30 for 180 pages of cheaply bound spiritual strychnine.

The cults thrive on money. They all teach tithing, and the materials they offer are never free. Let us freely proclaim the gospel of free grace.

I recently visited a gigantic three-story book store. In the religious department of that store were hundreds of volumes on the cults and Eastern religions. The section on Christianity was most discouraging. It included the works of many of the men mentioned above. I found only one solitary volume that I would freely recommend to a friend. This single volume was the one volume Matthew Henry Commentary. Let me add that in this regard it was offered for sale at a price which

was \$4.00 more than I had paid for one a week previously at the Calvary Bookstore. There is nothing for edification to be found for the Christian in the Modern Thinkers. A new gospel is no gospel at all. What is true is not new, and what is new in theology is NOT TRUE. Contend for the faith.

Let's ever tell the old, old story of Jesus, His love, His eternal pre-existence, His blood. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. "But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God" (Heb. 10:12).

Rejoice with us. The young lady has confessed Jesus Christ as Creator and Redeemer, her Lord and Saviour. To the praise and the glory of His grace. Pray for her as she returns to college.

Former Black Panther

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shadows seemed to move.

Last, he saw what he described as the face of Jesus Christ. "I sweated and trembled," Cleaver recalled, "and then started crying. I couldn't stop crying. I fell on my knees and recited the 23rd Psalm and Lord's Prayer."

Afterwards Cleaver said he went to bed and "had the best night's sleep I have ever had." The following morning, he said, the plans for his return to the United States "which involved surrender" were formed.

That historic night on the balcony was a turning point, Cleaver declared. "I view this night as my conversion experience because I was not the same after it as before . . ."

When reports of Cleaver's "jail-cell conversion" filtered out last March the man was incensed, because he felt the news did not adequately detail his lengthy spiritual pilgrimage and appeared to be a phony ploy to assist in his release. He feared also that financial support from former associates for his defense fund would dry up.

Although they did indeed dry up to a large extent, new ones replaced them. Arthur DeMoss, a Pennsylvania insurance executive, visited Cleaver in jail and "took me through the Scriptures," he told Chandler. DeMoss also put up \$50,000 in Pennsylvania highway bonds toward the \$100,000 bail that freed Cleaver in August. The move was to Cleaver "a complete surprise."

He and his wife, Kathleen (who was at first somewhat unsympathetic toward her husband's spiritual rebirth) have met in Washington, D.C., with Charles Colson, a convicted Watergate figure who had also undergone a profound religious experience. Mrs. Cleaver is now reading Colson's book "Born Again" and has "mellowed" in her spiritual outlook, according to her husband.

Cleaver met for several hours with Evangelist Billy Graham during the San Diego Crusade in August, seeking spiritual counsel. The two men "shared prayer together."

Cleaver has a contract with A. J. Holman to write a book and has signed with a national speakers bureau to conduct a nationwide lecture tour, beginning at Tulane University the first week in October.

"I want to share my experience of the last few years . . . particularly on the college campuses," Cleaver explained. He added that he is concerned about what he perceives as the international communist movement bent upon colonizing the world, isolating the United States and taking it over eventually.

Cleaver says he is resigned to the will of the Lord" about whether he will go to prison for the shooting charges pending against him.

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