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THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT

A Prophetic Interpretation of Current Events



★ The Fall of Kings

THIRTEEN kings and six emperors have left their thrones by compulsion or choice since 1910. The last in this downward procession is King Farouk of Egypt. Only seven rulers remain in all Europe; the rulers of England, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, and Greece.

The overthrow of rulers began in 1910 with the dethroning of Manuel II of Portugal. Other rulers lost their thrones during and following World War I. The Czar of Russia was assassinated in 1917. In 1918 Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany fled to Holland, where he spent the remainder of his life in exile. Four years later, in 1922, the Greek and Turkish monarchies were overthrown. Alfonso XIII of Spain left his throne in 1931, and in 1934 King Alexander I of Yugoslavia was assassinated. King Edward abdicated in 1936, and in 1939 King Zog I of Albania was driven from his throne. King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy abdicated in 1946 in favour of his son Humbert II. Humbert was king but a few days when Italy was declared a republic.

In 1945 King Peter II of Yugoslavia lost his throne, and in 1946 young King Simeon of Bulgaria was dethroned. Michael of Rumania was forced from his position in 1947, and Queen Wilhelmina of Holland abdicated in favour of her daughter Juliana in 1948. Leopold III of Belgium abdicated in favour of his son Baudouin in 1951, and in that same year King Abdullah of Jordan was assassinated. King Talal of Jordan has now been replaced by his son Hussein.

Someone has written, "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown." That writer could as well have used the word "uncertain." This points up the fact that as far as this world is concerned there is no security. War, revolution, politics,

sickness, disease and death assure continual change and perpetual insecurity. Whether man be king or subject his "throne" is insecure.

But there is a throne that will not topple. Wars, revolutions, and uprisings never have—and never will—displace the king upon this throne. I refer to the throne of God, and to the divine Monarch who sits upon it. It is not that effort has not been made to do this very thing. A high and mighty angel in heaven, Lucifer—perhaps the mightiest of them all—rebelled, and led in rebellion one-third of the angels. But in the ensuing war Lucifer and his followers were cast out of heaven to this earth.

In it all the throne of God stood. It stands today, and will continue to stand in all eternity. Here is resident the security of the universe. But this has peculiar application to earth's inhabitants. We,

who because of sin suffer insecurity, may find it abundantly as we embrace the promises of God.

★ Life's Savings

TOM OLSON tells the story of a man and woman who, when they married, decided to save for their old age. They did this for twenty-five years and found that they had laid by \$43,500. "We had better put this in the bank," said the husband, and so it was decided. But unfortunately there was a bit of delay, and the savings of twenty-five years came up missing—burned, it is believed, with some trash.

Some will say at once that they should have taken better care of so large a sum.

Rulers die, abdicate and are dethroned. The honour and dignity of the crown provide no lasting security.



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Some are depending on money to save their lives, but others are relying upon Jesus.

And I'm sure that this unfortunate couple will now agree. Hindsight is always superior to foresight.

But this matter of "life's savings" brings us to the matter of stewardship. Stewardship of money and other things is one of the great responsibilities of life. The Bible talks more about money than most people think. Money is power. It is able to accomplish, and in the cause of God makes possible the proclamation of the soul-saving gospel. Money is a part of our very lives, because it takes a part of our lives to obtain this commodity. The time, energy and talent which God has given us is translated into money. In view of this it is not hard to see why God calls upon us to be good and faithful stewards.

To be a good steward in God's sight is to be both honest and liberal. God commands the paying of the tithe (a tenth). This is the portion that should accrue to the divine Landlord. And when the tithe is paid it is no expression of liberality. The tithepayer is but being honest. Because, says God, "the tithe is the Lord's." When we pay our house rent we have no thought that we are being liberal with the landlord. We are only being honest. God is our heavenly Landlord. He provides the earth, the air, the sunshine, the rain; He provides our bodies, our health and our strength. Therefore, He claims the tenth in recognition of His ownership.

While the payment of the tithe is a matter of honesty, the giving of offerings is a matter of liberality. The tithe is a divinely specified amount, but the offer-

ings are dependent upon the liberality of the giver. Yet if the offerings are withheld, God declares that He has been robbed. That brings us to the true purpose of life: Is it to serve self or to serve God? If we regard it as self service, then the obligation of the tithe and the offerings will not be recognized. If we obey our obligation of devoting ourselves to God, we will consecrate to Him that which is His—the tithe and the offerings.

But while I am writing on the topic of "life's savings," I cannot resist the temptation of making a play upon words, and saying something about "saving lives"—yours and mine.

Actually, God has made us the stewards of our own lives. He, at almost incomprehensible cost, has provided the plan of salvation. All has been perfected. Provision has been made that everyone may be saved. The invitation has been given to come and partake of the water of life freely. Therefore, it is now up to us—to you and me—to conform to the divinely prescribed provisions. That puts the responsibility squarely upon every individual.

Of what are we custodians? Our lives—our eternal lives. And how much are our souls worth? How much would you take for yours? Actually now, reader, in hard cash, what value do you put on your eternal life? Is it worth a million, a billion, or more? (Jesus indicates that it is worth more than the whole world.) Since we are stewards of that which is of so great value, should we not take every precaution to insure its safekeeping.

Shall we emulate the carelessness of the husband and wife who lost their life's savings? Their 435 one-hundred-dollar bills were burned to ashes, and that, according to the Bible, is what is finally going to happen to sinners. To be safe let us insure the treasure of our lives in heaven. Let us make their eternal perpetuance certain by placing them under the precious blood of the Man of Calvary.

★ Deported

EVERY once in a while we read of some person's being deported. This indicates that that individual is not wanted in our nation. There is something about him that is objectionable. It may be—usually is—a matter of disloyalty to our government or of illegal entrance into the country. Canada does not want men who are not loyal citizens—no nation does.

A traitor is a despicable person. He betrays his own nation, his own countrymen. He poses as a loyal citizen, but is a wolf in sheep's clothing. He is a pro-

found hypocrite. He works for the enemy against the security of his own people. We think of those men who gave away atom-bomb secrets that may well jeopardize their own country and cause the loss of millions of their own fellows. We have often wondered about the "thought processes" of the person who betrays his nation. Just how does he justify himself in his act?

But this matter of loyalty and disloyalty is wider in its application than we may at first think. This is particularly true as it applies to divine-human relationships. Let us consider first the fact that God and His government are at war with Satan and his government. Christians—all peoples—are subjects of one government or the other. But there are many Christians—men who name the name of Christ, who profess to be loyal, true followers of Jesus—who are actually working for Christ's enemy. What does that add up to? Disloyalty.

Just how may the Christian be disloyal, traitorous, to God's government? How does disloyalty manifest itself? In the Christian's failure to show faith, and in his failure to obey God and keep His commandments. It is not often recognized that the matter of obedience to the law of God is the crux of the entire matter. It all started in heaven millenniums ago. Lucifer, a high and mighty angel, would not obey God. He rebelled against God's government and set up one of his own. The angels of heaven cast their lot either on the side of God against Lucifer, or on the side of Lucifer against God. There was war in heaven. Lucifer and his angels lost the war, were cast out of heaven to this earth, and the rebellion has been carried on here ever since. Now humans are involved in the controversy, and like the angels, men are taking their stand on one side or the other.

Many men and women bearing the name of Christ continue in the church, but they are actually on the side of the enemy. They serve Satan. They are disloyal to God. They are traitors to the cause and government they profess to support.

This causes great loss to the kingdom of God, but it will cause complete loss to the traitors. The time will certainly come when these individuals will apply for admittance into the kingdom of God, but the records will show disloyalty. Then they will be "deported" from heaven. They must suffer the fires of the last day. It takes little imagination to conceive that it will be in that day even as Jesus said: "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."



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GOD'S FINGERPOSTS

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FINGERPOSTS! How important they are! How convenient to the motorist! Heeding them he can travel to the most distant points with the greatest of ease. Disregard their silent testimony, and he will soon find himself in difficulty.

For all who will observe them God has placed fingerposts along this world's highway that we might know when we are nearing our heavenly home.

For centuries the waymarks to the second advent of Christ were missing, but, as the winds of time quickened in their rush to eternity, the signs began to appear. By a single allusion the church of Thyatira (538-1798) was carried forward to its Lord's second advent—"Hold fast till I come." Revelation 2:25. The Sardis church (1798) was given a fleeting glimpse of another fingerpost to glory: "If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief." Revelation 3:3. But when the church had entered the Philadelphian period of its history (1833) she read upon Time's fingerpost these unmistakable words, "Behold, I come quickly!" Revelation 3:11.

As time slipped by, God placed two great fingerposts in the heavens where no man could tamper with their vital message. On the morning of May 19, 1780, a band of North American Indians were camped in a beautiful forest. The sun rose uneventfully, and the Indians were about their usual duties. But at ten o'clock a strange darkness began to settle upon them. The superstitious Indians were crippled with fear, for they believed some strange god was wreaking vengeance upon their sun-god. In terror they prayed for their sun-god, but still the weird darkness continued throughout the day. At midnight a new phe-

nomenon appeared. Glowing eerily through the treetops shone a blood-red moon. For hours these simple folk of the forest trembled and prayed that their sun-god would return and deliver them from this great calamity.

Little more than fifty years later another group of North American Indians were terrified when they beheld the stars hurled like unripened fruit from their heavenly places. The falling stars on the night of November 12-13, 1833, not only brought consternation and fear to these primitive forest folk, but also stirred the hearts of people all over North America. Astronomers and scientists alike joined in proclaiming it a phenomenon never before witnessed by the inhabitants of this planet.

God's Word describes these two unparalleled events as two fingerposts that He has placed in the heavens to mark our way to the Holy City. "I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; . . . the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come." Acts 2:19, 20. "The stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind." Revelation 6:13.

Another great fingerpost pointing to the end is the rise of a movement with a message "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Luke 1:17. In all parts of the world at the same time God called men and women to proclaim the advent message that the day of the Lord might not overtake the honest in heart "as a thief." 1 Thessalonians 5:4. Exactly on time, just as God's great prophetic clock struck the appointed hour, the message began to be proclaimed with power!

Since entering the home stretch of our heavenward journey, we have been passing history's fingerposts with such amazing speed that we are left almost breathless. We see God's arrows in every newspaper, hear of them on every radio programme, see them before us, behind us, in fact all around us every hour of the day.

One fingerpost reads: "In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be . . . lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

In Bombay, India, one morning in January, 1939, I was amazed when I opened my *Times of India*—Bombay's leading daily paper—and read the following report of a commission appointed in Britain by two archbishops of the Church of England to consider the Christian doctrine "with a view to confirming or rejecting some of the fundamentals of the Christian teachings." "It challenges the traditional belief on several points. It rejects the infallibility of the Bible, saying that its authority must not prejudice investigation in any field. The report regards the historical evidence for the virgin birth as inconclusive, and declares that the literalistic belief in the physical resurrection of the dead must be rejected. On the other hand, it declares that the resurrection of Christ was an event as real and concrete as the crucifixion."

The commission was divided with regard to whether miracles occurred, but it agreed that God could work miracles if He pleased. The report then said that there was no objection to the theory of evolution, which can be drawn from the creation narratives in Genesis. Educated Christians agreed that their mythological origin and their value for us was symbolic rather than historical.

This report represents the teachings of Modernism and is indicative of the times in which we live. Modernism—disguised evolution—demands that we discard our belief in miracles and that we place our faith only in those things which we can see or which our natural senses discover.

Such a course would mean giving up

our faith in the virgin birth, the resurrection, and the ascension of Christ, for each of these Christian fundamentals calls for miracles, the supernatural. Let us not be blinded by "higher" criticism so called! Man's flaunted boastfulness in attempting to match his wisdom with God's is but a sign of the times in which we live.

Speeding along history's highway we glimpse a fingerpost with these three words written large upon its arrow pointing to the world's end: "Iniquity shall abound." Matthew 24:12. We have but to look about us to be assured that our generation is one of abounding iniquity. Drinking, gambling, carousing, marrying and divorcing, killing, robbing, cheating, swindling, and almost every other unmentionable sin belonging to the category of Noah's day is luridly depicted daily in our newspapers. What does this mean? It means we are passing other milestones in our journey to the Promised Land.

I need not mention another important fingerpost now prominently planted in practically every nation of the earth. This is too obvious, too painfully present with us every day to enlarge upon. We need but note the wording of its message: "Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars. . . . Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." Matthew 24:6, 7.

There can be no doubt that Jesus is to return to this earth soon. Fingerposts in the spiritual, physical, political, and economic world all combine with increasing certainty to proclaim that the end of all things is at hand. Wars and rumours of wars, earthquakes and storms, the falling of the stars, the darkening of the sun, the increase of knowledge, social hypocrisy, and spiritual declension—all tell their own story of a soon-coming Saviour. Christ must come to set earth's house in order.

This being true, there is one great vital question that confronts each member of the human family. All other questions pale into insignificance by the side of this all-important query with which heaven faces man today—Are you, am I, ready for the Saviour's appearing? The question of making a living is an important problem which confronts us all. The question of keeping well and strong is another one of great import. The question of living our lives profitably and pleasantly is yet another. To some the question of providing for old age is a perplexing one. But, my friend, real as these questions are, and important as they may seem, the fact still remains that the *greatest* of all questions confronting you now is: *Are you ready to meet Jesus?*



BIBLE ANSWERS



Do you have unanswered Bible questions? If so, you are invited to send them to the EDITOR, Box 398, Oshawa, Ontario.

When Jesus comes the second time will He come openly or secretly?

Jesus will return openly and visibly to all. "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him." Revelation 1:7. It will be an utter impossibility for anyone living on the earth to fail to see Jesus when He returns. In Revelation 1:16 we are told that Jesus' countenance is as the sun shining in his strength. Then again we are told that when our Lord returns He will come in His own glory, the glory of the Father, and the glory of all the angels. Therefore, just as it is impossible not to see the sun as it shines in the heavens, so will it be impossible not to see Jesus when He comes the second time.

Jesus Himself said that "as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:27. Clearer, plainer and indescribably more brilliant than the lightning's flash will be the appearance of Jesus when He returns in all His glory to this earth.

This is an important point of faith—so important in fact that Jesus gave warning against the teaching of His "secret" return: "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: behold, He is in the secret chambers; believe it not." Matthew 24:23-26.

What did Jesus teach about divorce?

Jesus taught us to avoid divorce except in the case of infidelity to the marriage vows: "It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, . . . saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." Matthew 5:31, 32.

According to the Bible, divorce may not be secured on the multitudinous

grounds on which it is secured today. There is but one cause—adultery. God would not have His servant live with one who is guilty of this offence. We see that from 1 Corinthians 6:15, 16: "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? Know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith He, shall be one flesh."

How can I get more faith?

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Romans 10:17. The way you can get more faith is by studying the Bible. The Word of God abides within the heart and motivates the life. This serves to establish and develop faith. But do not make the mistake of reading the Bible only. You must practise what you learn, and do what God requires. The very fact that you practise the divine instructions shows that you are acquiring more and more faith.

Is it true or not that Christ has power to forgive sins the same as the Father?

It is true: "The Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins." Luke 5:24. The ability to forgive sins is peculiar to the divine family. Since Christ is a member (the Son of God) of the divine family it must follow that He is able to forgive men their trespasses even as the Father.

How many times is the word "immortal" used in the Bible?

Just once: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever." 1 Timothy 1:17. This word (immortal) with all its far reaching connotations, which is applied so freely to man and to the soul of man, is found but a single time in the entire Bible, and then it is applied to God. God *only* has immortality we are told in 1 Timothy 6:16. If God "only" has immortality, it must follow that "mortal" man does not possess it.

THIS MORAL SLUMP

What Is the Meaning?

By

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WE LIVE in a highly intellectual world. Never before has man had such a store of knowledge or has it ever been so widespread. But have human affairs become more stable? Do we have a greater security? To these questions we answer emphatically, No.

What then is wrong if knowledge is power? Why has life not grown more peaceful? Why are men now afflicted with so many fears?

This is a paradox of our times. Knowing better how to be better, we grow worse in behaviour. We have the means for world-wide brotherhood, but strife is more universal and war more terrible than in any other period of human history. It is no wonder that man is torn with many fears. Having abandoned God for the "deity of science," man with all his marvellous power is not to be trusted.

Bertrand Russell in his recently published book *New Hopes for a Changing World* states:

"The present time is one in which the prevailing mood is a feeling of impotent perplexity." "We have allowed ourselves to be hypnotized by our fears." "In the modern world, the excess of fear above the level which may be called rational is more marked than ever before, because the habit of man persists while occasions for fear have greatly diminished."

Long ago Bible prophets depicted such a situation as this in the last days. Daniel predicted a great increase of knowledge. (Daniel 12:4.) Christ spoke of the increase of fear:

"There shall be . . . upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Luke 21:25, 26.

The apostle Paul, writing of these same times, said:

"In the last days perilous times shall come." 2 Timothy 3:1.

This picture of increasing knowledge and widening fear is contrary to what men have been preaching for many years. They said, "Let man become better educated, better housed, better fed, and he will naturally be better."

The Word of God spoke contrary to this, and we see it being fulfilled today. The trouble is, man looked upon hu-

man progress as something mostly material. In his haste to make a new world with his new-found powers he forgot that man is both flesh and spirit, and that when the physical is in control, the spiritual languishes.

This is the trouble with our generation. We have made great material progress, but the spiritual aspects of life, which emphasize our duty to God and to man, have suffered.

The decline of morals in society and government has been appalling. The law of God has been discarded for the law of human desires. Andre Gide, widely read French scholar, long ago advocated the idea that men must be free to follow their impulses and gratify their personal desires in order to be happy. A review of a recently published work of Gide entitled *The Fruits of the Earth* said:

"The shocking message is simply that all pleasures are forms of self-realization and therefore justified; that pleasure con-

With God and the moral law relegated to the background, man has lost his sense of moral responsibility and has abandoned himself to his own earthly passions and evil desires.

It is no wonder, then, that we find shocking corruption in government, widespread dishonesty in business, laxity in the relationship between men and women, scandal in sports, gambling and drunkenness rampant in society, delinquency among youth, obscenity in books, magazines and the theatre. Man today is preoccupied with sex and crime and all the unsavoury part of life.

The Bible aptly describes this moral decline in our day. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. . . . But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, de-



These "hopeless souls" on Skid Row became such through a violation of God's law, the Ten Commandments.

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sists in the physical sensation of the moment and therefore knows no obligations except to the moment."—Book Review Section, *New York Times*, Sept. 25, 1949.

This has been the teaching on which millions of youth have been reared. The tares of sensual license have been sown for a generation, and now we are reaping a whirlwind of immorality.

ceiving, and being deceived." 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 13.

We talk of a Christian civilization, but where are the standards that God promulgated upon Mt. Sinai and that Christ enunciated from the Mount of Blessing?

Never was there a generation just like this. In all its aspects it fulfils the words of Scripture. It tells us that just before the coming of the Lord Jesus

Christ man will attain unto great intellectual powers, but will at the same time abandon himself to satisfying the lusts of the flesh. Just before God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, people found satisfaction in fulness of bread and abundance of idleness and a round of drunken pleasure. The people thought only of the thrill of the moment and not of the coming judgment on the morrow. So it is today. Christ declared:

"As it was in the days of Noah, so

God cannot much longer endure this lawless and unrighteous generation. He has been long-suffering with men but we are told through the apostle Peter:

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 Peter 3:10.

"Nevertheless," adds the apostle, "we,

ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God. . . .

"Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless." Verses 12, 14.

Surely every Christian today should be found sighing and crying for the abominations that are in the land. He should be looking to that day when the world shall be cleansed from these things. The way to make ready for that hour is to have the great standard of holy works enshrined within our hearts. We should no longer be rebellious to the call of God to hearken unto His commandments.

Those who are to be delivered from this world at Christ's coming are described in these words: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Revelation 14:12. Can you, dear reader, be classified among those who keep the commandments of God, those ten holy words that were promulgated upon Mt. Sinai?

To the one who asked Him, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" Christ replied, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." Matthew 19:16, 17.

The grave moral decline today has come about because men have discarded God's holy law, the ten commandments. Even many Christians have looked upon it as a code of another generation that does not apply today. But the truth is that there can be no peace in the world, no order in society, no proper relationship to God and man unless we adhere to all the commandments.

"O that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments!" the Lord pleads, "then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea." ISAIAH 48:10.

It was for this that the Son of God came to earth. He lived and died among us to show how God's holy standard of righteousness should be kept and to help us keep it. The Bible says:

"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8:3, 4.

Yes, you can keep the commandments, through faith in Christ, and be prepared to meet God. Are you willing to surrender your will to Christ and let Him write God's law in your heart? That is the most important question facing you today. May our gracious Lord help you to settle it without delay.



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God pleads for obedience. It brings peace and tranquillity of mind.

shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Luke 17:26-30.

Yes, this immoral generation is a sign of the speeding end of the world. The day of the Lord is near. Christ said of this time: "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." Matthew 24:32, 33. "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28. Then He sounded this warning:

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44. "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:34-36.

according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." Verse 13.

Surely we must believe that that hour of judgment is not far distant. Some day soon God will pour out His wrath upon the world. But there is hope for the repentant. We have the promise of a new heavens and a new earth, a place where those who love righteousness shall dwell eternally with their Lord.

In the light of these things, what shall we do? The Bible writer says, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought

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Regina	CKCK	620	8:00 AM
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IF YOU value peace above all, do not miss it—it may never come again," exclaimed former Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of Britain. Bevin raises a serious question. Why might not peace come again?

At the World Conference, called for the signing of the Japanese peace treaty, Gromyko, chief Russian delegate, said angrily: "This is not a treaty of peace, but a plan for a new war!"

Thinking men, statesmen and students of prophecy, all recognize that, as H. G. Wells expressed it, man has come to the "end of his tether." There is no way out. We have come to an impasse.

Recognizing that philosophy offers no solution, that science has found no utopia in its test tube, that education suggests no panacea for man's desperation, we turn to the one Source of infallible assistance.

He added, "There shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes." Matthew 24:6, 7.

Again He said: "Fearful sights," "upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. . . . And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Luke 21:11, 25-27.

These dramatic, distressing, divine declarations thrill our spiritual imagination. They bring us to realize that we—in this generation—must see prophecy

By

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Storms

In Fiji a hurricane blowing 175 miles an hour destroyed well-built homes, stores and office buildings as though they were match boxes. Ships in the harbour were tossed on shore as though they were toys. Thousands suffered damage, and crops were spoiled by the worst hurricane in Fiji's history.

On March 22 tornadoes tore through Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Missouri, leaving a toll of 235 dead, 1,000 injured, and property damage running into the millions. It was a national disaster. Children were left orphans and families homeless. Whole towns were levelled. Truly there is upon the earth "distress," "with perplexity."

We are told that cold air from the Arctic and warm air from the Gulf,

FEARFUL SIGHTS

A matchless young Carpenter who lived one hundred and ninety decades ago uttered these impressive words: "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, . . . for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28. What are "these things"? Let us see if they are now observable.

This man, Christ Jesus, urged: "Look up, and lift up your heads." Why? Because, He declared, the end of all things would come. He stated, "I will come again." The second coming of Christ will bring the only permanent peace this world will ever know. It is the sole hope of the world. But how may we know when Christ will return?

The Saviour, with prophetic eye, foresaw the events that would take place just before His second coming. "Wars and rumours of wars" were predicted, and "nation shall rise against nation." Then

fulfilling with ever-increasing rapidity. Are these breath-taking events taking place about us?

Earthquakes

A few days ago in a single newscast the commentator told about an earthquake in Sicily, another in Korea and a third in the Netherlands East Indies. This report was for a twenty-four-hour period. On March 4 a terrifying earthquake and tidal waves killed at least thirty-one persons in northern Japan. This quake is said to be "one of the worst earthquakes of the century." It was followed by blizzards, landslides, floods, and fires, leaving 10,000 people homeless and suffering privation. World conditions seem to have turned topsy-turvy. Christ prophesied that nature would go on a rampage—"the sea and the waves roaring." Luke 21: 25.

clashing, caused tornadoes in the south and blizzards in the northern plains of America. Communication lines were down, and scores had to be rescued. Cattle were stranded, creating another hazard for survival. Some have wondered if atomic reactions have jolted nature out of her course!

Floods

Not long before this the states of Kansas, Nebraska and Ohio suffered a twelve-billion-dollar flood. The aftermath of floods, quakes and storms staggers our imagination unless we witness the scene. Truly the Master saw our day and observed that "these things" which are taking place before our eyes would sober men and challenge them to prepare to meet Christ. Signs everywhere tell us that He is coming soon.

Famines

Arizona has experienced the longest drought in modern times. Indians recall a time years ago when it did not rain for so many seasons that certain sections became lifeless. Truly this is a famine area even in prosperous America. Recall the divine pronouncement: There shall be in the last days—"famines." Matthew 24:7.

Reports from New Delhi, India, state that rains have failed for the sixth year in succession. Cattle are dying and much sickness is resulting from famine. Acute grain and water shortages have forced the movement of cattle to other areas. Grave anxiety has been caused because

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the government is not in a position to supply the increased demands of the rice-eating peoples of Madras and West Bengal. Results of famine cause adults and children to suffer from acute swellings due to vitamin deficiencies.

But the prophet speaks of another famine. "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." Amos 8:11. That day is coming when men "shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it." Verse 12. The famine for food and water should challenge us to seek for spiritual food and drink that we might be prepared for the famine days which lie ahead for those who know not God.

Pestilences

In Fannin County, Texas, some 5,000 to 8,000 cases of a painful virus disease called "Devil's Grip" have appeared. The scientific name of the disease is *pleurodynia*, and its symptoms resemble those of polio. The disease is painful for a time and then fades away. This pestilence is both annoying and startling. Strange is it not, that so many people are caught in the "Devil's Grip" through sickness or sin!

Perhaps the most serious pestilence of the day is the "foot-and-mouth" disease outbreak in Canada's great plains province of Saskatchewan. (We recall the 1947 virus outbreak when 1,000,000 cattle in Mexico had to be slaughtered and buried.) It was necessary for veterinar-



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ians to check all the stock. More than 1,000 cattle, sheep and hogs were herded into a twelve-foot pit and shot by Canadian Mounties. Strong measures taken to sterilize the area and to eliminate all stock with the infection has halted a national tragedy. Such a pestilence as this, perhaps started by one person, could jeopardize all the stock of a nation.

Another pestilence recently broke out in North Korea among the soldiers and

in Red China. Only meagre information is available.

There is another side we can investigate. We read in 2 Timothy 3:3: "In the last days . . . men shall be . . . fierce." Biological warfare is an integral plan for the future conquest of war. American casualties caused by gas during World War I were 74,779. Brigadier General William M. Creasy, the U. S. Army's top biological warfare researcher, said recently that an enemy could envelop a whole city in a dense smog of disease germs loosed from special bombs or shells. The result would be death, he said, to a high percentage of the city's population—victims to this particular disease.

Listen to these sobering words from Dr. Gerald Wendt, of the U. S. Chemical Warfare Service: "A new weapon



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Fires, floods and tornadoes are among the "signs" that will mark the "last days." Christ foretold the "sea and the waves roaring." All nature will go on a rampage just before that "great and dreadful day of the Lord come."

more fiendish than the atomic bomb has just been made by the U. S. Chemical Warfare Service. This poison is so powerful that one ounce is enough to kill 180,000,000—the entire population of the United States and Canada wiped out in a single night. There are also new biological weapons, so hideous that they are beyond the most fantastic imagination of man." The chemist's words need no amplification.

Fearful Sight

During the last few months the city of Elizabeth, N.J., witnessed the crashing of three airplanes, killing 112 persons. Without question these episodes are "fearful sights," as our Lord stated would take place. (Luke 21:11.) Just a year before within fifteen miles of the

scene of these crashes, was a tragic railroad accident in which nearly ninety persons perished. Again we read of the Dutch plane crashing near Frankfurt, Germany, killing forty-four. These are isolated cases. What must the horror of the battlefield be in prophetic fulfilment



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of the "fearful sights" our Saviour saw in vision of our day?

More and more we observe strange, unexplainable fires routing hotel guests or patients of institutions, often in the middle of the night. Turning to the sea—recently ships have broken in two, endangering and losing life. Can there be a sane explanation of these "fearful sights" other than a recognition that they are but the fulfilment of prophecy?

Hope for Man

Time or space will not permit us to delve into the multitudinous details which appear in fulfilling prophecy regarding labour troubles, and the burning passions of men for pleasure and crime. Gambling has reached an all-time high; alcoholism staggers the imagination with liquor expenditures of more than ten billion dollars in 1950; crime now induces teen-agers to sell their souls for a mess of dope pottage; and murder and theft vie for front-page position of newspapers almost daily.

This recital of current happenings in the field of prophetic promise is a sordid picture. The outlook is pessimistic and almost disheartening. But take courage, dear friend. Listen to the words of Jesus: "Let not your heart be troubled." John 14:1. The Saviour looked down to our day. He beheld every fearful act in the stirring drama between good and evil.

Jesus is coming soon. He will bring an end to sin, sorrow, suffering and want. He will usher in a new day of eternal gladness. He will bring the solution to man's problems. He will provide an everlasting home for those who love Him. Do you long to see Jesus? Will you declare your love for Him and make known your desires by exclaiming with the apostle John, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus"? Revelation 22:20.

The Underlying Cause

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MEDICAL science in the past has conferred upon people who have availed themselves of the new knowledge of disease, the prevention of infections through vaccines and immunization. Almost miraculous cures have been effected through the use of the new and powerful drugs and antibiotics. For the future we can promise to those individuals who are taking advantage of the new knowledge of nutrition, a greater stature, a better physique, increased resistance to infections, and comparative freedom from degenerative diseases. These will insert ten or more additional years into the mid-span of their lives, give an increased vigour and vitality at all age levels, and postpone the usual signs of senility until the very end of their days.

Medical research made a great contribution to human welfare when it uncovered evidence that improper food and the consequent bad nutrition was the real underlying cause of many diseases. Sickesses caused by deficient foodstuff were found for the most part to be chronic and crippling to both mind and body, creating in themselves scores of social problems. We are coming to realize that chronic sickness due to faulty nutrition is the largest single factor in our problem of what to do with our old people. If we cannot give our old people

a continued activity, healthful and productive until the end of their existence, then the social problems that they create may well overwhelm our whole economic structure.

We now know for sure that certain diseases are due to certain specific deficiencies in our diet. We are beginning to appreciate the fact that millions of our people and of our domestic animals are suffering from a lack of proper food. They are not physically fit. They do not exhibit the signs of positive health. Many of our people have even come to enjoy their bad health. They have no

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conception whatsoever of how it feels to be robust and fit. They have lost so much of their natural vitality that they have little or no vigour. They lack emotional stability and the powers of concentration that go with a brain and a nervous system that are functioning well.

Almost all of our vitamins come from plants, large or microscopic species. The plant when in good health produces an adequate amount of the vitamins for its health and this in turn gives us optimal foodstuffs which, if we do not spoil in the harvesting, storing, processing, distributing, cooking, preparing, or serving, will give us all of the essentials that we need. Our most precious heritage, therefore, is the topsoil from nine to ten inches in the crust of the earth from which we get our food, our growth and our shelter.

If we look at the myriad of products that are grown and produced from the soil as being manufactured by a community of plants, we come to have a different concept of the role that thousands of different kinds of plants play in

our civilization. They form the basis of approximately three-fourths of our industries and urban occupations.

If we appreciate the fact that these plants protect our topsoil we face immediately a score of problems about which we know all too little. We face the problem of the organization of nature; so we are forced to give up our own particular concern about one aspect of the wise use of our natural resources and think of the problem of conservation as a whole. We must recognize that each of these particular problems is a part of a complex system of interrelations. So both the protection of our renewable resources, our food-supply relations, and our own personal health are interrelated and interwoven.

The great upswing in the curve of population has been due in a large meas-

ure to the introduction of a mining type of agriculture rather than a sustaining programme. Many of our so-called improvements in agriculture have really been improved methods of mining the resources of the topsoil. This is suicidal. We ought to realize that the boasted progress of the last two hundred years is essentially the rape of the virgin continent of North America.

The pressure from our greatly increased number is on for more and more and more production irrespective of the loss of balance between productive resources and the demand. So we move at an ever-accelerating rate to the destruction of life on this planet—at least to the life of the human race.

Our general education has proved to be a miserable failure. The greatest indictment, among the many, that can be brought against it is the fact that it has not taught us how to live within the biological "norm" for man. We have not been trained to see our problems both personal and social as related to our biological environment which in turn depends upon the soil, the water and the climate. We must come to appreciate and to care for the plants and insects and animals that must coinhabit this world with us if it is to be a healthful place for us humans.

We, of medicine, are perhaps the most miseducated of all. We have been prepared vocationally in a very narrow, superficial, compartmentized field of labour. We all tend to look at the immediate, to treat it systematically. Consequently, it is almost impossible for us to see the problem as a whole; to see engineering in relation to natural sciences, natural sciences in relation to social sciences, to see the problems of ourselves and our patients in relation to population food supply problems, and all of these in relation to our natural resources. For us physicians this means reverse pathology, social pathology, including the problem of population numbers and food supply and its relation to our renewable resources.

The inherent quality of food depends fundamentally upon the quality of the soil upon which it is grown. It is true that variety, moisture and other factors may prove of even greater importance in improving the quality. But the soil must have in it in available form all of the elements essential for the nourishment of the healthy plant or these will be of no avail.

The quality of the soil is determined by the nature of the rock from which it was weathered originally, by the amount of humus in it, the vegetation that has grown upon it through the centuries and, above all, by the degree of exploitation

which it has suffered at the hands of man.

The plants of the earth take from the soil the mineral elements that they need, plus those that the animals need. The thin green carpeting that covers the earth stands then as the intermediary by which certain elements in the rocks, after their conversion to soil, are made

available to man and other animals. The simple inorganic elements of the air and the soil are selected and built up by the plant into complex, organic compounds which then may be further elaborated with selection and elimination of elementary components by the animal into blood, bone, and flesh.



NEIGHBOURS WORTH HAVING

WHERE'S my slingshot, Mom?" ten-year-old Jack Wilson asked, turning the contents of the toy drawer upside down.

"Why do you want it, Son?" Mrs. Wilson looked up from her cooking.

"I must have it," muttered Jack, searching more furiously. "Don't you know where it is, Mom? I must hurry. That old thing may be after Mrs. Blue right now."

"What's after Mrs. Blue?"

"That cat those new folks have. I had to throw a stone at it, or it would have caught her. The woman scolded me."

"She did?" There was dismay in peace-loving Mrs. Wilson's tone. "Why didn't you explain?"

"I tried to, but she said, 'Don't throw at my cat any more, little boy, or I'll tell your mother,' and walked away."

Mrs. Wilson sat down in real distress. "What an introduction to new neighbours! I had so hoped we'd enjoy them as much as we did the Jennings."

"The Jennings thought as much of Mrs. Blue as we do," said Jack.

"You must not start any warfare with a neighbour, Son," Mrs. Wilson said decisively. "You leave your slingshot here. I value the friendship of my neighbours—"

"Don't you value Mrs. Blue's friendship?" interrupted Jack hotly. "You know she's nested in that apple tree for years. The babies are almost ready to fly. She trusts us to protect her. O Mom, we just can't let an old cat—" His voice broke and he dashed out by the kitchen door.

Mrs. Wilson stood stirring her cake absently. No, they couldn't betray the bluebirds, nor the robins, nor dear little Jenny Wren, but to have anything but harmony with a neighbour was unthinkable. "I know!" she exclaimed at last. "I'll go and ask her to bell her cat."

That very afternoon she called on her new neighbour.

"She's perfectly delightful," she told

the family at supper. "And the cat, Sunshine, is the most beautiful one I ever saw. But I failed in my mission," she went on dejectedly. "She doesn't want to put a bell on her cat."

"It's going to be war, then," Jack declared angrily. "Her cat's not going to kill off the birds if I can help it."

"Just a minute, Son," said his mother. "I've invited her for tea, tomorrow. We're going to have it in the orchard. You know how it is there about five o'clock, with the birds starting their evening vespers."

"Don't think it'll do any good," muttered Jack.

But he was mistaken. Hardly had tea begun, when the guest sat up suddenly. "Oh, what was that?" she asked. "It looked as if a bit of sky were falling."

"Mr. Blue," explained her hostess. "He and Mrs. Blue keep pretty busy these days. Their children are growing so fast they are continuously hungry. Yet Mr. Blue is bound to find time to indulge in a few merry notes." Then she added, "How lovely the bluebirds are, aren't they? Oh, listen! There is a brown thrasher."

"I never have lived near wild birds," the new neighbour said a little later, after she had listened enraptured. "I think they may prove intensely interesting neighbours."

Presently, she was making a tour of the orchard, under Jack's capable leadership. She exclaimed with delight over the oriole's clever cradle and Jenny Wren's snug little wooden house.

"I'm coming for another lesson in bird-lore, soon," she said as she took her leave. "And I'm going to get Sunshine a bell first thing in the morning. Can't risk her bothering these lovely tenants of yours."

After she had gone, Mrs. Wilson and Jack looked at each other with evident satisfaction.

"We shan't have to fight," said Jack.

"No," said his mother happily.—Trella Dick, in *National Kindergarten Association*.



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Constipation

Question: I am terribly constipated, and am taking pills and medicine such as liver pills. Occasionally I make some senna tea. Now I am having severe heart attacks, palpitation, and shortness of breath, and I am wondering if the pills I am taking are the cause of this. Would you suggest mineral oil instead? My age is seventy-six.

ANSWER: In general it is felt that constipation is not detrimental to the general health. Not a few laxatives, particularly those supposed to act upon the liver, contain strychnine, which is a poison. Mineral oil robs the body of oil-soluble vitamins and is not recommended.

Over-cooking of Cereals

Question: Can cereals be over-cooked so that they lose their vitamin content? Does the cooking of cereals make them more digestible?

ANSWER: Cooking does not seriously reduce the vitamin content of cereals. Also, it renders them more digestible. Dry cereals are more digestible than cooked ones, since the water content dilutes the digestive juices. Zwieback—thoroughly dried whole-wheat bread—is most digestible of all. If you eat from four to six slices of whole-wheat bread daily you can give up cereals almost entirely. But if you don't eat cereals you should see that you get milk every day.

High Blood Pressure

Question: My blood pressure keeps around 260. I have weak kidneys and bladder. What do you advise?

ANSWER: As one gets older, the kidneys lose their power to

concentrate the urine, which is one cause of getting up nights to pass water. Women may have urinary obstruction due to urethral stricture, which might aggravate the hypertension. A urinalysis and examination would be in order. In severe cases of hypertension the "rice diet" has merit. It includes boiled or steamed rice (without added salt, butter, or milk), cooked or fresh fruit, fresh tomatoes. It is monotonous and one tends to lose weight on it, but it will often bring the pressure down.

Humming in Head

Question: I have had a humming noise in my head. An examination of my heart, including electrocardiograph, showed that it is normal. What can be the cause?

ANSWER: There are quite a number of things which can cause head noises; often it is a combination of factors which makes diagnosis difficult. The inner ear must be affected in some way, either through its blood supply or its nerve connections. The blood supply can be affected by anaemia, or edema, which so frequently accompanies upper respiratory infections. In the elderly, arteriosclerosis may be a factor. The nerve supply can be adversely influenced by a lack of vitamin B (which is found in legumes, nuts, whole-grain products, etc.) or by toxins. Toxins would include the nicotine of tobacco, caffeine in tea and coffee, and such drugs as aspirin, quinine, etc. Nicotine also constricts blood vessels, caffeine dilates them. The free use of salt may cause head noises

and impaired hearing, in older persons particularly. Salt exerts osmotic pressure and upsets the delicate fluid balance in the various compartments of the inner ear.

Dizziness

Question: I am a farmer eighty-two years old. I have hardening of the arteries, and am very dizzy when I get up in the morning. My heart is not very good. Do you have any suggestions?

ANSWER: It is possible only to deal with general principles in a column of this kind. There seems to be virtue in a low cholesterol diet; that is, the restriction of animal fats including butter and eggs. Three or four eggs a week are plenty for one with arteriosclerosis. Margarine could be used instead of butter. You would probably benefit from the restriction of salt, even in cooking. Meat and fish are high in salt and would be best omitted. Salt favours the development of edema (dropsy) in persons with heart trouble and might be a factor in your dizziness. A physician would have to prescribe any specific remedies.

Bar Bells

Question: Would it be harmful to use aids such as bar bells in body building?

ANSWER: Bar bells and such aids are helpful in muscle strengthening. There is danger in lifting heavy weights of damaging the intervertebral discs with the development of sciatic pain later in life. Accordingly, my opinion would be that hiking and ordinary outdoor work would be preferable.