

DRUNKEN WITH FALSE DOCTRINES

Man Worships Pleasure Rather Than Reveres God.

THE DAY DAWN IS UPON US.

Pastor Russell Proclaims the Rising Sun of Righteousness Will Soon Scatter the Clouds and Reveal the True Character of the Creator—Divine Justice and Love Will Be Made Clear to Human Vision.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Jersey City, N. J., Sept. 21.—Pastor Russell's address at the Opera House was the event of the day. As usual he had the closest attention and a crowded house. His text was, "Lovers of pleasure were the lovers of God; having a faith of godliness but denying the power thereof. From such turn away." (I Timothy III, 4, 5.) He said:

Our text could scarcely apply better to present-day conditions if St. Paul had written the words this very day. The world seems to be going pleasure-mad. Very evidently we are in the "perilous times" mentioned in the text. It is proper that we investigate this tendency toward pleasure and formality as respects religion. What is the cause of this condition? It is not because mankind have naturally more desire for pleasure than for God. On the contrary, Phrenology shows us that the very highest organs of the human mind are those which relate to spirituality and reverence. Under normal conditions, therefore, all mankind might reasonably be expected to have their chief pleasure in spiritual things, in harmony with a proper reverence for their Creator and His will.

What has changed this natural condition, and turned the hearts of men away from reverence for God and spiritual things to more sensual pleasures, with merely an outward form of piety? The answer is that man's reverence for his Creator and for spiritual things has been taken advantage of by Satan. God has been pictured to men's minds as All-Powerful and devilish. These false doctrines, St. Paul declares, are "doctrines of demons" (I Timothy IV, 1). These misconceptions, formulated into multitudinous creeds, became the idols. Each idol creed contained a little nucleus of truth, around which monstrous errors were aggregated. For a long time we blindly and stupidly worshipped our creed-idols, fighting for ourselves and against others. Contributing our money to the point of sacrifice and self-denial, we built costly temples, each party for his own idol.

We were kept so busily engaged in thus fighting and working and building, that we did not stop to carefully notice the horrible outlines of these idols, nor to consider their blasphemous misrepresentations of the true God of Justice, Wisdom, Love, Power.

The Day Dawn is Upon Us

The Apostle says, "They that sleep in the night and they that are drunken are drunken in the night." Many thus have been asleep and have dreamed terrible things respecting the future which our Heavenly Father has ordained for His creatures. Various hallucinations and nightmares have afflicted us. Many have been drunk with the wine of false doctrines, mentioned in the Apocalypse, which tells us that this "drunkenness" or stupefaction of error has extended to all nations of Christendom (Rev. xviii, 2).

We may well thank God that "the night is far spent and the day is at hand." "The Sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in His beams" (Malachi IV, 2). The result will be the complete scattering of darkness, superstition and error, which for so long has more or less beclouded the minds of many of us to the true character of our God and the true teachings of His Word. It is because we are in the dawning of the New Day that we are beginning to see, as never before, the horrible features of our creed-idols.

The majority of Christians have not yet discovered the real character of the Almighty. They are in a transition state. They no longer worship their idols as formerly, yet they still worship them. We can direct them to worship the true God, but the idols so monstrously misrepresent the God of all Grace that the worship is necessarily faint and half-hearted, or, as the Apostle declares, it is merely "a form of godliness," without the power, the force, the strength which should accompany the worship of the true God, rightly understood and properly revered.

A Revulsion of Sentiment
The dawning of the light of the New Day of Messiah begins to waken us from the nightmares of the Dark Ages. We have begun to doubt our creed idols. Many have ceased their worship altogether. Many others respect them merely as fetiches of the past. Some are afraid that if the masses cease to worship the idols all reverence for holy things will pass away and the world will lapse into heathenish darkness. We should remember, on the contrary, that we have been in

heathenish darkness, and are merely now escaping from it. The heathen has had his idol of wood and stone while we have had more ethereal ones. The heathen's idols are ugly enough, yet far less horrible than the creed idols of civilized lands. No excuse will longer maintain idol worship of any kind.

Looking For the Truth
The great difficulty with the masses is that, repudiating the idols, they are lapsing into agnosticism—doubt. They know not what they believe. They are looking for the Truth. They find the leaders of the creeds still bowing formally to the idols, but privately repudiating them. Such leaders are unworthy of confidence and only partially honest. Hungry and thirsty for something to satisfy the craving of their hearts, the furnishing people are turning toward pleasure. "They are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God."

Comparatively few any longer believe in purgatory or everlasting torment, but they believe that these doctrines have a Scriptural foundation, which they proportionately discredit, and charge with being the source of all their ignorance and superstition in the past. With faith in the Bible gone, the masses know not where to go nor whom to trust respecting enlightenment regarding the future. They are reaching the conclusion that everything is a big guess, and that they may as well do their own guessing as to pay a minister to do it for them.

The situation is a deplorable one. As we have already intimated, humanity is so constituted that religion holds the very highest place in his mental organism—the seat of power and control in all the affairs of his life. With no fixed conviction, men are drifting. The learned are going into infidelity, under the more refined name of Higher Criticism. The poor and less learned are going into doubt respecting any intelligent Creator or Supervisor. As a matter of fact they are saying not only there is no God who would torment mankind eternally, but apparently, there is no God who takes any interest in humanity.

In this frame of mind Socialism appeals to them. They propose to bring about "Paradise Restored," by the power of Socialism. They say to themselves, "We are without a God, without a future hope, and without conviction in our former views, let us eat, drink and be merry—let us enjoy life—let us get all that we can of pleasure out of present existence, for we are hopeless respecting a future one." Is it any wonder that the apostle foretold that, under these conditions, the masses would become more and more pleasure-mad?

Thus we account for the great lament that is going up from all churches that the pews are empty, and the collection-boxes empty, and that the system would go down except for the benevolent wealthy, who really do not believe in the creed idols, but who desire that others shall believe in them and worship them. In a word, the crowds which once flocked to the churches, with their nickels and pennies, now make for the theatres and crowd the hard, rough "bleachers" of the ball grounds. They have become lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, because the representations of God in the various creeds are too repulsive, too irrational, too devilish, to be longer believed in or worshipped. What the people need is a general smashing of all the creed idols and the unanimous return to the study of the Bible, and to the worship of the true God, which the Bible sets forth.

Preachers Are in Perplexity
No men in the world are to be more sympathized with than the preachers. The creed idols have been richly endowed by well-meaning votaries of the past. The interests of the clergy are all wrapped up with the interests of the creed idols—not only their financial interests, but their honor, dignity, titles. The question with the clergy today is, How can we smash the creed idols? How can we destroy them without ourselves perishing with them? If we tell the common people plainly what we believe, they will all leave the creed idols. They will ask us, How long is it since you came to this conclusion? If we tell them that we have not believed in our creeds for many years, will they not call us hypocritical and lose their confidence in us? And, besides, what could we offer them instead?

It is no secret that the great majority of the educated clergy are total unbelievers, not only in the creeds which they profess, but also in the Bible—they call themselves "Higher Critics" and "Evolutionists." They have nothing that they could teach the people, except their doubts, their mis-understandings. Having lost faith in the creed idols, they are seeking for the true God, in whom the masses believe little enough as it is. They are bound to God and religious things by a very slim cord composed of three strands—ignorance, superstition and natural reverence. The ignorance and superstition will soon break, and all that will be left will be man's natural reverence. Now is the time for replacing ignorance with knowledge, and superstition with loving obedience to the true God.

"A Famine in the Land"
When I was in Boston last June the largest opera house of that great city, seating thirty-six hundred, was crowded; four hundred more were behind me on the platform besides those who stood, and I learned afterwards that hundreds were turned away from the doors. The next day the editor of a religious journal called on me. His leading question was: "Pastor Russell, how do you explain the fact that the people of all creeds, and of the world, come in such crowds to your meetings? I was present yesterday

at the Boston Theatre and witnessed that vast concourse of intelligent people. As I looked at them I asked myself the question I am now asking you, 'How is it that such crowds attend your services, even in this sultry, summer weather, when the summer resorts and seashore pleasures would call them elsewhere, and while many of our leading and able ministers, supported by talented choirs, have small attendance—twenty, forty, fifty or so?' What is your explanation?"

I replied, "My brother, I believe we are witnessing a fulfillment of the Scripture which says: 'There shall be a famine in the land; Not a famine for bread, nor a famine for water, but a famine for the hearing of the Word of the Lord' (Amos VIII, 11). The public are getting their eyes too widely opened to ever again respect the God whom Brother Calvin pictured—a God, All-Wise and All-Powerful, but thoroughly unloving, who foreordained and predestinated a saintly handful to glory, and the unsaintly thousands of millions to an eternity of torture. We once believed those things, but the new morning of God's grace in Christ Jesus is gradually scattering the darkness.

"Neither can we longer believe with Brother Wesley that our God is good and loving, and would like to save everybody if He could, but was unwise in His creation of man, and is lacking in power to direct the matter now. The people are hungering for something better—for something consistent and rational and in accordance with the Bible declaration, that Divine Justice, Wisdom, Love and Power are coordinate—that God is Love, and is as just and wise and powerful as He is loving. The people need to be shown a theology which will accord with this Divine character and with the Divine statement that 'known unto the Lord are all His works from the beginning of the world'; and again: 'My Word that goeth forth out of My mouth shall not return unto Me void, but shall accomplish that which I please,' saith the Lord, 'and shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.'"

Bible Doctrine of Election
Christian people need to believe the Bible doctrine of Election, but must see it in a different light from that which Brother Calvin threw upon the subject. They must see election from the Bible standpoint—the election of a saintly Church, a "little flock," "a royal priesthood, a holy people," to be the Bride of Christ, and His joint-heirs. They must see that this "elect" Church with the Redeemer is God's appointed channel for the blessing of the non-elect world. They need to be shown clearly that the saintly few, gathered first from the Jews, but subsequently completed by additions of those of saintly character of all nations, are with Christ to become the great Seed of Abraham, the great Messiah, Abraham's spiritual Seed, "like the stars of heaven." It must then be shown why this spiritual Seed has been "called," "elected," selected from amongst mankind—that it is for the very purpose of blessing the non-elect, the masses of Adam's race, in harmony with God's promise to Abraham—"In thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

St. Paul refers to this spiritual Seed, saying, "And to thy Seed, which is Christ, and 'If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's Seed and heirs according to the promise' (Galatians III, 29). All these are heirs of the great promise that has not yet been fulfilled. The fulfillment waits until the completion of a foreordained number, an elect "little flock" of the saintly few. Then these, changed by the power of the First Resurrection, from human nature to divine nature (I Peter I, 4), will constitute the glorious Kingdom of Messiah. The Kingdom blessings will go first to Abraham's natural seed, and through them to all nations.

God's character is so great, so grand, that, if seen by men, it would be revered. God's Plan of Salvation is so grandly beautiful that, when rightly understood and comprehended, it proves more fascinating than any novel.

The world has been kept away from God and from the Bible by the machinations of the Adversary. He has had much to do with the formation of our creed idols. Seeing men breaking away from error, in the Reformation time, and groping after the Truth, Satan presented himself "as an angel of light" and misguided our fathers into the formation of their various creeds. This is corroborated by St. Paul's words, "The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the glorious light of the goodness of God, as it shines in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord, should shine into their hearts" (II Corinthians IV, 4). The Adversary did not wish us to see with "the eyes of our hearts" the glorious character of our Creator. His love for mankind and His glorious provision for us. He wished, on the contrary, to blind us with prejudice, to turn us away from God and from the Bible. And surely His plan has been measurably successful.

Nevertheless, Satan has gained no real victory, he has in no way hindered the finding of the "elect." Rather, we may assume that these various, blinding influences and stumbling stones have but served to prove, to test the love, loyalty, faith and obedience of the "called and chosen and faithful!"

If we have seen why the world is going pleasure-mad, and if we have seen the steps which should be taken to guide the well-intentioned into the ways of the Lord, let us, my beloved hearers, not only be faithful ourselves to the Lord's way, but let us lift the Royal Banner of our God and of our Savior, and "show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light."

"They Challenge the World."

Joe Koubek, Jr., and Joe Bullin went out to the Gilson farm at Rock Bluffs Sunday, each with a zunny sack. They wanted to buy a quarter's worth of watermelons each. Gilson gave each of them nine large melons. They did not go far till they wished to lighten the load, so they ate one apiece. Soon they wanted another one. They reached home, one with three melons and the other with four. They ate the rest, they said.

YOUNG AMERICA AND THE FRUIT ORCHARD

Many of the Old Men of This Age Can Remember When They Were Boys.

It is customary when one becomes a grown-up to look back with a certain degree of pride on one's boyish exploits in the pilfering of fruit. The man who has not as a youth raided apple orchards and grape vines right and left feels that he has had a molly-coddle boyhood. Many people take a very good-natured attitude about these depredations and regard it as useless for anyone living in a town of any size to hope to raise fruit except at a long distance from human habitations.

This is, however, rather rough on the many people who are becoming interested in good horticulture, and who are putting in a lot of work in developing prolific vines and orchards. Is it a wise plan to allow young America to grow up feeling that he has unlimited license to reap the benefit of some one other person's labor? Will the boy who has no qualms about enjoying luscious fruit that other people have spent time and money to develop, be very careful when he grows up to render dollar for dollar in the business transactions of the street? We doubt it.

UNTYING NUPTIAL KNOTS EASY AS TYING THEM

Union Woman Filed Suit for Divorce Saturday and Got It This Morning.

Saturday Zelletta Leach, the wife of Edward E. Leach, the keeper of a hotel at Union, filed a suit for divorce. The answer of the plaintiff was filed at the same time, and at 7:30 o'clock this morning the divorce was granted. It was not contested.

The petition stated that the plaintiff and defendant were married at Union November 2, 1904. She stated that she had been a faithful and obedient wife, but that two years after the marriage her husband began the use of intoxicating liquors, and became a habitual drunkard. No children were born of the union. She asked that she be given legal separation and the restoration of her maiden name, Zelletta Clarence.

In the answer the defendant, Edward Leach, admitted the use of intoxicating liquors, but not to excess.

Boxing Contest at Nehawka.

We understand there is to be a six-round boxing exhibition at the Nelse Anderson hall on the evening of September 30. The contestants are Mike Yelic, a local exponent of the manly art, and Greg Alexander of Omaha. The affair will be preceded by a couple of good preliminaries.—Nehawka News.

Entertained in Country.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Meisinger entertained a number of guests at their country home eight miles west of town Sunday. Those entertained were: Mr. and Mrs. John Libershall and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger, George Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Libershall, Joe Libershall, Frank and Anton Koubek.

Miss Hulda Goos went to Omaha this afternoon.

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CHAS. F. GUTHMAN HOME ON VISIT TO PARENTS

He Gives an Account of the Condition of Things in Murphy, Idaho, and Vicinity.

C. F. Guthmann arrived in the city last Saturday evening from Murphy, Idaho, where he is in the general merchandise and lumber business. He will make a two weeks' visit with his parents and other friends and relatives. Charley is well pleased with the western country, and while he is living in a very small town it is business from the word go. Murphy has only about 100 people, but the town has a modern water works plant and is lighted with electricity. It is the terminal point of the railroad and many mining camps and pretty fair-sized cities are supplied with their freight of all kinds from Murphy, being loaded into wagons and carried to the various points. The wagons are loaded with from 6,000 to 10,000 pounds and are drawn by from six to ten horses.

Mr. Guthmann also conducts the freight and transfer depot at Murphy, and in bad weather the freight from the various mining camps and little mountain cities accumulates quite rapidly, which alone is no small task to look after. Murphy is about fifty miles from Boise City and promises some time in the near future to develop into a modern little city, located as it is in the center of a great mining and stock-growing country.

Charley is looking hale and hearty, enjoying the best of health and in a business way we venture the assertion that he will always be in the front.

LOCAL NEWS

From Saturday's Daily.
Ben Dill, from near Murray, was in the city today looking after some business matters.

John N. Beck, from west of Plattsmouth, was in the city today looking after some business matters, and while here called at the Journal office to renew for his paper.

C. F. Harris, from near Union, was in the city today looking after some business matters. Crede says the land business right now is just a little slow, but he always has a few good trades up his sleeve that he can bring forth when the time is ripe.

George Everett, one of the Journal's warm friends, from near Union, was in the city today looking after some business matters. He paid the Journal office a brief call, renewing for his paper another year. Mr. Everett is one of the progressive and thrifty farmers of Liberty precinct.

From Monday's Daily.
Attorney M. Gering went to Omaha this morning.

Miss Bessie Lawrence went to Omaha this afternoon.

"Bundy" Dovey went to Omaha this morning on business.

W. C. Ramsey was in town over Sunday visiting his parents.

Mrs. W. W. Coates made a business trip to Omaha today.

Mrs. Zilletta Leach went to Omaha this morning for the day.

Harry Royal of Lincoln came down Saturday evening for a Sunday visit with friends and relatives south of the city.

Mrs. A. J. Beeson and her guest, Miss Hattie Brown, went to Omaha this morning. Miss Brown is on her way to Los Angeles, her home.

Mrs. J. S. Hall and her mother, Mrs. Irma G., went to Omaha this morning with the former's cousin, George Pence, of Los Angeles, who has been visiting here for several days.

Mrs. Marvella Howland, local president of the P. E. O. society, left yesterday for Lincoln, where she will leave on the special car to attend the convention of the national P. E. O. society at St. Louis September 26-29.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rehbein and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rehbein, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. August Rakow, left this afternoon for Casey, Iowa, where they will visit before returning to their homes at Applegate.

Mrs. C. C. Parmele and daughter, Miss Hallie, left this morning for Lincoln, where they will join the P. E. O. party which will go to the P. E. O. convention at St. Louis in a special car. Miss Parmele will enter her second year at Montivello, which is near St. Louis, in Illinois.

THIRTEEN KILLED AT RAIL CROSSING

Fast Train Strikes Hay Rack Loaded With Young People.

THREE ARE FATALLY INJURED.

Big Sign Board, Combined With Fog of Early Morning, Obscure Views of Both Engineer and Driver—Victims Are Terribly Mutilated.

Neenah, Wis., Sept. 25.—Sixteen deaths probably will be the result of a collision of a mile-a-minute passenger train with a hayrack loaded with thirty-one young people at Neenah.

A big billboard along the railway tracks obscured the view of the engineer as well as the driver of the wagon. Mist and fog did the rest.

Twelve persons on the hayrack were killed instantly, one has since died, and three of eight others injured are believed to be fatally hurt. Nine of the thirty-one people aboard the wagon escaped without a scratch. Both horses were unhurt. Nobody on the train suffered except from a momentary severe jar.

The collision occurred on the Chicago and Northwestern railway at the Commercial street crossing here (Train No. 121, northbound, whirled through the wagonload of people at a forty-five-degree angle, the highway crossing being diagonal.

The victims were returning from the Peter Hanson farm, where they had gone to attend the celebration of a wedding anniversary. All but two men from Chicago, were residents of Monasha.

The dead: John Drill, Chicago; James Cheslock, Gustav Finn, Mabel Finn, John Hart, Steven Lisek, Dominick Ommieschinski, Mabel Renz, John Schedick, Joseph Schedick, Joseph Sieny, Frank Sigardt, Isabelle Szechowski.

Bodies Cover Right-of-Way.

Bodies, terribly cut and mutilated, covered the right-of-way as the train plowed coaches in length, was brought to a stop 800 feet from the scene of the wreck. Several of the bodies were so badly mutilated that identification was possible only by fragments of clothing.

Six of the victims, all dead, were discovered on the engine pilot, where they lay until removed by the train crew and passengers. Two others were hurled through a flagman's canopy with such force as to overturn the little structure. One of these was Miss Finn, who was projected through one of the side walls of the house and was still alive when removed. She died a few hours later. Another of the victims killed was thrown high over a barn fifty feet from the railway right-of-way.

OIL TRUST BUSY DIVIDING

Work of Dissolution Proceeds at 25 Broadway.

New York, Sept. 25.—The work of dissolution is going on merrily at 25 Broadway, where the Standard Oil combination is dividing itself into thirty-four parts, at the orders of the supreme court. The work is expected to be completed about the middle of November.

There are seventy clerks, stenographers, typewriters, and various other of office help engaged in the manual labor of extinguishing the life of the combine. Besides, there are sixty-eight officers of the thirty-four companies. Their duty is to examine and sign the new certificates to supersede the old Standard Oil shares.

For each certificate surrendered by a stockholder in the old Standard Oil company thirty-four new certificates are to be issued. They represent the various component parts, bunched into thirty-three companies, and a thirty-fourth part, comprising all that the courts allow the old head company, the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, to keep unto itself.

TO SLEEP IN OPEN AIR

Missouri Frats Constructing Chapter House With No Closed Bedrooms.

Columbia, Mo., Sept. 25.—An \$18,000 chapter house, without a closed bedroom, has been practically completed by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity in this city. The fifteen Missouri university members of that fraternity have decided to try cold, fresh air as a healthful sleep producer and restorative for tired brain cells. Instead of bedrooms a large open air sleeping chamber has been constructed on the third floor. No heat will be allowed in this room even in coldest weather.

Tourniquet Saves a Life.

Chicago, Sept. 25.—Fellow workmen probably saved the life of Charles A. Keith, a press feeder, when they quickly applied a tourniquet to the stump of his right wrist. His hand had been amputated by a machine at the plant of J. J. Kenned Co. Following the temporary aid he was rushed to St. Luke's hospital.

Gowns to Aid Women's Cause.

New York, Sept. 25.—Ten thousand women in purple, green and white. This is the spectacle the Women's Political union plans for the suffrage parade next spring. They will march in costumes made in the colors of the union.