

**RECORD OF THE CROSS**

SYMBOL IS ONE OF MOST ANCIENT RECORDED IN HISTORY.

May Be Traced Back Five Thousand Years, to the Babylonian Era, as Explained by Students of the Past.

The cross is so old that the records of men do not go back to the first one. Christianity took a very ancient symbol and made it Christian, but nobody knows just why.

To understand all there is to know about the cross we must go back four or five thousand years to astronomy and astrology as understood by the ancient Babylonians. Under their clay tablets and stone monuments, and upon the monuments of the Persians, the Hittites and every other ancient nation we find crosses of all shapes and kinds. Even the Egyptians decorated their high priest when he was officiating in the greatest of their temples with the figure of the cross. There must, therefore, be some great and universal significance in this symbol or its use would not have been so widespread.

"The Babylonians offer the clearest explanation of this symbol in their expression, 'the four ends of the earth,' which is also found in the Bible. The people of Bible times knew that the earth was round, for Isaiah speaks of the 'circle of the earth' and then of the 'ends of the earth.' This makes the conception plain that to the early Semites—for Babylonians and Hebrews were all Semitic and the Cuneiform and Hebrew languages have many words in common—the earth was round and had four ends, or, as we put it today, 'four points of the compass.'

If the circle of the earth is drawn and then bisected in either direction by straight lines the perfect cross is made, thus symbolizing the whole earth.

The early Babylonians went further, and in their polytheism established one of the gods as ruler over each of these ends of the earth, identifying each god with one of the great planets, whose motions they studied so carefully. The north was presided over by Nergal and the planet which we call Mars. The east had Marduk and the planet Jupiter, the south had Nib and the planet Saturn, while the west was ruled by Nabu and his planet Mercury. The names of the stars were different in Babylonian, but they corresponded to the planets as we know them by these names. The north was identified with winter and midnight, the east with morning and spring, the south with midday and summer and the west with evening and autumn.

Some of the Babylonian inscriptions also show that the four phases of the moon were indicated by the cross. The mystic quality of this symbol penetrated the life and literature of the people because they held that the direct influence of the moon and stars upon the affairs of men was constantly felt.

It is more than suggested that there is a direct connection between this four-fold division of earth and heavens, as symbolized by the cross which stood for the complete whole and the so-called Tetragrammaton or four-lettered name for God of the Hebrews. This is the word rendered in English, Jehovah, or by advanced scholars, Yahveh. The four consonants in the Hebrew are YHVH, the vowels not being reckoned as of any significance. It is now suggested that because of the monotheism of the Hebrews, believing in one God and not in many, they used the four consonants to indicate the four ends of the earth and heavens, and combining them into one word made that stand for the one God of heaven and earth. — Cleveland Leader.

**New Kind of Ashes.**

Little Laura—"Mamma, what kind of ashes is satin ashes?" Mamma—"I never heard of them, dear." Little Laura—"Well, in my Sunday school lesson it says: 'And the king of Nineveh covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes!'"



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**Agricultural Items.**

Some 1,543 people visited the State Farm during fair week. Guides were provided to show them through the various departments and explain the exhibits. In previous years the number of visitors has been much larger. The shortage this year is due to the bad weather conditions that prevailed. Out-of-town people were unable to get in before Thursday or Friday and utilized the remainder of the week at the fair. However, this is not a bad showing considering the small attendance at the fair.

Miss Huldah Peterson, state leader in charge of Boys' and Girls' clubs, and Miss Mable Daniels, assistant professor of home economics, are ex-

pected to return today from Albion, Nebr., where they had charge of Junior day at the Boone county fair on Wednesday.

Miss Maude Cheuvront, secretary to Harry E. Bradford, principal of the School of Agriculture, is spending her vacation at Enid, Okla.

**"Rushing" Starts.**

Yesterday it was a common sight to see an innocent, unassuming freshman being lead to the slaughter by a friendly upperclassman and would-be brother.

The different fraternities report most of their old men back and an abundance of excellent new material. There are several changes in loca-

tion this year. The Delta Chis move into their new home at 1345 South Eighteenth street. The Kappa Sigs have been settled for quite a while in the ex-Governor Aldrich property on South Eleventh street, formerly occupied by Dean Davis. The Delta Chis now have one of the nicest places in town. The Sigma "Nus"—as well as the old ones—go to their stone home at 2530 Q street.

Among the sororities, the Alpha Chis go to 1410 Q street, while the Chi Omegas go south to 1426 E street. The Tri Deltis are now at 800 South Eighteenth street, looking after the Betas, and the D. G.'s have moved a few blocks, to 420 South Eleventh street.

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