

Man's Appeal to Himself

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TEXT.—My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him.—Ps. 121: 5.



These were the words of a man of affairs, one who had attained the highest position within reach, and that not by heredity or chance, but by the force of his qualities; yet withal a man very human, a man who knew the depths of sin as well as the heights of intimate communion with God—and

this man called on his soul to wait upon God.

The psalmist recognized within himself something to which many are very indifferent—a soul that related him to God, and differentiated him from the brute creation. Whether that which he recognized was in itself immortal or only contained the possibility of immortality need not interest us now, but it was another self, an alter ego, what some might call the subliminal self, and which has in those who have lived a life of purposeful sin, been stifled, and yet cries out constantly for recognition, and nourishment, and ultimate perfection.

It is not the imbecile who thinks of his soul, but it is the man who recognizes his true humanity, if you please; as in this case, oftentimes the man of affairs, of parts, of high ambitions. And this man is frequently quite out of patience with those who profess to be physicians of the soul and yet prescribe little or nothing that benefits the soul.

Great statesmen, financiers, railroad magnates, inventors, artists, manufacturers, etc., when they go to church, want soul food, something to which the soul responds. A leading lawyer recently said with reference to the message that should be given from the pulpit: "It should come from God, and should relate to the inner life, it should be food for the soul."

The call was not to something indefinite: "Wait thou only upon God." Here is the recognition of the correlation to the soul, the spiritual God. This recognition was not of an abstract idea, but of a personality—it gave an opportunity for quibbling and doubting. There was no suggestion in any little "if." This man of affairs and great parts was not the only historical character who has thus thought and acted. Some men may be like Job and ask where they may find God, but many others have had direct and constant intercourse with the spiritual God, they have seen him who is invisible.

Can this not be said of our three martyr presidents? Of Gladstone, of Bismarck, of William of Germany, of Justice Harlan? And as we glance back over the past do we not have Chinese Gordon, Stonewall Jackson, Oliver Cromwell, Gustavus Adolphus, Savonarola, Paul, David, Moses, Abraham and a host of others? Granting that these men waited on God, for so they all professed, their achievements are not an enigma.

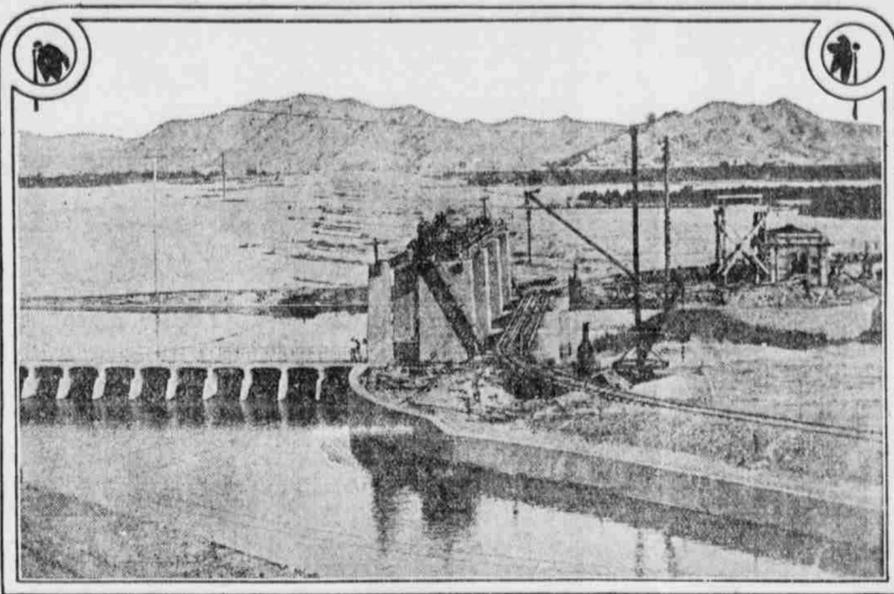
What is it to wait on God? Is it not keeping silence before him? "Let all the earth keep silence before him." And such silence before God is an essential element of prayer. One has recently said that prayer is not the claiming a hearing, it is giving a hearing; it is not speaking to God, it is listening to God. It is true that

"Whatever is best for me, my God will bring to me. If I do only wait, and trust, and pray, whatever seems dark to me, shall end in light for me." "Tis but the gloaming, which fore-runs the day."

This waiting before God, too, suggests a readiness to respond to the call of God as the old retainers would respond to the call of their liege lords. And was there ever a period of the history of the race when the likelihood of a call was as great? The world is open to men spirit-filled to go to the thousand million human beings who as yet do not know the true God.

Another suggestion is that of tarrying. How impatient we are! A man must make his first millions in ten years of business. Ten more millions must be made in the next five years. Who now tolls for the slow increase on an investment, except the man who lacks the speed of action of today's trading? And this is largely true of christian work—we will not work to the limit and be patient as long as the fruits do not fall into our laps in great quantities. And how impatient we are in trial! We will not wait until God gets through his process of realizing for us our best, until the purifying fire has burned away our dross. And this waiting on God would not be honoring to him unless our waiting was with confident expectation. The soul of David would never have received a blessing if he had waited before God indulging perhaps.

ONE OF UNCLE SAM'S GREAT WATERWAY FEATS



LAGUNA DAM AND HEADGATES

THE construction of the Laguna dam over the quicksands of the Colorado river in Arizona is one of the biggest waterway feats ever accomplished by the United States government. The dam is nearly a mile long and, with its headgates, weighs 600,000 tons. The canal from the dam is to pass under the river near Yuma in a siphon 1,000 feet long and 15 feet in diameter.

TELLS OF ESKIMOS

Head of Government Schools Gives Interesting Data.

Went to Alaska in 1890—Describes Experiences in Dealing With Supposedly Savage Tribes, Who Now Raise Reindeer.

Washington.—A few days ago a short, stocky man with a quiet manner, a skin browned by much outdoor life, and the steady eye of one used to looking across great distances, came to Washington with such small fuss that it was more than a week before the reporters were aware of his presence at all. He is W. T. Lopp, head of the government's school system for Eskimos, and a man who has spent most of his life since 1890 in Alaska, seldom "coming out," as he calls a trip down to the states.

Lopp was a Hoosier schoolmaster, a boy just out of college, when the government sent him and another young man up to Cape Prince of Wales on Bering Strait to start an Eskimo school. He expected to remain only two years.

When he went up he and his partner were the only white men living in all of northern Alaska. They went alone into a district where the natives were so dreaded that whalers would not put into port, even for haven in a storm.

"We had some trouble with them at first, but we insisted on having our way. When they saw we were absolutely just and fair with them, their attitude changed."

"That first winter we learned that the Eskimos wanted to own reindeer, but that the revenue officers would not permit the importation. Some of the natives even owned reindeer in the Siberian herds across the straits. And it seemed a shame that they were forbidden to bring their property across from Asia, so near that the Siberian heights could be seen over the water on clear days."

"We appealed to Washington for permission to import reindeer. But

"PIGS IS PIGS" HIS QUEST

Professor Seeking a True Guinea Type to Settle All Doubt.

New York.—Word was received here by New York zoologists that Prof. William E. Castle was doing very well in his quest for a pair of ancestral guinea pigs amid the peaks of Peru.

Professor Castle is from Harvard university, and several weeks ago he departed from this port on his search in the interest of science. Experiments are being conducted in Schermerhorn Hall, in Columbia university, and also in the Station of Evolution, at Cold Spring Harbor, to determine variations which occur in accordance with the laws of heredity. The records concern the guinea pig birth rate quite intimately. It has been asserted that the American breed are no longer guinea pigs at all. That is why the professor has gone to the mountains of Peru to bring back a consignment of guinea pigs which are supposed to be of the true type. Meanwhile science must wait.

As everybody knows, guinea pigs, even of the ancestral type, are Guinea pigs, and Guinea pigs are not pigs, but are rabbits. Hence, the pigs are not pigs and never were.

It is a long trip from the mountains of Peru to Sandy Hook and Professor Castle, starting with only one pair of guinea pigs of the ancestral type, is likely to arrive here with so many specimens that he will not be able to distinguish the ancestors from posterity. If the steamship should be delayed his troubles would be increased.

other government agents had preceded us in this request. Before we had a reply from our letter that summer a revenue cutter put into port with a shipment of reindeer on board. We were overjoyed to know that the prohibition of the law had been removed and set about getting more.

"In 1892 came the first large importation. We brought in 1,200 that year and from these grew the present herd, scattered throughout Alaska and numbering over 35,000.

"The reindeer policy was gradually evolved. We impress upon the Lapps and Eskimos that the reindeer are exclusively their property and care. For instance, they are not allowed to sell female reindeer to white men, so that the brood animals are to be perpetually in the custody and ownership of the natives.

"The herders are free to breed their animals and sell their calves or stock of any age or sex to the other natives. "Reindeer are food, clothing and transportation to the natives."

FORETELLS DEATH OF MANY

Tennessee Seer Predicts Volcanic Eruption in Pennsylvania That Will Rival That of Martinique.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—The Rev. Thomas Clark, a picturesque character who for years has wandered in the mountains of eastern Tennessee and Southwest Virginia, styling himself the "Prophet of the Smokies," declares that he has just had a vision in which it was revealed to him by a divine messenger that during the present year, 1912, a volcanic eruption equal to that of Martinique or Vesuvius will take place in the state of Pennsylvania, and that nearly 900,000 souls will be plunged into eternity without a moment's warning. He asserts he foretold the assassination of President McKinley, the fire at Baltimore and the San Francisco earthquake.

"Sleepy Tom," as he is called by many, travels about the country with no fixed place of residence, and often

SHARED FOOD WITH BIRDS

Newsboy's Object Lesson Wasted on Hotel Loungers Who Watch Act From Window.

Kansas City, Mo.—In front of the Hotel Baltimore a newsboy shivered on a cold morning recently. One hand was busy making frequent trips to his mouth with a large "hamburger," from which he was taking hungry sized bites.

"Poor little rat. He must be nearly frozen," a traveling man remarked as he sat in a large leather chair looking out upon the snow and ice.

Just then some snow birds lighted a few feet away. They hopped about as if half frozen. The newsboy tossed them a piece of his sandwich. They pecked at it eagerly. Then he tossed the remainder down and watched the birds peck at it so eagerly.

No. The traveling man didn't go out and give the newsboy a dollar or buy him a new overcoat. He lighted another cigar.

"I'd like to do something for that lad," he remarked. "But it's just too cold to move."

sleeps in his buggy, drawn by a ill fed horse. The vehicle is plastered with quotations from the bible. He sells nothing, nor does he beg.

He has a circuit, which he gets over about every three months, and each time he stops with a different family. He does not wait upon the formality of an invitation, but just drives up, unhitches his horse, unloads his dog from the rear of his vehicle and walks in.

Found in a Poorhouse.

Ashtabula, O.—While Albert Olson was being taken to the poorhouse at Kingsville to spend the winter, a sister in Beloit, Wis., was seeking him to inform him that their father in Sweden had died, leaving him a third interest of his large estate. He was located in the poorhouse through a letter sent the local postmaster by the sister. He will go to Beloit and later to Sweden to claim the estate.

100 TO MOTHER ONE BABY

What New York High School Girls Taking Course in Housekeeping Will Do.

New York.—One hundred girl students in the Wadleigh high school here who are taking a course in housekeeping will adopt a baby and care for the child as a part of the work of the course. The pupils will take turns in washing and dressing the infant, feeding it, singing it to sleep and wheeling it in its cot.

A special committee selected by the class has picked out a baby from a number of foundlings offered by the State Charities Aid association. The students are now making preparations for a "naming party," to be given in its honor. The name will be selected by vote.

SPLICE MAN'S SPINAL CORD

Surgeons Accomplish Delicate Operation at Far Rockaway on Bullet Victim.

New York.—James Renzula, nineteen, is in St. Joseph's hospital, Far Rockaway, having survived a very rare and dangerous surgical operation. A bullet which broke two of his vertebrae also severed his spinal cord. Dr. William L. Mulcahy, assisted by Dr. B. F. Thomas, house physician and surgeon, and Dr. Salzer, a former interne, have spliced the ends of the cord. They said that, thanks to his strong physique, Renzula may live

for years, although he will always be paralyzed from the waist down. Renzula was shot by Joseph Fucci in Fucci's grocery store at Inwood, L. I. Fucci, arrested, said two men entered and he thought he recognized one of them as a relative of a "blackhand" he had sent to prison. So he opened fire, dangerously wounding both.

Dr. Mulcahy and his assistants tried to draw together the end of Renzula's spinal cord and stitch them, but they could not do so exactly. So they drew the ends as closely as possible and fixed them in place by suturing them in the spinal canal.

JUST A LITTLE TOO HASTY

Mr. Newlywed Resented What He Considered Impertinence, but the Joke Was on Him.

They were on their wedding tour, and imagined that every civility given them related to their new condition of servitude.

Having stopped at a way station, the bridegroom was approached by the station agent, who asked: "Are you going to take the next train?"

"It's none of your business," retorted the bridegroom, indignantly, as he guided the bride up the platform, where they consoled with each other over the impertinence of some of the natives.

Onward came the train, its vapor curling from afar. It was the last to their destination that day—an express. Nearer and nearer it came at full speed; then in a moment it whizzed past and was gone.

"Why in thunder didn't that train stop!" yelled the bridegroom.

"Cos you said 'twarn't none of my bizness. I has to signal if that train's to stop."

Both Wrong.

A ludicrous story is told of an Edinburg ballie, whose studies in natural history seem to have been limited. The following case came before him one day:

A man who kept a ferret having to go into the country, left the cage with the ferret in charge of a neighbor till he should return. The neighbor incautiously opened the cage door, and the ferret escaped. The owner was very angry, and brought a claim against him for damages.

The following was the decision of the learned ballie: "Nae doot," he said to the neighbor; "nae doot, ye was wrang to open the cage door; but," he added, turning to the owner, "ye was wrang too. What for did ye no clip the brute's wings?"

Useless.

"Why don't you make up your mind to cease permitting your wife to henpeck you?"

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