

LOST PARADISE TO BE RESTORED

Mankind to Be Redeemed Through Jesus' Sacrifice.

DARWIN THEORY CRUMBLING.

Pastor Russell Says Evolution Is Unscientific and Tends to Undermine the Verities of God's Word—Higher Critics Leading the People Into Error—Divine Provision for the Regeneration of Mankind Will Be Made Clear During Messiah's Reign.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Midweek, Oct. 8th.—Pastor Russell made some startling statements in connection with his discourse on the Blood of Atonement. He took for his text the words, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls." (Leviticus xvii, 11.) He said:—

All the trend of religious scholarship in recent years is away from the Bible and in line with the Evolution theory. The Bible sets forth that the first man was created perfect, in the image and likeness of his Creator, and that when on trial for life or death everlasting he was disobedient, and came under the sentence of death; and that all trouble, all sin and sorrow, pain and death, for the past six thousand years, is the penalty, the result, of that fall from obedience and harmony with God. The Bible teaches the necessity for an atonement for sin, and this lesson was shown in the typical sacrifices of bullocks and goats, which Israelites for centuries commemorated, especially upon their Atonement Day, at the beginning of each year.

The Bible and Evolution Opposed.
Evolution claims that man started as a cousin to the monkey, and that instead of falling into sin and death, an evolution process has been bringing him up, up, up to his present high elevation. This theory, having no place for sin or a fall, finds, of course, no place or need for a recovery, through a Redeemer, a Savior. The two theories are absolutely opposed. Whoever believes the Darwinian theory cannot, logically, be a Christian. Whoever is a Christian cannot, logically, hold to the Darwin theory. And yet the pulpits of Christendom are well stocked with Higher Critics and Evolutionists, and all of our colleges and theological seminaries are graduating others, all antagonistic to the Bible and its presentations. For years the fight has been conducted on the quiet. The unbelievers hold the best and most influential pulpits and professorships in Christendom, and insidiously, craftily, undermine the faith of those who are paying them their salaries.

It is time that the battle between truth and error should come out into the open, because the majority of those who are being misled do not realize the situation until their faith is entirely undermined—until their minds are so entrenched in error that the verities of God's Word, including the words of Jesus and the Apostles, have passed with them into the list of absurdities, amongst these, the stories of Jonah and the whale, Noah and the flood, etc., endorsed by Jesus and the Apostles.

Higher Criticism Means Higher Infidelity.
Today every college, every theological seminary throughout the whole civilized world, is teaching what is commonly known as Higher Criticism of the Bible—though the proper name for it would be higher infidelity—infidelity amongst the high ones of all Christendom. These Higher Critics are doing the same work exactly that Thomas Paine and Robert Ingersoll did, only that they are carrying on their work on a higher plane—appealing not to the gross and the vile, but to the refined, intelligent and truth seeking. As a result their influence is a thousand fold more injurious. Those to whom Paine and Ingersoll appealed were very rarely Christians at all; hence they destroyed very little faith—they merely made the unbeliever more rank and foul.

But these Higher Critic infidels of this "evil day" are making use of all the vast machinery of Christendom in all denominations, especially through theological seminaries, to undermine and overthrow the faith of all who have named the name of Christ, great and small, rich and poor, cultured and ignorant. It is being done systematically, too, craftily, deceitfully, in a manner that the masses of the people would scarcely credit. It is safe to say that fully four out of five who graduate from theological seminaries of all denominations are Higher Critic infidels, who are instructed that their main business is to promote morality amongst the people, especially to build up Churchanity, particularly their own denomination, and to gradually, stealthily, craftily wean the people from the faith of the Bible to their higher critical dogmas. And they are succeeding most wonderfully. A "poet" is the only figure of speech

which really fits to this perilous influence.

"Out of Thine Own Mouth Will I Judge Thee."

Said the Lord, and in harmony with this we find that in the Lord's Providence these Higher Critics are gradually more and more telling on themselves. But the nominal Christian is quite obtuse, and many of the true Christians, as the Apostle explains, are merely "babes in Christ," unable to use the strong meat of the Word, and capable only of enjoying or using the "milk of the Word," and incapable of using its strong meat. Hence the open denunciations of these wolves in sheep's clothing, who masquerade as sheep, are not taken seriously. If the sheep are startled by the words, they are soothed again by the thought that this is our kind minister, polished in manner and well educated, and he surely would not lead us astray, he surely would not deceive us. If he had ceased to believe the Bible and become an infidel he surely would have left the pulpit. Poor innocents!

Blood Atonement For Sin.

Our text refers to a blood-atonement for sin. The Law Covenant required the death of a bullock and a goat, but the repetition of these sacrifices every year indicated that no cancellation was effected thereby—merely a typical covering of sin for a year. The Law required an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a man's life for a man's life, which implies that a perfect man must of necessity die in order to be the Redeemer of Adam and the race which shared his condemnation. The bullock of the sin-offering, therefore, was merely a type of a better sacrifice. The true sacrifice was provided in the death of the Man Christ Jesus. He was a man and yet not a sinful man, because, although born of a woman, His life was from above. Had He received His life from an earthly father, He would have been a blemished, imperfect, sinful man, and as such could not have paid the ransom-price for another. For this cause One was chosen to be the Redeemer who was "holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners." And all this because of His miraculous conception.

As in the type the blood of the bullock was used to make a typical atonement for a year, so in the antitype the blood of Jesus is efficacious to make atonement for the sins of the whole world. In the type an earthly priest offered the blood, in an earthly tabernacle; in the antitype, He who became the Sin-Offering, begotten of the Holy Spirit, at the time of His consecration, was therefore recognized as the great Antitypical High Priest. After His resurrection He ascended on high, "to appear in the presence of God for us"—for the Church—first; and when the Church shall be completed, He will appear for the world. He will seal the New Covenant for Israel, applicable to all the families of the earth, through Israel. Then, as the great Mediator of that New Covenant (Jeremiah xxxi, 31), He will, for a thousand years, reign as King of earth, the Antitype of Melchizedek—a Priest upon His throne—a Royal Priest, possessed of the necessary power to put down sin and to uplift humanity and perform the function of instructing and blessing mankind.

To Regain Paradise Lost.

The Paradise lost when Adam sinned was a miniature one. It is to be restored and to be world-wide in extent. "God will make His earthly footstool glorious." He has promised to make His footstool glorious—"He formed it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited."—Isaiah ix, 13; lxvi, 1; xlv, 18.

As the earthly Eden it will be inhabited by its master, man; the restored earth would be naught without its master restored. And this is the Divine provision, that as by man came death, sin, sorrow, pain, trouble, by a man also shall come the resurrection of the dead, the uplifting of Adam's race, mentally, morally, physically, to human perfection, happiness and everlasting life. Earth's blessings will be for all except two classes: (1) Those who love sin and hate righteousness, after having been brought to a full knowledge of both good and evil, will have no further Divine favor, but will die the Second Death. (2) The others who will not get human perfection and earth's blessings will be a spiritual class, a saintly class whom God is now selecting from among mankind to be His co-laborers with Christ in the uplifting and restitution of humanity.

Unquestionably, the Almighty could have arranged a plan for dealing with humanity differently—He could have put a different penalty upon Adam. The present arrangement was made so as to display (1) Divine Justice, (2) Divine Love, (3) Divine Power, (4) Divine Wisdom. Man's fall and degradation under the death sentence witnessed to men and to angels the downward tendency of sin and Divine Justice in man's condemnation. Divine Love is manifested in the work of redemption. Divine Power will be manifested during the reign of Messiah, in the uplifting of humanity from sin and death—the resurrection of the dead. Divine Wisdom will finally be seen by all when the great work of reconciliation and regeneration shall have been effected.

The Life is in the Blood.

We have always known that in a very important sense the life of every creature is in its blood, as our text declares. But we are continually finding that the Bible contains such a superhuman wisdom that many of its statements grow in importance as our knowledge increases. Our text is no exception to this rule. The latest findings of science are to the effect that life and nature are more particularly represented in the blood than in any other manner.

If the theory of Evolution seemed

supported by Mr. Darwin's careful inter-breeding of his pigeons, we are not to forget the difficulty he encountered in maintaining his fancy breeds. The constant tendency appeared to be to turn back to the original stock. We are now informed that this is a rule, a law of nature, which applies both to animal and vegetable life. We are informed that all such breedings return to their original species in the third or fourth generation. It is even pointed out now that diseases of the blood proceed no further than the third or fourth generation, and this most fortunately, otherwise the physical health of humanity might be much more impaired than it is.

Is not this a direct corroboration of that Bible statement which some of us once thought so ungracious—God's declaration that He would "visit" the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation? (Exodus xx, 5.) It now appears that, instead of being a mark of Divine disfavor, it is a mark of Divine mercy that hereditary taint in the blood is limited to the third or fourth generation.

A celebrated physician and scientist, Dr. William Hanna Thomson, promulgating this theory, said:—

"Professor George H. F. Nuttall, of the University of Cambridge, took up the subject and has so extended its application that a single drop of blood from any animal now suffices, not only to show by its own peculiar chemical reaction what animal it comes from, but also how nearly related an animal is by his blood to other animals. It begins, therefore, to look as if the whole classification of zoology might have to be re-arranged according to these blood tests. Thus a drop of blood from a walrus shows no relation to a drop of whale's blood, or the blood of any other cetacean, such as seals or porpoises, which, like the walrus, are mammals that have taken to the sea."

We may be sure that those who hold fast to the teachings of the Bible will come out on the right side of the argument in the long run. The endeavor of worldly-wise men to get away from God's book has led many of them to extremes of thought and of statement, which some day will be fully rectified to their shame, said Pastor Russell. The Bible foretells this, saying, "The wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid." (Isaiah xxxix, 14.) St. Paul refers to science, falsely so-called, which will ultimately be proven entirely wrong.

Complete Sin-Atonement.

For nearly six thousand years the reign of sin and death has prevailed. It is nearly two thousand years since the Redeemer came to give His life as man's redemption price, yet still the reign of sin and death continues. It is not because the blood of Christ was insufficient to satisfy the claims of justice for the sins of the world, but because, before the merit of the blood of Christ could be given to Adam and his race, it must have a previous use. That use has been in progress for the past eighteen centuries, during which it has been the basis of the Church's justification by faith.

There is a difference between the Church's faith-justification of this Age, and the world's actual justification, to be accomplished in the next Age. The world will actually get restitution to human life and its privileges, earthly dominion, etc. All that Adam had and lost, all that Jesus redeemed, will be given to Adam and his race to have and to hold as theirs forever.

But, meantime, the merit of Christ's blood or sacrifice is used in the interest of "the Church of the First-born." The earthly, natural rights will not be given to the Church, for she is to have "some better thing"—a heavenly inheritance with her Lord and a participation in His spirit nature. The Redeemer's merit is imputed to the Church, to cover the imperfection and weakness of each one called and drawn of the Father to membership in the Bride of Christ. The difference between a gift and an imputation is manifest—an imputation signifies merely a loan, an assistance. Thus the merit of Christ, imputed to those who would become His Elect Church, covers their blemishes so that they may present their bodies living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God; as footstep followers of Jesus—as participants with Him in His spirit nature and in an attainment of the heavenly nature.

Thus it will be seen that since the entire world lost life and all its privileges through the disobedience of Adam, all of these may be fully recovered from their inherited disaster, through the Redeemer, because His life was given—figuratively, His blood was shed—"the Just for the unjust," as the great Sin-Atonement for the world.

Atonement For the Soul.

In our text the word soul is a synonym for person or being. Father Adam was a human soul, a human being, so also his children. He alone, however, had a standing before Justice. He alone was perfect, he alone was on trial, and through his disobedience and fall his children are involved. Jesus was, originally, a spirit being, personality or soul, the Logos. He became a partaker of flesh and blood; He was not, previously, a human soul, hence it was that it was necessary for Him to lay aside the glory of His higher nature or order of being and become a human soul, "that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for every man." (Hebrews ii, 9.) He gave His blood, His life, a ransom for all, and thus we see the fulfillment of our text, the exhibition of Divine favor and love with the resultant blessing to the world, during Messiah's reign, and the blessing and exaltation of the Church, which must precede.

FOUR GOVERNORS WILL TALK COAL

Executives of Western States Meet on Mining Matters.

DATE NOT YET PICKED OUT.

William Madden, convicted of the Murder of Florence Durst at Des Moines, is Given Twenty Years in Prison.

Des Moines, Oct. 7.—Governor Carroll of Iowa, Governor Denon of Illinois, Governor Stubbs of Kansas, Governor Hadley of Missouri and possibly the chief executives of other middle western states which have coal fields will hold a conference the latter part of the present month to discuss legislation affecting the coal mining industry. The date is not yet fixed.

William Madden, colored, convicted a week ago of murder in the woods a week ago by a criminal court jury on a charge of murder in the second degree, was sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty years. Investigation of Madden's record revealed that he had been tangled up in a shooting scrape in Kansas City. Madden was convicted of the murder of Florence Durst, wife of a colored restaurant keeper in Court avenue.

Educators Will Hold Meeting.

The program for the joint convention of the Association of Colleges of the Disciples of Christ and the National Bible School Field Workers' association of the Christian church, which will be held at Drake university and at the Savery hotel from Oct. 12 to 13, has been announced. The annual sessions will bring to Des Moines the heads of thirty schools in the United States under the direction of the Church of Christ, together with some of the most prominent educators of America. President Hill M. Bell of Drake university is president of the association.

Alleged Forger Adjudged Insane.

D. N. Netherow was taken to Clarinda after he had been adjudged insane by the Polk county commission. Netherow had been arraigned before the criminal division of the district court on the charge of having passed forged checks. When arrested he had a check for \$1,000,000 on his person. His relatives are of the opinion that he could not have been in his right mind, as he had never displayed a vicious character.

ZOE VARNEY GIVEN DIVORCE

Wife of Confessed Murderer Granted Decree at Cedar Rapids.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Oct. 7.—Mrs. Zoe Varney Webster, second wife of Dr. Harry E. Webster, confessed slayer of his third wife, was granted a divorce in the district court here.

The decree was granted by Judge W. N. Treichler on the ground of adultery.

Mrs. Webster was nearly overcome with joy when the decree was made known and it was several minutes before she could gain self control. She refused to make any announcement as to her future course, further than stating that she intended to take a long rest and perhaps a journey.

Father Enjoins His Son.

Fort Dodge, Ia., Oct. 7.—Recourse to an injunction has been taken by Joseph Clouse of Cooper township to restrain his own son from entering or approaching his home. The petition was filed here. Clouse, Sr., claims that Clouse, Jr., has been invited to leave home because he struts up strife and dissension in the home and that the younger Clouse refuses to change his mind and board. It is said years ago Joseph Clouse, Sr., attempted to get an injunction to restrain his mother-in-law from entering his home.

Balloon Caught in Snowstorm.

Emmettsburg, Ia., Oct. 7.—A blinding snowstorm, several thousand feet above the earth, caused the balloon America II, which sailed from Kansas City in the international race, to descend at a point four miles west of here. When nearing the ground the balloon struck telegraph wires along the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway and was wrecked. Pilot W. F. Ashman escaped without injury, but Alde J. C. Hurlburt was painfully bruised by a fall.

Investigation Is Requested.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Oct. 7.—The county board of supervisors adopted a resolution asking for the investigation of the accounts of O. L. Barritt, supervisor of the county farm. During a recent examination of the books of the county farm it is said a serious tangle was discovered. Barritt had deposited personal and county funds in the banks and drawn against them for personal and public expenses. It is claimed.

Death Due to Use of Cocaine.

Fort Dodge, Ia., Oct. 7.—After collapsing suddenly while in a barber's chair, William Galen, thirty years old, was taken to the county jail, where he died later. His death was due to the use of cocaine. This added to the recent imprisonment of Dr. J. H. Palmer for selling cocaine has thoroughly aroused Fort Dodge people to the serious situation here.

ROB BARNUM STORES AGAIN

Business Houses Are Victims Second Time of Burglars.

Fort Dodge, Ia., Oct. 7.—Two stores at Barnum were entered again by thieves, who made a successful get-away on a handcar. The whole district is aroused over this second depredation in the same place, boldly accomplished on the night after two other thieves committed wholesale of fences and suspects arrested.

The thieves secured only \$25. They pulled down the window shades of the stores they entered that no one might suspect trouble until morning.

COAL MINERS NOT TO STRIKE

Difficulty at Beacon Is Adjusted by Arbitration Board.

Oskaloosa, Ia., Oct. 7.—No general strike among the coal miners of Iowa will be called, according to an announcement by local miners' officials here. The difficulty at the Excelsior Coal company's mines at Beacon was adjusted at a special meeting of the arbitration board. The terms were not made public.

A meeting of the striking mine workers was held, following which it was stated that the men would return to work immediately.

DES MOINES CARMEN MAY STRIKE AGAIN

Situation Acute, but Harrigan May Stop Walkout.

Des Moines, Oct. 7.—The street car war in Des Moines may be resumed this evening by reason of the failure of the company to reinstate discharged men pending arbitration. The men are firm and openly avow their belief that the company was only playing for time and never intended to enter honestly upon arbitration.

The street car men, numbering nearly 500, voted to go on a strike unless three members of the union recently discharged are reinstated by 5 o'clock. The City Railway company officials say they will not reinstate the men. Another arbitration proposition was made by the company which may provide a way out of the difficulty.

Manager Harrigan refused the demand of the street car employees that the discharged street car men be reinstated pending further efforts at arbitration and made a counter proposition to the employees.

He prefers to withdraw his attorney as an arbitrator if the men will withdraw their arbitrator and both will appoint disinterested business men as arbitrators and they will select the third one.

TWO KILLED ON CROSSING

Albia Men Struck by Wabash Train

When Returning Home.

Albia, Ia., Oct. 7.—John Adams, a grain merchant here, and Clem Brown, a negro cook in a local restaurant, were killed instantly by a Wabash train as they were crossing the railroad track about a mile south of this city. They had been at Hocking, a small town nearby, and were returning home. It is supposed they did not see the approaching train because of a high bluff, which obstructed the view of the right of way at the crossing.

Heirs Meet at Rock Island.

Rock Island, Ill., Oct. 7.—Claiming title to a \$180,000,000 estate left by the famous Dutch general, Paul Wertz, who died in Amsterdam in 1732, 200 descendants of the general residing in the United States met here for the purpose of devising a plan of presenting their case to the government of the Netherlands in an effort to collect the fortune. Mrs. Estelle Ryan Snyder of Chicago is presiding over the convention.

CONDENSED NEWS

Another uprising has been started in the state of Sonora, Mexico, against the Chinese.

The Laurier ministry has resigned and Premier elect R. L. Borden has accepted the call of his excellency to form a Canadian cabinet.

Buffalo, N. Y., was chosen as next year's meeting place of the League of American Municipalities. John MacVicar of Des Moines was elected president.

A group of Frenchmen hoisted a French flag over the fort at Agadir, Morocco, threatening grave international complications. The French government disavowed the action.

Wireless messages were flashed from San Francisco to Japan, spanning 6,000 miles of ocean. Greetings were exchanged between the San Francisco operator at Hill Crest and the Japanese operator on the island of Hokushu.

Fred Schroeder, captain of the schooner Elvira, brought a marvelous story from Arctic waters. As his vessel neared Bogoslov, he said, a burst of vapor rose above the island, dust rained upon the sea, and as the vapor cleared four new islands were in sight.

Kidnaped by three men in an automobile, driven twenty miles northwest of Chicago, robbed of \$250, two suits of clothes and other articles and tied to a tree, from which he freed himself five hours later, was the thrilling experience of Stanley Schultz, a barber, according to his story to the police.

WISCONSIN TOWN WASHING AWAY

Break in Mill Dam Floods Black River Falls.

LARGE DISTRICT IS MENACED.

Main Dam Is Holding, but Water Is Washing Around Ends—Hatfield, North Bend, Melrose and Onalaska Are Threatened.

LaCrosse, Wis., Oct. 7.—The situation at Black River Falls, the prosperous little city of 2,000 persons which was swept by a flood when the Black river, swollen by recent rains, washed through the embankment of the LaCrosse Water Power company's dams at Hatfield, is worse than was feared when the deluge burst upon the city.

Half of the business section has been destroyed, together with a part of the residence district, and it is alleged by the townspeople, who have taken refuge on high lands, unable to make an effort for the protection of their stores and homes, that the city will be wiped off the map.

Whether lives have been lost is not certain. The people have been scattered and canvases are being made to determine how many, if any, are missing. Thus far two persons have not been accounted for and they may have been swept away by the flood.

Between twenty-five and thirty business houses, comprising all the stores on both sides of two streets, have been destroyed, together with an equal number of houses. The waters are still rising rapidly and the destruction of the stores on the other two business streets was predicted.

The water, flowing with resistless current and in tremendous volume, undermined one big building after another and as it collapsed and crumbled to pieces the debris was carried away. The Tremont hotel, a substantial three-story structure, was the first to go.

No precautions could be taken to stop the wrecking of the town, the residents finding it a difficult problem to secure safety for themselves. None of the stocks in the stores were saved and little of the heavier furniture in the houses, the people, although they knew of the overflowing of the Hatfield dam, showing little fear until the waters burst upon them.

Below Black River Falls are several villages, including Roaring Creek, Irving, North Bend, Melrose, Holmen, Lytle, Midway and Onalaska, and the high waters are due to strike them during the day.

TWO BALLOONS STILL IN AIR

Rough Weather Overhead Brings Seven Big Bags to Earth.

Kansas City, Oct. 7.—Two air balloons, the Condor, flying the flag of France, and the Berlin II, carrying the national colors of Germany, are still in the air, fighting for the honor of winning the international balloon race and thereby wrestling the James Gordon Bennett cup from America. America pins its hope of winning to the Buckeye, piloted by Lieutenant Frank P. Lahm, which has flown farther than any other bag entered in the international race that has reported. The Buckeye came down near Sparta, Wis., 565 miles from Kansas City. To win the foreign aeronauts yet in the air must exceed this mark.

The Million Population Club, a hope of the American aeronauts, landed at Mason City, Ia., having covered but 315 miles.

Rough weather drove to earth seven of the racing balloons that left here Thursday. Two fell in Wisconsin, two in Minnesota and two in Iowa.

Reports from the landed balloons bring stories of hard battles with a violent snow, rain and wind storm that raged high over northern Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

CONDENSED NEWS

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the national conference of Christian churches will be held in Washington from Oct. 23 to 26.

The entire administration of Hunnevell, Kan., in the hands of women appears now to be the plan of Mrs. Ella Wilson, mayor of the town.

A band of royalists have been defeated in a fight with republican forces near Braganca, in Tras-Os-Montes, the northeasternmost province of Portugal.

In order to save four hours' time in coaching the bedside of a critically ill relative in Chicago, Harold Kountze, a Denver banker, raced 340 miles in a special train from Denver to Holdrege, Neb., where he overtook the regular Burlington train.

Judge Joseph Markey of Indianapolis denied the petition of state's Attorney Fredericks of Los Angeles, Cal., that dynamite seized in Indianapolis at the time of the arrest of John J. McNameara be removed to Los Angeles to be used as evidence in the trial of McNameara.

After examining 725 items of accounts paid to individuals, who received \$107,793 for campaign expenses, the senatorial committee investigating charges of bribery in connection with the election of United States Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin, heard testimony that the money was used for "entertainment" and not for any corrupt purposes.