

## THE CREATOR MISUNDERSTOOD

His Real Character Hidden by Modern Creeds.

### FOUNTAIN OF LOVE DIVINE.

Pastor Russell Says That the Climax of God's Character is the Quality of Love—Only the Age of Faith May Behold the Glory of the Father—Mistakes of the Past and How We Are Mastering Them.



London Tabernacle, Nov. 12th.—Pastor Russell, addressing large audiences today, declared, "Divine Love is the greatest thing in the Universe," and by the close of his discourse his large audience seemed fully in agreement with his presentation. His text was, "That in the Ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His loving-kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 1, 2.) He said in part:—

Following in the footsteps of our fathers, who handed down to us our present day creeds, we have misunderstood our gracious Creator. We studied astronomy and declared the Creator Almighty; we studied geology and confirmed the decision. We studied zoology and anthropology and declared that the Creator was All-Wise, as we came to appreciate Him. We noted the adaptation of our various organs to our use and comfort—the hand, the foot, the eye, the ear, the circulatory system, the nervous system, and the power of the will over these.

We said to ourselves, truly man is fearfully and wonderfully made, truly his Maker is a God infinite in wisdom and skill. We examined the subject of man's moral sense, and although we found it impaired we have been astonished to note how even the most selfish and depraved have an instinct of justice, a sense of right, whether they follow it or not.

"Love Divine All Love Excelling." Then we said, Whence came this noble principle of Justice as the backbone or moral quality in our race? The only reply was that in this particular God originally created man in His own moral likeness, and that a measure of this moral quality has persisted notwithstanding the fall through disobedience into death and its consequent demoralization through sin and weakness.

Looking further we perceived that the noblest specimens of our race possess still other qualities closely associated with Justice, but overlooking it. The noble quality which overtops all the rest we term Love. It is Love which makes the heart tender, sympathetic, helpful and happy; it is Love that makes home, whether exercised in a palace or a hovel. It is Love which backs up Justice and insists that no ill shall be worked toward a neighbor. It is Love that is on the alert to assist by word or act all of those needing aid. It is Love that inspires us to the boldest acts of heroism. It is Love that prompts the giving of time and strength, of means and even life itself on behalf of its object.

All freely admit that Love is the greatest, the most blessed quality possessed by humanity, and that without it even paradise could not bring happiness. We ask, Whence came this quality of Love, and from what fountain can we receive the fresh supplies so much needed by so many of our race? The answer is that the great Creator Himself is the Fountain. "God is Love." This All-Wise and All-Powerful and All-Just One is pre-eminent by the "God of all grace," "The Father of mercies," "The Fountain of blessing."

"Love Divine, all love excellencing, Joy of heaven, to earth come down; Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown."

"Show Me Thy Glory." The ancients had the correct thought, that they had caught but a glimpse of the Divine character and its glory; hence their prayer, "Show me Thy glory." The same should be our sentiment. In the clear light now shining upon God's Word we perceive that it will require the entire outworking of the Divine Plan of the Ages to illustrate or make known to humanity the real character of the Heavenly Father. Only the very few can by faith accept the Divine promises and trust in their ultimate fulfillment and see far down into the future the full shining forth of God's character, perfect in His Wisdom, Justice, Power and Love.

We may not judge the infinite love in all respects by human comparison, but we may know that our difficulty in the matter is that the human comparisons can only imperfectly represent the Infinite. We see the excavation or perhaps the foundation walls or perhaps the first story of a structure; but if we were to judge wholly by these imperfect parts it would be manifestly unfair and we should be deceiving ourselves. The only way to judge of the builder's capacity and intentions would be to see the architect-

tural drawing and to study the details—and then we may but very imperfectly appreciate the whole. Is it not thus in respect to the great Maker's present work and ultimate designs? The poet has well said:—

"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust Him for His grace, Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face."

"His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding every hour; The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flower."

If we stand beside a great sculptor with his freshly chosen block of marble, we may at first feel shocked to note the apparent roughness and carelessness with which he smites off large pieces of the stone, as though bent on its destruction. But let patience have her perfect work, and gradually we will see that the sculptor has not been careless or indifferent in respect to a single blow.

All the while that he seemed so reckless he was working according to the ideal before his own mind. With his mind's eye he saw his ideal in the stone, and blow after blow, chip after chip merely revealed to our eyes what he had purposed in himself from the beginning of his work. Not until his work was finished could we comprehend fully the ideal. Is not this principle still more true of our Creator? He tells us that He is "working all things according to the counsel of His own will," which He purposed in Himself "before the world was." (Ephesians 1, 11, 13, 14.)

The great Master Workman of the Universe will eventually show both to angels and men all the various attributes of His perfection—His Wisdom, Justice, Power and Love. Meantime, "None of the wicked shall understand," but in the end of this Age the wise will increasingly understand His purposes, hidden from all except His saints, of whom it is written, "The secret of the Lord is with them that reverence Him." "He will show you things to come."—Psalm xxv, 14; John xvi, 13.

Now Apply the Principle. Let us apply this principle to the work of our great Creator. Let us see how far it has already progressed. In what state of development is the Divine Plan today? What will be required to complete it and to manifest Divine Wisdom, Justice, Love and Power? Only by a careful examination of the Great Architect's revealed plan can we judge at all of the degree to which His purposes have already attained perfection.

The wreck and blight of human interests resulting from Father Adam's disobedience progressed for twenty-five hundred years before the first step was taken in the Divine Program on man's behalf. That first step was merely the making of a rough outline drawing with various crude illustrations which merely hinted at one or another of the Creator's glorious purposes. This rough outlining was done during the sixteen hundred years we call the Jewish Age.

Israel as a nation pictured all the world of mankind who will ultimately come into fellowship with God. Their one tribe of Levi typified the Household of Faith, "the Church of the First-born" of this Gospel Age, through whom all blessings will come to the remainder. The select Levites, the priests, typified the Royal Priesthood of the better Mediator. The sacrifices by which that Covenant was established, and that people brought into harmony with God, typified the better sacrifices of Christ, which began with our Lord and have continued in His faithful followers who present their bodies living sacrifices, wholly and acceptably to God through Him. (Romans xii, 1.)

Israel's Jubilee year typified the great Times of Jubilation soon to come, "the blessing of all the families of the earth"—the "Times of Restoration of all things," to be inaugurated at the second coming of Christ and the establishment of His Kingdom. Manifestly only those who could understand those roughly sketched drawings could comprehend to any degree the great Divine Plan of the Ages.

With this Gospel Age God began a great work which is yet far from finished and which as yet does not show forth fully to mankind in general His Justice, Wisdom, Power or Love. The work of this Age, according to the Scriptures, is the selection of both the Church, which is "The Bride, the Lamb's Wife," and "the virgins, her companions, who follow her." (Psalm xlv, 8-18.)

The Bible declares that Jesus, the Redeemer, having finished His sacrifice, passed into glory—beyond the veil—to the right hand of Divine Majesty. It declares also that when this Age shall be completed all the faithful followers of Jesus will pass to Him beyond the veil and share His glory and His Kingdom and immortality on the heavenly plane. But how few there are who see this much of the Divine Plan; and if they cannot see this much how could they be expected to see still further into the future developments of the Divine Program?

As the sentence of death came as the result of one transgression, but involved the race, so one sacrifice for sin, by the "man Christ Jesus," was sufficient to be a Ransom-Price for the sins of the whole world—a ransom for a man's life. Thus as condemnation came through one man unto death, so justification is provided through this other man unto everlasting life.—Romans v, 16, 18.

Christ's Sacrifice Offsets Adam's Sin. But although so broad a foundation for human salvation was laid by the great Master Workman, the Message and the blessing therein have not been granted as yet to the majority, but to the few—"He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear." "As many as the Lord

your God shall call." "No man can come unto Me, except the Father which sent Me draw him." And this calling and drawing, though in one sense free, is in another sense restricted to those who are in the heart condition of being drawn and of hearing the call. All others remain blinded to the Divine invitation by the god of this world. (1 Cor. ii, 14.)

Evidently those now being drawn and "called" are not the whole world, but a select class. Those who prove themselves faithful to the end are styled "the very elect." These are the Royal Priesthood who, as priestly Kings, will be associated with Messiah in His glorious, world-wide Empire which "shall rule from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth," for the binding of Satan, the overthrow of sin, and the uplifting of sinners. But we are to clearly distinguish between the present work of selecting the Royal Priests, the Bride, the Lamb's Wife, and the work for the world, which these will accomplish after their glorification on the spirit plane.

We must thus distinguish, because looking upon the revealed plan of the great Architect of the Universe, we perceive that thus He has arranged—the Church, as the Bride of Christ, is to constitute "a New Creation," "partakers of the divine nature—like unto her Lord. These on the plane of glory will have a station "far above principalities and powers and every name that is named."—Eph. i, 21; Rev. iii, 21. Whoever can see this to be the Divine Plan must with the eye of faith look down to the future and behold the Church—"changed in a moment," in the twinkling of an eye, because "flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God." Here is love, wondrous love, in lifting up members of the sinner race to glory, honor and immortality. Who can comprehend such love as this which the Father has bestowed upon Jesus and the "little flock" of His followers who walk in His steps?

Human Restoration in the Future. The earthly sculptor seemed wasteful to prodigality when he broke off one portion of his stone and dealt merely with it, but when subsequently he explained that he intended to deal also with the large remainder of the stone, and to make thereof a wonderful group, we began to understand him better. So the Almighty is now showing to His people that the Church now being selected is merely "a first-fruit of His creatures" and that, after their perfection in glory, His great work for the masses of mankind will begin.

The fact that only a few of earth's families were recognized of God for twenty-five hundred years, and that only one nation was recognized for the following sixteen hundred years, and that only a small proportion have had any recognition during this Gospel Age, seems strange to us until we learn that God has not intended to put the world on trial for life or death everlasting, until first He shall have selected the "Church of the First-born," whose names are written in heaven. These now are required to prove and perfect their loyalty by walking by faith and not by sight. Soon, we trust, the Church will be completed and the New Dispensation, already dawning, will be fully inaugurated. "He that shall come will come and will not tarry." Soon our prayer, "Thy Kingdom come," will be answered. Then for a thousand years the conquering of the world will progress until God's will shall be done as thoroughly on earth as now in heaven.

Well may the glorified saints sing, "Who shall not come and worship before Thee, O Lord, when Thy righteous dealings are made manifest?" Then the clouds of ignorance, superstition, doctrines of devils, fire and torture, horrors which have clouded the eyes of our understanding and driven so many of the best specimens of humanity away from God and from His Book, will flee away.

While now only those who have the hearing ear can hear, and these are few, the saints, the Scriptures declare that the full knowledge of God shall fill the earth "in due time." We must have patience for God's time, as well as for God's blessing.

"Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain; God is His own interpreter, And He will make it plain."

Consider the Text. Throughout the discourse we have been working our way toward the glorious fulness of God's love declared in our text. We have traced the Divine Program in full harmony with the Apostle's statement—"into the 'Ages to come.' Not until those Ages shall have come will the Divine Plan have been fully shown forth nor the riches of Divine Love.

In the thousand years' reign of Messiah's glorious Empire, collaborating with Him in the overthrow of Sin and Death—in the release of humanity from these powers of evil, by restoring them to human perfection, the Bride of Jesus (the Church) will have a glorious share. Glory, honor and immortality will be her portion. The Great Architect has not further revealed His plans in respect to the work of Christ and His Bride during the eternity beyond His Messianic reign. We merely know that when He shall have finished that work He will deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father. (1 Cor. xv, 24.)

But then, in the "Ages to come," God will show forth the exceeding riches of His grace and His loving-kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Oh! how much is meant by those words, "exceeding riches of His grace"! Mind, heart nor tongue can measure the depths of those words, when we remember the infinite greatness of the Father's mercy which guarantees His promise. Can any one imagine anything more mighty, more influential in all the Universe than Love Divine?

## POISON FOUND IN OTHER BODIES

Arsenic in Viscera of Smith and Brinkamp.

### MORE GRAVES TO BE OPENED

Toxicologist Reports Finding More Evidence Against Mrs. Louise Vermilya—Accused Woman, Suffering from Heart Disease, Lies Near Death.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—Poison found in the viscera of two or more of the ten persons who have died mysteriously beneath the roof of Mrs. Louise Vermilya made more tangible the suspicions and accusations made against the woman by the police. At the county jail hospital, where she lies near death from her attempts to take her own life, she was not informed of the new evidence which the police will bring to bear in charging her with murder.

The toxicologist's findings were that arsenic was present in large quantities in the viscera of Conductor Richard T. Smith and of Frank Brinkamp, the latter being Mrs. Vermilya's son.

These two bodies were exhumed after poison had been found in the remains of Policeman Arthur Bissonette, the last of the ten, when relatives and friends told the coroner the circumstances of their deaths were similar to those of Bissonette.

In the case of Frank Brinkamp, Mrs. Vermilya's favorite son, a fiancée of the boy was the complainant who induced an investigation of the possibility of his having participated in the "pepper box" poison mystery. The coroner announced he would ask the state's attorney to request an indictment from the grand jury, charging her with having criminal knowledge of the cause of the death of Brinkamp and Smith. In Smith's case, relatives brought on the investigation. In view of the findings of the chemists, Coroner Hoffman was disposed, he said, to open still more graves of those whose deaths had occurred beneath Mrs. Vermilya's roof.

There are at least three others, he said, who died recent enough that the poison would be apparent had they died of arsenical poison.

### JURY OF WOMEN DISAGREES

Couldn't Even Agree on Place to Eat Lunch at Noon.

Los Angeles, Nov. 11.—Unable to agree upon anything, the first woman's jury to sit in Los Angeles was discharged. The case was that of I. H. Nagor, accused of having violated the speed ordinance and arraigned in Justice Forbes' court.

It was a stormy day for the woman jurors. After listening patiently for three hours to testimony and argument, the jury at noon was notified to get ready for luncheon. Twelve different eating places were selected by the twelve jurors. Then two said they did not want to go at all. In vain did Justice Forbes urge them to reach an agreement as to a place for luncheon. Finally he ordered them locked up again. The justice, too, lost his luncheon.

After four and a half hours' deliberation, the jury reported that it was unable to agree upon a verdict and the court ordered its discharge.

### CITY FIGHTS COST OF LIVING

Even Retail Grocers of LaCrosse Favor a Hucksellers' Market.

LaCrosse, Wis., Nov. 11.—Retailers and consumers in this city have joined in a plan to reduce the cost of living. With an appeal to the council to repeal the "hawker and peddler" law, which prevents the sale of farm products, including potatoes in less than carload lots, this result is expected.

Consumers are to be allowed to buy direct from farmers. To aid in the movement it is planned to establish farmers' market days and a market center in the city. The Retail Grocers' association, which will lose by the arrangement, is back of the movement. The idea originated with the fear that many families would suffer during the coming winter if they were compelled to pay a middleman.

### TAR AND FEATHER CASE

Kansas Petition Against Sending Out of Reports of Trial.

Lincoln Center, Kan., Nov. 11.—Petitions were circulated here asking that the sending out of reports of the "tar and feather" case, which goes to trial here next Wednesday, be prohibited for the sake of the honor of the community.

The trial of fourteen men, charged with the tarring of Miss Mary Chamberlain, a school teacher of Shady Bend, Kan., last summer, will be held in the district court before Judge Dallas Grover.

The petitions are addressed to Judge Grover. County Attorney McCasless announced he had secured the services of S. N. Hawk, assistant attorney general of the state, to assist in the prosecution.

Philanthropist Wins Suit From Wife. Fort Dodge, Ia., Nov. 11.—Mrs. Nellie Coffin was refused separate maintenance, and her husband, the ninety years' old philanthropist, L. S. Coffin, was granted a divorce by Judge Albrook, who heard the sensational trial.

### PLEADS GUILTY BY PHONE

Davenport Firm Pays Fine by Mail for Food Law Violation.

Iowa City, Ia., Nov. 11.—The telephone was put into novel use here when the Amazon Vinegar and Pickling works of Davenport used it as a means of appearing in court when the company was summoned to appear before Justice F. J. Horack to answer to a charge of food law violation. Instead of appearing in person a representative of the firm called the judge up on the long distance telephone, pleaded guilty and then assured him he had just mailed a payment of \$50 for his fine. Adulterated vinegar caused the trouble.

### LITTLE MAN EVENS UP

Uses Neckyoke in Fight With Big One and Is Bound Over.

Ida Grove, Ia., Nov. 11.—Henry Schutt, a farmer, and Barney Ipson, a farmhand, became involved in a fist fight. Schutt is about twice as large as Ipson and the latter found his fists were of no avail, so he picked up a neckyoke and with this weapon mowed down Schutt. Ipson was bound over to the grand jury, and the question of whether or not a small man has the right to use a neckyoke in fighting with a larger opponent will be determined in the courts.

## FOUND POISON IN TEA AND COFFEE

Douglas Rodenbaugh Tells of Attempt to Kill Him.

Northwood, Ia., Nov. 11.—Douglas Rodenbaugh was the principal witness against his own daughter, Mrs. Etta Larson, who is charged with having attempted to poison him, when the case was resumed before Judge Clyde. He maintained the utmost stolidity in the witness chair, detailing with little show of emotion the various attempts to take his life, which he laid at the door of his daughter. He said that in the latter part of 1909 he began to suspect that something was going wrong with his food, particularly his coffee and tea. He watched his younger daughter, Marion, and one day accused her of having tried to poison him.

"Marion ran away from home," the witness continued, in response to questions by Prosecutor Markley. "But I found her the next day at Etta's home, hiding under a bed. It was then that she first said that Etta had told her to do it."

Rodenbaugh detailed the effects of the poison on him. He said the paragon was placed in his coffee four times and once arsenic was put in his tea.

W. A. Burnap and J. Mullen of Clear Lake, handwriting experts, will take the stand to identify the ten letters purporting to have been written by Mrs. Larson, in which threats were made against the life of Marion Rodenbaugh if she told of the alleged poison plot.

These letters were addressed to Marion and nearly every sentence was burdened with "Don't you tell on me, for if you do we will kill you."

Another letter read: "Don't go to Mason City. The lawyers will kill you. They have been known to do such things."

### MRS. VERMILYA IS ILL

Heart Trouble May Prove Fatal Before Her Trial for Murder.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—Mrs. Louise Vermilya, suspected of having poisoned Arthur Bissonette and others who lived at her home, is suffering with valvular heart trouble, which may prove fatal before she can be brought to trial on a murder charge, according to Dr. B. J. Montgomery, physician at the county jail.

Her condition is particularly dangerous, owing to the quantity of arsenic she swallowed and the weakness which followed the energetic measures taken to relieve the poison.

With the discovery that Mrs. Vermilya's heart is affected came the placing of an even stricter watch over her. In addition to a nurse, one of the jail physicians is detailed to watch at her bedside constantly.

### WILSON FAVORITE IN IOWA

Poll of Democratic County Chairmen of State Shows Sentiment.

Ida, Ia., Nov. 11.—Iowa Democrats are in favor of the nomination for president of Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey on the Democratic ticket next year, according to a poll of Democratic county chairmen of the state, taken by Dr. C. C. Gethman of this city. Of the fifty-two chairmen who replied, thirty-five are for Wilson, nine for Clark, three are for Harmon, two for Folk and three are non-committal. The vote for Wilson is two to one.

Guilty of Murder in First Degree. Keokuk, Ia., Nov. 11.—John Roland, colored, was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury, which fixed the punishment at life imprisonment. He killed Mrs. Lilly Jones, a white woman, on June 20, shooting her six times.

Anti-Fat Remedy Causes Man's Death. Marshalltown, Ia., Nov. 11.—Taking of an anti-fat remedy is given as the cause of death of Alva H. Hall, a veterinarian of this city.

## TRADE REVIEW FOR THE WEEK

Conservative Expansion in Business Activity Continues.

### CONFIDENCE ONLY NECESSARY

Dun Finds Improvement in Financial Situation at Home—Statistics of Pig Iron Production During October Testifies to More Satisfactory Conditions.

New York, Nov. 11.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Records of both bank clearings and railroad earnings reflect the recent conservative expansion in trade activity, due to more spirited buying to replenish stocks that became depleted through long hesitancy. There is improvement in the financial situation at home, while foreign conditions have been materially helped by the agreement in the Morocco dispute, though the Tripoli and Chinese complications still remain. The situation both in Europe and the United States only needs that strengthening of confidence which opens great stores of capital to big undertakings to bring about a notable advance movement. The timidity born of uncertainty has been the chief underlying cause of the retarded business enterprise.

Statistics of pig iron production and steel orders during October testify to the more satisfactory conditions in the iron trade. Moderate orders for cotton goods are coming forward daily, but hesitancy is noted in the placing of any substantial business.

### As Bradstreet's Sees It.

Bradstreet's says: Changes in trade currents are not especially marked, the turn over, on the whole, save principally at the south, being of a fair to good substantial character, not for stocking up purposes entirely, but rather for near futures distribution. But what probably is more significant, sentiment, financial and commercial, the latter perhaps to a lesser extent than the former, has become undeniably better. This development can be traced to the improved tenor of things in the stock market to the recognition of the plain fact that stocks in most lines of merchandise are very light, that abstention from normal buying can hardly continue indefinitely, that business is much better than it was at this time last year and because it is apparent that remodeling of so called trusts will not work the severe hardships anticipated.

### MILLINERS' WAR ON TRAINMEN

Declare Edict of Baggage Handlers Limiting Size of Trunks Is Unfair.

Minneapolis, Nov. 11.—The Millinery Jobbers' association, which represents territory between Cleveland and Cincinnati to Dallas and Los Angeles, at its opening meeting attacked the recent edict of the Baggage Handlers' association, which declares that trunks cannot be more than forty-five inches high, wide or deep.

The milliners declare they represent a business amounting to \$125,000,000 and to make the changes in the trunks would mean an expenditure of \$1,000,000.

About seventy-five members of the association from the principal cities of the middle west are in attendance.

### Andrew Bonar Law to Succeed Balfour

London, Nov. 11.—That Andrew Bonar Law would be unanimously selected at a caucus on Monday as Unionist leader in the house of commons in succession to Arthur J. Balfour, whose resignation was announced Nov. 8, was given official confirmation. Mr. Law, who comes from New Brunswick, entered parliament in 1900.

### GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Closing Quotations on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Chicago, Nov. 10.—Closing prices: Wheat—Dec., 94½c; May, \$1.00½. Corn—Dec., 63½c; May, 64½c. Oats—Dec., 47½c; May, 49½c. Pork—Jan., \$16.40; May, \$16.80. Lard—Jan., \$9.42½; May, \$9.60. Ribs—Jan., \$8.50; May, \$8.65. Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, 96½c; No. 2 corn, 69½c; No. 2 oats, 48½c; No. 2 soybeans, 1.00.

### Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Nov. 10.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,500; slow and steady; beefs, \$4.65; steers, \$4.50; western steers, \$4.35; cows and heifers, \$2.50; calves, \$5.50; hogs, \$5.00; pigs, \$5.00; light, \$5.70; heavy, \$5.90; rough, \$5.90; pigs, \$3.75; bulk, \$6.15; natives, \$2.50; receipts, 8,000; steady; natives, \$2.50; westerns, \$2.65; yearlings, \$3.70; lambs, \$3.70.

### South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Nov. 10.—Cattle—Receipts, 600; steady; beef steers, \$4.50; cows and heifers, \$4.40; calves, \$5.50; hogs, \$5.00; pigs, \$5.00; light, \$5.70; heavy, \$5.90; rough, \$5.90; pigs, \$3.75; bulk, \$6.15; natives, \$2.50; receipts, 8,000; steady; natives, \$2.50; westerns, \$2.65; yearlings, \$3.70; lambs, \$3.70.