

# BLIND LEADERS OF THE BLIND

## These Words Apply to Pastor Russell and Others, He Says.

### DECEIVING AND DECEIVED.

Ministers Have Deceived the People Respecting the Bible Teachings—But They Were Themselves Deceived, Hence Not Willfully Guilty—The Duty of the Hour Is to Undeceive the Public and to Remove the Slander from God's Word and Character—Courage Necessary—Otherwise Many Will Fall Into the Ditch of Unbelief—The Educated Are There Already.



London, August 10.—Pastor Russell addressed the London Tabernacle congregation twice today. We report one of his discourses from the text, "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."—Matthew 18:14.

The Pastor opened his discourse with the words: How blind we have all been—stupidly blind—in respect to our Heavenly Father's words! We have believed human traditions, which we ought not to have believed, and left unbelieved the Bible teachings, which we ought to have believed, until the Church as a whole has become thoroughly puzzled in respect to everything religious. I am not judging any particular person or sect. The matter is so general as not to need specification.

All have sinned, all are out of the way of Truth, lost in the fog of superstition and error, guided thither, as St. Paul foretold, by "doctrines of demons." (1 Timothy 4:1.) There is no time for faultfinding. The duty of the hour is to get right—to get back into harmony with God, and to obtain the true light on His Word that will restore Christian faith, love, devotion.

Blaming nobody except the Arch-Deceiver, Satan, we find, as the Master predicted, that the whole world has been made drunk by the false doctrines which Satan gradually introduced during the Dark Ages—"The inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication." (Revelation 17:2.) Some were crazy drunk; to the extent of persecuting others; some were stupidly drunk.

Like drunken people, we mixed up and confused the good and the bad. In one breath we told of the love of God—His mercy, gentleness, patience—and how all of His children must become copies of His Divine character. Then in another breath we painted this God of Love as sitting down, before creating humanity, and deliberately with fore-knowledge, arranging that thousands of millions should be born in sin, misshapen in iniquity; and that after a few short years, full of trouble, all of them with only rare exceptions, should be turned over to fire-proof demons, to be tortured through all eternity.

When a soberer thought would suggest that the fire would destroy them, that the torture could not last more than a few hours, then a drunken thought inspired by the Devil came—that God delighted in the torture of His creatures, and that all those thousands of millions would have life injected into them by the Almighty Himself, the great Fountain of Life, so as to prevent them from ever ceasing to be, ceasing to suffer, so as to perpetuate a great chamber of horrors such as no human mind could imagine. Dante pictured the Inferno most horribly, that eternal torture chamber, over whose gates were the words, "Who enters here abandons hope."

#### Satan's Great Success.

The Master styled Satan the father of lies. His first great lie misled our first parents and murdered them, by leading Mother Eve to disbelieve God's Word, "In the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die." (Genesis 2:17.) Satan contradicted the Almighty, saying, "Ye shall not surely die"—cannot die, ye are immortal, your life is a perpetual one.

Satan has since impressed this falsehood upon the whole world, and has largely succeeded in deceiving all. When in fulfillment of God's Word people die, Satan has brought in the deceptive theory that they really have become more alive than ever. With the theory that nobody can die came the other theory—that when they seem to die they merely go somewhere else to live.

Thus, contrary to the Scriptures, the whole world has come to believe that at the moment of death the saints go to Heaven and all the remainder, more alive than ever, go either to Hell or Purgatory. The plain, common-sense statement of the Bible that all—both good and bad, old and young—go to Sheol, Hades, to the tomb, is ignored. The Bible teaching, that the redemptive work of Jesus assured all a resurrection from the dead, is made null and void by Satan's declaration that nobody is dead.

#### Immortality in Christ.

The Bible does indeed hold out for the Church the hope of immortality; but it is only a hope, not already a possession. Man was not created unqualifiedly immortal. The life given

of God shown forth in the human organism will be added to by reason of the permission of sin. How so, is it asked? We reply that God's great Wisdom and Power will be manifested in the resurrection of the dead. The Church's resurrection from human nature to the Divine nature, from weakness to power, dishonor to glory, from an animal body to a spiritual body, will be a stupendous expression of Divine Power. And the fact that the mental powers—memory, character—will be carried over is beyond our comprehension.

Then comes the resurrection of the world. We are not to think of the resurrection of the bodies that have fallen into dust, as the Bible mentions nothing of the kind, and resurrection involves no such absurdities. But what the Bible does propose for the world, as well as for the Church, is the resurrection of the soul, of the being, of the intelligence. The Apostle explains that God will give to each a body as it pleases Him. The bodies provided for the Church will be of the spirit kind.

The bodies provided for the world will be of the flesh kind. Wonderful as this is, it is not all; for the human bodies that are to be restored thus by Divine Power will be the exact counterpart of the present bodies, representing the same memory, mind, will. Thus each will know himself, and will know the others with whom he was acquainted in the present life. How wonderful, how stupendous, how unbelievable, except as we are able by faith to grasp the fact of our own littleness and the Divine greatness!

True, as the Apostle tells us, not all men have this faith—not all men are able to believe what the Bible so clearly sets forth. They stagger at the great proposition. But their staggering and unbelief will not change the facts. God's Wisdom and Power will continue to operate, notwithstanding our imbecilities. Those who cannot exercise faith cannot belong to the Church class, called during the present time; for with this class faith is a paramount requirement.

How strange it seems that nearly everybody can be credulous of nonsense, while only a few comparatively, can have faith in the true realities of the Divine promises! For instance, how few seem able to believe in the Power of God as respects a resurrection of the dead. On the contrary, how many can be credulous enough to believe that the dead are not dead—even when they see them to be dead, and their senses demonstrate that fact!

Under the delusion of Satan, mankind have come to imagine hells and purgatories, and to believe in them, although they do not have even a suspicion or a thought as to where these places are! What better proof could we have that the world for 6,000 years has been under the malevolent influence of "the Prince of the Air, who worketh in the hearts of the children of disobedience"? What better proof could we have that the world has been under the influence of misleading spirits and "doctrines of demons"—thoroughly believing Satan's false statement, "Ye shall not surely die"—ye are immortal—and thoroughly rejecting God's statement, "Thou shalt surely die." Immortality is a gift of God, and not an inherent quality. "The soul that sinneth it shall die." "The wages of sin is death"—not eternal torment.

Patience and Sympathy Necessary. If a number of drunken men have been in each other's company, and a few of them begin sobering up, it would behoove them to be very sympathetic with their companions still in a befuddled condition. This is our attitude. Some of us are more or less awake. Some of us have learned what real Bible study means. Some of us are getting the eyes of our understanding open and are seeing some of the lengths and breadths and heights and depths of the Love of God, which surpasses all human understanding, and which we did not before see. (Ephesians 3:18.) The graces of sympathy and patience are called for under such conditions. Those that have the Truth, that see the Truth, should not only be models of saintliness, holiness, but also models of kindness, gentleness and patience in dealing with the brethren.

God is merely biding His time, letting His will and Word and character be misunderstood by some and misrepresented by others, letting men have an experience with doing their own wills and trying their own plans and theories, that thus the lesson of sin and its tendencies and results may be clearly seen and appreciated both by angels and by men. Then the Lord will arise, and through His Anointed Son will display His Power and make known His will. He will lay righteousness to the line and justice to the plummet, and will sweep away every refuge of lies. His will shall then be done on earth, even as it is done in Heaven.

Thus we see the fallacy of the circle-reasoning of those who would judge the Lord merely by their own weaknesses, and not by His Word. How grand is the view presented in the Scriptures! How wonderful the Divine Character, as presented in the Divine Plan of human salvation!

All men are to be rescued from the Adamic death penalty. All are to have a full opportunity of knowing about the Savior—the Life-giver—and of accepting Him. Then whoever willingly rejects the grace of God, and professes sin to righteousness, will be esteemed a wicked sinner, unworthy of everlasting life. Such, the Bible says, will die the Second Death. From this there will be no redemption; for "Christ dieth no more." Hence from it there will be no resurrection. But the horrible doctrine of eternal torment is not Biblical. It is a part of the "doctrines of demons."—1 Timothy 4:1.

# JUDGE ENGLAND SUGGESTS PLAN

## Proceed Under Junkin Law Against Telephone Combine.

### SAYS IT COULD BE FOLLOWED

Takes Raas at Executive Officials and Says They Have Been Lax—McKellvie Finds Constitution No Bar to His Candidacy.

Lincoln, Aug. 11.—People who are opposed to the telephone rate raises which are scheduled for the state at large and which are thought to be ill advised on the part of the telephone combine, have recourse through the Junkin anti-trust act, according to Judge W. H. England of this city, head of the clan which is fighting the local company.

Judge England maintains that the attorney general could proceed against the Bell and the Lincoln telephone companies under the anti-trust act, and that the 1911 merger agreement entered into by those two concerns could easily be shown to be in restraint of trade and against the best public welfare of the state at large. The judge insists that it is the duty of the executive officials to enforce this law and that if the railway commission is not willing to get busy on the side of the people, that the governor or attorney general should. Says he: "It is rather startling to observe how our commonwealth has been found lagging recently. At practically the same time that congress was instructing the inter-state commerce commission to 'prepare a history' of every property of a common carrier under its jurisdiction, demand was repeated by being made before the Nebraska railway commission to get for the public a part of the history of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company. The majority of the commission refused to make the inquiry."

"Again while the federal law officers are setting about to apply the Sherman act to the Bell Telephone syndicate, our state law officers are ignoring the situation in this community which, from the point of view of the telephone patron, far outstrips any situation found in a community served directly by the mother monopoly."

McKellvie Not Scared Out. Lieutenant Governor McKellvie, whose political enemies have brought up the constitution to show that he is ineligible to make the race for the governorship while occupying a position in the present executive department of the state, says that he is not going to get out of the way on that account. He explains the matter by this statement: "I do not believe it was the intention of those who framed the constitution to bar a state official from advancement in office if the people consider him worthy. The paragraph referred to undoubtedly means that no state official can hold another state office during the period for which he was elected. It certainly does not mean that simply because one has been elected to one office in the executive department he cannot be a candidate for another office in that department."

Secretary Takes No Chances. Secretary of State Wait is not exactly afraid that the state supreme court will decide that an election should be held this year, but he intends to take no chances in the matter, and therefore has sent letters out to city and county clerks asking them to forward him the names of all voters of their subdivisions as provided for in the initiative and referendum law passed at the last legislative session. The names will be used as the mailing list for sending out copies of the referendum questions which are to be voted upon at the next state election. As a matter of fact, there cannot possibly be an election held this year, although those who want it might try ever so hard. (The time for filing for the various places is now many days past.)

To Hear Matter Sept. 10. The proposed changes suggested for the Hastings and Superior branches of the Northwestern are not out of the way of the railway commission. Due to the insistence of some of the Fremont merchants that the matter be carried out to a finish, the commission has ordered that a hearing be held on Sept. 10. At that time it is believed that representatives from practically all of the towns affected will be here before the commission and that a strenuous objection will be made to the change. The matter was first broached by the company officials merely as suggestions, but the Fremont people took kindly to the matter at once, while the out-in-the-state people looked upon it with some misgivings.

Collect Corporation Taxes. A total of \$47,775 in corporation taxes and penalties has been collected by the state department during the first six months of the present year. The greater share of that amount came in under provisions of the old corporation tax law. The Potts law went into effect the middle of July, but will not affect the payments of a large number of the corporations of the state until next year. Then it is believed that the total amounts of corporation taxes will be doubled over that of any previous year. The revenue resultant from the operation of the new tax law, it is believed, will be far from \$200,000 per annum.

# MILLER USED MUCH MILEAGE

## Vouchers Show 56,000 Miles Paid for in Two Years.

Lincoln, Aug. 11.—A total of 56,000 miles in mileage books have been purchased by State Architect Burd Miller in the two years he has held office, according to vouchers on file in the auditor's office. This is enough to travel over every mile of lines in the state and then some.

The books were purchased of the Northwestern company and were signed by Robert McGinnis. Five of the books were purchased in July, 1911, just after he had gone into office and while he was subject to the board of public lands and buildings. In July of this year, under the board of control, Mr. Miller was changed from a salary to a percentage pay basis for his work.

Vouchers for two books were not properly approved. According to state officials, when Mr. Miller wanted a mileage book he would go to a member of the board of public lands and buildings and have an order on the railway company signed by that member.

According to Land Commissioner Beckman, Mr. Miller withdrew two vouchers voluntarily after the matter had been called to his attention. He is said to have stated that he would rather do that than have publicity in the matter. Members of the board are going to hold a consultation with Mr. Miller here this week, at which time full facts are to be piled loose.

# HOWARD ASKS FOR REHEARING

## State Auditor Files Motion in State Supreme Court.

Lincoln, Aug. 11.—State Auditor W. B. Howard filed in the supreme court an application for a rehearing before supreme court of the case in which he was deprived of the insurance department by a peremptory order of the court. Mr. Howard sets out in his application that no notice was given him of the application for a writ, that he was deprived of a chance to be heard in the matter and that he was deprived of his rights as an officer of the state and against the constitution of the state, which gives every man a chance for a defense.

# HEAVY RAINS IN CORN BELT

## Showers Reported From Missouri River West to North Platte.

Omaha, Aug. 11.—Rain has fallen very generally over the corn belt of Nebraska. Western Iowa also got some good rains.

Reports received indicate that a very large portion of the state has been covered, the precipitation varying from a quarter of an inch to more than two inches. Rain is reported from Otter, Cass, Johnson, Lancaster, Saunders, Gage and Adams counties, which is reasonably certain that the great cornfields of that wonderful section south of the Platte river has had some relief from the drought that has prevailed for the last six weeks. North of the Platte, Dodge county joins the list. Hall county reports good rain, and out in Lincoln county a deluge of two inches at North Platte is reported.

# TO ENFORCE PURE FOOD LAW

## Inspectors See Good Fare Is Served to Fair Visitors.

Lincoln, Aug. 11.—Food Commissioner Harman is looking after the digestive apparatus of the state fair visitors. It is his intention that those who flock to Lincoln on Sept. 15 will not encounter the adamantine sandwich or red lemonade fresh from the pickle works.

All food products and all drinks will be inspected by the deputies of Mr. Harman. Cleanliness and sanitary surroundings will be insisted upon at each and every hash fondry on the state fair grounds. Prices for meals will range from 25 to 50 cents and sandwiches will be invoiced at all prices.

# Engineer's Helper Dies on Live Wire.

Norfolk, Neb., Aug. 11.—James Combs, aged twenty-six years, engineer's helper at the Norfolk electric light plant, was instantly killed by falling on a live wire at the switchboard while sweeping the floor. A shock of 2,500 volts passed through his body. Combs came here a month ago from Sterling, Colo., and leaves a widow.

# Change at Tubercular Hospital.

Lincoln, Aug. 11.—The resignation of Mrs. Barker, superintendent of the state tubercular hospital at Kearney, was accepted by the state board of control and Dr. Nellie Deffenbaugh of Grand Island was chosen to take the place. The change will be effected Sept. 1.

# John Richards Is Dead.

Lyons, Neb., Aug. 11.—John Richards, an old settler of this place, died, aged eighty-five years. He leaves a widow and three sons and one daughter, George, Francis and Louis, all of Lyons, and Mrs. Mary Weed of Magnolia, Ia.

# Albion Men Hurt.

Albion, Neb., Aug. 11.—William Dodrill and Clyde Trooper, two young men of this vicinity, were thrown from a buggy on the street and sustained serious injuries. The buggy was badly wrecked.

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# Local News

John Janda came down Saturday evening from Haystack to visit with his parents, Frank Janda, sr., and wife over Sunday.

Misses Katie Hess, Elsie Woods, Messrs. Harry Rice and George Gobelmann departed Saturday afternoon for Glenwood, where they visited with relatives over Sunday.

Charles S. Stone and wife and Mrs. D. C. West of Nehawka, and Miss Allison were passengers this morning on the early Burlington train for Omaha, where they will visit for the day.

Miss Cora B. Anderson of Red River Falls, Minnesota, and Miss Grace Newbranch, who have been enjoying a vacation trip along the Pacific coast, visiting the different points of interest, arrived in the city yesterday and are the guests of Mesdames Eva Reese and G. W. Baylor for a short time.

Mrs. Belle Phillips of Conneaut, Ohio, accompanied by her son, Dr. E. D. Phillips, of Cleveland, arrived this morning and will visit at the homes of Mrs. Phillips' daughters, Mrs. C. P. Richards and Mrs. A. L. Todd. The doctor is a brother of the ladies and a very pleasant visit will be enjoyed.

Henry Born and family drove in yesterday from their farm home and visited in the city for a few hours with friends.

Miss Bessie Wiles of Plattsmouth spent the past two weeks visiting with her brothers at Manley, returning home Saturday evening.

Mrs. T. J. Todd and little son, who have been here visiting with Mrs. Todd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mauzy, for a few weeks, departed this afternoon for their home at Kearney.

Miss DeElla Venner, who has been visiting relatives and friends at Lincoln for the past two weeks, has returned to her home in the vicinity of Mynard. She was accompanied home by Miss Fern Long, who will visit relatives at Mynard, and during the coming week will spend several days with schoolmates and friends in this city.

Peter Halmes drove in today from his farm, five miles west of this city, and purchased a load of lumber from our dealers to be used in repairing a barn on the farm. While in the city Mr. Halmes called at the Journal office and had his subscription to the Old Reliable advanced another year. Mr. Halmes thinks very favorably of the chances for a corn crop through this section.

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