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## HUMAN LOVE OF DOGMATISM.

Some scientists connected with the University of Chicago have given preliminary notice that they will soon announce to the world the discovery that the center of the earth is not a molten mass, as some hypothesists have argued. The statement is positive and specific, without ifs or ands, though we must await the full text of the announcement before we ascertain just who has gone to the center of the earth to gather proof of conditions about which there has naturally been more conjecture than positive evidence. But the scientists have chosen wisely in selecting the form of their declaration, if it be their purpose to kindle the enthusiasm of partisans. A mere statement that the theory of a molten mass, gradually cooling, is not upheld by all the phenomena would have fallen on listless ears. The dogmatic assertion that the center of the earth is solid as steel will find staunch defenders in all walks of life.

Our poets and philosophers have often expressed horror of dogmatism and insisted on open-minded study and discussion of all subjects. The world has pretended to acquiesce in such an attitude, but it has deceived itself. Humanity is fond of dogmatism and cannot bear any question remaining "open." Like Noah's dove, that sought rest for the sole of her foot, the human mind cannot bear suspense. It wants things "settled." The ancient philosophers who insisted that the earth rested on the backs of elephants and that earthquakes were due to the restiveness of the pachyderm during fly-time had many more partisans than their contemporaries who admitted they were not certain what supported the earth. In religion genuine agnostics have been without followers, although some using the title have gathered about them partisans who delighted in dogmatic denial of dogmas. In the battle raging over higher criticism the same conditions are seen. The reverent, conservative higher critics arouse no enthusiasm. But the radicals, who form a hypothesis, reason on it and announce their conclusions as demonstrated beyond any shadow of doubt, number their followers by thousands.

Believers in verbal inspiration of the scriptures and their infallibility in all points are doubly strong with the masses of men, for they thus avoid all the perplexities of examination of "original sources" and contemporary records, about which there must arise many puzzling questions, and they at the same time furnish proof texts for settlement of all the baffling problems concerning God and man and their mutual relations. In science, religion and statecraft the leaders who have great armies marshaled under their banners are those that dogmatize, who are always positive in assertion and are not troubled with doubts of the infallibility of the doctrines they espouse.

Villa's followers are reported to be enthusiastic over the prospects of rich "pickings" between Torreón and Mexico City.

The Anti-Saloon League is entitled to all the consolation they receive from the election returns last Tuesday. It will be precious little at that.

A woman who kicks on the "double standard" may be inclined to be a cut-up herself.

This editor officially opened the fly swatting season yesterday. Do your Christmas swatting early.

And now Villa proposes to fire all the Jews out of his jurisdiction. Well, what do you think of that?

There will be a larger number of candidates this year than ever before by the time the filing time expires.

Eagle, Avoca, Cedar Creek, Greenwood, Louisville and Plattsmouth will be noted in the "wet" column again this year.

There has been some real fighting in Mexico recently, and it is a consolation to patriots to learn that both sides are learning to shoot straighter.

The rumor as to Attorney General McReynolds' engagement raises a suspicion as to why so many unmarried men were selected for the cabinet.

Louisville went "wet" last Tuesday by 22 majority. Besides a straight vote on the question the "wet" candidates for councilmen were elected.

Missouri spent \$4,758,315 on highways last year, in one way and another, surprising as the figures may be. No wonder she is a grand old state, even in road improvements.

Omaha, New Orleans and Baltimore certainly received bad treatment by those who had the locating of the regional banks. They simply "got it in the neck" good and hard, that's all.

Villa wants to be president of Mexico, and may succeed. Mexico has stood for Huerta quite awhile, without bombarding the national palace or putting a poison pill in his pulque, and surely Villa is no more—nor better.

It may be said for the Irish, who have been waxing warlike recently, that a revolutionary movement there won't drag as it does in Mexico, should it start. When Ishmen fight, the damage is fierce and continuous until a sudden end is reached.

Don't forget Governor Morehead's request to observe "clean-up" days—April 17 and 18. The suggestions of the governor are very appropriate, and if our people will observe the days, there is no doubt much "cleaning up" will be accomplished. Concerted action can do much in this direction. But the truth of the matter is that every day should be "clean-up day."

Governor Morehead is losing no sleep because Bill Price wants to run for congress, or anyone else, for that matter. The governor has many friends in every county in the district, all of whom will stand for him against all comers. They are all good and reliable citizens who know him as private citizen, a legislator and as governor. His ability displayed in these positions demonstrates to a certainty that he is just the kind of a man to reflect credit upon the constituents of the First district in the halls of congress. There is no discounting this fact.

## PARENTAL TRUTH.

The stork myth is as injurious to children as the Santa Claus myth, in the opinion of a speaker before the Northwestern Iowa Teachers' convention at Cedar Rapids, and the speaker argued that parents who impose these myths on the children will be made out prevaricators when the prosaic facts are learned. It would be interesting to know whether there has ever been a boy or a girl who felt a loss of confidence in parents upon discovering the truth about either the stork or Santa Claus. When an individual reaches an age when childish myths are put away he recognizes what delightful make-believe they were, how they brightened his childhood and filled the world of his activity with fairy beings, whose like he will never see again, except when by aid of imagination he himself plays child with children.

The dull persons who assail the Santa Claus myth on moral grounds know nothing of children and very little of morals, in the highest sense. The moral development of children finds great need for a world of make-believe. A child naturally can have few practical activities, and it is well that this is so. It dwells in playland, a wonderful land, peopled with the most beautiful creatures of fancy. Nothing is more pitiful than an overwise child, cold, practical and sometimes cynical. The prosaic adult who would undelude children of their fond imaginings at a time when they contribute both to their pleasures and their symmetrical development would commit little less than a crime.

The way for the parents to maintain a reputation for veracity is by being truthful in all their practical relations with their children. Every promise made them should be kept as faithfully as an agreement in the business world. The little hypocrisies of social life have a baneful influence on observant children. The child is much more alert than adults generally suppose. An outburst of temper on the part of a parent may linger long in the child's recollection. A child has a keen sense of justice. A bit of meanness will be long remembered, and when an injustice has been done the child the memory of it is never completely erased. School teachers have often lost all their influence over children by a single hasty act of injustice. The punishment of a child on circumstantial evidence, in spite of its protest of innocence, is especially dangerous. A hundred offenses that were never punished or detected will not weigh in the memory of the child against one case of injustice. There are so many faults of parents and teachers that are grievous in their effect on children that it seems a sheer waste of effort to dwell on imaginary wrongs done children by not deceiving them as to harmless myths.

Somebody claims to have figured it out that, maturing every ten days and bringing new families into the world, the descendants of a pair of flies in a single season would be 4,353,564,672,000,000,000,000,000,000 flies in a year. So if you kill one fly now, just think what you are doing. Do your fly swatting early.

John O. Yeiser of Omaha is the only republican candidate to date that has the courage of his convictions and has paid the necessary filing fee for the gubernatorial position. John has circulated his platform, which is a good deal like a prospectus. He stands for a good many things good, bad and indifferent, but admits that he has been up against almost everything politically so that he does not care who knows it.

Beatrice voted against Sunday baseball, and Falls City voted out saloons for the first time in its history. Will wonders never cease?

Under the law no saloon license application is valid unless the notice is published in the paper having the largest circulation in the county.

It now turns out that the Chicago packers have gone down into Argentine and dominated the cattle situation. The packing houses which they instituted in our sister republic do by far the major part of the entire business. That's another reason why there are no reductions in meat prices.

When you hear a noise nowadays in the back yard something like a cow pulling her foot out of the mud you may know that it is some thrifty housewife beating the carpet. You will never catch a man doing that kind of physical exercise. It is too violent for his delicate muscles.

Many years ago an ambassador was defined as a man "sent abroad to lie for the benefit of his country." That may still be a part of his duties, but his principal function seems to be to attend social and other gatherings and be able to say something nice without overdoing it. Still, there may be a good deal of wise and shrewd diplomacy in all that.

What do our merchants think about the road dragging day proposed by the Journal? Give a small prize of some kind to every farmer who will come to town on any date in the near future with a road drag. The merchants are doing this in many towns, not only in Nebraska, but other states, and why not Plattsmouth merchants do the same?

Let a man dies and he is suddenly full of good qualities, his faults are forgotten and only the good one are remembered. This is all right, but it will do no good then. Why not pass over the shortcomings of the living while they are with us, and do them some good? Being kind to the living means something, but being kind to the dead means nothing.

That Theodore Roosevelt did not send a bill for \$3,000 to Brazilians as pay for a speech before a historical society in Rio Janeiro, after he had been felled by that government, is a declaration of Lawrence F. Abbott of the Outlook. Abbott says the arrangement was made before the colonel left for South America. At last accounts the colonel still has the money.

The state university removal enthusiasts are not so "gay" as they were a few months since. The more the taxpayers of the state think of the cost of removal the more they think it will be just as well for it to remain where it is. The principal advocates of removal are simply a few land speculators in Lincoln, and the taxpayers are rapidly finding out that this is truly a fact.

This is a sort of topsy-turvy world, to make the best of it. One man is struggling to get justice, and another one is flying from it. One man is saving every cent he can to buy him a house, and another one is trying his best to sell his dwelling for less than it cost him. One man is spending all the money he can possibly earn in taking a girl to a theater and another buying her valuable presents in the hope that he may eventually make her his wife, and his neighbor is spending all the gold he has saved for years in trying to get a divorce. Surely this is a queer old world.

## OPENS CREATION DRAMA IN LOUISVILLE

Pastor Russell Personally Conducted Exhibitions.

SPEAKS ON RESURRECTION.

Over 35,000 See and Hear in One Day the Story of the Bible as Presented by This Truly Great Drama—In Forenoon Pastor Russell Preached on That Feature of His Photo-Drama Which Relates to "The Chiefest Resurrection," Which Began With Jesus—His Footstep Followers Share in It With Him—Then Will Come Another Class on the Spirit Plane—Then Will Follow the Resurrection of the Ancient Worthies—Remainder of World Will Be Resurrected Gradually During Thousand Years of Messiah's Reign.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Louisville, Ky., April 12.—In the Shubert Masonic Theatre here this afternoon Pastor Russell presented his Photo-Drama of Creation. It is truly a wonderful presentation of the Bible narrative.

Nothing of the kind has ever before been shown here. It is interesting to the point of fascination. One desires to see it over and over again.

It is now reported successful in more than thirty of the best theatres of the principal cities, where crowds are the rule. Over 35,000 attend in one day, and the numbers are rapidly rising.

In the forenoon Pastor Russell delivered a discourse on "The Chiefest Resurrection," from the text, "There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust."—Acts 24:15. The Pastor remarked that Easter Sunday, throughout the civilized world, stands as the reminder of the resurrection of Jesus; and yet there has perhaps never been a time when the professed followers of Jesus have believed less in the Resurrection of the Dead than at present. This shows a great falling away from the faith once delivered to the saints. The Resurrection hope is the great hope which the Bible sets before mankind.

The Pastor cited various Scriptures to prove that death is the penalty of sin—the curse which came upon Adam and all his race because of Adam's disobedience to God in Eden. He showed that God's promise to roll away the curse, and to give blessing instead, includes every member of the human family. He reasoned, and produced Bible proofs in support, that the blessing of all the families of the earth, therefore, will mean the resurrection of the dead—the resurrection of Adam and every member of his race.

The earliest information on God's part that He would do anything for man's recovery from the death sentence, was given when our first parents were expelled from Eden. There God vaguely declared that at some future time the Seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. This was merely a ray of hope, with no intimation of how it would be accomplished.

God's first definite statement of what He purposed to do for Adam and his race was made to Abraham two thousand years after sin had entered the world. To Abraham God made known His future good intentions toward Adam and all of his posterity. He said, "I purpose to bless all the families of the earth. Walk before Me and be thou faithful; and the blessing shall come to the human family through thee and thy posterity." After Abraham had endured tests, God confirmed the previous assurances and gave His oath to prove the certainty of the whole matter. The words were: "In thee and in thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

The Law Covenant and Shadow. God knew, when He made the Promise to Abraham, that his Spiritual Seed, The Christ, would not appear even in the flesh for more than two thousand years. He knew also that it would be nearly two thousand years after that before the Spiritual Seed would be given the necessary power and authority to bind Satan and to release the slaves of sin from the tomb and from the shackles of ignorance, superstition and weakness. But it was neither necessary nor expedient that all this should be told to Abraham. It was sufficient that the friend of God should know of a surety that a blessing was coming, and that his seed would be identified with that work of blessing mankind.

God did, indeed, give a typical lesson respecting the fact that there would be two seeds of Abraham; one, Heavenly, and the other, earthly. Without explaining the matter to Abraham, God stated it so that it would be written aforeshadow for the information of the Household of Faith of this Gospel Age. He said, "Thy Seed shall be as the stars of Heaven, and as the sand of the seashore." One of these seeds would be developed under the Law—by being required to obey the Divine Law, and thus being helped up toward perfection. The other Seed, the Heavenly, would be by grace, not by Law. Good works would be accounted to the Heavenly Seed on the basis of faith.

St. Paul calls our attention to these two seeds, and assures us that the Promise of God made to Abraham appertains to both the Heavenly, Spiritual Seed, and the earthly, human-nature class. His words are: "Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end that the Promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the Law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham."—Romans 4:16.

God allowed Abraham's posterity, through Jacob, to go down to Egypt, and there to become a nation of bondmen. Later, He brought them to Mount Sinai, where He made a Law Covenant with them, Moses serving as its Mediator. In that Covenant God promised that if the Israelites would keep His Law perfectly He would use them as His holy nation for the blessing of all nations. But God knew that Israel could not keep that Covenant into which they entered.

God had a double purpose in entering into that Covenant with Israel. (1) It served to show them that they were sinners, who could not keep the Law and who could not be blessed themselves by anything that they could do; and that hence they could not expect to be used of God in the blessing of other peoples. Additionally, it taught a similar lesson to all others who would subsequently know about the arrangement. That one great lesson was that God's Law is perfect, and obedience to it requires perfection, and that no man is perfect; hence no man is able to keep the Law of God; hence no man is entitled to eternal life; for God purposes to give eternal life only to the perfect.

(2) Another object was that the Law Covenant and everything appertaining thereto were typical, and pointed forward to glorious antitypes, which would bring in the real blessings.

The Antitypes Far Superior.

The Law Covenant typified the New Law Covenant of the future, which will be in operation for all the families of the earth during the thousand years of Christ's reign. The Mediator of that New Covenant will be the antitype of Moses—The Christ—Jesus the Head, and the Church His Body, enthroned in power and great glory as the antitype Melchizedek—a Priest upon His Throne. As the typical Covenant was inaugurated by the sacrifice of bulls and goats, so the antitypical Covenant, the New Law Covenant, will be inaugurated upon the basis of "better sacrifices" than those. As the typical Covenant had its Day of Atonement for the sins of the people, so the antitypical Covenant will have a much greater Atonement Day.

The offering of the "better sacrifices" takes place during the early part of the antitypical Atonement Day, which began eighteen hundred years ago and is not yet completed. The great Sin-Offering was that of Jesus, finished at Calvary; but His secondary offerings, as our great High Priest, have continued ever since; and during this period He has been offering up the members of His Body, justified through His precious sacrifice. These, the Apostle declares, are holy and acceptable sacrifices, because offered by their great Redeemer and Advocate.

Soon, we believe, the antitypical sacrifices will all be slain. Soon all the members will be glorified with their Head, their Lord Jesus, beyond the veil. This is the First Resurrection. The change of Jesus to the Heavenly condition at His resurrection was the beginning of this Chief Resurrection; and the glorious change of the last member of the Body of Christ, the Church, will be the consummation of the Chief Resurrection. Only the blessed and holy will have part in it.

The High Priest Will Appear.

The typical high priest on the Day of Atonement, after having offered the sacrifices, put on his glorious garments, and then appeared to bless the people. The antitype will be when our great High Priest, Jesus, shall have finished offering the last member of His Body, and when that last member shall have passed beyond the veil. Then the entire Melchizedek Priest will put on His official robes as King of glory, and be manifested to the world as the great antitypical Mediator, whose sacrifice satisfied Divine Justice in behalf of all. Then, for a thousand years, this antitypical Priest, Mediator, King, will be engaged in blessing mankind—uplifting Adam and all his race from sin and death; and thus He will fulfil, as God's Representative, the promise, "God shall wipe away all tears."—Rev. 21:4.

Redemption Necessary First.

We now see from God's standpoint that the Law Covenant was added because of transgression—to show the natural tendency of sin, the impossibility of any other way of righting the matter than that which God foreordained; namely, through Jesus and His glorious Messianic Kingdom.

We see also that whoever would be the Seed of Abraham with power and authority from God to bless mankind must, first of all, accomplish a redemption—must pay the penalty against mankind. In God's Providence, only one man was tried and sentenced to death—Adam. Therefore when the time came for redeeming mankind it required only one man, The Man Christ Jesus, to die for Adam. As Adam's sin had entailed itself through heredity upon all his children, so the redemptive work of Christ's sacrifice would be co-extensive, and signify reconciliation to all of Adam's race.

Thus it was impossible for anything to be done in the way of blessing mankind or granting a resurrection from the dead until Christ had died for the sin of Adam—the sin of the world. On the third day after Jesus' crucifixion God raised Him from the dead, fully empowered to be the Deliverer of Adam and his race.

But when Jesus arose from the dead, the blessing of the world was not yet due. God, who had foreordained that Jesus should be the antitypical Seed of Abraham, had foreordained also that Jesus should have a Church to be His Joint-heir in the Kingdom of glory and the work of blessing mankind. God foreordained that all who would be of this Body of Christ must show the same spirit that He had—a spirit of faithfulness, loyalty, self-sacrifice. God predestinated that this Church class must be conformed to the image of His Son—must possess similar character.

All through this Gospel Age God has been developing the Church as the Body of the great antitypical Mediator of the New Covenant. These are developed under a special Covenant, different entirely from the New Covenant, made with the world.

Jesus did not become the great Mediator under the Law Covenant; for the Law Covenant offered life; whereas the Covenant under which Jesus qualified called for death. The Church of Christ is developed under the same Covenant under which the Master qualified, which reads: "Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice."—Psalm 50:5.

The New Covenant is to be sealed, or made operative, through the blood of Christ. The efficacious sacrifice was that of Jesus Himself. The Church has a share in the sacrifice of Christ as a privilege; for in God's order, only by suffering with Him can she reign with Him; only by becoming dead with Him to the earthly life, earthly interests, can she become alive with Him on the Heavenly, Spiritual plane.

The Chiefest Resurrection.

From what we have seen, we are prepared for St. Paul's declaration that Jesus' faithful footstep followers only can share with Him in His Resurrection. (Philippians 3:10.) Only those who are to reign with Him will receive, in the resurrection, the Divine nature, to which He was changed in His resurrection. The Master's words to these are: "Blessed and holy are all they that have part in the Chiefest Resurrection; upon such the Second Death hath no power; they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

Next to the Royal Priesthood of the First Resurrection will be the antitypical Levites. Their resurrection will be to spirit conditions, because they experienced the begetting of the Spirit. Failing to get the highest prize—joint-heirship with the Savior—they will constitute the Great Company, "whose number no man knows," to serve God in His Temple. As the Levites of old were the servants of the typical priesthood, so these antitypical Levites will be the servants of the Royal Priesthood in the great work of blessing and instructing mankind.

"Better Resurrection" of Ancient Worthies.

We come now to the resurrection of the world in general, and find that of those who will be resurrected to human perfection there is already selected a preferred class. There will be the chief resurrection on the earthly plane. These are the holy ones of the period preceding the coming of Jesus and the offer of the High Calling of joint-heirship with Him. Some of this glorified class St. Paul mentions in Hebrews 11: Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, all the Prophets and those less notable. The last of these was John the Baptist, as Jesus testified, saying, "Among them that are born of women there has not risen a greater than John the Baptist; notwithstanding he that is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he."

These Ancient Worthies, had they lived during this Gospel Age, would doubtless have been members of the Royal Priesthood. As it is, however, being approved of God, they were promised "a better resurrection" than others of humanity. St. Paul says of them: "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, \* \* \* God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." By this the Apostle signifies that the Church must be perfected on the Heavenly plane prior to God's fulfillment of His promises to the Ancient Worthies on the earthly plane.—Hebrews 11:13, 40.

The better resurrection of the Ancient Worthies will be to human perfection, to be used by Messiah as earthly representatives of His Spiritual Kingdom. Of this Jesus said to some: "Ye shall see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the Prophets in the Kingdom." They will be seen because they will be human beings. Christ and the Church will be unseen, because they will be spirit beings. As Jesus said, "Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more." Even the Church sees not her Lord until she is changed.

The World's Resurrection.

As death constituted the Divine curse upon Adam, which the whole world inherited by natural laws, and as sickness, sorrow and pain are elements of death, the rolling away of the curse will mean the rolling away of sickness, pain, sorrow and death. God has provided a thousand years for this great work, which will include all the members of the human family, "every man in his own order." Those who have fallen asleep must needs be awakened. Then the world's resurrection program will begin. It will include the progressive steps of uplifting out of sin, ignorance, imperfection, back to God's image and likeness. Only the wilfully wicked shall ultimately be destroyed in the Second Death.

Then every creature in Heaven and earth, everywhere, will be heard saying, "Praise, glory, honor, dominion and might be unto Him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb forever."