

JESUS FROM A JEW'S STANDPOINT.

PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIAN AND JEW.

As the Jewish Christian movement grew in numbers under the wonderful leadership of Paul, it also grew in power, until it attained such proportions in Rome—the very heart of heathendom—that it greatly alarmed the authorities. One of the pastimes of Nero, the Roman emperor, was the burning at the stake of numberless innocent Christians, simply because they were unwilling to forsake their faith.

Thus has Christian, in common with Jew, had the fullest share of persecution. No sooner, however, did Constantine, of Rome, adopt Christianity and incorporate therein many heathenish customs and practices and make it the state religion of the Roman world, when the Christians in turn became the persecutors, and during the long vista of centuries which has since passed they have sacrificed, in the name of Jesus, untold generations of innocent men, women and children.

How Jesus can be held responsible for such conduct on the part of his misguided followers seems inconceivable.

No one deplors the savage and cruel persecutions carried on in the name of Jesus, to which, for hundreds of years, the Jew was subjected, more than does the intelligent Christian of to-day, who looks upon the record of priestly crime and bloodshed, of religious torture and outrage, as a blot on the fair name of Christianity and a stain on the memory of the gentle Nazarene.

The Jew of to-day resents the idea of being held responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus. The Jew of to-day must not, therefore, hold the memory of Jesus responsible for the acts committed by his blinded followers after his death and in violence of his teachings of non-resistance.

Imagine, if you can, this gentle teacher in Israel coming back to life and seeing his Catholic follower burning at the stake, his Protestant followers—all in the name of Jesus. Or, imagine Him returned to earth and finding both his Catholic and Protestant worshipers persecuting in His name the members of the faith in which He was born and lived and died. Persecuting His own brethren whom He loved and for whom He stood ready to make any sacrifice. What, think you, would be His feelings? Unless His spirit was very different from the one given Him by His disciples, such scenes would rack and distract Him. To feel Himself the innocent cause for the shedding of innocent blood would make Him cry out in the agony of His soul, and to stretch out His hands in the attempt to stop the murderous work going on in His name. If He could come to life again and learn of the myriads of helpless men and women who, in His name, have been racked and tortured and put to horrible deaths, He would bemoan the hour that first gave Him birth, and feel Himself to have been a blighting curse where He had hoped to be a blessing.

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themselves by His misguided followers, if He were to learn of the carnage and desolation, of the endless sorrow and suffering, of the countless generations of misery caused by His misinterpreted teachings. He would sit in sack cloth and ashes and yield Himself to the anguish of a breaking heart.

God, in His wisdom, has ordained that joy shall come from sorrow; that gain shall come from pain; that progress shall come from adversity; that prosperity shall come from misfortune; that tolerance shall come from persecution; that enlightenment shall come from ignorance and that love shall come from hatred.

That God is all wise and all knowing is made manifest on all sides. That His ways, which seem to us so mysterious, are the ways of goodness and wisdom, is proven every day of our lives. That things which seem God's curses turn into blessings, is shown us time and again.

It has been truly said that God often communes with His children, and that when He has a message to convey, He chooses His messenger and sends us His word in His own inscrutable way. When God felt the hour had come to reveal Himself to man, He chose for His messenger the Patriarch Abraham, and gave to him the courage to proclaim, in the midst of idolatry, the belief in an unknowable and unseeable God. When the Almighty felt the time was at hand to uplift his people He chose Moses as his messenger and touched him with the spark of divinity, and the children of Israel became the possessors of the immortal Ten Commandments. When the hour arrived for these commandments to be spread among the nations of the world, Jesus was chosen, who, through his disciple, Paul, became the herald of God's word, and thus brought to the benumbed and benighted minds of the heathen nations a moral joy and spiritual bliss theretofore to them unknown.

Had there been no Abraham there would have been no Moses.

Had there been no Moses there would have been no Jesus.

Had there been no Jesus, there would have been no Paul.

Had there been no Paul, there would have been no Christianity.

Had there been no Christianity, there would have been no Luther.

Had there been no Luther, there would have been no Pilgrim Fathers to land on these shores with the Jewish Bible under their arms.

Had there been no Pilgrim Fathers, there would have been no civil or religious liberty, tyranny and despotism would still rule the earth, and the human family would still live in mental, moral and physical bondage.

Had there been no Jesus and no Paul, the God of Israel would still be the God of a handful, the God of a petty, obscure and insignificant tribe of Jews.

Had there been no Jesus and no Paul, the magnificent moral teachings of Moses would still be confined to the thinly scattered believers in Judaism, and the great world of men and women would have been left so much the poorer because of their ignorance of these benign teachings.

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of the Jew is being better fulfilled and his teachings are being spread to the remotest nooks and corners of the world by Christianity, "a religion by which millions have been, and still are, quickened and inspired." Let us not forget that, through the influence of Jesus and Paul, the ten commandments of Moses, the sublime utterances of Isaiah, of Micah, of Jeremiah, the parables of Solomon and the psalms of David, have brought and are bringing, and will continue to bring, balm and comfort, joy and happiness, spiritual bliss and moral sunshine into untold millions of homes.

Thus is the Christian, through Jesus and Paul, deeply indebted to the Jew, and thus is the Jew, also through Jesus and Paul, deeply indebted to the Christian. The Christian and Jew of to-day, each in his way, is manfully striving to perform his part in preaching the belief in a God whom they have in common, and who is all-just, all-wise and all-knowing; each is trying to do his share to fulfill his mission by spreading among his fellow men a love for morality and righteousness.

Christianity and Judaism are supplemental to each other. Had there been no Judaism, there could have been no Christianity. Had there been no Christianity, the message of Judaism could not have become so speedily universalized. There is ample room in this broad world for the followers of both beliefs to accomplish, side by side, a most heroic religious and moral work. A difference in matters of theology need in no way interfere with Jew and Christian preaching and teaching the fatherhood of God, and living in the spirit of the brotherhood of man. So to teach and so to live, whether born under the influence of church or synagogue, whether looking upon the Nazarene as man or God, is to win moral happiness in this world and in the world hereafter.

It is not necessary that Jew shall become Christian, nor that Christian shall become Jew; each in his own way can be true to his faith and can continue to observe the laws of God as he understands them, to worship his creator in accordance with the dictates of his own conscience. Both may continue to live side by side in peace and in harmony, respecting each other's beliefs, manifesting the fullest tolerance for each other's religious opinions, giving each credit for good intentions, loving each other for their virtues and casting the mantle of charity over each other's failings.

FOR A COMMON HUMANITY.

May Jew and Christian continue to seek out the many beliefs they have in common and to join hands in working together for common humanity.

May the object lesson become multiplied a thousand fold the world over, which for years existed in my own city, where our worthy rabbi worked in the most perfect harmony with a Protestant ex-clergyman and a devout Catholic, for the common purpose of saving the youth in our midst from vice and degradation. What a glory and a joy it would be to the Nazarene were he now to return to life and find his beloved Jewish brethren and his earnest Christian followers living side by side in peace and in harmony and working together for a common good.

May the Jew continue to cultivate a broad and liberal spirit,

may he avoid the narrowness, the religious exclusiveness of the Pharisee and Sadducee of old. May his sympathies continue to widen, his religious horizon to broaden, and may his spirit of tolerance become his crowning glory.

May the Christian continue to preach and to practice the ethics of Judaism as set forth in the Old as well as in the New Testament. May he strive to eliminate from Christianity the elements of paganism grafted into it during its earlier history, and may his doctrines become still more purified and brought back to the pure and simple belief taught by the humble carpenter from Galilee.

May Jew and Christian thus be brought into still closer touch and into still greater harmony and fellowship.

May each of us, in our own way, strive to fulfill the noble teachings of our beliefs and to aim to live in accordance with the many lofty and beautiful truths imbibed at the breast of Judaism by the Nazarene and by Paul, which they gave back to the world clothed in a newer and brighter form.

May the Christian, in accordance with the dictates of his conscience, continue to preach Jesus as "the divine man who lived humanly," and may the Jew learn to look upon him as "the human man who lived divinely." May Jesus, instead of being the dividing line between Jew and Christian, thus become the connecting link between the divine mother religion, Judaism, and her noble daughter, Christianity.

May we, as Jews, and you, as Christians, in this spirit, learn to truly love our neighbors as ourselves, and, by example as well as by precept, become nations of priests and a blessing to the human family.

WHAT OUR WIFE OFFERS.

Knowing to what extent disease has attacked the human race and also knowing that Catarrh, Rheumatism, Consumption, Fevers, Pneumonia, Tonsillitis, Diabetes, Brights Disease, Coughs, Sleeplessness, and other dreaded complaints can be overcome and driven out of the system without the use of medicines and while you sleep, I have taken the agency for the instrument which I am willing to guarantee will cure any of the above named diseases. Its name is the "Oxygenor King"; its price is \$25. Money will be refunded if instrument fails to do as advertised, when instructions are followed and on surrender of the "Oxygenor." It is practically "No cure, no pay." If you suffer, let me sell you an "Oxygenor King."

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ALL OUT. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 22.—Nichop

Janssen, of Belvidere, Ill., apparently

believes in being here, and he appears to intend to be here if he has nobody to preach to. Mr. Janssen has appointed a German priest to preach to an Irish congregation near Decatur, and the people would not have it that way. They insisted on an Irish or English-speaking pastor. This was refused and a rebellion followed. The congregation seized the church, so the report goes, and placed a guard around the premises. A meeting was held at which a goodly supply of last year's hen's eggs were taken and a warm reception awaited the church authorities should they appear to assume control of the church property. None of the houses appeared, however, and they remained the scattered eggs.

The rebels will take their case to MacIntosh, old boy, and we will sit on the case. Six hundred persons have been excommunicated by Mr. Janssen and it is said he will build a new church. The decree of excommunication was read in all churches last week. This is the largest bunch of people sent to perdition by any one's say so for many years. The good bishop seems to be after a record. After having damned all these souls should he save them he is certainly entitled to a seat on the Old Harry's right paw.

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