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## PEACE DESIRABLE, WAR A NECESSITY

A Vexed Question Viewed From a New Angle by Pastor Russell.

Peace Impossible Except Upon Certain Conditions—If War Has Brought Dire Evil, It Should Be Credited Also as the Basis of the World's Progress. The Teachings of Jesus Not Applicable to the World, but Only to His Sainly Followers—Conflicts Must Continue as Long as Sin Continues to Reign—Only Messiah's Kingdom Will Cause Wars to Cease to the Ends of the Earth.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Washington, D. C., May 25.—Pastor Russell, addressing the Washington Temple Congregation, made some statements which seemed startling, yet reasonable. His arguments quite upset some popular theories, yet seemed so rational as to be convincing. His text was: "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth. . . . Be still, and know that I am God."—Psalm 46:9, 10.

The Pastor declared that no one could be more averse to war, on general principles, than himself—that he was an extremist in his sentiment for peace. Yet he could not close his eyes to the facts of history—that practically every blessing has come to the world through war. Where would America be today, had there been no War of Independence? Where would the nations of Europe be today, if they had not fought to maintain their national liberties? Where would a refusal to fight land every nation in less than a year? There is no conflict between this common-sense view and the teachings of our Master, said Pastor Russell. Our Master was not addressing nations, but individuals, when He directed that whoever is smitten on one cheek should turn the other, and be non-resistant. Jesus' instructions were intended for his followers, who were to come out from the world, and be separate—a new nation, a holy people.

**The Beatitudes Not For Nations.**  
When Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers," He was addressing a special class of individuals—those who would become His disciples by a full renouncement of all earthly interests. The Redeemer's declaration respecting nations was the very reverse of this. He declared, "Nation shall rise against nation, and there shall be wars."  
"I fear that I shall be misunderstood," said the Pastor, "but there is so much confusion upon the subject that the truth needs to be stated plainly. And I know of no place more appropriate for its statement than in the capital of the most peace-loving nation on earth—except China."

War is not a disease, but merely a symptom of disease in the body politic. So long as the disease continues, war is bound to continue. Need I say that the disease is sin? Sin and war are inseparable. There are only two ways of inhibiting war:

- (1) By converting the nations from a condition of hardness of heart, selfishness, sin, to a condition of righteousness, tenderness of heart, generosity;
- (2) By establishing a government not swayed by sin, to control affairs by superior strength. This proposition is not debatable. Its basic facts are, the Pastor claimed, as sure as mathematics. He cited Scriptures corroborating his position, and showing that sin, selfishness, is continually on the warpath, politically, socially or financially.

The Pastor included in the great warfare all social, political and financial disturbances. These are battles in which the shrewder minds, as a rule, conquer. Instead of wars ceasing, we see new conflicts from new quarters. LABOR, having organized, develops strength daily. It is professedly training for a great conflict, and declares that its warfare against oppressors of every kind is only commencing.  
Moreover, for years our great colleges have been undermining faith in the inspiration of the Bible, and their influence has extended finally to the masses. These are now declaring their doubts respecting a future life, and their determination to grasp at the earliest possible moment the opportunities of the present life, and share the luxuries of the rich. If their program be half carried out, it means a "time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation."—Daniel 12:1.

Never was the world more strife-torn than at present, never more alert for self-gratification. Discontent is goading mankind onward with increasing speed to the greatest of all conflicts.

**What is the Remedy?**  
The Pastor explained that the Scriptures show that the time of trouble

looming up before mankind will be so terrible that the world will have to fall. Thenceforth, under the guidance of Messiah's new administration, the spirit of a sound mind will gradually come to mankind as a whole, and proportionately they will turn to Messiah's Kingdom in loyal obedience, declaring, as says the Prophet, "Lo, this is our God; we will wait for Him; He will save us." Rich and poor of every nation will gradually be made aware of the changed conditions, and all lovers of righteousness will rejoice.

### NO. 43 WINS WEEKLY PRIZE

Gain for Week is Largest in Lyon-Taylor Contest.

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| 1  | 250,160    |
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| 3  | 278,249    |
| 4  | 13,157,758 |
| 5  | 244,010    |
| 6  | 1,380,050  |
| 7  | 235,005    |
| 8  | 237,525    |
| 9  | 291,225    |
| 10 | 347,750    |
| 11 | 235,525    |
| 12 | 1,511,945  |
| 13 | 241,710    |
| 14 | 1,742,435  |
| 15 | 1,659,475  |
| 16 | 1,976,260  |
| 17 | 248,525    |
| 18 | 246,250    |
| 19 | 255,155    |
| 20 | 1,269,130  |
| 21 | 2,112,685  |
| 22 | 242,250    |
| 23 | 245,350    |
| 24 | 289,575    |
| 25 | 2,112,585  |
| 26 | 244,250    |
| 27 | 237,750    |
| 28 | 235,275    |
| 29 | 1,309,722  |
| 30 | 248,250    |
| 31 | 243,765    |
| 32 | 241,310    |
| 33 | 262,215    |
| 34 | 235,150    |
| 35 | 238,575    |
| 36 | 235,175    |
| 37 | 237,000    |
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| 53 | 236,350    |
| 54 | 280,500    |
| 55 | 235,525    |
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| 57 | 286,825    |
| 58 | 240,000    |
| 59 | 237,850    |
| 60 | 2,761,615  |
| 61 | 235,875    |
| 62 | 243,750    |
| 63 | 235,125    |
| 64 | 236,750    |
| 65 | 235,625    |
| 66 | 235,975    |
| 67 | 625,205    |
| 68 | 375,400    |
| 69 | 258,060    |
| 70 | 235,000    |
| 71 | 2,333,090  |
| 72 | 303,010    |
| 73 | 281,025    |

No. 43 received the largest number of votes, 3,650,620 during the week.

Counted by N. J. Mansager.

### The Reason Why.

The information editor received this letter from a fresh youth: "Kindly tell me why a girl always closes her eyes when a fellow kisses her."  
The editor replied: "If you will send us your photograph we may be able to tell you the reason."—Ladies' Home Journal.

### Making Amends.

"Well, I can't sell my novel—the one in which the hero starved to death."  
"And what are you doing now?"  
"Revising it for my own satisfaction and giving him a banquet in every chapter."—Washington Herald.

### Courtship Days Are Bad.

Madge—Don't you think a girl should marry an economical man? Dolly—I suppose so; but it's awful being engaged to one.—Brooklyn Citizen.

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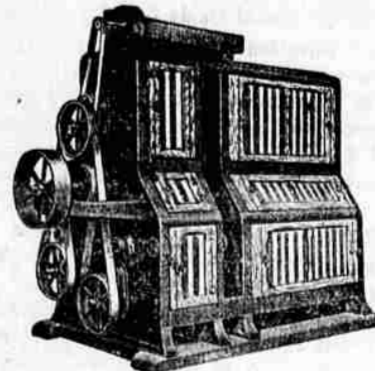
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