

For the Torch of Reason.

The War God Bounced.

BY JOHN PRESCOTT GUILD.

Mad men in arms appeal
To their wild "God of War"
To more inflame their zeal
For him they're fighting for.
A prayer from both the ranks
Of mortal enemies
Goes up to heaven's banks
For help from out the skies.

When strewn the bloody field
With human brothers slain,
When life the wounded yield
And groan in gory pain,
Then from the victors' ranks
There ascends loud acclaim,
To give the War God thanks
For making sure their aim.

Why should a God of War
Be wanted in the strife?
Men are too mad by far
To need his butcher knife.
Let each and every rank
Then hail the peaceful star,
Their arms no longer clank,
But bounce the God of War.

The Great "I AM."

When the Lord sent Moses to the children of Israel, he told him to say to Israel, "I AM hath sent me unto you."

This name, with all its fulness of meaning, was God's blank pledge of all His exceeding great and precious promises to His children. In the Lord's covenant to Abraham and his heirs He has given all—all blessings in all fulness. And His announcement to Israel was the Bank of Heaven's cheque for Israel to fill out by faith.

I AM hath sent me to you. He desired to be their fulness at that time, a very present help, their all in all, according to their needs. How much they never knew. How much we shall never know till we stand triumphant on the crystal sea before the throne.

But "whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."

Jesus is the "prophet like unto Moses," the sent of God. He says, "I AM hath sent me unto you." Nay, more, He is the I AM in humanity. He is heaven's cheque in blank for all He has promised for every one of His children to fill out by faith.

Do you want redemption, to be created anew, to have your sins pardoned, cleansed? Fill out the cheque and present it to the bank. It will be honored. "I AM thy Redeemer; I AM thy Creator; I AM the propitiation of thy sins; I AM thine Advocate," is His message oft told. Do you desire counsel, comfort, companionship? I AM thy Counselor, thy Friend, thy Brother, thy Shepherd, thy Father, thy God. He is all in all to all who will receive Him.

O soul, needing a savior, learn His name; fill it out with all your needs; and know the wonderful goodness and fulness of the great I AM.—[Signs of the Times.

The above fair specimen of Christian logic is a sample of the trash

which undeveloped minds are fed on, until they evolve into the different species known as the "elite." O, soul needing a savior, be careful whose name you sign to a cheque, and, above all, look out for the priest's I AM cheques; they are no good. Don't accept them or fill them out even by faith. If a broker would come to you and say that I AM sent him, you would think him either crazy, or that he was trying to fool you. Mysterious humbug!

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