

### Voltaire's "THE NEW AGE"

"THE NEW AGE—a time when paradise is to be regained; when even the processes of death and mortification are to be set aside and man experience absolute and complete regeneration in a spiritual-material world not subject to natural law as conceived by finite mind."—VOLTAIRE.

Why should it be difficult to receive this vision of Voltaire, and the prophets as to the nature of the new age, For Christ demonstrated in this Spiritual-Material man, with the spiritual in absolute ascendancy, in His appearance after the resurrection in glorified bodily form as: "The first fruits of them that slept (or died)". He prepared and partook of food before them and bade them feel that he had flesh and bones (no blood and here you have the reason why, without the shedding of blood there is no atonement). He had the power to materialize himself and to enter through closed doors and to transport Himself at will, throughout the universe. Just as Voltaire visions with natural law suspended and spiritual forces in operation. These forces operate in their realm with no more mystery or magic than do the natural forces in their own sphere. We are not asked to comprehend but only to believe and that "not of our selves" for faith (or confidence) "is the gift of God" and we are told it comes by "hearing His word." To be a student of the Bible in sincerity of heart is to be mighty in faith which can move mountains and rich in love which removes all obstacles. We quote from our lines:

*Of faith and hope and love,  
Live is greater than all creation:  
By faith, new worlds and all  
were made*

*But love is their Salvation!*

Voltaire was one of the most colorful and intellectual of men and there is but one adjective to describe the qualities of his own mind, "Brilliant." At times he wrote with the severity of a cynic and critic and at other times with the ecstasy of a saint. Because of his superior intelligence he was very critical and because he could readily see the inconsistency in man, he was very cynical of human nature but to accuse him of stupid infidelity is folly for he scarce ever wrote a paragraph without giving divine recognition. He had no quarrel with God (wise men do not quarrel with facts) but it is often wise to quarrel with man's opinions and he did quarrel and denounce in as scathing language as is found in all literature, the falacies of the priesthood of his time, when the then prevalent church was besmirched with political intrigue and involved in the unspeakable sale of indulgences and at general low ebb of spirituality. Men like Martin Luther arose from within that organization as a similar time when reformation was much needed. As an example of Voltaire's collision with the priesthood of his day we may consider the great earthquake in Lisbon, when the people unwisely fled into the churches seeking Divine protection and 30,000 met their death there in one day by

the collapse of heavy tile roofs and stone masonry in the churches alone. The priesthood promptly shouldered the blame on the people, telling them it was because of their sins and not through any fault of their spiritual leaders. This called as scathing a rebuke from Voltaire as is recorded in any literature.

In retaliation for this and many other criticisms of church interpretations and practices, the priesthood branded him an infidel and subsequent Christendom has unwittingly followed in their wake.

Voltaire was a free lance and subscribed to no man-made set of doctrines or creeds (as he termed them) and believed they all contradicted one another. He believed that religion consists not in the opinions of men nor in vain shows but in worship and justice. To do good was his worship, to submit to God, his creed. He held that if it is presumptuous to divine what God is, it is also presumptuous to deny that He exists (here you have a stinging example of his logic and a bitter dose for the infidel).

Voltaire was said to have had one of the most brilliant minds in the history of thought. His genius traversed the intellectual horizons of his day as a matter of the first magnitude and his tongue and pen had the piercing quality of the rapier and the swift and scintillating flash of well-burnished steel in the lightning play of his thought and emotion. In practice his life may have been far from ideal but in matters of judgment we had best leave him with God for his last words were: "I die adoring God, loving by friends and not hating my enemies." (It takes a lot of divine grace to love the latter).

He built a church and had placed over the door words in substance, "Exit Voltaire, enter God." Rather strange words for a reputed infidel. Superlatives belong to this incredible personality and this writer believes him to be one of the least understood men of all times. Lest his critics bear in mind that the adulteress is still waiting for the first senseless man to cast a stone. — John LeRoy Johnson.

**I WRITE  
as I See It!**

—BARTON W. MARSH—

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered

thy children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and ye would not: behold, your house is left unto you desolate." Matt. 23:37-38.

Count Bernadotte is dead — cruelly murdered by those whom he sought to serve. He had completed his report to the United Nations council and was making a tour of inspection, prior to submitting recommendations that Israel be given recognition as a state among the nations. He was warned that men of hate and evil were in Jerusalem to seek his life, but the great spirit of the man replied: "I will not fear, I seek the peace of Israel. My greatest desire is to bring this people peace and rest" —and then, they murdered him.

This is not the first time that Israel had dyed its hand in the blood of the innocent who sought its welfare and peace. Thirty-seven years after Christ had spoken his prophecy concerning Judea and Jerusalem (please read Matthew 24th chapter) the Roman legions stood before the walls of the holy city. It would seem that no recorder of history has been able to fully depict the misery that was reigning within the doomed city.

Josephus stood before the blood-stained walls and pleaded with his people to surrender and save themselves and their beloved city from destruction. He was answered with curses, anathemas and the missiles of their weapons of war. Astounded by the blood-thirsty hate and maliciousness of the Jews, Titus ordered redoubled efforts to complete the general destruction.

History records the result; eleven hundred thousand Jews —men, women and children —perished. They despised pleadings of Josephus, their only human mediator, and their existence as a nation came to an end.

Another scene, which cannot be suppressed, arises before our minds. The Scripture portrays it better than anything we might write. Here it is: "And after they mocked him, they led him away to crucify him."

Matthew 27:31. I need not quote the name of the One here mentioned, because you will understand. Three times the record reveals, the Jews have despised their benefactor and twice have they murdered them outright.

Bernadotte and Josephus were men, like unto ourselves, yet men they were from whose hearts flowed the milk of human kindness, and who bore an embassy of peace.

But the one they crucified, Who was He? He was not a man like unto ourselves. He was the Son of God, the only Mediator between God and man. When they crucified him the Jews severed the cord that linked them with heaven. The Father has no other means of reconciliation — and their own hands murdered him.

Poor Israel, no nation has suffered as it has been afflicted. In the face of the frightening situation that confronts the world, we must recognize that the Israel of today need not be bound by the sins of its forbears. But

### Notice of Final Account

Estate of Oscar W. Lindsley, deceased.

In the county court for Curry County Oregon.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as executor of the Estate of Oscar W. Lindsley, deceased, has filed his Final Account in the County Court for Curry County, Oregon, and that Friday, the 8th day of October, 1948, at 10 o'clock A. M., and the court room of said court has been appointed by said court as the time and place for hearing of objections thereto and settlement thereof.

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there is only one way by which its shackles may be broken. Jesus has spoken, and his word is true. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth in me hath everlasting life." 6:47.

### Summons

Case No. 1933  
Suit in Equity for Divorce  
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Curry.

William Weideman, Plaintiff  
versus  
Olive Weideman, Defendant

To Olive Weideman, Defendant:

In the Name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby notified to appear and answer the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled Suit for Divorce within ten days from the date of service of this Summons on you if served within this County of this State, then within twenty days from the date of service of this Summons on you; and if served upon any State of the United States other than the State of Oregon then within four (4) weeks from the date of such service; if you fail to answer, for the reasons therein stated, the plaintiff will to the court for the reasons stated in this complaint a copy of which complaint is with served upon you, the plaintiff will apply to the court for a decree dissolving the marital relationship and the marriage existing between you and the plaintiff. Service here made upon you by publication in the Brookings-Harbor Pilot published at Brookings, Curry County, Oregon, for four successive weeks by order of said court made September 4, 1948.

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