

CHRIST, HIS KING, IS LEADING WAR-TORN WORLD TO PEACE

Statesmanship of Jesus Appears Pre-eminent Among Men and Is Seen in Interpretation of Civil and Moral Law.

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WHAT think you of the high cost of living; what think you of the public operation of railroads; what think you of the four-power pact of the Pacific, and the league of nations? These are questions whose solution require the highest type of statesmanship. What, then, think you of Christ, with his ethical and religious principles, and interpretation of law, whose statesmanship indeed, concern all the issues of human welfare and the very foundations of civilization?

The statesmanship of Jesus appears pre-eminent among men, and is seen in his interpretations of civil and moral law. He proclaimed God's forgiveness to the repentant sinner. It is his interpretation of God's moral government over man, and the sinner's need under that government. But someone denies the dogma of divine forgiveness on the ground it is irrational, there being nothing analogous to it in the kingdom of nature, hence we cannot hope for it in the kingdom of grace.

has God withheld pardon and restoration from the immortal soul, while granting it to the mortal body?

Jesus Not a Blasphemer.

Jesus was crucified as a blasphemer, upon his confession that he was the son of God. Enemies of Christianity, however, declare his punishment was merited according to the Mosaic law. Jesus' claim of divinity was a bold violation of the law in the decalogue, which says, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." His very assertion that he and the heavenly father were one, and the very fact that he, being a man, made himself God, constituted blasphemy. If this interpretation of the third commandment, held by his enemies, be true, then it precluded his possibility of the coming of a Messiah, who, according to the Hebrew prophecies, would be a son of God, as well as the son of David. That this interpretation is false will be seen by an appeal to the Messianic prophecies, which clearly defy Jesus to be a Messiah.

God by his disciples, was a violation of the first commandment, which reads, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me"; and the second, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

It is contended, the very fact that Jesus claimed to be God in human form, made of him a false god, a likeness of the heavenly father; hence he was crucified as a blasphemer.

Jesus a True Statesman.

It has been said, Christ was a man of no mental training, who was visionary of strange emotion, and without imagination, but who labored under a strong delusion. Ah, but was he? How did he deal with the great problems of his day? He displayed profound knowledge of human nature, and civil and moral law.

increase of his government and of this, exist everywhere. Many times have been turned to a hell-upon-earth by cruelty, drunkenness and immorality. Wedlock is intended to be permanent, and the institution was made for man, not man for the institution.

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any civil and religious code for state and church. Jesus only gave interpretations of Mosaic law applicable at that time, for they were then in force. Jesus lived under the laws of Moses. However, as a statesman, he did announce the basic principles of truth and justice witnessed in the Renaissance and reformation, and the civil and religious progress of an age of democracy.

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inherited by the proper official with authority, but he forbade personal retaliation and revenge. It was because this led to bloody feuds, he forbade the minor penalties for misdemeanors. He cannot be quoted as an "enemies of the state" or as opposed to just war in defense of human rights.

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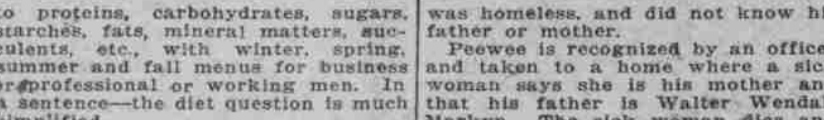
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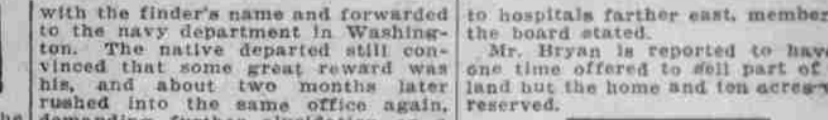
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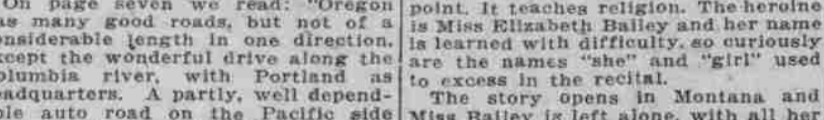
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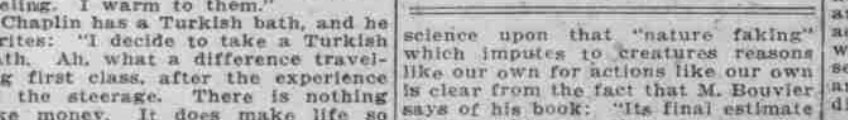
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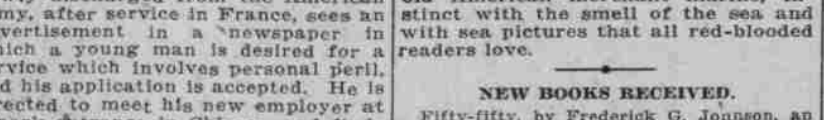
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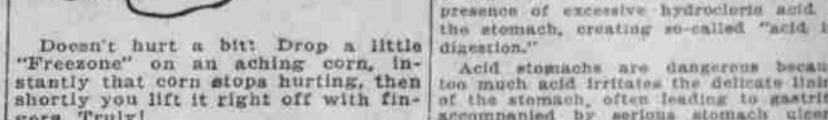
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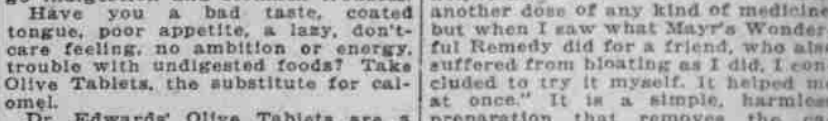
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