

# TRUTH IS BUSINESS, JUSTICE MORE ACCEPTABLE THAN SACRIFICE

## True Religion Requires Fulfillment of Christian Principles Every Day in Week—Lifting of Mankind to Higher Plane by New Spirit Declared by Pastor to Be Key to Period of Great Progress in History of World.

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To do righteousness and justice is more  
pleasing to Jehovah than sacrifice—  
Proverbs xix.

IN SOME parts of the Old Testament  
religion and ritual are so closely  
allied that one seems to be inseparable  
from the other. Ceremonialism and priestly functions stand  
out with great prominence. The  
space is taken up in some of these  
ancient writings with mere technicalities.  
The zeal of the religionist was  
sometimes marked with close attention  
to the details of his ritual. So  
apparent was this in some instances  
that it looked as if the externals of  
religion were essential things in the  
service of God. When such was the  
case the avenues of spiritual life were  
clogged and what was designed as an  
aid to the soul became an impediment.  
A false view was thus given to life  
and the atmosphere of religion became  
dull and murky.

The idea of sacrifice loomed up  
large in all ancient religions. By that  
means men, groping their way  
through superstition, sought to get  
square with the gods. They knew no  
other way of approach. Favor was  
bought. Religion was a species of  
bribery. The gods were offended  
and they were soothed by the  
offering of treasures or the presentation  
of life on an altar. Mostly  
was animal life, but sometimes human  
life, which was offered. Men were  
anxious to have the unseen powers  
on their side. They were afraid of  
the aid and protection of those powers.  
They stood in continual dread  
of the thunderbolt of divine wrath.  
The savage could have other than a  
savage idea of God, and when man  
was a brute his God was also a brute.

### Blessings Are Sought.

In those early days it was felt that  
something must be done to appease  
the anger of the gods or secure their  
blessings. Men desired success in  
battle and delivery of the flock, and  
hoped their flocks and crops  
might be preserved in the havoc  
of the storm or that their cargoes  
of grain and merchandise might reach  
as unscathed as possible. At once they thought  
of the temple and altar and consulted  
the priests. The gifts of priests were  
secured, gifts were made, animals  
were slain, wine was poured out, incense  
ascended, lights burned and  
the ritual was performed to obtain  
the favors of the gods. By  
means like these they imagined the  
fury of the spirits might be averted  
and the obligations of the gods  
carried to the temple. Righteousness  
or justice was not taken into account.  
That was paganism or man's first  
and crude idea of deity. In more  
one sense man was then living in the  
wilds. It was the gloaming of the  
early dawn of deity in man's mind  
could not be clearly discerned.

### Idea of God Develops.

But as the Hebrew people developed  
their idea of God developed also. Being  
a growing people, they had a  
growing God. Hence they finally arrived  
at the highest conception of  
God. To them he became holy, truthful,  
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### Prophet Makes Advent.

This is where the work of the  
prophet came in. He possessed clear-  
ness of vision and had no hesitation  
in reproving people and denouncing  
falsity. The lesson had to be learned  
at first. Jehovah was not a man  
to one who is worthy and that "the

### Christianity Lifts Men.

Christianity has lifted us to a high  
plane of thinking and shown us that  
religion is far more than forms or a  
set of rules and regulations. The  
main spring of life is the spirit  
within. Religion does not mean for  
us exactly what it did prior to the  
coming of Jesus. He emphasized the  
spirit. Others had exalted the let-

ter, which tended to make men  
blind materialists. The world has  
grown under the influence of the  
teaching of Christ. It has been  
slowly coming up from the vale of  
superstition. We are learning to  
separate the chaff from the wheat  
and are distinguishing between the  
essential and the non-essential. Jesus  
gave us a new outlook upon the world  
and man has obtained a view of what  
it means to be in relationship with  
God. We have been taught by Jesus  
to stand erect and value manhood as  
the noblest thing on earth. Why  
should man crouch like an abject  
beast in the presence of an infuriated  
God?

### Days of Slaughter Recalled.

Religious practices of ancient days  
look like cajoery. They were en-  
deavors to purchase the good will of  
the gods. The man who sought the  
good seeking to find a way to God.

### It Can Be Done.

It is thought that the Celts or Gaels  
came over from southeast of the  
Baltic to Ireland, and settled there,  
subjecting the Firbolgs, about 350  
B.C.

### Amateur Radio.

The James A. McLean Co., New York  
city, has a new book, "Amateur Radio,"  
which covers, and in 158 pages,  
this valuable and easily understood  
book tells the "how and why" of  
wireless, with complete instructions  
on operation of receiving outfit, and

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sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.  
The rendering of garments was without  
significance in the spirit of devotion  
was there. Otherwise it was  
attempting to thrive upon husks or  
to please a mummy by costly gifts.  
The language of the prophet  
George Herbert, that would be "brave  
glory puffing by in silks that whiten  
his robes, no matter how gorgeous  
and elaborate feasts or ascribe holiness  
to the Lord with unclean lips."  
No priesthood, however historic or  
of high descent, no matter how  
glorious its robes, could be a substitute  
for a sincerity of heart. Religion was  
not a delegated responsibility,  
neither could they serve God by  
proxy. A sacrificial offering was no  
excuse for unfaithfulness or dis-  
obedience.

### Animal Stories of Attractive.

The Gauntlet of Alecto, by Hopkins  
Morhouse, a mystery story of incident  
in the life of a young man, is a  
H. C. Collier, a rapid-fire, laugh-  
ing, and a book of 200 pages, priced  
\$2.00, tried to break the bank at Monte  
Carlo, and failed, and his subsequent  
adventures in the underworld.

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A better way has been opened for  
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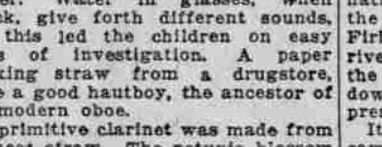
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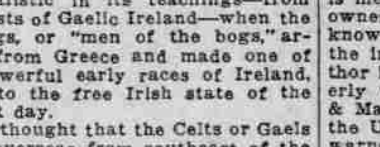
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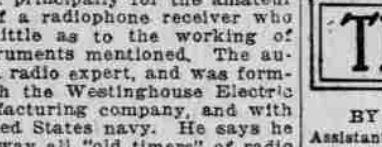
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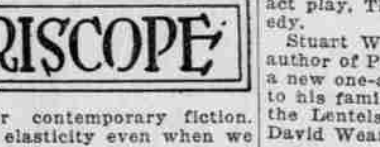
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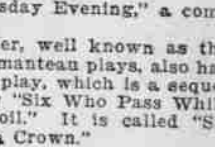
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### THE MARRIED LIFE OF HELEN AND WARREN

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They'll call soon as they get Philadelphia.

"G"ET long distance on the phone  
—quick as you can, Warren  
kicked off his overshoes and  
jammed his umbrella in the rack.

"Oh, that's wet—I'll put it in the  
bath-tub! Long distance? Dear, don't  
start telephoning now. Won't that  
dinner do? She has everything ready."

"She'll have to wait. You get long  
distance, the duke and wash up."

"Anna, don't put dinner on just  
yet," instructed Helen from the pantry  
door. "Mr. Curtis isn't quite ready."

"Not waiting to hear the girl's mut-  
tered complaint, Helen ran in to the  
library phone. Let's get down that  
old typewriter in the hall closet."

"Now can she put the dinner on?"  
wondered Helen. "It may be half an  
hour before they get Philadelphia."

"Never mind dinner," called Helen  
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pocket. "Got to get this straight  
—or I'll be in a devil of a hole."

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