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IS GOD LOVE?

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To question the authoritative statement of the New Testament that "God is love" will strike many as rather presumptuous, if not impious. But in this day of doubt and inquiry the mere fact that the Bible says so seems to settle ation. The church could do nothnothing, and many are asserting that God is not love; that ing else. A Methodist church He cares nothing for the happiness of the beings whom He has created. Others say that He is dissatisfied—even angry -with His creations, and like an unwise or petulant natural parent is visiting His displeasure upon them in the form of punishment. A few, looking upon the sin, injustice and the consequent suffering that they see everywhere in the world, representative from Yukon in the are saying, "There is no God; at least, no being of infinite Canadian parliament are canvaswisdom and power, or He would not have made such a world sing their district in dog sleds as we know this to be, full of imperfection, sin and pain." the

The great agnostic of the last century went even farther this Week. Whoever is electthan this. "If I had made the world," in effect he said, "I ed the needs of the country would have made health contagious instead of disease, right- are bound to be presented eousness natural to men rather than sin, and instead of want from first-hand knowledge by a and pain and sadness and disappointment and sorrow and vigorous advocate. tears, I would have made plenty and joy and smiles and laughter universal." And this kind of shallow-pated philosophy caught many a superficial thinker of his day. He doubtless still has many followers who have not yet acquired the habit of looking beneath the surface of things.

Those who question or deny God's love fail to recognize must not be dropped. It will be have but one thought: that God had a purpose in the creation; that He did not of growing importance, as the make it just to please His fancy or for His own profit or to fruit acreage increases here. With um tibi, hospes amice," which of the finest shark oil. It is used minister to His vanity, as an artist might paint a great picture. Many thinking people of this day have come to see that one of God's purposes in the creation is development, bound to be seasons when there growth, progression from immaturity and imperfection to will be immense losses by fruit good thing be thine. O friendly Island and the mainland, yield greater and greater degrees of strength and perfectness.

And the laws that He has established for the government and control of the universe are so framed that they force are at least five different conthis upward development in every part of it. The great planets have been developed from inert masses until one of to providing cold storage facilithem, probably many of them, teems with myriads of highly ties for their own uses. But conorganized forms of life. And these are constantly becoming ditions, for various reasons, have more highly organized and perfect, and this development will doubtless continue through eternity.

Man is a part of this great plan of development or evolution. Although he is endowed with the power of independent choice and action, the law of his life is development, progress, improvement, whether he wills it or not. The recognotion of this as a truth will answer many questions about the love and wisdom of the Creator.

For example, if man chooses not to walk in the upward way, but takes the road of dissipation, idleness, sin and crime will be more insistent some seathe dissatisfaction and suffering that such a course brings are not intended by the Creator as punishment or expiation merely, but to induce him to turn from his wrong course to the right. The pain and sorrow, which the great agnostic would banish from the world, which comes to everyone as a through His laws, striving to face him about to the forward, the upward, the right way, and saying to him, "Not that way, my child, but this."

Were it not for the headaches, the blear eyes, the dulled intellects, the failures, disasters, sorrow and suffering that follow dissipation, men might never be turned from the gratification of the appetite for alcohol. Were the path of sin not a thorny one, with failures, disease and sorrow at the end, many men would have no motive to shun this path on Brooks, Alexander V. G. Allen of to flee from it when they begin to taste its bitterness. Did Cambridge tells of a clergyman not disease and pain follow disobedience of the laws of health, who was going abroad and talked the physical body would be destroyed by man's indulgence. in jest of bringing back a new And the eves of men with tears These are what save him. Thus do pain and disease and religion with him. sorrow help to work God's purpose in the purification, elevation and development of man.

And as with individuals so with nations and the whole human race. The great war which the world has just passed "we may take it for granted that through was brought upon it by a part of mankind giving a new religion would have no dufree rein to the passions, to greed, selfishness and brutality ties attached." which are characteristic of the animal, the natural man. Already we see the world turning with disgust and loathing no doubt, of argument, once drew To satisfy a madman's dream from wars and all that pertains to them or helps to bring attention to the fact that some them. They would not do so were it not for the suffering men, calling themselves atheists. which the war brought to the world. This war will do more seemed to lead moral lives, and to bring men liberty and freedom from the domination of the Brooks promptly disposed of it. animal in man than a century of indifferent, ordinary living.

Thus God teaches us obedience to the highest in us by have no God to forgive them in making suffering follow yielding to the base, the undevel- they don't."-Argonaut. oped, the low, the animal in us. Thus it has always been. We are told that even Jesus "learned obedience by the things which He suffered." So must we, so must the world be taught to obey the law of righteousness and progress.

"But why," says the doubter, "should God make the world so that we must thus learn obedience, if He be a God of love?" Because only thus could man become an independent entity. strong, self-reliant and self-governing. The wise and loving natural father does not shield the son as he comes to manhood's estate from all unpleasantness or take from him the necessity for struggle and effort. On the contrary, he places upon the son responsibilities as fast as he is able to bear them. And the son gains as much from his struggles, failures and unpleasant experiences as he does from his successes and resulting enjoyment. It is love in the father that places the son where these unpleasant experiences come to

So God is moved by love in all that He brings to men and the world. Having in view only the great objects to be attained-progress, purity, strength, perfection-all of His aws are so established as to work for these great ends in individuals and nations.

Marshal Foch is drinking noth- act of Providence." But bappily ing but water during his visit to he won't have to lose his farm, this country. The marshal ap-thanks to rallying friends. pears to be a better American than some who were born here.

General Diaz, in accepting adoption into the Crow nation a few December 4. Sunday—Elks' Memorial the service, grand theatre.

December 5. Monday—Mabel Garrison, still more by viciting during the service. General Diaz, in accepting adop-Sergeant York, war hero, shows days ago, recalled that one of the right spirit: "I would rather lose my farm and go back to work upon it as a common day laborer than to commercialize the fame which, we only incidental to an indians. Even more important,

China is getting no end of sym- earth .- New York Herald. pathy at the conference, but no Phone Automatic doubt the Chinese have an elegant equivalent for 'Fine words butter no parsnips."

> There is no evidence of Bret Harte's "Chinee" in the utterrepublic who are presenting its case at Washington.

Marshal Foch has disposed of his wildcat to the Bronx "Zoo," trunk, but his jeweled swords Va. must be getting to be something

The authorities of the Methodist Episcopal church have agreed to continue the world wide evangelistic program of that denomin- La. without evangelists and missionaries would depart far from the leadership of John Wesley.

The two rival candidates for election on Tuesday of

a great deal to say about the im- America's guest. portance of extensive cold storage weather conditions, there are civil, knows means: facilities are not provided. There nal. cerns in Salem looking forward not been right so far for these The P)rophet gazed with mystic to Orientals, who use them in concerns to make the very conyear. It is to be hoped that there may be progress to report in this respect for 1922. But, even so, there will still be need for a public cold storage warehouse, with, large capacity. The need tainly grow with the development of the fruit industry. Salem can never come to the full stature which her situation warrants, of War that being the center of the world's greatest and most varied fruit industry, until she provides ample cold storage facilities.

BON MOTS OF BROOKS

In his biography of Phillips

"You might have some trouble in getting it through the customs house," some one remarked.

"No," observed Bishop Brooks,

Another person, for the sake, "They have to," said he: "they And the Horsemen's ride will

SHACKLETON IS FOOLED

That great thinker, Wilbur Glenn Voliva, who succeeded Dowle as overseer of Zion City, out Chicago way, has amplified his dictum regarding the earth. It is flat, of course; he announced that some time ago. But it is also circular. It is shaped, we imagine from his description, like one of the sinkers they used to serve in Dolan's on Park' Row. The North Pole is in the center of the circle. There is, says Vo- Editor Statesman. ilva, no South Pole. It was brutal for him to have held back this news until Shackleton had do when neighbore far and near sailed, but the explorer never insist on using the telephone in should have believed the rot

about a globular earth. What keeps ships from sailing stove, or the electric iron? off the edge of this Volivian earth? It's a fence, a great wall

. FUTURE DATES

the general found the Indian a move, the Zion philosopher defirst-class fighting man, on the clares. The sun, which is only 32 miles in diameter and 3000 miles away, revolves around the

THE SCHOOLMASTER

Marshal Foch used to teach school in the French war college Clemenceau used to teach French in a girl's school at Hart-

Woodrow Wilson once taled his hand at teaching.

Robert E. Lee taught school first at the United States military academy and later at Washin New York, his LL. D. diplo- ington college, now Wasnington mas will go comfortably in his and Lee university, at Lexington.

> "Stonewall" Jackson taught school for a little while at the Virginia military academy before

William Tecumseh Sherman was a "professor" at Baton Rouge,

Felipe Angeles, the Bayard of the Mexican revolution, was first 'professor' and later superin tendent of the Chapultepec military academy in Mexico City. "Schoolmasters," "professors,"

In fighting the World war 'Professor" Foch used the strat-

strategy of "Professor" Lee and "Professor" Jackson to repel the Paris in 1914

and "Professor" Jackson,

Now this little "schoolmaster" The Statesman last year had of the French war college is

Concerning hue and his visit facilities in Salem. This matter to the United States, Americans

"Sit lux, pax quodeunque bonlarge yields and unfavorable every schoolmaster, military or for medical purposes and lubri-

growers, if ample cold storage guest!"-Louisville Courier-Jour- about 10 gallons of oil.

THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE

By Hon, Melvin G. Winstock

siderable investments involved. Through the stars that glittered

All that was false, all that was blood and flesh into chicken food The earth, the sea-all men he solid mass of cartilege glue.

His quickened ear had heard the toughness of vulcanized rubber. The trampling of the maddened

sons than others; but it will cer- His soul was seared with the leprous breath Of War and Conquest-Famine-

> might. Conquest throned on mankind's

Famine with its gnawing pain, Death dancing over fields of

Ambition called-hosts leaped to

Many there were who knew not But the Horsemen rode o'er

humankind were blind.

Orphans starved and widows Sweet cities into dust were swept;

The proud sun bowed his head in At sight of such a wanton game

Red blood flowed in ceaseless And War and Conquest-Famine

-Death Scorched the earth with flaming

never cease Until the nations dwell in peace; Until God's love-divine in grace, Shall shine in every human face

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Telephone Nuisance

I wonder if any one in Salem can solve the problem of what to your home and never offer any pay, only "thanks." Why not come in and use the range, or the oil

I have "friends" a block away who have given my number to al their near relatives, and friends of ice. And the earth does not They expect me to go and call them, all hours of the day, and frequently in the evening, rain or shine. Of course, some do pay for

New Industry is Launched Off British Columbia Coast

FISH VALUABLE

Sun Sharks Are Found in Immense Schools by Whaling Boats

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 17 .-Sharks in the waters along the British Columbia coast are to be turned into leather, liver oil. fertilizer, jewelry, and finally dollars, according to plans of Sidney Ruck, head of the Consolidated Whaling company, who has resigned to launch the new industry. Orga@ization of the new company has been completed, and the reducing plant will be erected on the Alberni canal,

Shark fishing, like whaling, is to be carried on along the west coast of Vancouver island, where, egy employed by "Professor" Lee Mr. Ruck says, examination has shown that the huge sun sharks, General Joffre employed the some of them weighing 2000 pounds, race up and down in schools of thousands. Recently one of the coasting steamers refirst great German drive against ported running into a solid mass of these big fellows.

Near Vancouver Isle

Fishing for the sharks will be carried on after the fashion of whaling, with harpoons shot from

Livers of some of the big sun

sharks, which are 60 to 65 per cent oil, yield up to 20 gallons cation of delicate mechanisms. Livers of the smaller mud sharks "May light, peace and every found in the waters between the

Teeth of sharks are in great demand for the manufacture of necklaces, it is stated, owing to a new fad in neck ornament which recently developed.

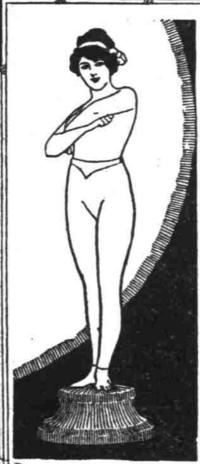
Extract Much Gelatine The fins are almost pure gelatine. They are cured and sold preparation of table delicacies. Membranes and intestines are

and fertilizers. The head is a The most valuable part of the The outer surface is as rough as

sand paper. This is taken off by

acid treatment, and the skin is

Money isn't everything, nor is It the most important thing, but if you go through life thinking it is of the least importance, you prebably will end up by being of no importance.





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The items listed are only a few of the many

Come in and be fitted during this Sale and be convinced of the truly wonderful bargains.

Women's Dress Pumps, turn soles, Louis and Baby Louis heels, regular \$10 sellers on sale-

\$7.87

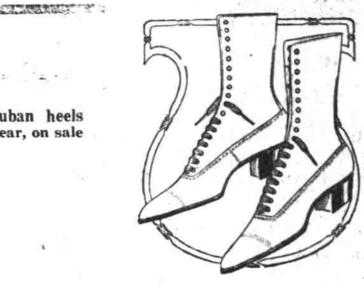
Women's Oxfords in Brown and Black Kid and Calf Cuban heels, regularly sold \$8.50,



Sport Oxfords in Brown and Black Calf Skin, flat heels, regular at \$8, now-



Women's Kid Lace Shoes, Cuban heels splendid for every day street wear, on sale





Women's Oxfords in Brown and Black Kid, welt soles, military heels, while they last-

Men's Dress shoes in Brown and Black Kid, many styles to choose from, regular \$10 and upwards, now-

\$7.85



Men's English in Brown Calf, very dressy for street wear, on sale

All Children's Shoes Reduced All Boys' Shoes Reduced.



Christmas Slippers

on Sale

cent leather, on sale-

Men's Heavy Sole, Army Shoes, 100 per

Hosiery on Sale

Spats in Colors \$1.95

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