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IS GOD LOVE?

(Copyrighted by the San Jose Mercury) 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 nothing, and many are asserting that God is not love; that He cares nothing for the happiness of the beings whom He has created.

The great agnostic of the last century went even farther than this. "If I had made the world," in effect he said, "I would have made health contagious instead of disease, righteousness natural to men rather than sin, and instead of want and pain and sadness and disappointment and sorrow and 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.

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.

For example, if man chooses not to walk in the upward way, but takes the road of dissipation, idleness, sin and crime the 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.

Were it not for the headaches, the bear 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.

And as with individuals so with nations and the whole human race. The great war which the world has just passed through was brought upon it by a part of mankind giving free rein to the passions, to greed, selfishness and brutality which are characteristic of the animal, the natural man.

Thus God teaches us obedience to the highest in us by making suffering follow yielding to the base, the undeveloped, 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."

"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.

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 laws are so established as to work for these great ends in individuals and nations.

General Diaz, in accepting adoption into the Crow nation a few days ago, recalled that one of his forefathers, Iago Diaz, sailed with Columbus on his voyage of discovery and made a very early acquaintance with the American Indians. Even more important,

the general found the Indian a first-class fighting man, on the right side.

China is getting no end of sympathy at the conference, but no doubt the Chinese have an elegant equivalent for "Fine words butter no parsnips."

There is no evidence of Bret Harte's "Chinee" in the utterances of the distinguished representatives of the great oriental republic who are presenting its case at Washington.

Marshal Foch has disposed of his wildcat to the Bronx "Zoo," in New York, his LL. D. diploma will go comfortably in his trunk, but his jeweled swords must be getting to be something of a problem.

The authorities of the Methodist Episcopal church have agreed to continue the world wide evangelistic program of that denomination. The church could do nothing else, a Methodist church without evangelists and missionaries would depart far from the leadership of John Wesley.

The two rival candidates for representative from Yukon in the Canadian parliament are canvassing their district in dog sleds this week. Whoever is elected the needs of the country are bound to be presented from first-hand knowledge by a vigorous advocate.

The Statesman last year had a great deal to say about the importance of extensive cold storage facilities in Salem. This matter must not be dropped. It will be of growing importance, as the fruit acreage increases here.

Concerning him and his visit to the United States, Americans have but one thought: "Sit lux, pax quodcumque bonum tibi, hospes amice," which every schoolmaster, military or civil, knows means:

THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE

By Hon. Melvin G. Winstock

The Prophet gazed with mystic eye Through the stars that glittered high. All that was false, all that was true—The earth, the sea—all men he knew.

His quickened ear had heard the beat, The trampling of the maddened feet. His soul was seared with the leprous breath Of War and Conquest—Famine—Death.

War that murders right with might, Conquest throned on mankind's plight, Famine with its gnawing pain, Death dancing over fields of slain.

Ambition called—hosts leaped to die, Many there were who knew not why, But the Horsemen rode 'o'er humankind And the eyes of men with tears were blind.

Orphans starved and widows wept, Sweet cities into dust were swept; The proud sun bowed his head in shame At sight of such a wanton game.

Red blood flowed in ceaseless stream, To satisfy a madman's dream And War and Conquest—Famine—Death Scorch'd the earth with flaming breath.

And the Horsemen's ride will never cease Until the nations dwell in peace; Untill God's love—divine in grace, Shall shine in every human face.

BON MOTS OF BROOKS

In his biography of Phillips Brooks, Alexander V. G. Allen of Cambridge tells of a clergyman who was going abroad and talked in jest of bringing back a new religion with him.

"You might have some trouble in getting it through the customs house," some one remarked. "No," observed Bishop Brooks, "we may take it for granted that a new religion would have no duties attached."

Another person, for the sake, no doubt, of argument, once drew attention to the fact that some men, calling themselves atheists, seemed to lead moral lives, and Brooks promptly disposed of it.

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.

FUTURE DATES

December 4, Sunday—Eli's Memorial service, grand theatre. December 5, Monday—Mabel Garrison, Grand Theatre. December 6, Tuesday—Cherries annual election of officers. December 13 and 14—Tuesday and Wednesday—Apollo club concert with Virginia Ben, celestaire soprano. Dec. 14, Wednesday—Open forum Commercial club. December 19, Monday—Special session Legislature.

move, the Zion philosopher declares. The sun, which is only 32 miles in diameter and 3000 miles away, revolves around the earth.—New York Herald.

THE SCHOOLMASTER

Marshal Foch used to teach school in the French war college. Clemenceau used to teach French in a girl's school at Hartford, Ct.

Woodrow Wilson once tried his hand at teaching. Robert E. Lee taught school, first at the United States military academy and later at Washington college, now Washington and Lee university, at Lexington, Va.

"Stonewall" Jackson taught school for a little while at the Virginia military academy before the Civil war.

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

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

In fighting the World war "Professor" Foch used the strategy employed by "Professor" Lee and "Professor" Jackson.

General Joffre employed the strategy of "Professor" Lee and "Professor" Jackson to repel the first great German drive against Paris in 1914.

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"May light, peace and every good thing be thine. O friendly guest!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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

Livers of some of the big sun sharks, which are 60 to 65 per cent oil, yield up to 20 gallons of the finest shark oil. It is used for medical purposes and lubrication of delicate mechanisms. Livers of the smaller mud sharks found in the waters between the island and the mainland, yield about 10 gallons of oil.

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

The fins are almost pure gelatine. They are cured and sold to Orientals, who use them in preparation of table delicacies. Membranes and intestines are turned into gloves, glue and gut, blood and flesh into chicken food and fertilizers. The head is a solid mass of cartilage glue.

The most valuable part of the fish is the skin, which has the toughness of vulcanized rubber. The outer surface is as rough as sand paper. This is taken off by acid treatment, and the skin is tanned.

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Editor Statesman.

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Buster Brown Shoe Store SALE

December month and sale time at the Buster Brown, this means every shoe in the house, including Christmas slippers on sale 20% at least. 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, now—

\$6.80

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

\$6.40

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

\$4.85

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

\$3.95

All Children's Shoes Reduced.....20%

All Boys' Shoes Reduced.....20%

Men's Heavy Sole, Army Shoes, 100 per cent leather, on sale—

\$3.95

Christmas Slippers on Sale

Hosiery on Sale

Spats in Colors \$1.95

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