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WHAT GREAT MEN HAVE SAID ABOUT THE BIBLE.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN—"Young man, my advice to you is that you cultivate an acquaintance with and a firm belief in the Holy Scriptures, for this is your certain interest. I think Christ's system of morals and religion, as he left them to us, the best the world ever saw or is likely to see."

DANIEL WEBSTER—"If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no one knows how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in obscurity. The Bible is the book of all books for lawyers as well as divines, and I pity the man who cannot find in it a rich supply of thought and rule of conduct."

PROFESSOR HUXLEY—"I cannot see how moral conduct is going to be kept up without the Bible."

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS—"So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hopes that they will prove useful citizens to their country and respectable members in society."

ANDREW JACKSON—"The Bible, sir, is the arch on which our republic rests."

CHIEF JUSTICE JAY—When dying was asked, "Have you any farewell address to leave your children?" His answer was, "They have the Bible."

U. S. Grant—"Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of our liberty; write its precepts on your hearts, and practice them in your lives. To the influence of the Book we are indebted to the progress made in true civilization, and to this must look as our guide in the future."

PATRICK HENRY—"There is a book worth all other books ever written."

JOHN ADAMS—"The Bible is the best book in the world."

SIR ISAAC NEWTON—"I account the Scripture of God to be the most sublime philosophy."

QUEEN VICTORIA—"The Bible is the secret of England's greatness."

THOMAS JEFFERSON—"I have always said and always will say that the studious perusal of the Sacred Volume will make better citizens, better fathers and better husbands."

JOHN ADAMS (Second President U. S.)—"The Bible contains more philosophy than all the libraries I have ever seen."

THE TRIUMPHS OF INFIDELITY.

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL.

When skepticism triumphs in any heart, the hope of immortality is banished. It crowns the tyrant Death forever on his throne, and seals the conquests of the grave over the whole human race. It wraps the tomb in eternal darkness, and suffers not one particle of the remains of the great, the wise and the good of all ages to see the light of eternity; but consigns, by an irreversible doom, all that was admired, loved, and revered in man, to perpetual annihilation. It identifies human existence with the vilest reptile, and levels man to the grade of the meanest weed, whose utility, is yet undiscovered. Man's origin and his destiny are to its ken alike fortuitous, unimportant, and uninteresting. Having robbed him of everything which could make him dear to himself and proud of his existence, it murders all his hopes of future being and future bliss. It cuts the cable and casts away the golden anchor; it sets man adrift on the mighty, unfathomable, and unexplored ocean of uncertainty, to become the sport of the wind and waves of animal passion and appetite; until at last, in some tremendous gust, "he sinks to everlasting ruin." Say, then, proud reasoner, of what utility is your philosophy? What is your boast?

You boast that you have made man ignorant of his origin and a stranger to himself. You boast that you have deprived him of any real superiority over the bee, the bat or the beaver; that you have divested him of the inducements to a virtuous life, by taking away the knowledge of God and the hope of heaven. You boast that you have made death triumphant, not only over the body, but the intellectual dignity of man; and that you have buried his soul and body in the grave of an eternal sleep, never to see the light of life again! O skepticism! is this thy philosophy—is this thy boasted victory over the Bible? and for this extinguishment of light and life eternal, what dost thou teach and what bestow? Thou teachest us to live according to our appetites, and dost promise us that in thy Millennium man shall live in a paradise of colonies, almost as industrious, as independent, and as social as the bees. Well then dost thou preach with zeal, and exert thy energies; for thy heaven is worthy of thy efforts, and the purity of thy life is just adapted to the high hopes of eternal annihilation.

(Closing words in Alexander Campbell's great speech in his famous debate with Robert Owen, the great infidel.)

SEVEN GREAT SCIENTIFIC STATEMENTS.

1. There can be no design without an intelligent Designer.
2. No plan without an intelligent Planner.
3. No law without an intelligent Law-giver.
4. No thought without a Thinker.
5. No purpose without some intelligent person who has thus Purposed.
6. No order out of confusion without some intelligent person thus ordering.
7. No planned, designed, purposed, ordered, well thought out perpetual motion without intelligence behind it. The universe shows such motion, design, law, plan, purpose, thought, order. Man is not the designer, planner, thinker, law-giver and governor. Therefore some greater intelligence is back of it all—"The God of the bible," is an intelligent answer.

THE FUTURE OF THE PACIFIC COAST AND DALLAS AS SEEN BY EVANGELIST D. E. OLSON.

For two thousand years the Mediterranean Sea was the center of world-wide activity. The Atlantic Ocean next became the stage upon which the panoramic views of the last 2000 years have been exhibited. It does not take a very smart man to see that history will repeat itself—and thus the next great change in the affairs of the world will be to see the Pacific Ocean become the playground on which the acrobatical performances of the next 2000 years will enact its greatest scenes.

This will make the shores of the Pacific the fruitful grounds for wonderful and unthought of activities. The money men of the world have their eyes on this part of the globe. Thousands upon thousands in the Eastern states are looking to these Western shores and coming here to live and invest.

The cities of the East will some day ere long cease to grow, while the Western cities are still in their childhood, and the development which will be seen in the next 50 years will surprise the most optimistic.

This city of Dallas is beautifully located—far enough from Portland to make it a growing place and near enough to be in reach for anything needed.

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General Evangelist.

WHAT ABOUT PROSELYTING?

One thing that seems to have stirred the people of Dallas to an investigation of the scriptures is the visits made to the homes of members of the various denominations by the minister of the Church of Christ. Most people have appreciated these calls and regard them as a token of a broad minded spirit that leads to an interest in the souls of people outside of any particular flock, but some ministers have raised serious objections to this mode of getting acquainted and have called it proselyting, sheep stealing, etc.

Now to assure the denominational ministers of the town that these visits were all made in the spirit of the golden rule, the people of the Church of Christ will give, and already have publicly extended, a warm invitation to the ministers of the city of Dallas to visit them in their homes to talk over the scriptures, to give them instruction or help in their investigation of the truth. Furthermore they would very much appreciate any such call and would consider it an evidence of the true Christian spirit, that we may have fellowship one with another.

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CONRAD STAFFIN
Dallas, Ore.

New York Banishes Dance Halls.

During the past week some two hundred dance halls in the city of New York were closed indefinitely by the adoption of a new and sweeping law. Prominent citizens say this is the biggest reform carried out by the metropolis in a generation. Many of these places were veritable breeding places for crime, and it is predicted their extinction will have a marked effect on the future criminal annals of the city. Lashed by the righteous fury of Anthony Comstock and other leaders of civic reform, the authorities finally passed an ordinance closing these dens of vice and iniquity. Hereafter no dances may be held in that city in any building where liquors are sold, given away, or otherwise disposed of, excepting regular hotels with fifty or more guest rooms.

"Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the flowers,
Kind deeds are the fruits.
"Take care of the gardens,
And keep them from weeds;
Fill, fill them with flowers,
Kind words and kind deeds."

Two saloon keepers once told "Gypsy" Smith that if the ministers did not stop knocking the liquor business the liquor men would have to go to the poor house. "All right, said Smith, "when you go in all the rest of the inmates can come out."—The American Issue.

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