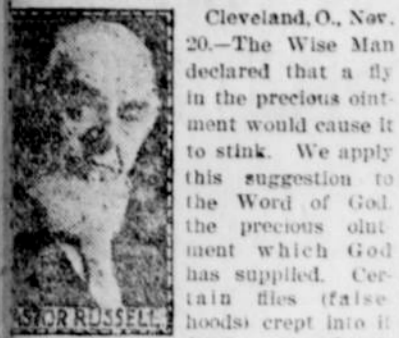


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Spurious Additions to the Word of God Condemned.



Cleveland, O., Nov. 20.—The Wise Man declared that a fly in the precious ointment would cause it to stink. We apply this suggestion to the Word of God, the precious ointment which God has supplied. Certain flies (falsehoods) crept into it during the Dark Ages, which are now causing a loathing and repudiation on the part of the best and wisest people in the world. All will admit that it is fatal to tamper with the Word of God, either to add to or take from it or to twist or pervert its meaning. It is, then, that ministers of the Gospel, who know that certain passages of the Scriptures are not to be added to the people the truth on this subject? And if these ministers are fully informed, whose fault is that? Would it not be preferable that they should absent themselves from some of the fairs and festivals and social occasions, in order to inform them?

On what pretext are the clergy, especially the privileged class, except the purpose of giving their flocks reliable information along religious lines? And what is their commission in the Lord, except that they "should of the flock of God, which he purchased with the blood of his own dear Son"? If the flock have been feeding on certain Scriptures supposed to be divine, and if they have been made thereby, and if their shepherds know that these Scriptures are not part of the Divinely inspired Word, why should not God's people be informed of the facts and be stopped from eating poisonous elements introduced by the Adversary?

Poison in Our Bibles. While the others are silent, the more we speak. We cannot see God's Spiritually sick without warning in respecting their spiritual food. We only have received many misinterpretations of the parables and symbols of the Bible, but into our hands themselves certain false statements have been injected—long centuries ago. All well-informed ministers of the Gospel know that our New Testament was not translated from the writings of the Apostles, but from the Greek text, which was copied over and over again, no matter how carefully, liable to errors. And in addition, we might expect, occasionally, a scribe to make the record conform better to his conception of what ought to be. This went on for centuries before the art of printing came into use.

The New Testament was translated from the Greek into the Latin language. It was known as the Vulgate. From Latin translation sprang our various English translations—the Douay Catholic edition, published in 1609 D., and the King James Bible, or common Version, published in 1611 A. D. The latter was merely a revised translation, to assist in which region other previous translations were used, and we are assured that the text is diligently compared with the Greek text. But until lately there were no ancient Greek manuscripts which to compare it. The Greek manuscripts with which it was compared numbered only eight, none of which dated earlier than the Tenth century. Today, however, we have over five hundred Greek manuscripts of the New Testament, namely, the Alexandrian MS., the Vatican MS., and the Sinaitic MS. Of these, the Vatican MS. was the first to come to the attention of modern scholarship. It is the Vatican Library, appearing on catalogue as far back as 1475 A. D., which manuscript scholarship accorded with having been written in the fourth century. Next came the Alexandrian MS., which is supposed to have been written about the middle of the fifth century. It is now on exhibition in the British Museum. Finally we have the Sinaitic MS., which is the possession of the Russian Government. It was found by Constantine Leontiev in a Mt. Sinai convent, on which it takes its name. It is credited with a date of about 350 A. D. Of these three oldest MSS. of the New Testament known in the world, the Vatican and Sinaitic are the oldest.

Assuredly nothing should be considered as part of the original Scriptures that is not found in any of these three oldest MSS. Why should we not tell to the people? Why should we not inform them that some of the most confusing texts of the Bible are found in these old manuscripts? It is not a sin to preach doctrines as God's which have no part in those three MSS.? This is our thought, from time to time it will be our pleasure, as well as our duty, to teach the common people what the clergy already know on this subject. Moreover, the Bible Students Association of Brooklyn has arranged for the illustration of copies of the New Testament bound in cloth showing the variations between the readings of these three MSS. and our Common Version. The usual price of these is \$1.00; importing them in large quantities, they are able to supply them post-paid at 50c. each.

Consider Now Our Text.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned."—Mark xvi. 15, 16.

One of the most important of these interpolations or poisonous additions engrafted upon the Word of God is in the sixteenth chapter of Mark, all of which, from the ninth verse to the end of the chapter, is spurious—fraudulent. It is additional to anything that St. Mark wrote, as evidenced by the fact that these verses are not found in any of the three oldest Greek MSS.

Of course some of the items of these verses are found in other Gospels. It would never do to add a verse without a certain amount of covering of Truth to sugarcoat it! But notice our text and what a wrong thought it gives—inconsistent with the rest of the Scriptures. Its intimation is that the preaching of the Gospel to every creature will result either in believing and being saved, or in his being damned. And if this is the case, other understandings, such as blaspheming, robbing and murdering, and all wrong-doing, are not mentioned in the Scriptures. The authentic Scriptures promise that the Gospel of Christ is to be preached to all the world, and that the faithful will be saved, and that the unfaithful will be damned. They show that all are expected to hear this message at the present time—not many wise great, learned or rich, but chiefly the poor. They assure us that to have the hearing ear is a special favor, saying: "Blessed are your ears for they hear, and your eyes for they see." St. Paul tells us that the world in general is blind and deaf to the message now sent forth (Romans xi, 7), and the experiences of eighteen centuries corroborate this. St. Peter tells us (Acts xv, 13) that God's work in the present time is not the conversion of the world (which certainly is not being accomplished) but that he is now taking out of the world a people for his name (to bear the name of Christ, as his Bride). The authentic Scriptures everywhere teach us that the poor, blind, deaf world, which has never yet heard fully and clearly of "the only name given under heaven or amongst men whereby we may be saved," is not on this account condemned or damned. They tell us that the whole world was born condemned, because children of Adam and sharers in his condemnation, but that God has provided in the sacrifice of Jesus a redemption for Adam and all his race. They tell us that, as a result, in God's due time, Christ, as the true Light, the Sun of Righteousness, shall enlighten every man that cometh into the world. They explain that God is now calling out a special class while the darkness is upon the earth and the gross darkness upon the heathen, and that the Sun of Righteousness, which is to enlighten the whole world, will not arise until the elect Church shall first have been gathered out. They tell us that, in the New Dispensation yet to dawn, all the families of the earth will be blessed through the Christ—Jesus, the Head, and the Church his Body or Bride. They tell us that then "all the blind eyes shall be opened and all the deaf ears shall be unstopped" (Isaiah xxxv, 5). They tell us that then the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in his beams, flooding the whole earth with the light of the knowledge of the glory of God. They assure us that that will be the period of Messiah's reign, for which we pray, "Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as in heaven." They tell us that the object of that reign will be that the world in general may have a trial to determine whether, with the light and knowledge and experience then granted, they will choose God and righteousness and the reward of eternal life, or will choose sin and its penalty, the Second Death.

Unbelievers Damned Already. Our word damned, from misusage and the bad theology of the Dark Ages, has a sulphurous odor, whereas its plain, simple meaning is the same as the word condemns. Adam was damned or condemned 6000 years ago because of his disobedience. And all his children, by heredity, share his weakness, but thus share his condemnation. But Adam is not condemned or damned to eternal torture nor to Purgatory. The Bible distinctly says in so many words that his sentence, his condemnation, his damnation, is to death. "In the day that thou eatest thereof, dying thou shalt die" (Genesis ii, 17, margin). After his disobedience, God said, "Cursed is the earth for thy sake. Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth unto thee. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread until thou return unto the ground from which thou wast taken; for dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return" (Genesis iii, 17-19).

This general sentence has rested upon all of Adam's race from that day until now. As St. Paul declares, by one man's disobedience sin entered into the world and death (not eternal torment nor Purgatory) as a result of sin and thus death (not eternal torment nor Purgatory) passed upon all men, because all are sinners (Romans v, 12). Jesus came to redeem two classes—the Church and the world—the Church class to be his "Bride" and to share his heavenly, spiritual Kingdom with him; the world to be blessed and restored to human perfection and to an earthly Eden, world-wide—God's footstool made glorious. The Church and household of faith, willing to walk in the footsteps of the Master in the dark, have been called during the past nearly nineteen centuries. Soon the

worthy ones, the "little flock," will enter into the joys of their Lord, at his Second Coming. The marriage of the Lamb shall come, for his Wife will have made herself ready (Rev. xix, 7). Then the world's salvation will be due to begin. The Times of Restitution will be the thousand years of Messiah's spiritual reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. Fleshly Israel, we are assured, will then be restored to Divine favor and become the special and active agents of the Messianic Kingdom in the distribution of the Divine favors to all the families of the earth. In the end all the incorrigibly wicked, who have iniquity rather than righteousness, will be destroyed.

Thus, as the Apostle declares, the sacrifice of Jesus constitutes a satisfaction for our sins (the Church's sins) and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world (I John ii, 2). Nonsensical, Spurious Context. Let us briefly notice another absurdity in the addition to God's Word found in the last twelve verses of St. Mark's Gospel, fraudulently added and not found in any of the oldest Greek MSS. Notice the statement, "These signs shall follow them that believe: in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (verses 17, 18). The majority of Christian ministers and their congregations seem not to be troubled by the fact that they do not have these evidences of their relationship to the Lord, and they do not attempt to heal the sick, to speak with tongues, and would not dare to drink any poisonous thing. But there are certain conscientious people, the very cream of all the Churches, who are greatly perplexed by these words because they know that they are not true in their experience. With them, therefore, it is a matter of feeling doubtful about their own salvation, or a question as to the reliability of the Bible as a whole. They need to have the relief which we now seek to give them. They need to know that these are not inspired words, but poisonous and injurious additions made during the Dark Ages. They may, consequently, look elsewhere in the Scriptures and find the proper assurances of their relationship with God being demonstrated by the fruits of the holy Spirit in their lives and in their hearts—"meekness, gentleness, patience, long-suffering, brotherly kindness, love."

Terrible Suffering

Eczema All Over Baby's Body. "When my baby was four months old his face broke out with eczema, and at sixteen months of age, his face, hands and arms were in a dreadful state. The eczema spread all over his body. We had to put a mask or cloth over his face and tie up his hands. Finally we got him to the Sarsaparilla and in a few months he was entirely cured. Today he is a healthy boy." Mrs. Inez Lewis, Barre, Maine. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures blood diseases and builds up the system. Get it today in usual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatabs.

COUNT TOLSTOI PASSES BEYOND

Great Russian Author Died Peacefully on Sunday Morning

Astapova, Russia, Nov. 20.—Without being received back into the Orthodox Greek church and knowing that the end had arrived, Count Tolstoi died at an early hour this morning. There was apparently no suffering as death came as the dying man slept. At 3 a. m. Dr. Berkenheim, with tears in his eyes, left the bed chamber. At that hour the doctor would express no opinion as to the outcome, but at 5 a. m. they issued the following bulletin: "There has been a sharp deterioration in the activity of the heart, 'condition extremely dangerous.' Soon after this news was received in the adjoining chamber, where the family had assembled to await the end, the Countess was admitted to the sick room, but Tolstoi did not recognize her.

Family Sees Dying Man. Tolstoi suffered several serious attacks of heart failure since last night. In the early morning hours these followed each other rapidly but were quickly relieved. Between the first and second attack the members of the family were admitted to the bedside. Tolstoi's condition after each attack was what the physicians called 'deceptively encouraging.' The patient slept for a little while, seemingly breathing more comfortably than usual. Dr. Thurosky and Dr. Usoff, nevertheless, in a statement to Tolstoi's son, Michael, held out but slight hope and did not hesitate to predict a quick end, under ordinary mortal circumstances. Tolstoi, they said, was a splendid patient in mind and body, except the heart.

During one of the heart attacks Tolstoi was alone with his eldest daughter, Tatiana. He suddenly clutched her hand and drew her to him. He seemed to be choking but was able to whisper: "Patient Conscious Near End. 'Now the end has come; that is all.'" Tatiana was greatly frightened and tried to free herself so she might call the doctor, but her father would not release her. She called loudly from where she sat. The physicians injected camphor, which had an almost immediate effect in relieving the pressure. Tolstoi soon raised his head and then drew himself up to a sitting position. When he had recovered his breath he said: "There are millions of people and many sufferers in the world. Why always anxious about me?"

Basketball will be played at the High school this year and the season will open in a few days. The Y. M. C. A. floor has been secured for daily practice between five and six o'clock. In order to stimulate the sport, a cup has been offered for the winner of a series to be played between the fourteen roll rooms in the High school.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE In the matter of the application of Cutting S. Calef to register the title to the following described premises: Commencing sixty feet south and one-half feet east of the southeast corner of fractional block number four of Hendricks' addition to College Hill park; running thence south one hundred twenty-four and three-fifths feet; thence west two hundred eleven and fifty hundredths feet; thence north one hundred twenty-four and three-fifths feet to the south line of Tremont street; thence east two hundred eleven and fifty hundredths feet to place of beginning.

—against— Lane county, a public corporation, Helms W. Thompson, county judge, Henry D. Edwards, county commissioner, and Hugh M. Price, county commissioner, as constituting the county court of Lane county, a public corporation of the state of Oregon, John H. Maxwell and Daisie D. Maxwell, who are husband and wife, Alta Schneider, Hermina M. Grant and J. F. Grant, her husband, F. B. Boggs and Louise Boggs, his wife, and all to whom it may concern, defendants. TAKE NOTICE That on the sixth day of September, 1910, an application was filed by said Cutting S. Calef, in the circuit court of said Lane county, for initial registration of the title of the above described, which said application was amended by supplemental statement filed therein on the 27th day of October, 1910. Now, unless you appear on or before the 30th day of November, 1910, and show cause why such application as amended shall not be granted, the same will be taken as confessed, and a decree will be entered according to the prayer of the application as amended and you will be forever barred from disputing the same.

E. U. LEE, Clerk. (Seal of the) (Circuit Court) C. A. WINTERMEIER, Applicant's Attorney. wky

OFFICIAL VOTE OF STATE ON ALL MEASURES

The following are measures that were adopted by the people at the recent election and complete vote on each:

Table listing various measures and their vote counts. Measures include: Bill creating the county of Williams, Bill creating the county of Orchard, Bill providing for the support and maintenance of Weston Normal, Washington-Multnomah annexation bill, Prohibition amendment, Home Rule liquor bill, Employers' liability law, Prohibition Bill Vote Heavy, etc.

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The low rates from the east to Oregon starts on September 15. They will buy many farms. I have sold several this summer. I expect to sell several more. If you will list your farm or acreage tract with me before they come, I will do my best to sell it for you. Come in and see me when you come to town. My office is in the front end of the Hoffman house, corner of 9th and Willamette. J. W. ZIMMERMAN

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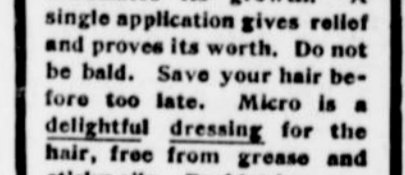
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