

WHEN GOD WAS ALONE! BEFORE CREATION WAS BEGUN

THE INCOMPREHENSIBLE ONE

Pastor Russell Discusses, "Before the Beginning."

"From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God" (Psalm xc. 2). "I am Jehovah that is my name and my glory will I not give to another" (Isaiah xlii. 8).



St. Petersburg Fla., Jan. 8.—These and other Scriptures tell us of a personal God, the Father or Life Giver of all, the Great One who in his Fatherhood...

The Scriptures tell us of "the beginning of the creation of God," hence there was a time before that beginning of creation when Jehovah God was alone—"he that inhabiteth Eternity."

This mighty God, Jehovah, self-centered, self-contained, is ours, the same yesterday, today and forever, he changes not.

Divine Attributes Glorious. Every attribute of the Divine character was the same millions of years ago that it is today, but that character was unrevealed.

Astronomical photography now reveals nearly 125,000,000 suns, around which circle systems such as the one which circles around our sun, and of which our earth is a part.

Doubtless Divine methods in connection with other worlds and other inhabitants will display the manifold wisdom of God.

The Permission of Evil. Can we not see a broad reason for the permission of evil on the earth—for the permission of the reign of Sin and Death, which for six thousand years has apparently disgraced the Creator, degraded humanity, astonished the angels and constituted our race a groaning creation?

From the standpoint of the completion of the Divine purposes in connection with humanity, and from that standpoint alone, can we see illustrated Divine Wisdom, Justice, Love and Power.

The second lesson was that of Divine compassion, sympathy—Love. This lesson was manifested in the sending of the Redeemer and his subsequent reward of exaltation, and his gathering of an "elect" Church to be his associates in glory and in the blessing of the redeemed race.

In all that work of human restitution, which will include the awakening of mankind from the sleep of death, the one great lesson will be the greatness of the Divine Power which will be exercised through Messiah, the God-like One, the Prince of Life, "the

Prince of Glory," the Redeemer, the Regenerator of Adam and his race. And finally, from the standpoint of the completion of Jehovah's great purposes and dealings with man and in respect to him, will stand revealed the foreknowledge and Wisdom of God who knows the end from the beginning and who foresees how even the permission of a reign of sin and death could be made eventually to work out to his own glory and to the blessing and instruction of his creatures on both the human and the angelic planes.

Surely, the result eventually will be, as the Scriptures declare, that all shall learn righteousness, and his iniquity, and that every creature in heaven and in earth and under the earth shall acclaim both Jehovah, who sitteth upon the Throne of the Universe, and the Lamb, the Redeemer, forever.

Were we to allow ourselves to speculate respecting the future—respecting the Divine purposes in relation to the millions of worlds around us, our speculations would run thus: Those instructed and used of Jehovah in conjunction with the initial development of the Divine Plan in the earth will thereby be fitted and prepared to be the Divine Agents to other worlds. The Great Redeemer and his "elect" associates, after dealing with humanity for their uplift out of sin and death conditions, will surely be qualified for further service in other worlds:

And what shall we say of humanity when perfected at the end of Messiah's glorious reign? Will not all be well prepared, not only to approve righteousness in themselves, but to tell in other worlds, to other races, the story of the fall and of the reign of Sin and Death resulting; and of the redemption accomplished by God's love; and of the great restitution; and of the lessons thus learned?

The Unchangeable One. The qualities of the Divine character which we have just considered—Wisdom, Justice, Love and Power—belonged to our Creator in the great eternity preceding creation.

Every attribute of the Divine character was the same millions of years ago that it is today, but that character was unrevealed. Every step of creation has tended to display the Divine character more and more, and each successive step and development of creation has brought forth new creatures capable of comprehending the Eternal One.

In the symbolic picture John saw a freshly slain lamb at the same time that the angelic messenger declared that the Lion of the tribe of Judah had prevailed. Jesus proved himself worthy and therefore the privilege of understanding the things of the Divine Plan, and the privilege of executing them rightfully belonged to him.

These creations varied not in degrees of perfection and imperfection. Each was perfect on its own plane. Each intelligent creature was a free, moral agent, and hence, whether on the angelic or human plane, was created in the likeness of God, unblemished, but with different capacities and abilities.

These intelligent ones were designated "Sons of God" so long as they maintained their attitude of perfect loyalty to him, their Creator and Father. Not only was it the Divine intention thus to give pleasure to millions of creatures to be created, but it was also the Divine will to manifest to his creatures his own greatness and the perfection of his own goodness that they might enjoy him and he enjoy them everlastingly.

We are not to understand that Almighty God was lonely in that great Eternity before creation began. On the contrary, human loneliness is largely because of human deficiency. What we lack we seek for in others. But the great Jehovah lacked nothing; he was complete in himself; he needed not companionship to complete or to supplement his happiness. It was his pleasure to create that his creatures might have joy by reflecting as a whole his Divine qualities implanted in their constitutions.

The wreck of the human race produced by sin he well foreknew. Nor did this wrecking of human hopes defeat, nor was it in danger of defeating, the Divine purpose. It merely demonstrates to angels and to men the graces of the Divine character and shows unto all the more fully the qualities of God proper to be appreciated and copied.

The Seven-Sealed Scroll. When God would illustrate to us his own great personality, when he would show to his creatures how he is working all things according to the counsel of his own will, he pictured in sym-

bolically in the Book of Revelation. In that vision the Throne of the Eternal One is graphically portrayed as the seat of Divine power and authority for the Universe, with angels administering spirits. Then is described a scroll, in the right hand of Jehovah—in Divine power and keeping. That scroll, written inside and outside, was "sealed with seven seals," representing the complete secrecy of the Divine purposes related in that scroll. From before the foundation of the world it had been in the hand in the power of the great Eternal. He had given hints respecting it and had caused it to be symbolized in the Law and to some extent to be described by the Prophets. But still it was a hidden Mystery, because the prophets understood not the things which they wrote; nor could any understand them until the Father's "due time," which he had purposed in himself.

Not only was the Divine Program thus sealed and safely secreted, but it was the Divine determination that it should be given only to the one who would demonstrate his worthiness to be Jehovah's honored Agent for the carrying out of those purposes—predestinated before the world was. The honor of being the Agent, the Representative of Jehovah, to carry out the Divine purposes, should be disclosed in advance only to the one who would demonstrate his worthiness to be the great Messiah, the great Deliverer, the great Prophet, Priest, Judge, King of Israel.

High as the Redeemer stood in the Divine councils and fellowship before he came into the world to be man's Redeemer, it was not then granted even to him to know all the mysteries of the Divine Program. But by virtue of his high station, his perfection, his obedience, the privilege was given to him first to become man's Redeemer, at the cost of personal humiliation and death, and then, if faithful in this redemptive work, it should be his to be glorified, exalted to the divine nature, and to execute the Divine Program to its completion. First, he must manifest his devotion and loyalty to the Father, ere he could be trusted even with the knowledge of the Divine Program.

"Worthy is the Lamb."

All this is declared in the account (Revelations v). The proclamation was made, Who is worthy to receive the scroll and to break its seals and to execute the wonderful purposes of God? None was found worthy! Finally, one demonstrated his worthiness—he left the courts of glory, he humbled himself, he "was made flesh." More than this, being found in fashion as a man, he consecrated his all to the doing of the Father's will, even unto death, the death of the cross. Wherefore, says the Apostle, "God also highly exalted him" and gave him a standing, a rank, a title above all others (Philippians ii, 7, 8). He commissioned him to execute all the Divine purposes and to him he handed over the scroll with the privilege of opening its seals and comprehending to the full its message.

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This glorious victor was then acknowledged by God and by the holy angels to be the worthy One to whom the Father would entrust the execution of every feature of the Divine Program. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive glory and honor, dominion and might." He has not yet completed his great work there and then entrusted to him. The Father glorified him and set him at his own right hand—the place of Divine favor—when he finished his demonstrative loyalty even unto death. As yet he has only begun his great work. The blessing of the Church as "the Bride, the Lamb's Wife," is the first step in the glorious Program, and it is not yet completed. Following it will come the blessing of the world, all the families of the earth, not only the living but the dead. His declaration to those now called to be his Bride is, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne even as I overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne" (Revelation iii, 21).

"To us there is one God," says the Apostle. All wisdom and power are his. Recent electrical inventions assist us greatly in apprehending his greatness. What man can do limitedly with the telephone and wireless telegraphy merely hint to us of the infinite resources of the Eternal One—from everlasting to everlasting, God. But our knowledge of the Divine Justice and Love satisfies our hearts—our Great Creator becomes "Our Father, who art in heaven."

Next Lord's Day, D. V., I will have something more to say to the large congregation of millions whom I address weekly, respecting the methods by which the Almighty God is working all things according to the counsel of his own will, using his glorious Son, Messiah, his First Begotten, as his honored agent in the prosecution of every feature of the great Plan which he purposed in himself before the world was—when he was alone.

I suggest to interested readers of my earnest participation in the "Laymen's Home Missionary Movement" of bringing them to the attention of their friends and neighbors who do not attend church services.

BEVERIDGE SAYS BIG DEAL IN LANE COUNTY TIMBER PROPERTY

Purchased Votes Sufficient to Elect Illinois Senator

Washington, Jan. 9.—Senator Beveridge submitted to the senate today his minority report from the committee on privileges and elections in which he declares the testimony is conclusive that far more than enough bribery was practiced to invalidate the election of Senator Lorimer.

The fight to prevent Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, from retaining his seat in the United States senate was opened today with a contest between Senators Beveridge and Owen, both claiming the right to fire the first gun in the cause. Beveridge, by value of being a member of the committee on privileges and elections, which investigated the charges of bribery against Lorimer, gained a tactical victory by filing a minority report attacking the position of his colleagues on the committee, who voted to exonerate the Illinois senator.

Owen, however, introduced a resolution to declare the election of Lorimer illegal and void, but the senate held that, under the rules, the resolution would have to go over until tomorrow. Beveridge then submitted his report, the conclusion of which was:

"That this election was invalid under any possible view of the law. If the senate so concludes, it is our duty to so declare. Therefore I submit the following resolution: 'Resolved, That William Lorimer was not duly and legally elected to a seat in the senate of the United States by the legislature of Illinois.'"

Before the report was filed Senator Lorimer made a brief speech, denying the innocence of his friends in any participation of any corrupt practices in connection with his election.

Beveridge declared that some of the testimony offered by witnesses testifying as to the honesty of the election of Lorimer was "absurd and grotesque."

The senate committee on judiciary today failed to agree on the report of a resolution providing for direct popular election of United States senators. Another meeting of the committee may be held later in the day.

CANAL FORTS ARE NOT FORBIDDEN

Foraker Says Government Has Right to Protect Great Panama Waterway

Washington, Jan. 8.—A contribution designed to clarify the confused situation that has arisen over the decision of the United States to fortify the Panama canal was submitted today by ex-Senator Foraker, of Ohio, to President Taft, who made it public.

Throughout the period in which the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was negotiated and ratified Senator Foraker advised with John Hay, then secretary of state, and many of the suggestions that are incorporated in the treaty preserving to this government the right to take such means as necessary to protect the canal and the shipping without specifically authorizing fortifications.

Senator Foraker, in a letter to the president, reviews the acts of the senate in connection with treaty-making with England and laws passed subsequently to the ratification of the existing Hay-Pauncefote treaty. The letter tells of the ratification of a treaty by the senate December 20, 1900, which was rejected by the British government.

When it was presented to the senate it contained a provision against fortification, and there was much criticism of the secretary because of that fact.

RUSK DEFEATS EATON IN HOUSE

Salem, Or., Jan. 9.—By 13 votes Allen Eaton was defeated for speaker of the house this afternoon by Jerry Rusk, of Wallawa county. After a campaign covering the past month and which grew bitter this morning, Rusk was elected on the first ballot. Lear Thompson withdrew and threw his support to Rusk. Reynolds having previously withdrawn in favor of Eaton.

Ben Selling was elected president on the first ballot, receiving seventeen votes, two of these being democrats. The vote which made Selling president also made him acting governor until West is inaugurated tomorrow. Already a delegation of ministers has arrived to ask Selling to pardon J. Thorburn Ross. In his speech, Selling said he considered his election not a compliment to himself, but as a protest against machine politics, which he hoped would hereafter be banished from Oregon forever. Boverman's camp realized defeat last night, but refused to vote for Selling today and scattered its votes. Bean and Calkins, of Lane county, supported Selling.

BIG DEAL IN LANE COUNTY TIMBER PROPERTY

Three Thousand Acres Near Saginaw Sold—Orchards Will Be Set Out

Portland, Jan. 9.—Purchase was completed Saturday by the Saginaw Orchard & Timber Company of 3000 acres of timber lands south of Eugene, in Lane county, bearing approximately 100,000,000 feet of standing fir timber. The deal involved about \$100,000, and the land was purchased from various owners, about a dozen in all, most of them being original entrymen who obtained patent from the government.

The Saginaw Orchard & Timber Co. is composed of C. C. Shay, of Portland; E. C. S. Brainard and C. E. Brainard, of Payette, Idaho, and Omar Hoskins, of Portland. The Idaho men are large holders of orchard lands near Payette, and are interested in banking in the Gem state. The transaction was engineered by Mr. Shay.

Lumber Mill Contemplated. The purchasing company has been incorporated, and early next spring will erect and operate a mill of 100,000 feet daily capacity. The market for lumber produced in this territory after the local demand has been supplied is found in California and Nevada.

The incorporators of this company some time ago formed the Orchard Land & Timber Co. with a capital of \$30,000, and bought 640 acres of timber land near Divide, Lane county. They have established a mill of 60,000 feet daily capacity, and are now building three miles of flume through which lumber will be transported to the Southern Pacific railway. This company has options on 25,000,000 more feet of timber, which is about the amount of timber it now holds.

The same men are stockholders of the Payette Timber & Milling Co., which has two mills in operation on the Lewis river, in Washington.

Orchards to Be Planted. They are making all purchases with an eye to the character of the soil on which the timber stands, and as fast as the timber is logged off the land will be cleared and set to fruit. It is calculated that their land will thus be at least equally valuable after the timber is gone.

"We manufacture a large number of railroad ties," said Mr. Shay last night, "and I have found that the general market for lumber has a close relation to the demand for ties."

ENGLISH JUSTICE NOT SO SWIFT

One Case Which Has Dragged Along for Six Hundred Years

London, Jan. 9.—Those who have recently been boasting of the speed with which English justice is dispensed can hardly point with pride to the case of Peddar and Howard vs. Woodard, which was resumed today after having been hanging fire for nearly six centuries.

The case was originally filed in 1348, during the reign of Edward III. On it was brought by the abbot of St. Oystin, Essex, against Richard de Maundeville, the point at issue being the right of Richard to hold a market in Stowmarket. The abbot, as lord of the manor, alleged that Maundeville's grant was illegally obtained, and sought to have it set aside. Maundeville went away to the wars in France and claimed the king's protection during his absence, causing the case to be adjourned. G. P. Howard and C. N. Peddar are the modern representatives of Maundeville, and they object to the right of the present-day representative of the abbot, G. A. Woodward, to set up a rival market. Extracts from the pleadings of the abbot and of Maundeville are expected to play an important part in the hearing, which was resumed last November, but almost immediately adjourned until today. At that time the justice held that there was no need for haste in deciding a case which had been continued for 563 years.

YOUNG INDIAN WAIVES HIS EXAMINATION

Andrew Charles Bound Over to Grand Jury, With Bonds Fixed at \$1000.00

Andrew Charles, the young Indian charged with a statutory offense against 11-year-old Lily Spencer near Acme on the lower Siuslaw, appeared in the justice court this afternoon and waived examination. He was bound over to the grand jury under \$1000 bail, and will remain in the county jail until the bonds are secured. Two well-known Indians, neighbors of Charles near Acme, are on the way out on the stage from there today, and upon their arrival tonight it is probable that satisfactory bond arrangements will be made and Charles will be let out of jail.

Charles is well educated and is said to have been a student at the Chemawa training school for several years. His alleged victim is a half-breed, and lived in Indian Town, where nearly all of the Siuslaw Indians live.

Silence!

The instinct of modesty natural to every woman is often a great hindrance to the cure of womanly diseases. Women shrink from the personal questions of the local physician which seem indelicate. The thought of examination is abhorrent to them, and so they endure in silence a condition of disease which surely progresses from bad to worse.

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CHICK HATCHERY TO BE BUILT IN EUGENE

E. J. McClanahan Will Branch Out in New Industry—Now Erecting Building

An industry that promises to develop into large proportions will soon be started by E. J. McClanahan, the Eugene incubator manufacturer, and it promises to be one that will figure largely in the progress of Eugene, and toward making it a manufacturing city. Mr. McClanahan is erecting a building near his incubator factory on the banks of the mill race, at the foot of Ferry street, in which will be located a chicken hatchery. Chickens will be hatched by the thousands and sold after they are a day old. This kind of a plant has been needed in this part of the state and Mr. McClanahan, who knows every crook and turn of the poultry business, promises to fill the want with his plant.

The building being erected for this industry is 12x24 feet in dimensions and the plant will have a capacity of 3200 chickens. This number turned out every three weeks will run up to large figures in a year's time. Mr. McClanahan says that if his son, who is in the incubator and chicken business in Los Angeles, can sell \$50,000 worth of chicks there each year, he ought to be able to sell a few thousand dollars worth here. Mr. McClanahan will go to Salem tomorrow to buy a gas machine to heat the eggs for hatching. The machine will be of the same type as the one just installed at the Royal restaurant, which costs much less to give heat and light than from the corporation's gas plant.

ESTIMATE OF STATE'S EXPENSES

Washington's Expenditures for the Year Will Be Heavy

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 8.—State Auditor Clausen estimates the fixed necessary expenses of the state for the two years from April 1, 1911, to March 31, 1913, at \$7,404,415, which is virtually \$1,500,000 more than for the past two years. He estimates the receipts from all sources at \$6,562,563. His estimate of expenditures does not include the land office, as the report of that department is not yet complete.

In his estimated receipts for the two years the auditor figures that \$3,500,000 will come from taxes; \$712,000 from the insurance department; \$500,000 from the secretary of state; \$400,000 from liquor licenses; \$250,000 from the penitentiary; \$225,000 from the inheritance taxes, and \$125,000 from the fish commissioner.

The biggest single appropriation sought is for the State University, which is asking for \$976,244, and the State College is next with \$605,165. The State Penitentiary wants \$555,000, and the Eastern Washington Hospital for the Insane \$508,000. They are the only ones asking for more than \$500,000. The State Reformatory wants an appropriation of \$490,000, the Western Washington Hospital for the Insane \$477,000, Northern Washington Hospital for the Insane (Sedro-Woolley) \$375,000. These complete the list seeking more than \$250,000. The remainder range from \$250,000 down to \$200 for the indexing of the session laws.

OREGON ELECTRIC SUES TO CONDEMN LAND NEAR CITY OF ALBANY

Albany, Or., Jan. 9.—Condemnation proceedings were instituted in the State Circuit Court for Linn last night by the Oregon Electric Railway Company to condemn a right-of-way through lands of Robert L. Burkhardt, W. C. Burkhardt and H. D. Burkhardt, just east of this city. The proposed line from Salem to Albany will cross the Burkhardt lands just before entering this city and as the railway company and the defendants have been unable to agree upon a price for the right-of-way the company asks that the court grant the right-of-way and have a jury assess the damages.

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SPOKANE HONORS DEAD POLICE OFFICER

Spokane, Jan. 9.—Street cars were stopped, stores closed, courts adjourned and public offices vacated today as a last tribute of respect to Captain John T. Sullivan, the veteran police officer, assassinated at his home Thursday night.

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