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BIBLE QUESTIONS
QUESTIONS and Bible Answers
 If parents will encourage children to look up and memorize the Bible Answers, it will prove a priceless heritage to them in after years.
 Why should we love the Lord? —Psalm 31: 19-24
 How do God's promises bring joy? —Psalm 32: 8-11
 How should God be praised for His goodness? —Psalm 33: 1-6

THE MIRACLE OF THE AGES
 The historical event which Christmas Day commemorates, is one to stagger the human intellect, and it is not surprising that many find difficulty in accepting its truth. And what is it? The birth of God into the world, for Jesus Christ is God, and God from all eternity. Here is the astounding feature which staggers the human reason, God was made man. This is what is meant by the great Christian doctrine of the Incarnation.

A study of comparative religion, shows that this idea taught in many tortuous forms has been universally held, namely, that God would reveal himself in some marked manner, either by pouring out the Divine Spirit in extraordinary measure on some human individual, so that by moral association he would be so closely allied to God that he might be called God, or else that God Himself would assume human nature and become man. The former idea is comparatively easy to understand and does not make much demand on faith, but the latter requires the utmost stretch of faith. There is no doubt what the teaching of Christianity is on this subject, the early Christians held only the latter idea, as exemplified in the New Testament Scriptures, the writings of the apostolic and sub apostolic fathers, and the great Church creeds. In fact, if the first Christians had not believed Jesus Christ was God, and worshipped Him as God, they never would have survived the bitter persecution to which they were subjected. Christianity won its way and triumphed because of their faith in Christ as God.

Christmas Day then commemorates this miracle of the ages, and as such endures and will endure in spite of all attempts to the contrary. It is the fulfillment of, and on it depends the hopes, the aspirations of the ages, for the world and mankind. The poet sang that "God's in His heaven; All's right with the world;" but we better say: "God is in His universe; All is right with the world." For as man is the center of creation so by taking human nature, God becomes the heart of His universe. This would be impossible if God had only entered into a man by His Spirit. And because God became man, an illimitable era was inaugurated for the human race. Evolutionists teach that a species is developed to its utmost extent, and then cannot proceed further unless by a new creative act or endowment of new life. Man was the sum and goal of one creative process.

"From harmony, from heavenly har- This universal frame began: (mony, From harmony to harmony Through all the compass of the notes it ran, The diapason closing full in Man." —DRYDEN.
 Here he came to a full stop, but on God descending and taking man's nature upon Himself, a new ascent was made possible whose scope is eternal, reaching unto the heaven of heavens.

All of which is thus expressed simply but amply in one of the Christmas hymns:
 "God comes down that man may rise,
 Lifted by Him to the skies.
 Christ is Son of Man that we
 Sons of God in Him may be."
 That men should thus through Jesus Christ be sons of God, was ever the intention of God, has been taught by some of the profoundest theologians; that the sin of man was not the originating cause of the Incarnation, but intensified its necessity for their redemption. But in either case it is the Miracle of the Ages and so fraught with blessing to all mankind and the whole world, that it is no wonder that the angels of heaven broke out into exultation, as they sensed the great meaning and ultimate purpose of the birth they announced to the devout shepherds at Bethlehem. And all who with them though obscurely, also discern, find no better words to express their thankfulness and joy than those then sung: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men."

CHRISTMAS NUMBERS
 Some of our exchanges issued Christmas editions last week. The Milwaukee Review and the Aurora Observer were double their usual size with special colored cover denoting an old toymaker in Santa Claus' workshop. This is a very artistic picture, one of the best we have seen, and was published by the Western Newspaper Union for those editors who wish to avail themselves of it. Its production must have cost a tidy sum.

The Gresham Outlook came out in three sections, consisting in all of twenty pages. The front and last pages of the first section, being printed in red and green. The contents denote great assiduity in gathering data of the entire district, for there are news stories and articles of all the doings and activities in business, social, religious and educational circles. It is all home print, and the workmanship is of that superior quality for which the plant of Bro. St. Clair is noted.

Resplendent in scarlet and green, which is accentuated rather than toned down by black and white, the cover of the Portland Spectator diffuses a cheery Christmas glow in our dingy sanctum as it lies upon our desk. This annual edition has deservedly become a notable advertisement for the state metropolis. The present one will be sent to the four corners of the continent, if not of the world, describing in happy phrases the beauties of the state and the exceptional opportunities which await the new comer, especially in the Rose City. The past annuals have been of such high and artistic order that it would seem they could not be surpassed, but Editor Hume has excelled all previous records in this year of grace, 1922.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to these brethren on their efforts, and hope they will receive the honor which is their due from their subscribers and readers.

If President Harding takes a hand in helping Europe straighten out her tangled condition

it will be a wise move, and dictated by common sense. Both the allies and Germany will welcome the assistance of the U. S. in bringing order out of chaos, and salvaging their remaining assets from total shipwreck in bankruptcy.

The Oregonian laments the deplorable increase in juvenile delinquency and crime. But what else can be expected when the rising generations are brought up without either the fear of God or the fear of man instilled into them. The thought of an inexorable judgment to come, which exercised a wholesome check on the morals and conduct of our forefathers, is entirely absent from the minds of the youth and children of today. Morality without the support of religion, and not actuated by religious motives, will not stand long the test of temptation.

The Jericho Road
 There are just four men in the world. Only four—no more. There is the Hurt man!

And he is robbed, stripped of much, and sorely wounded. There is the Hurting man! Christ called him a thief.—I am thankful for that. There is the Heedless man! He passed by on the other side, and he said, "Safety First." There is the Helping man! Who went to the Hurt man and took care of him. The Hurt man must soon be helped.

The Hurting man—God take him in hand.

The Heedless man must be aroused.

The Helping man—God help him. Will you Help?

Here is the story that has the four men in it:

A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves who stripped and beat him and left him half dead.

A certain priest and Levite saw him and passed by on the other side.

A certain Samaritan came where he was, saw him, had compassion, bound up his wounds and took care of him. Luke X.

The Hurt man is in the Near East!

So is the Hurting man. And again I say—God take him in hand.

The Heedless man—beware, brother!

The Helping man—Do it now—Now!

By W. B. HINSON, D. D.
 Pastor East Side Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN ICELAND
 Natives Still Cling to Old Customs and Songs; Day Is One of Great Happiness.

SUCH a strong-winged thing is Christmas Cheer that it has betaken itself even to that isolated island of the far north, where the shortest day is four hours long, and where at Christmas time the sun does not rise above the horizon for a week.

Christmas is a great day with the people of Iceland and they still cling to all their old customs and songs and the day to them is one of great happiness.

One of their favorite old songs is filled with simplicity that is touching and yet gives a glimpse of a philosophy of life that is pretty fine:

When I go good and think aright
 At peace with man, resigned to God,
 Thou lookst on me with eyes of light,
 Tasting new joys in joy's abode.

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CHRISTMAS FEAST FOR BIRDS
 Feathery Tribe in Bosnia Not Forgotten—Food Placed Near Nests and Shelters.

CHRISTMAS is not merely a festival celebrated by and for man alone. Among the folklore of other countries are several quaint stories in which animals and birds give evidence of their adoration. A well-known Bosnian legend offers a version of world-adoration. They claim that on the holy day "the sun in the east bowed down, the stars stood still; the mountains and forests shook and touched the earth with their summits, and the green pine tree bent; the grass was be-floored with the opening of blossoms; incense sweet as myrrh pervaded upland and forest; birds sang on the mountain tops and all give thanks to the great God."
 In Bosnia on Christmas Day a sheaf of rye is put near birds' nests and bird houses for the birds' Christmas.
 An old Indian legend says that on Christmas night all the deer in the forest kneel in adoration before the Great Spirit. Woe to him, however, who tries to spy upon them. He is punished with perpetual stiffening of the knees.

Many people of the Old World claim that on Christmas night animals are gifted with speech, but none must trespass or eavesdrop.

Many and many have been the tales which account for the robin's red breast. In great many parts of Europe he is called the Savior's bird, and a story is told that when the Christ was crucified the robin, unable to stand His suffering, ventured to pluck the thorns from His head. In doing so, the blood stained the robin's breast, which sign he wears today.

WEATHERBY WRITES FROM SUNKIST VALE
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simply indescribable. Tonight it is raining and the thermometer marks at 8 o'clock just 52 degrees so you can see it is warm. Strange it is that on clear days when the sun is out the warmth reaches between 10 a. m. and 3:30 p. m., something like 90 degrees to 100 degrees in the shade and it is easy for me to get up a "SWEAT" and not work so very hard. Strange as it may seem, more SHEEP LINED COATS are worn here than we would think of doing in Estacada. Heavy flannel shirts and the heaviest of WOOL BLANKETS are used on the beds at night, and for overcoats and wool shirts I never saw a finer line in Portland than they have here. The nights are COLD when it does not rain, and we have had KILLING frosts. Describe it all, you can't find letters enough in the alphabet to do it. Come down and try it.
 Lemon picking for this year has just about closed and the orange groves are a very pretty sight at the present time as you see the blossom and then the fruit in all stages of growth up to the RIPE fruit which will be picked after the New Year, and so on until all has been sold to the shippers for EAST.

We are now in the beginning of a BOOM, and the way the tourists are wending their way into our section is really wonderful, and when you see so much travel on the AUTO roads you simply remark: "Does any one stay at home?" But you see it is the exception to the rule to NOT own a car, and to be in the running you must have a car, so by the time you come we will be in position to give you a good whirl around the valley, and then you will say with all others "it is good for us to be here". Our latch string is out.
 Whenever you feel like it and have no other pressing duties we will appreciate a letter from you and yours. With the best of wishes for your success and good health I am,
 Most cordially yours,
 GEO. B. WEATHERBY.

FINEST EVER.
 Does Jack send you good Christmas presents?
 The finest I ever exchanged.



Christmas Cake Decorations.
 To make attractive Christmas cake decorations, lightly butter the under side of perfect holly leaves, then coat with icing and let dry. When dry the icing will come off shaped and veined like the leaf. Make into a wreath by joining with icing stems.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, December 8th, 1922.
 NOTICE is hereby given that Leslie F. Hedge, of Estacada, Oregon, Route 2, who, on May 22, 1920, made Homestead Entry No. 06827, for the SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 15, Township 4 S., Range 4 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three-Year proof to establish claim to the land

above described, before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, on the 17th day of January, 1923.
 Claimant names as witnesses: W. E. Myers, of Estacada, Oregon, R-2; Mrs. L. Benjamin, of Estacada, Oregon, R-2; F. Lacey, of Estacada, Oregon, R-2; Ivan Lacey, of Estacada, Oregon, R-2.
 Act 6-9-16 and Sec. 2306-R. S. ALEXANDER SWEET, Register, 12-14-1-11

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 IN the County Court of the State of Oregon for Cor Clackamas County. Sitting in Probate.
 IN the matter of the Estate of John A. English, Deceased.
 NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, Belle Duus, has been appointed administratrix of the estate of John A. English, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at Estacada, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.
 Dated and first published December 14, 1922.
 BELLE DUUS, Administratrix, Estacada, Oregon.
 ARTHUR I. MOULTON, Attorney for Administratrix, 1107 Spalding, Bldg., Portland, Oregon. 12-14-1-11

Holiday Greetings
 AS the year is drawing to a close we wish to thank our friends for their business during the past year and to wish them all the joys of the Holiday Season, with a Happy and Prosperous 1923.

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