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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.
 What is necessary before we can lead others into the paths of righteousness? —Ps. 51:12, 13
 Why is the present time so important? —2 Cor. 6:2
 How do all things work together for those that love God? —Rom. 8:28

THE CIRCUIT OF LIFE
 The plant, the insect, the bird, the animal, each rounds out its life's span without questioning. But with a thinking man it is different. He is perplexed with three sets of questions: "Whence came I?" "Why am I here?" and "Whither am I going?" It is the light which Christianity throws on these problems which constitutes its powerful charm and appeal. When the Northumbrian King Paulinus with his chief nobles debated whether they should give up the gods of their ancestors and accept the Christ, an aged nobleman remarked;

"So seems the life of man, O king, as a sparrow's flight through the hall when you are sitting at meat in winter-tide, with the warm fire lighted on the hearth, but the icy rain storm without. The sparrow flies in at one door and tarries for a moment in the light and heat of the hearth fire, and then flying forth from the other, vanishes into the winter darkness, whence it came. So tarries for a moment the life of man in our sight, but what is before it, what after it we know not. If this new teaching tells us aught certainly of these, let us follow it"

The answer to these questions must be of a religious character and come from a religious source. For though we trace back our ancestry to the beginning of the human race, we still find human life, not self originating but a derived one. Back of all life in the universe, is its great source or well-spring, and this source must be a personal one, for the whole universe testifies thereto. If we want to know then whence we came? Why we are here? and, whither are we going? We must look for a revelation from the Author of life. Is there one? If so, then we must expect the religion we profess to point to it. And that religion will have the advantage which throws the most complete and satisfactory light on these questions.

What, then, is Christianity's answer? It gives the most complete and clear revelation which can be conceived, for it is an objective one. In other words the revelation is in a human life which can be seen, touched and comprehended by human faculties and perceptions. It is a life which is on our level and touches us at all points through which we obtain knowledge. Where then is the great example? It is the human life of Jesus Christ. This life, perfectly human, the revelation reveals as God given, God directed and to God returned. Thus it describes a complete circle.

In the record of this human life, stand out four great and most significant days: Christmas, Good Friday, Easter and Ascension. Christmas testifies to the God given nature of this life. God gave His Son to be made man. Good Friday testifies that it was a complete human experience which it comprehended. Easter shows that

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death is not the end for man but immortality. Ascension, the celebration of which occurs today, and has yet to come into its own, among the majority of Protestants in this country, like Christmas and Easter, discloses the goal and ultimate destiny of human life, namely the throne of God.

But what of life in the present? It is hereby shown as not an end in itself but as preparatory to a fuller and more abundant life, and only as it is thus regarded and lived will it be successful. The life of Jesus Christ in this world shows us how it should be lived, namely, in doing the will of God, being obedient even unto death. If this be the case, then it is of small matter how troublesome the condition in this world may be, for it is but temporary, and out of the trials of the moment, a larger increase in life may be developed. Under these circumstances a man shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied. In the Great Exemplar we see humanity after the most rigid and rigorous tests, triumphantly emerging to be rewarded with the plenitude of authority and power as head of the universe. And what we see there is opened to every man according to his degree and capacity if he follows in the steps of the Great Exemplar.

Thus it is that "Jesus Christ has lighted up life and immortality through the Gospel," which is the story of His incarnated human life. Let those who deny this, furnish us with something clearer, more satisfying, assuring and inspiring.

WISE AND SENSIBLE ADVICE

Henry Ford does not think much of thrift merely to lay up money. He advises that a young man after putting by enough to meet emergencies, should expend what he earns in qualifying himself for his life's work. If

he does this until he is forty, he will make enough afterwards to more than make up what he would have put by. He cites himself as an example. In these days of rush and speed when the idea is to get to work and earn money as soon as possible, instead of considering first a thorough preparation, Mr. Ford's advice is most timely. A high school graduate will go from the high to the medical or law school instead of taking an intermediate college course, because he can get through two or three years earlier. But if he should take the college course he would, if he were any good, find in the end that he was better qualified to go farther in his profession than without it. So he will learn he was wise in not sacrificing thorough preparation to present profit.

A REMARKABLE FEAT

Twenty-six hundred and seventy-five miles in less than 27 hours is vertiginous to think of, but that is what Lieutenants John A. McReady and Oakley C. Kelley accomplished last week in their non-stop cross continent flight from New York to San Diego. They experienced trouble only once, flying over New Jersey, when the voltage regulator went out. Fortunately they were able to make repairs without having to land. In the near future a regular air line schedule may be expected to be inaugurated across the continent for the venturesome who have the money to expend. But no matter how fast a machine may be made to go we should think there would be a limit to the rapidity which a man can stand flying through the air.

Mother's Day

As part of the celebration of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13, plans will be launched for the erection at Washington of a "memorial monument to our mothers."

Owing to the wide observance of the day white carnations have become too costly and scarce for use as a symbol. Therefore, the Mother's Day International Association of Philadelphia has adopted as the official emblem a button which has a carnation upon it, hundreds of thousands of these buttons have been sent throughout the world, as the day is now observed not only in America, but also on every continent.

Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, founder of Mother's Day, has issued an appeal that the money heretofore spent for

flowers be given to the association for the erection of the "memorial monument to our mothers." In a statement she urges every man and woman, boy and girl, who is away from home to return to visit his or her mother and other members of the family or at least send a letter of gratitude and happy remembrances. In speaking of the day she said: "Mother's Day is not a celebration of maudlin sentiment, but a constructive movement seeking greater protection of mothers, children and the home. It gives emphasis to the fact that the home is the fountain head of the nation, and good homes our greatest national blessing."

From Alaska

Estacada Clackamas News, Estacada, Oregon.
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 Latouche, Alaska.

Increase in Clackamas

Clackamas county is one of only six counties in Oregon which show an increase in county and local taxes of 8% over last year. The levies by county and local taxing bodies in Clackamas aggregated \$1,142,721 in 1922 and \$1,234,088 in 1923. The heaviest increase was for schools, local taxes for high and grade schools having gone up 13 1/2%, or from \$460,785 to \$523,279. In 1922 43% of all taxes levied were for educational purposes; in 1923 44 1/2%.

Only 13 1/4% of all taxes collected in Clackamas county this year were for state purposes, including soldiers' bonus, the higher educational millage and general state purposes. Last year 16% was collected for the same state purposes, but thanks to arbitrary action by Secretary of State Kozler and Acting Governor Roy Ritner, there was a substantial reduction in state tax levies this year, a reduction made before the legislature met and before Governor Pierce was inaugurated.

County and district road taxes are the highest in Clackamas county, for any county in Oregon except Multnomah county. Last year county and district levies for road purposes were \$466,633; this year, \$502,197, an increase of 7 1/2%.

Clackamas is the only county in Oregon whose local taxing bodies levy nearly as much for road purposes as they levy for high and grade schools.

"A man by nothing is so well bewrayed" As by his manners. —Spencer.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, April 7, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given that L. T. Hodson, of Portland, Oregon, owner of the NE 1/4 Sec. 4, T. 2 S., R. 7 East, W. M., did on April 4th, 1923, file in this office his application for the exchange of said lands, under the Act of March 20, 1922, and in lieu thereof to select the timber on the E 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 7, and the NE 1/4 N 1/4, Sec. 18, T. 3 S., R. 6 E., W. M., all within the National Forest Reserve, Portland Land District. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above stated lands, or having bona fide objections to the allowance of said application must file their affidavit of protest in this office within thirty days of the date of the first publication of this notice.
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