

## God's Greatest Revelation

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This is the greatest theme the mind of man can contemplate. Our life on this earth is of brief duration; birth, childhood, manhood, come and pass before we realize the meaning of life. We who are the inheritors of the untold legacies, bequeathed to us by all the past, realize, even in those movements, when deep emotions stir our souls, and we stand on vantage ground, with the calm produced by a full consecration of ourselves to God, and a faith in Him that trusts the unknown future; with these advantages, we yet realize we are but children, and know but little concerning God's revelations to man, especially that greatest gift, His only begotten son Jesus Christ. This subject can have no vital interest to those who reject God, and spiritual matters, and only a passing interest soon relegated to forgetfulness by those to whom God and religion hold a subordinate place in their lives, and to many members of the church, to whom the world with its passing pleasures is more attractive than a study of the deep things of God, as revealed in the birth, life and death of Jesus the Son of God, who was also the son of man.

In Hebrews 1-1 we read "God having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions, and in divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world." The world first recognized God as wonderful counselor; then through long centuries was unfolded the fact that He is the mighty God; then the mission of Jesus, including His earthly life, and the application of His work to the present taught men that God is the everlasting Father, but in the age to come, men will know Him as the Prince of Peace. Each of these conceptions show processes long and tedious, God with infinite patience speaking in simple sentences, revealing Himself in gleams of light, until there was enshrined in the consciousness of the race some simple, fundamental facts concerning Himself, which by gradual unfolding initiated new movements towards ultimate perfection.

In the study of Jesus the Christ, much depends upon the attitude we assume. If we approach the subject merely to study the historic Christ we are at once confronted with problems we cannot understand; if to us Jesus is a mere man, we again find difficulties we cannot overcome. Again if we only give an intellectual assent to the teaching of the New Testament, and accept His true humanity and His supreme divinity, we shall not derive much benefit from our study.

We must cognize that all truth is experimental, empirical; no truth can come to us in any other way; we may admire God's works, we may apprehend facts around us, but God is only known in experience, so we must come to the subject knowing in our consciousness that God is our Father in whom we live, and move, and have our being; who feeds us daily with spiritual food, and ever seeks to enlarge our capacities that we may become perfect men in Christ Jesus.

We cannot explain the works of nature, inexplicable phenomena surround us everywhere; how than can we expect to enfold the hidden mystery of the Godhead.

From whence came Jesus? How could God become incarnate? How could Jesus be both human and divine?

These questions may be believed, but we cannot understand them; these and many others we leave until that day comes when "we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

What God's revelation means to the world is best seen in the seven-fold aspects of His life.

1 His Birth. The birth of Jesus is a well established fact, born in Bethlehem—the House of Bread, reared at Nazareth where He was nurtured by the loving and tender hands of Mary and Joseph. At the age of 12 we find him in the temple at Jerusalem in conversation with the Jewish leaders. His statement to His mother "Wist ye not that I must be about

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my Father's business" implies his anxiety to enter upon His life's work as the world's savior, but the hour not having arrived he returned with His parents and was subject to them. Of His life from this time until He was 30 years of age, we have nothing definite only traditionary statements, the authority of which are doubtful.

2 His Baptism. At 30 years of age, he was baptized by John in Jordan, where the spirit of God descended upon Him, and a voice from Heaven declared, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Here He was inaugurated into His Messianic office as the world's redeemer.

3 His Temptation. After His baptism, he was led into the wilderness, where for 40 days He is alone, tempted, tried by all the combined elements of evil personified in the devil, and comes forth a victor, for the prince of the world came and found nothing in Him.

4 The Transfiguration. This is unique in the record of events. It was a flash of the perfect Heaven on sinful earth. Here on the mount appeared Moses who gave the world the law, and Elijah the reformer who called Israel back to the law they had forsaken.

This was Moses' first visit to Palestine, never before had he trod in the land of promise he only saw it from the mount, but now he had come to stand

"With glory wrapped around  
On the hills he never trod  
And speak of the strife which won  
our life  
With the Incarnate Son of God."  
Moses and Elijah came to witness the fulfillment of the law, and inauguration of the reign of grace and truth.

5 The Crucifixion. In the agony of Gethsemane and the death of Jesus on the cross on Calvary we have the greatest tragedy of the world's history. Here was fought the greatest battle of all time. No words can portray, no artist's brush can paint the scenes here enacted on Calvary when Jesus was crucified. It was the day of the Great Atonement; one man, a perfect man, the God man, son of the eternal Father, meets all the combined elements of evil of all men, of all time, past, present, future and conquers. The weapons of His enemies were hate, malignity, curses, insults, unbelief. If you have never beheld Calvary before, view it now, stand in awe, be silent ye inhabitants of the world; listen to the last words of the dying Savior "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." "Into thy hands I commend my spirit"

"It is finished."  
6 The Resurrection. Jesus arose from the dead on the third day, and thus proved to the world that He was the conqueror of death and hades. Here was perfect victory the Divine seal was affixed to the record of His life, and from henceforth the sons of men have a firm anchorage for their faith. "Because I live ye shall live also."

7 The Ascension. Stand with me for a moment on the mount, where He blesses His disciples and ascends unto Heaven. "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle."

The record of God's revelation is forever closed, nothing can ever be added to the book. God's greatest revelation to men is His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things; henceforth God's revelations will be to the consciousness of men direct, by the spirit of God of whom Jesus said, "But the comforter even the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to remembrance all that I said unto you."

The life of Jesus was and is, a perpetual revelation. He came to show us the Father, to reveal the Father's character to us. A God of Love, Light, Truth.

Jesus explains every question, and answers every problem of every life, for does He not say, "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

To be followed next week by the subject, "The Church of Today."

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## RARE MUSICAL TREAT FOR GRESHAM PEOPLE

Concert Next Monday Evening Under Auspices of the Women's Home Missionary Society

On next Monday night occurs the concert given by Virginia Spencer Hutchinson, contralto; Wilma Wagner, pianist; William Wallace Graham, violinist. This is under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the M. E. church.

Miss Wagner is well known in the northwest as a pianist and pipe organ teacher of large ability. She has made two trips to Germany, spending a year each time in Berlin and studying under Albert, Jones and Bernhard Irrgang. She was three years in charge of the piano department at McMinnville college, four years at Albany college and is now holding the position of director of the Conservatory at Pacific University.

Mrs. Hutchinson is well known as a contralto soloist, teacher and singer in prominent churches. For two years she studied in New York city under Theodore Bjorsten, A. A. Patton and Signor Belari. In Portland she studied with Rose Coursen-Reed and Kathleen Lawler. For two years Mrs. Hutchinson was contralto soloist at the First Presbyterian church and for the past four years occupied a similar position at the White Temple. The Oregon Journal (1915) says: "Mrs. Hutchinson is one of the finest contraltos in the Pacific northwest, and possesses a voice of such appealing beauty as to make her notable as a singer of devotional songs." The Sunday Oregonian (1916) says of her, "In voice and interpretation Mrs. Hutchinson ranks with some of the finest church and oratorio contraltos in the West. Her voice is a true contralto of great depth and beauty, and she possesses that rare quality, a splendid pianissimo. Her diction is such as to make every syllable audible to her audience."

William Wallace Graham, an Oregonian by birth, spent ten years in Europe studying under the most eminent instructors. For over six years he attended the Royal High School of Music in Berlin, under the instruction of Joseph Joachim, who very highly recommends him. Mr. Graham served for two years as assistant instructor in the Royal Academy under the direction of Henry Marteau, successor to Mr. Joachim. Mr. Graham is a finished artist, both by habit and training.

This evening of music promises to be a rare treat for Gresham people. Tickets are on sale at the Bank of Gresham.

### FORMER FAIRVIEW MAN TAKES PORTLAND BRIDE

William E. Stone, formerly of Fairview, and Miss Margaret DeSpain Dickson were married on Thursday afternoon, March 15, at 4 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents, at 378 East 56th street, Portland. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. McHenry, pastor of the Mt. Tabor Presbyterian church, in the presence of about 30 relatives and close friends of the contracting parties. The house was tastefully decorated with palms and tulips. The wedding gifts were numerous and beautiful. The bride was becomingly dressed in a grey traveling suit. The young couple left immediately for a wedding trip, but did not announce their destination.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haldane Dickson of Portland. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stone of Fairview. He is in the employ of the Pacific Telephone company in Portland, where he has had a responsible position for the past eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Stone will make their home in Portland.

### LOGGING WORKER KILLED BY FLYING CABLE

Frank Meeker, fireman on a donkey engine at the logging camp of the Cameron Taylor Lumber Co., four miles from Bull Run, received fatal injuries Tuesday when he was struck by a flying cable. An effort was made to take the injured man to Portland for treatment, but he died on the way to Bull Run station.

Deputy Coroner Lowe was notified of the accident and he took the body to Portland, where it was turned over to Dunning & McEntee.

Meeker was 60 years old and is survived by a wife at Oregon City and a daughter at Oswego.

### Expert Tuning.

An expert piano tuner from Portland will be here about March 20 and solicits your work. Best of references in Gresham and Portland. Rates reasonable. Call the Outlook office, phone 791, for information.

Boys' Roller Skates \$1.00. At L. L. Kidder Hdw. Co.

### ANOTHER FORGERY LAID TO C. M. HALL

William M. Johnson made an unsuccessful attempt to collect a spurious note issued by C. M. Hall of Gresham, who is now serving time at Salem for forgery.

The note for \$375 was given with the name of M. A. Dixon's signature attached. It was another of Hall's forgeries and in the trial for collection before Circuit Judge Davis the holder, William Johnson was non-suited.

### PROMINENT CORBETT YOUNG WOMAN WEDS

The marriage of Miss Laura M. Reed and Mr. Dean R. Hanson took place Thursday afternoon, March 8, at the Friend's church in Portland, the Rev. Haddley officiating, with the beautiful ring ceremony, Belle Reed, niece of the bride acting as ring bearer. Only a few friends of the contracting parties were present. After the ceremony, the members of the bridal party were taken to the Hazelwood, where they were given a five-course dinner by that company, complimenting the bride and groom. Mr. Hanson is the manager of the company's business at Multnomah Falls.

The writer is not personally acquainted with Mr. Hanson, but the fact that he is capable of managing a business for so large a firm as the Hazelwood is proof positive that he is a trust-worthy young man. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reed and was born and grew to womanhood here, and is a very charming young lady beloved by her numerous friends, who will wish her every happiness as she starts on life's journey with the man of her choice. She will be to him a devoted and faithful wife.

## The Springtime of Humanity

By THE INQUISITIVE SUBSCRIBER

Spring is awakening and the birds are singing it a welcome. It is a little cool yet, but in the notes of the lark one recognizes the serene indifference of the universe to the little troubles of mankind and to the struggles of nations that seem to us heroic.

The springtime of the year brings the mind closer to the remembrances of the springtime of humanity. We are reminded of the creation that we read about in the Bible and wonder if the stories are the chronicles of real events, or are they but the myths of comparatively recent writers. They are Bible stories, and perhaps we should not question their authenticity, but then we are set to doubting when we learn that the world is ages upon ages old and that indisputable facts show us that the six thousands years of faintly recorded history are but a small fraction of time compared with the evidence at hand. You see I have been reading the articles of that other writer, Ralph de Montfos, and am getting somewhat mixed as to who and what we really are.

But speaking of Bible stories: I am sure that there was in my hearing them in infancy more than just the hearing of them for the first time. I am very sure they came to me as mere reminders of what I had known before. The reason why children learn so rapidly the first three years of their lives is because they knew it already.

I remember a strange familiarity from earliest infancy with the names and stories of the Bible. It was not like learning; it was only freshening up a bit something always latent in the mind of man.

I made the acquaintance of a most interesting little girl the other day. She was scarcely three years old, but her understanding was wonderful. She had brought it with her. I am sure I did the same thing, because I remember about it. This understanding is not developed in all children. Perhaps it is what we call precocity, though all children know far more than we think they do. This funny little schap of humanity was peculiarly interested and fascinated by bear stories. Of course, this was because in some previous experience of childhood a bear had meant something delightful and half terrifying. You can't give a perfectly new brain—if there is such a thing—an intimate acquaintance with a bear in less than three years. No, I am convinced that the little child out of whose eyes the Great Intelligence shone so visibly was a reincarnation, maybe of

Daniel Boone or Kit Carson or some other very understanding person.

It is such people who read the brief items the Bible records and constructs from them the pictured surroundings far better than any artist could do. There is a thought of truth that accompanies a plain unvarnished tale, and the thought of truth in connection with any story adds immeasurably to the enjoyment of reading it.

But the Bible story of creation—the creation of man—is one of human interest and we instantly surround it with the lovable touches that we most enjoy and find in it a congeniality of people and places which all inherently long to know more about. Someway, in the natural perversity of the human heart it is easier for us to construct an imaginary environment or cordiality and neighborliness than to cultivate an actual one in the place where we really are.

It is this thought of complete congeniality that makes us enjoy the stories we hear beside the fire on winter evenings; also the stories from the Bible that convey to us great truths whether we are to become deeply religious in after years or hardened iconoclasts. Their conscientious effort to transport us to a happy mood is a spiritual demonstration. We have put ourselves into a receptive attitude—willing to be made happy, even if deceived into believing that there is a real Santa Claus or that the world was made only six thousand years ago. It is then that the door of story-land is opened, idealized figures troop out and take their places in our imaginary world—brighter, more beautiful than dusty facts of science.

There are some personalities that have the exquisite faculty of bringing this idealism to daily life, even among us older ones. They invest the home sitting room, the pulpit, the forum with definite charm. They even make the home dinner table in the most ordinary surroundings seem a place of high and fine entertainment. This is the essence of living, and it is not dependent upon a single material substance. That is, it makes no difference whether the surroundings are plain or fine or whether the food is elegant or coarse; it makes no difference whether there are servants or whether the people are doing their own work—there is a quality, a personality that marks high class people, people of spiritual understanding, and it is this quality that makes life worth living wherever we find it.

B. F. Mulkey will speak at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday night on the subject, "The Bible and Science." Those who heard Mr. Mulkey here a few weeks ago on a kindred subject, will be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to hear him again. All are invited to attend.

M. A. Ross Post and Relief Corps will meet for their regular meeting at the grange hall tomorrow, March 17.

Rutebeauf and Jean de Meung were the two most noted poets of the thirteenth century. The former was an exponent of every form of poetry and prose, and is the oldest representative of personal poetry in France. Rutebeauf died in the year 1289.

Padlocked pockets, with slots through which coins can be dropped, have been patented for use by persons employed in public places who must share with employers tips they receive.

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

## FIRST STATE BANK

NO. 135

At Gresham, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business March 5, 1917.

| RESOURCES                          |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Loans and discounts                | 152,144.32          |
| Overdrafts, secured and unsecured  | None                |
| Bonds and warrants                 | 20,857.01           |
| Stocks and other securities        | 160.00              |
| Furniture and fixtures             | 25,000.00           |
| Other real estate owned            | 3,260.40            |
| Due from banks (not reserve banks) | \$ 3,965.80         |
| Due from approved reserve banks    | 88,115.63           |
| Checks and other cash items        | 16.48               |
| Exchanges for clearing house       | 85.09               |
| Cash on hand                       | 14,577.68           |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>\$106,760.68</b> |

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| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$310,732.41</b> |
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| LIABILITIES                                     |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Capital stock paid in                           | \$ 30,000.00        |
| Surplus fund                                    | 20,000.00           |
| Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid | 1,777.82            |
| Postal savings bank deposits                    | 4,565.58            |
| Individual deposits subject to check            | \$143,703.07        |
| Demand certificates of deposit                  | 1,805.84            |
| Cashier checks outstanding                      | 6,331.23            |
| Time and savings deposits                       | 102,488.21          |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>\$258,893.93</b> |

Other liabilities..... 60.85  
**Total**.....**\$310,732.41**

State of Oregon, County of Multnomah, ss.

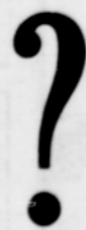
I, C. J. Lundquist, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. J. Lundquist, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of March, 1917.  
L. NYSTROM, Notary Public.

My commission expires April 8th, 1920.  
Correct Attest: A. Meyers, Theo. Brugger, C. J. Lundquist, Directors.

## "What Happened to Jones"

Given by the  
Junior Class  
Union High School  
Number Two



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## A COMEDY IN THREE ACTS