

Unorthodox Anglican Clergyman Refutes Supernatural God Belief

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LONDON (NEA)—What happens when a bishop publicly declares he no longer believes in God as a supernatural person? Should he be told to resign? If he fails to do so, should he be prosecuted as a heretic? Or should he and his beliefs be ignored?

These are the questions that are splitting the Church of England after the publication of a controversial paperback, "Honest to God."

The author is Dr. John Robinson, Anglican Bishop of Woolwich, and a stormy petrel as far as the Established Church is concerned.

In this slim book Dr. Robinson explains his belief in what he calls "religionless Christianity." Secular man, the bishop argues, no longer believes in God as a supernatural person. "He finds no necessity to bring God into his science, his morals, his political speeches."

Therefore, the Church must change its mental image of God to conform to that of modern secular man.

As re-defined by Dr. Robinson, God becomes ultimate reality, a principle of harmony at work in the universe, love, depth. "What we take seriously without reservation. But as a person He is simply abolished."

The bishop also expresses doubts about the virgin birth, maintains that Holy Communion should not be deemed a withdrawal from the world, and that moral laws are not applicable in every circumstance.

Finally, he declares, "I can understand those who urge that we should give up using the word 'God' for a generation, so impregnated has the word become with a way of thinking we may have to discard if the Gospel is to signify anything."

His fellow bishops have been careful to avoid calling Dr. Robinson a heretic so far, but they have condemned his ideas as



DR. JOHN ROBINSON

"dangerous," "wrong-headed" and "incoherent."

Confirmation Slated Sunday

A class of 13 young people will be confirmed at the Klamath Lutheran Church on Sunday at the 11 a.m. service. Following the service, the board of deacons will sponsor a reception to honor the new members. The public is invited to attend.

The confirmation class includes: Patti Phipps, Leland Estenson, Greg Huck, Terry Preston, Nick Carr, Terry Klavitter, John Godard, Gail DeVoss, Linda Vigen, Barbara Pulliam, Becky Gantner, Cindy Lindmeier and Danny Riggs.

Discovery Throws Light On Early Church Beliefs

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—A first century silver tablet has revealed how the sacrament of extreme unction, or the last rites, was administered in the early days of the Christian Church in Palestine.

The passage in St. James which had been the earliest testimony about extreme unction reads (James 5, 14-15):

"Is there among you anyone who is sick? Let him send for the presbyters of the church that they pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he is in sin, it will be forgiven him."

The first line of the inscription on the silver tablet identifies the author as one Datanazan and describes him as a Kohen, the Hebrew word for "priest," thus confirming James' reference to the presbyters of the church. The fact that only his name is mentioned seems to indicate extreme unction was administered by one priest, as is still done in the Latin rite, rather than by several, as among the Greek rite Christians.

A translation, Osservatore said, showed the text was the ritual for the anointing of the sick, or extreme unction, as practiced in the original Christian-Jewish community, the first followers of Christ in Palestine.

The most interesting point, Osservatore said, was the close correspondence of the text to a passage of the Epistle of St. James

Fete Honors Area Ladies

The Women's Missionary Council of the Malin Assembly of God Church was host for a mother and daughter banquet in the Malin Community Hall on May 2. More than 60 mothers and daughters from the Malin, Merrill, and Tulelake Assemblies of God were present for the affair.

Serving the tables were the ministers of the three churches, Rev. Joseph Boyle of Malin, Rev. Howard Peterson of Merrill and Rev. Glen Wakefield of Tulelake.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Lloyd Fosner, whose husband is pastor of the Klamath Section and minister of the Klamath Falls Assembly of God Church. Following her message, the group was entertained with special songs, a piano solo and poetry readings.

TO VISIT U.S.

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo (UPI)—Maj. Gen. Joseph Mobutu, commander-in-chief of the Congolese army, will go to the United States next Thursday, informed sources said Monday.

The sources said Mobutu had been invited by the U.S. Army for discussions on reorganizing the Congolese army.

In Our Churches

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CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTS — Highlighting the Annual Meeting of the Klamath Council of Churches on May 6 was the election of officers for the 1963-64 term. The five who will head the organization are, from left, Glen Campbell, treasurer; Mrs. Fred S. Kelsay, secretary; Rev. Quinn L. Hawley, president; Mrs. Don P. Smith, second vice president; and Rev. Warren W. Pechman, first vice president.

Council Elects, Draws Resolution

W. M. "Jack" Douglass, administrative dean at Oregon Technical Institute, was the guest speaker at the May 6 annual meeting of the Klamath Council of Churches in the First Presbyterian Church.

Selecting as his topic, "Misplaced Generation," he presented the view that children in the elementary and pre-high school grades are not the misplaced ones, as they have parents and school from which to get their bearings. While recognizing the "teen-ager" has given evidence of certain hostilities and conflicts, he feels the teen-ager generation is giving a good account of itself and deserves every encouragement.

Douglass concluded that the actual misplaced generation consists of many parents who lack the stability young people have the right to expect and who have

failed to find a sense of life's meaning and purpose. He added that these parents also have not seen it necessary to identify with the religious agencies of their community, thus presenting a challenge to the churches to provide a sure sense of direction, purpose, and inner strength, which is born of Christian faith, to communities and parishioners.

Following a potluck supper, the council held a short business meeting to elect officers and approve the annual report. Mrs. Frank Peyton presided.

Elected to serve the 1963-64 term were Rev. Quinn Hawley, First Presbyterian Church, president; Rev. Warren W. Pechman, Hope Lutheran Church, first vice president; Mrs. Donald Smith, second vice president; Mrs. Fred Kelsay, secretary; and Glen Campbell, treasurer.

The new officers were installed by Rev. Carl Simmons.

In other business, the members voted to draft a resolution to the Klamath Union High School Board of Directors, which was subsequently presented to the board.

The resolution read as follows: "The Klamath County Council of Churches at its annual meeting on May 6, 1963, submits the following resolution for your consideration:

"Believing in forgiveness and recognizing the fact that Willard McKinny has proven himself to be an able leader during the past years while he has been living in our community,

"Be it therefore resolved that the Klamath Council of Churches asks that the KUHSS school board completely restore Willard McKinny to his full position as principal."

Bible Scholar To Lecture On Meaning Of Revelation

"The Drama of the Book of Revelation" will be the subject of five lectures by Dr. John Wick Bowman, prominent author and Bible scholar, at 7:30 p.m. each evening, May 19-23, in the Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Three morning lectures entitled "Jesus Teaching in Its Environment" will also be presented each day except Sunday at 10 a.m.

Sponsored jointly by the First Presbyterian and Peace Memorial Presbyterian churches, the series is open to the public. Child care will be provided at each lecture, and a freewill offering will be received.

Dr. Bowman is an eminently qualified interpreter of the Bible, having a varied and distinguished background in missionary, academic, evangelistic, theological, and literary work.

He served in the Punjab, India, mission for 16 years in several successive capacities including superintendent of a mission district of 750,000 people; seminary professor in charge of student field work and evangelism; professor in charge of New Testa-

ment interpretation, and principal of the United Theological College at Saharanpur.

Dr. Bowman's academic work was taken at Woster College, A.B.; Princeton University, A.M.; Princeton Seminary, B.D., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ph.D.; with graduate studies at the University of Zurich, Switzerland. He also holds several honorary degrees in the United States and in Scotland.

In addition to his work at Saharanpur, Dr. Bowman was professor of New Testament at Western Theological Seminary, Pitts-



DR. JOHN WICK BOWMAN

BAPTIST APPEAL

A committee of the South Carolina Baptist Convention has appealed to all "sincere Christians" to help preserve public order and "maintain respect for constituted governmental authority" in the tense situation resulting from the court-ordered admission of a Negro to a state college.

The plea was issued by the Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee of the Baptist Convention, the state's largest religious body. It said "every effort" must be made to forestall violence of disorder, maintain open lines of communication between various groups in the population, and prevent any "interruption of normal educational processes."

SALE CONTINUES

Saturday is the final day of the rummage sale slated by the Klamath Lutheran Church at 8:30 a.m. The sale opened on Friday.

10:10 A.M. SUNDAY KFLW 1450 Kc

Conference Plans Made By Johnson

Capt. Dale E. Johnson, commander of the local Salvation Army installation, has been selected as the organization's delegate to the 90th Annual Forum of the National Conference on Social Welfare from the Oregon-Southern Idaho Division.

The conference will be held May 19-24 in Cleveland, Ohio, running concurrently with the Salvation Army's National Conference on Social Welfare Forum May 17-24.

The 90th Annual Forum will draw representatives from more than 50 state and national organizations concerned with social welfare including the American National Red Cross, National Association of Social Workers, United Community Funds and Councils of America, National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, YWCA of the USA and the National Council YMCAs.

Approximately 100 Salvation Army officers, one delegate from each division plus executive members, are expected to attend the forum, according to Captain Johnson. His selection as divisional delegate was first made by the divisional commander and sent to the territorial headquarters in San Francisco for final approval.

The Salvation Army's social welfare conference, which he will also attend, will be concerned with reviewing and evaluating its program of services, examining its responsibility, and investigating the areas of need in this field.

Captain Johnson said the Salvation Army's approach to social welfare is through Christianity, whereas the other organizations are motivated more by social reform in their approach to the work.

Workshops devoted to counseling, alcoholism, group services, aging, unmarried parents, youth problems, and correctional services will be important aspects of the Salvation Army conference.

Captain Johnson will attend the counseling workshop, which will stress the role of the counselor as well as techniques in providing help to those in need.



ALONZO HEATH



CHARLES TURNER

Gospel Mission Banquet To Mark Fifth Birthday

A nationally known gospel singer and an executive in the field of rescue mission work will participate in the fifth anniversary celebration of the Klamath Falls Gospel Mission on Friday, May 24.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Alonzo Heath of Bakersfield, Calif., who is the president of the Central Pacific District of the International Union of Gospel Missions. A former evangelist, he is currently serving as superintendent of the Bakersfield Rescue Mission which he founded.

Musical highlights will be provided by Charles Turner, program director of a Fresno, Calif., radio station. Recognized as an accomplished singer of gospel music, Turner has been featured

on the Mutual and CBS networks on the program, "Melody House," and for 16 years was the soloist for the daily "Haven of Rest" radio program. In the field of Christian films, he appeared in singing roles in "Decision" and "Great Discovery."

Turner, who has made numerous recordings of sacred music, speaks and sings at various churches all over Central California in addition to his duties as announcer at KBFB, the "Bible Station in Fresno."

The program will also include progress and activities by John Pedersen, superintendent, and personal testimonies by men who have received aid from the mission. A girls' trio from the local Assembly of God Church will present several numbers.

The anniversary observance will open with a banquet at 6:30 p.m. at the Peach Memorial Presbyterian Church. The public is extended an invitation to attend, according to Pedersen.

Tickets, costing \$1.50 each, are now on sale. They may be obtained by contacting the Gospel Mission at TU 2-4893 or any member of the board of directors.

Adventists Date Benefit

A White Elephant Auction, planned for 8 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at the Merrill Community Recreation Center, is one of the benefit programs to be sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church for its local church school.

The program, beginning in the afternoon, will include a motion picture and organized games at 4 p.m., followed by a lunch at 6 p.m. The evening auction will feature such items as produce, baked goods, books, antiques, flower bulbs and plants, household furniture, clothing, appliances and art.

All proceeds from the auction and the lunch will be turned over to the church school fund. The public is invited to attend all events.

CONTRIBUTIONS LAG

(CBN)—The average American loses \$73 a year through misplacement of wallets or purses, or out of his pockets, delegates to the Stewardship & Mission Conference of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA were told recently in Atlantic City. The American Baptist News Service, reporting the statistic, noted that "the lost money is more than the per member contributions of 15 out of 23 communions in the United States and Canada with membership of 100,000 or more."

Ministers Say Personal Message From God Can Be Found In Bible

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press International

A pastor once startled his congregation by asking:

"How many of you would like to receive a personal message from God to guide you in dealing with your problems and help you make sense out of life?"

After some hesitation, nearly every hand was raised.

"Very well," said the pastor. "I'll tell you where you can find such a message."

He reached into the pulpit and held up a Bible.

"You may have to read this book fairly extensively before you encounter the message that he said.

"But I can guarantee that if you read it faithfully, God will speak to you through it, just as genuinely and personally as if He had sent you a telegram."

BASIC FACT

That pastor was neither a fanatic nor a fundamentalist. He was trying to communicate a basic fact of Christian experience, on which there is a striking degree of agreement among liberals and conservatives, Protestants and Catholics, ancient church fathers and modern theologians.

book which contains a little bit of everything, from authentic history to folk myths and from sublime hymns of praise to passionately erotic love poems, is a question that Christians cannot answer. They can only affirm that it happens, and invite skeptics to try for themselves whether it be so.

Some people unfortunately try to reduce the great mystery to an absurd kind of magic. They open the Bible at random, stab their fingers at a verse, and expect therein to find God's instant "answer" to whatever is troubling them at that moment. The notion that divine guidance is dispensed in such a mechanical, penny-in-the-slot manner is an insult to God and puts the Bible on a par with a ouija board.

Less blasphemous, but equally ineffective, is the casual kind of "Scripture-nibbling" in which the reader jumps around from one part of the Bible to another, without plan or purpose, reading perhaps a psalm tonight, a chapter from one of the Gospels tomorrow night, and one of St. Paul's letters next week—or next month.

Must Be Studied

Dr. Frederick C. Grant, a leading Biblical scholar of the Episcopal Church, says that those who would hear "the voice of the Lord speaking through the Scriptures" must be willing not merely to read the Bible, but to study it, seriously and systematically.

"We are frequently advised to read the Bible with our own personal needs in mind, and to look for answers to our private questions," says Dr. Grant. "This is good as far as it goes—but better still is the advice to study the Bible objectively, and write

down what it teaches, summarizing the thought in our own language but without regard—first of all—to our own subjective needs.

"Let the great passages fix themselves in our memory. Let them stay there permanently like bright beacons, launching their powerful shafts of light upon life's problems—our own and everyone's—as they illumine now one, now another dark area of human life. This we should do first, making sure that the meaning we derive from the text is the one that is really there and not our private wishful substitute.

"Following such a method, we discover that the Bible does 'speak to our condition' and meet our needs, not just occasionally, or when some emergency arises, but continually."

The foregoing advice is from Dr. Grant's superb little book, "How to Read the Bible," which is now available in a Collier paperback (at 95 cents).

METHODIST OBSERVER

Methodist Bishop Fred P. Corson of Philadelphia, who attended the first session of the Vatican Council as a Protestant observer, found Pope John XXIII an irresistible personality.

Reporting to a Methodist group on his experiences in Rome, Bishop Corson said recently: "The Pope is the kind of man you love to be with. He's very expressive. Whenever he wanted to say something to me, he would pat me on the arm. And really, I had all I could do to keep from patting him back."

Studies Set For Minister

LAKEVIEW—Rev. Hal H. Hargreaves, minister of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, has been accepted for special studies at the Graduate Institute of Ecumenical Studies at Caligny, near Geneva, Switzerland.

Serving the local church for the past four years, Rev. Hargreaves has submitted his resignation to be effective July 1, and the family will leave for Switzerland on August 17. The school course is scheduled to run from Oct. 1 through February 15.

Students representing all Protestant faiths attend the institute, which is sponsored by the World Council of Churches for the study of inter-church unity.

Church To Construct New Unit For Religion Classes

Construction of a new educational building by St. Pius X Catholic Church was recently announced by the pastor, Rev. George A. Murphy. Work is slated to begin within the next few weeks, and the building is expected to be completed in September.

The plans for the 9,000 square foot unit, located on Bristol Avenue, call for eight classrooms, two storage rooms, kitchen, and lavatories.

Five classrooms on one side of a long corridor will be equipped with folding partitions, which can be arranged for any combination of rooms. When all the partitions are opened, the space may be utilized as one large

hall for various church functions.

Three of the classrooms on the other side of the corridor are also designed to be arranged as needed with the folding partitions. These rooms, called the confraternity classrooms, will be used primarily for the religious instruction of parishioners. More than 250 students who are now taking home study courses in religion will be able to receive personal instruction in a classroom atmosphere.

The cost of the building when completed is estimated to be approximately \$73,727. The contract for the construction, submitted for bids, was awarded to the Brostherbus Construction Company.

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