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Where Did Elijah Go?

And NO man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of Man which is in heaven. John 3:13

And it came to pass, as they still went on and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and ELIJAH WENT UP BY A WHIRLWIND INTO HEAVEN. II Kings, 2:11.

PRIVATE INTERPRETATION

We have before us a pamphlet entitled "Voice of Warning." It was written by Parley P. Pratt and published by the Missions of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. In the book we note the following passage:

"In order to prove anything from Scripture, it is highly necessary in the first place to lay down some certain, definite, infallible rule of interpretation, without which the mind is lost in uncertainty and doubt, ever learning, and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. The neglect of such a rule has thrown mankind into the utmost confusion and uncertainty in all their Biblical researches. Indeed, while mankind are left at liberty to transform, spiritualize, or give any uncertain or private interpretation to the word of God, all is uncertainty."

The writer has stated clearly and forcefully an incontrovertible truth. It is obvious that as long as individuals are allowed the privilege of interpreting the Bible to say what they think it should say instead of what it does say, there can be nothing but confusion and discord. We confess to a feeling of admiration for the position the writer has taken—but it is untenable. It is absolutely necessary that we be allowed a little latitude in the way of "private interpretation." The only alternative is to discard the Bible as untrue. Take for instance the two statements printed at the head of this column. One states positively that Elijah ascended up into heaven; the other states just as positively that no man except Christ has ever ascended to heaven. Neither Mr. Pratt nor anyone else can harmonize those two statements without indulging in sufficient "private interpretation" to show that one or the other of the statements does not mean what it says. There are 200 other contradictions that have to be given similar treat-

ment, and there is not one sect, creed or denomination in all Christendom that does not make use of "private interpretation" in adjusting them. There are NO exceptions.

As an example of unfulfilled prophecy take Christ's statement that "THIS generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled." Christ was here referring to the incidents that would attend the end of the world. A littera reading, of course, would require that the events take place during the lifetime of the generation then living. But, by a little judicious "private interpretation" we are allowed to change "this generation" to "that generation," meaning any generation that happens to be living when the end comes. We thus obviate the necessity of admitting a false prophecy.

A possible explanation occurs to us to account for all this confusion regarding the Bible that we don't believe has ever been advanced before. Isn't it possible that the devil has been instrumental in mixing up the Bible so that it is impossible to understand it. It is well known that he appears in many different disguises. Sometimes he goes around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Then, again, he appears as an angel of light, endeavoring to deceive the people. Might he not, in this latter character, have appeared to those old Bible writers and made them believe it was God dictating to them what to write, whereas it was the devil causing them to write contradictory statements with the deliberate purpose of causing confusion and misunderstanding? It would be just like the old devil to do it, in view of the well known fact that he is a liar, and has been from the very beginning. It should at least be given serious consideration in determining whether or not the Bible is of divine origin.

The railroads are asking for a five per cent increase in freight rates, claiming that the farmers are so prosperous that they can easily stand the extra cost of getting their crops to market. To prove this claim they had some bankers testify before the investigating committee, who told of greatly increased bank deposits and other evidences of prosperity. In other words, they think the condition of the farmers is so favorable that they can drag still a few more dollars out of them. At first blush we might be inclined to condemn them for this seeming selfishness but doubtless they are acting for the farmers own welfare. The Scriptures tell us that it is extremely difficult for a rich man to enter heaven, and our captains of finance are evidently determined that the farmers shall not be subjected to the awful danger incident to the possession of wealth. In order to protect them from this risk they will kindly relieve them of all the returns from their crops except barely enough to carry them through so they can produce another crop, and so on ad infinitum.

In this way they will escape the sad fate of the rich farmer who had to pull down his barns and build greater in order to have room to store his wealth.

Representative John Phillip Hill of Maryland has announced his intention of introducing an amendment to the constitution providing for repeal of the Eighteenth amendment. Perhaps it would be as well. It would in all probability be so decisively defeated that it would establish beyond peradventure of a doubt the sentiment of the nation in favor of prohibition and stop the clamor of the foes of prohibition that the Eighteenth amendment was passed unfairly. On the other hand, if the

amendment should by any chance pass it would show that the people do not want national prohibition. In either event the will of the people should prevail. And friends of the Eighteenth amendment, of which the Journal is one of the most ardent, have little to fear from the test.

A Good Paper

The Journal has heard several complimentary remarks recently about the excellence of the Malheur Enterprise, and an examination of the paper indicates that the compliments are fully justified. It reflects credit upon Win Brown, the publisher, and Mrs. Alma McLain, the editor. Mrs. McLain was formerly Alma Earp of Nyssa, and is an honor to the old home town. She is a newsgatherer par excellence and a bright and versatile writer. The news columns are full to overflowing every week, and the editorial page is a strong feature of the paper. To use a modernism, she is a wonder. The excellence of the paper is made possible only (with the exception of an unusually loyal and devoted office force) by the hearty cooperation of the citizens of the town and community who support it, both morally and financially, in a loyal manner. And we desire to state in closing that a like cause would produce a like effect on the Journal.

Owyhee

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lowe are enjoying a visit with their friend Mrs. Stewart and their three children.

Rev. Herschell Shank of Fruitland gave a very interesting discourse at the community Sunday school meeting at Oregon Trail school house Sunday and a large crowd from the neighboring Sunday schools were present at the all day meeting.

The geological surveyors are at work on the topography of the Owyhee project now and have their camp at the Dunaway farm.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dunaway and family, Mrs. Huston of Texas, Mrs. Paul Bates of Ontario, Misses Emma Lou Hankins, Annabelle Biggs and Lucille Biggs and Judge and Mrs. Dalton Biggs, also of Ontario, all took dinner at the Harry Evans home Sunday. Mrs. Huston is Mrs. Dunaway's mother, who is here visiting, and was the guest of honor at the dinner.

The teachers, Miss Everest and Miss Pauline Stewart, are domiciled for the present at the Bigelow home, and school was started Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fisher, Mrs. Evans, Georgia Rust and Dottie Cantel drove to Ontario to secure text books Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Walters were callers at the Newbill home Sunday.

Special mention must be made of the P. T. A. rest booth at the county fair and everyone of the officers were loud in their praise of the posters it displayed, and special thanks are due Mrs. J. B. Smith and to Miss Verdi Miller for her lettering of these posters, which brought out the P. T. A. slogan in a new way. "The Crop That Counts," being a poster showing that the children were really the true inspiration of this slogan.

Mrs. M. M. Greeing stayed over night at the Lowe home last week and attended the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hennis drove to Brogan Monday and brought home a load of pears to can.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schweizer are helping Joe Reece this month.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hite were Nyssa visitors Monday.

Mrs. Bell Bradley and Mrs. Stewart and children went to Mitchell Butte Hot Springs Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Lowe for a picnic.

The fall flowers—asters, dahlias, sinias, verbenas, snap dragons and petunias, in our neighborhood have not been hurt with the frost yet (September 14) and are a blaze of gorgeous color.

The Owyhee won't look the same in a few weeks from now, as the families who are moving or are already moved are Rodolph Hite (to Ontario), Fred Klingback, Bob Elliott (to Colorado), and Harry Evans. Klingbacks will probably be on their upper place and Evans is still hunting spud land.

Harry Nelson went to Kuna, Idaho, Sunday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Central and daughter drove to Montour, Ida., last week.

Grandma Bradley will entertain the O. K. K. Club this Thursday. Don't forget the newly pledged members.

Piano Must Be Sold.

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Approves Plans

Washington. Secretary Work has announced approval of the proposals submitted to those interested in the Salt Lake Basin, Vale and Owyhee projects.

The secretary has approved a form of contract for the purchase of an interest in Warm Springs reservoir in connection with the Vale project, for which congress has appropriated two hundred thousand dollars. A part of this purchase, the interior department said, may have to be used to construct a drainage system for the Warm Springs Irrigation district and if this expenditure exceeds the \$200,000, the district must pay the government the balance.

Before construction can begin, an other contract with the Vale Irrigation district will be necessary, and also action by the state of Oregon showing a willingness to comply with a provision of the appropriation requiring the state to assume certain duties and responsibilities in settlement and improvement of farms.

Secretary Work also approved a draft of a letter to the Gem Irrigation district and other districts to which water may be furnished from the reservoir and canals of the proposed Owyhee project. This process alternate plans for payment of water charges and construction costs, if these districts are provided with water under the Warren act contracts by the Owyhee district.

Blames Government

Faire to apply adequate remedies to curb diversion of industrial alcohol and manufacture of "high powered" beer was laid at the door of the federal government Wednesday by the research department of the Federal Council of Churches in making public an additional section of its report on the social consequences of prohibition. "There is no visible reason why the illicit removal of alcoholic beer from the 'breweries' cannot be effectually controlled," said the report. "The beer problem would seem to be wholly soluble, although it has been one of the scandals of the prohibition regime. "The diversion of industrial alcohol presents at present the hardest task of enforcement. Yet there is no excuse for the abuses that have developed, and there is no reason why the government cannot, with reasonable diligence, control the situation."

It was proposed some time ago to have a congressional investigation of the administration of the Volstead law but Coolidge, Mellon, et al succeeded in smothering it. We wonder why.

BILL BOOSTER SAYS

"MERCHANTS SPEND TOO MUCH TIME WORRYING ABOUT COMPETITION, AND NOT ENOUGH THINKING UP NEW WAYS TO PLEASE THEIR CUSTOMERS. USUALLY THE TOWN WHERE THE MERCHANTS ARE THE HOTTEST AFTER TRADE IS THE TOWN BEST PATRONIZED BY THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY BECAUSE IT HAS THE BEST STORES."



Traveling Libraries

The traveling library we know today was begun in 1893 in the state of New York under the leadership of the great librarian, Melvil Dewey. New York sent books largely to supplement or strengthen libraries already in existence.

Both Gift and Grace

Tact is a gift; it is likewise a grace. As a gift it may or may not have fallen to our share; as a grace we are bound either to possess it or to acquire it.—Christina Rossetti.

Quickly Gone

"In this life nothing is permanent but change," declares a philosopher. Our change is very fleeting.—Boston Transcript.

Need for Relaxation

Some relaxation is necessary to people of every degree. The head that thinks and the hand that labors must have some little time to recruit their diminished powers.

Will Be Happy Day

When the war drums beat no longer and the battle flags are furled in the parliament of man, the federation of the world.—Tennyson.

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Damage by Lightning

Lightning is, of course, most likely in areas where thunderstorms are the most frequent. The Gulf states have the largest number, about sixty annually, and the great central valleys and southern lake region range from thirty to forty. In the more northerly and easterly states the average is about twenty. Lightning is very rare in the Pacific states.

Matter and Energy

The naval observatory says that until recently it was considered firmly established that matter cannot be destroyed, but, according to recent theory, matter does not leave a star as matter, but it is changed into energy and the energy leaves the star.

Credit, Not Morals

The adjective in "a good neighborhood" doesn't refer to the morals of the people, but to their credit.—Baltimore Sun.

Not Nature's Plan

A man's ears are so placed that he may catch the things said to his face. It was never intended that he should hear the things that are said behind his back.

For Sale.

As I am going to leave I will sell my herd of dairy cows, eight in number, all to be fresh in September and October; also one team and harness, DeLaval cream separator and some household goods. L. DeGoede.

BILL BOOSTER SAYS

"GIVE THE TOWN KNOCKER CREDIT, SAN I. HE DOES HIS BIT AFTER LISTENING TO HIM YAPPING ABOUT THE CITY OFFICIALS, AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND THE DOCTORS, AND THE MERCHANTS AND THE YOUNG FOLKS, AND THE CHURCH, AND THE GOVERNMENT, IT JUST NATURALLY MAKES BOOSTERS OF THE REST OF US!"



Led by Self-Love

It is the admirer of himself, and not the admirer of virtue, who thinks himself superior to others.—Plutarch.

In the eighteenth century, in the Netherlands, France and England, it obtained great popularity. It came into general use in Rome in the year 1710. It is now used in many of the most advanced countries of the world. In the British Museum, in London, there are some examples of Egyptian hieroglyphs.

Loss by Electrical Rust

Electrical currents set up by a mixture of air and water cause rust which destroys \$300,000,000 worth of metals every year, recent investigations indicate.—Science Service.

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Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Malheur County. In the Matter of the Estate of Augustus G. Kingman, Deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Malheur, administrator of the estate of Augustus G. Kingman, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to present them, duly verified as required by law, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to said administrator, at his office in the Town of Nyssa, Malheur County, Oregon, the place where said administrator will receive said claims. E. M. Blodgett, Administrator of the Estate of Augustus G. Kingman, Deceased. First publication Sept. 4, 1925. Last publication Oct. 2, 1925.

Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.

Notice is hereby given that, under and by virtue of an order of sale duly made and entered by the Judge of the County Court of the County of Malheur, State of Oregon, on the 25th day of August, 1925, in the matter of the estate of Wm. Canfield, deceased, the undersigned administrator of said estate, will, on the 6th day of October, 1925, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. of that day, at the premises hereinafter described, offer for sale and sell at private sale, in one parcel, for cash in hand, subject to confirmation by said court, the following described real estate owned by said estate, to-wit: The South 40 feet of lots 8, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in Block 7, Original Townsite of Nyssa, Nyssa, Malheur County, Oregon. Ed Rich, Administrator of the Estate of Wm. Canfield, Deceased. First publication Sept. 4, 1925. Last publication Oct. 2, 1925.

Owyhee Irrigation District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District, acting as a Board of Equalization, will meet on Tuesday, October 6, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m. at its office at Nyssa, Oregon, for the purpose of reviewing and correcting its assessment and apportionment of taxes for the next ensuing fiscal year. The assessment list and record may be inspected at the office of the secretary by any person interested. By order of the Board of Directors. Dated September 4, 1925

E. M. Blodgett, Secretary of the Owyhee Irrigation District.