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THE INFALLIBLE BIBLE

Mr. Chapman having admitted that the Bible is not immutable but may, and indeed does, contain interpolations by non-prophetic writers, we will briefly consider the claim of infallibility.

It is amazing that anyone who claims any familiarity at all with the King James version should take such a position. The King James translators never pretended to have supernatural power to select the true from the false when they compiled their book from an enormous lot of old and supposedly inspired writings, the greater part of which they rejected.

Mr. Chapman is evidently quite unaware of the fact that his "infallible" version does not contain all the Scriptures or holy writings whose authority is attested by the Bible itself. Therefore we ask, how "infallible" is it?

For proof of the above we cite you to Jude, verse 14, where the book of Enoch is referred to as an authentic Scripture, yet is not found in the King James

version. Jesus also quotes from an unknown book, Luke 11:49 51 and in John 7:38, also James 4:5 7. Now the Scriptures themselves so plainly showing, even by the mouth of our Lord himself, that our Bible is not the COMPLETE word of God, what becomes of our friend's bombastic claim to immutability and infallibility?

ISAIAH'S PROPHECY

Mr. Chapman, in discussing Isaiah's prophecy to Ahaz, in which he assures the king that his enemies should not be able to prevail against him, says:

These kings did NOT take Judah nor prevail against Jerusalem and make a breach therein.

To show how erroneous this statement is it is only necessary to quote a few verses from 2 Chronicles 28th chapter, beginning at the 5th verse:

Wherefore the Lord his God delivered him (Ahaz) into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him and carried away a great multitude of them captives and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter.

For Pekah, the son of Remalish, slew in Judah (Jerusalem) an hundred and twenty thousand in one day, which were all valiant men; because they had forsaken the Lord God of their fathers.

And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Manasseh, the king's son, and Asrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah that was next to the king.

And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

It is plain enough from the above that these two kings DID take Judah and DID prevail against Jerusalem. Mr. Chapman to the contrary notwithstanding.

We presume Mr. Chapman was in ignorance of the facts when he quoted "All Scripture

is given by inspiration of God," etc. That is the King James rendering, but it is obviously erroneous. The rendering in the Revised version is: "Every Scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching," etc. There is an important distinction here that should be borne in mind.

REASON

"Abandon reason tell ye who enter here, is the plain Biblical injunction to the household of faith."

This is a quotation from "Peacemaker's" article last week, and he hit the bullseye. To accept present day religion, of any variety extant, one must give up reason.

But is it desirable that we give up reason? Had we done so in the beginning, or at any point down through the ages the world would have been a very different place from what it is. To go back no farther than our own time, we would still believe in witches, still believe that the earth is flat and that the sun revolves around the earth, still believe that slavery was a divine institution, still believe that kings ruled by divine right, still be against prohibition (about half the church is opposed to it now) still be opposed to woman suffrage. Reason has won all these things, not because of, but in spite of, the Church.

And Reason is still forging ahead. This spirit is known as Modernism. The dogmatic spirit is known as Fundamentalism. At present these two forces in the Church seem about equally divided. But reason, or modernism, will gradually increase and dogmatism decrease until a new plane is reached.

The attempt to suppress reason will not succeed.

SLIPPING

Let us pause for a moment in our theological discussion and say just where we are at.

In the issue of January 15 Mr. Chapman attempts to prove that Moses wrote the Pentateuch. To prove this he maintained, among other things, that Moses wrote the account of his own death and burial. This is merely a dogmatic claim and not legitimate argument. In his letter last week he admits at least one interpolation in Genesis of nine verses, and by inference several others. He thus admits that Moses did not write ALL the Pentateuch.

Another claim Mr. Chapman made was that the Bible is "immutable and inerrant." In admitting interpolations Mr. Chapman admits that the Bible is not immutable, for immutable means unchangeable. If the Bible has been changed how does Mr. Chapman know it is inerrant?

Mr. Chapman claims that the 7th chapter of Isaiah contains a prophecy of a coming Messiah, but he cited no authority to sustain this claim, nor argument worth a moment's consideration. Two writers in the Standard Bible Dictionary show conclusively that the prophecy did NOT refer to the birth of Christ.

In harmonizing contradictions Mr. Chapman's method is simplicity itself. He supplies out of his own head, in the form of interpolations, whatever is needed to make two conflicting statements harmonious. This system is practically unbeatable. The ease with which he disposed of the Elijah and Judas incidents are cases in point.

Briefly, Mr. Chapman admits that Moses did not write ALL the first five books of the Bible. He admits there are interpolations, hence the Bible is not immutable. He seems to be slipping a little.

NUTS TO CRACK

Following are some of Tom Paine's criticisms of the Bible taken from his book, "Age of Reason." See if you can answer them:

In the 24th chapter, (Joshua) ver. 31, it is said, "that Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua." Now, in the name of common sense, can it be Joshua that relates what people had done after he was dead? This account must not only have been written by some historian that lived after Joshua, but that lived also after the elders that outlived Joshua.

Tom is here showing that Joshua could not have written the Book of Joshua. What think ye, reader.

The book of Matthew gives chap. 1, genealogy by name from David, up through Joseph, the husband of Mary, to Christ, and makes there to be 28 generations. The book of Luke gives also a genealogy by name from Christ, through Joseph, the husband of Mary, down to David, and makes there to be 43 generations; besides which, there are only two names of David and Joseph that are alike in the two lists.

It seems strange two divinely inspired writers, in an inerrant Bible, should differ so radically on a matter as important as Christ's genealogy. An explanation would seem to be in order.

Almost thou persuadest me to believe in the prophets.

We have never taken Bible prophecy very seriously. They appear for the most part to have been written purposely vague and obscure so that if any of them happen to hit within a thousand miles of the mark it can be claimed that they were fulfilled. But "Peacemaker's" reference in last week's Journal to Isaiah 56:10 has got us to thinking. It seems impossible that Isaiah could have looked down through the corridors of time for nearly 2700 years and so accurately depicted present day conditions without having had a little divine assistance. This is one of the prophecies we had overlooked. There might be something to it, after all.

Mr. Chapman
Reiterates Faith
in the Bible

Boise, Idaho, Feb 15, 1926.

Gate City Journal;

I feel like singing "How Firm a Foundation ye saints of the Lord is laid for your faith in his excellent word." And all the people said amen!

[Mr. Chapman here has a column and a half of matter about Tom Paine, but as it has nothing to do with any Bible question we are discussing we blue penciled it.—Editor].

I conclude this letter (which it was not my design to inflict upon you, at this time at least) with a simple reflection or two upon the animadversions of the Journal's last issue, the practice of which is intended to beludge the issue and escape confession of the TRUTH (which would be far better) as was openly done in the paragraph in the middle of the third column.

Yes; Mr. Chapman rejects, cannot receive as authority, any and all that oppose the Word of God, which is the Holy Bible. Please bear in mind that Mr. Chapman accepts and believes the Bible to be just what he claims and has written about it, notwithstanding misquotations, omissions and misinterpretations of his letters. Let us read what has been written and we shall see the same spirit to wrest the meaning of my letters as the Scriptures.

As to the Journal's "Ah, ha!" at the top of the third column, it will be found to be as much "a boner pulled" as admitted in the case of Saul's daughter Michal. Anticipating, somewhat, the ah ha, the three-line paragraph was added to that answer, to avoid, if possible, giving the answer of others at greater length, more in harmony with the writer's view, which may be done, after I have treated some of his other question.

The word RELIGIONISTS appears to be "AN AWFUL thing, too. But as I'm not concerned about ANY coming under THAT term, I notice it, only, to say that its use is only to prejudice. I'm concerned about God's inerrant, immutable word—so faithfully preserved, translated, and given to the world in the St. (King) James versions. Heart belief in this with due repentance, and obedience makes Christians—Sons of God—who do not burn forlorn (at the stake) BUT, with their living testimony to the truth of the Bible.

I expect to confine my letters now to an effort to clear up whatever difficulties the Journal may present, "so far as in me lies." (Readers, whatever quotations are made compare them with the original letter).

Very respectfully,
T. B. CHAPMAN.

BOBBY

Who will appear in vaudeville at the Liberty Theatre on Thursday, March 4

Early Adventurers

In the summer of 1793, Alexander Mackenzie, Montreal fur trader and explorer, crossed the Rocky mountains and what is now British Columbia, and came out upon the Pacific coast on June 22. He was the first white man to cross this continent by a route north of Mexico. At that very time Captain Vancouver was exploring and charting the coast of British Columbia.

No Precise Definition

The "dark of the moon," is that part of the lunar month when the moon is not visible. It may be considered as covering a period of approximately four days, two days before and two days after the time of the new moon. The rest of the lunar month may be called the "light of the moon." These are popular expressions and are not susceptible of precise definition.

Odd French Custom

In many French homes the old custom of breaking an egg on a marriage day is still kept up. It is believed that a bride, in order to be happy, must step on a broken egg before she enters her home.

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.

Talking Honey

It takes the bees as long to make the honey comb as it does to fill it with honey. So the modern beekeeper uses a machine called a honey extractor, removes the honey from the combs and sends the "empties" back to the bees to be filled again. Thus a great saving is made in the bees' time just when they are busiest.

A honey extractor is a sort of metal tank about as large as a barrel, with a screened framework inside made to whirl around at the rate of 280 revolutions per minute. Honey for extracting comes in large combs about 8x18 inches. When the bees have filled and capped the combs the bee-man pares off the capping with a sharp knife and places the combs in the "baskets" inside the extractor, which is then put in motion, and the honeycombs go whirling like a regular merry-go-round, and in a few minutes all the honey has been whirled out of one side and is dripping down inside the extractor. When one side of the comb is cleared of honey the "baskets" are reversed and the process repeated until the other side is emptied. The combs are now ready for the bees to fill again, while the honey is drawn off into a tank and strained, through cheesecloth or wire, and is ready for use.

Not all beekeepers extract their honey alike. In my next talk I will have more to say about extracting honey.

W. W. FOSTER.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank the many friends and neighbors who so kindly helped us during the illness and death of our beloved son, and for the beautiful floral offerings.

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J. Foydell,
Administrator of the Estate of Mrs. A. J. Backman, Deceased.
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