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FACTS VS. THEORY

We were "Interested and amused" at some of the statements in Mr. Chapman's letter this week. It seems incredible that he would make statements that are so contrary to the facts and which are so easily proven untrue. His first statement is: "There is no record of any inspired writings prior to the days of Moses."

We briefly referred last week to the book of Enoch from which Jude quoted as follows:

"And Enoch also the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints."

Yet Mr. Chapman says there is no record of any inspired writings older than Moses.

His second statement is: "There is no reference to such writing."

Not only did Jude quote from the Book of Enoch, but the Lord quoted from a number of early books that have been lost and are not included in the Bible. Yet Mr. Chapman says there is no reference to such writings.

His third statement is: "There are no remains of them."

The authors of the Old Testament frequently extracted material from much more ancient books, word for word, at times giving credit to the original sources. Four of these lost source books are the Book of the Wars of Yahweh (or Jeho vah) quoted in Num. 21:14-15; The Book of Jashar, quoted in 2 Samuel 1:18-27 and Josh. 10:12-13; the Book of the Matters Pertaining to the Kings of Israel, and the Book of the Matters pertaining to the Kings of Judah, both often mentioned, as in 1 Kings 14:19, 29, etc.

These are in addition to the quotation from the book of Enoch, yet Mr. Chapman says there are no remains of any inspired writings prior to the days of Moses.

Biblical scholars know there are many lost books, some of them very ancient, that are quoted from by Bible writers.

We have been wondering why Mr. Chapman used up so much space this week in giving a history of the different translations

of the Bible. There was no dispute on this question. He merely gave in tiresome detail, which few people will read, what we had stated generally as a fact. There are a lot of unanswered questions awaiting discussion for which we believe the space could be used to better purpose.

ANENT INTERPOLATIONS

In John 5:4, King James Version, we read:

For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

This is a definite and positive statement, and has been taught (and still is) as divine truth. But the Revised Version eliminates the entire verse, evidently considering it an interpolation of a superstitious editor. The question is, which one of these "inerrant" Bibles is correct? We'll leave it to Mr. Chapman to say.

For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. Matt 18:11 King James Version

This statement was left out of the Revised Version, as was the following from Luke 9:56, King James Version:

For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. We don't understand how two inerrant Bibles can show such differences. It would seem that the King James must contain interpolations or the Revised must be incomplete.

TOM PAINEISMS

In the second chapter of Ezra the writer gives a list of the tribes and families, and of the precise number of souls of each that returned from Babylon to Jerusalem; and this enrollment of the persons so returned appears to have been one of the principal objects for writing the book, but in this there is an error that destroys the intention of the undertaking. The writer begins his enrollment in the following manner, chapter 2, ver. 3: "The children of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy and four." Ver. 4: "The children of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy and two." and in this manner he proceeds through all the families; and in the 64th verse he makes a total and says, the whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and three score. But whoever will take the trouble of casting up the several particulars will find that the total is but 29,818: so that the error is 12,542.

Nehemiah in like manner gives a list of the returned families, and of the number of each family. He begins, as in Ezra, by saying chapter 7, verse 8: "The children of Parosh, two thousand three hundred and seventy two," and so on through all the families. The list differs in several of the particulars from that of Ezra. In the 66th verse Nehemiah makes a total and says, as Ezra had said: "The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and three score." But the particulars of this list make a total of 31,089, so that the error here is 1,172.

Errors like this seem out of place in an inerrant Bible and we have already asked Mr. Chapman to explain them.

The book of Matthew gives, chap. I, a 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.

Is Near East

Relief Needed

To the Editor:

I have visited many communities in the Northwest during the past year and in all of them I have encountered the same general inquiries about the Near East Relief. They are about as follows:

How Long Is This Going to Last?

If reference is made to war and the conditions that breed war, of course, no one is wise enough to answer except to say that some very radical changes are going on in the Near East and that we are having a lot to do with these transformations. But so far as the Near East Relief is concerned a very definite answer can be given. It is that we will be ready to relinquish our task just as soon as ways can be found to guarantee homes and self support for the orphan children now on our hands. Our National Board has set a goal of about three years. This will mean the outplac ing, bringing to self-support or their sponsoring for their periods of dependency of about 12,000 children a year.

Do These people Try to Help Themselves?

The fact seems to be that during the last ten years 5,500,000 people have been forcibly displaced throughout the area in question. They left everything but their money behind them, and that was soon gone. Notwithstanding this, probably less than ten per cent of these people are dependent today and so far as the Near East Relief is concerned all are self supporting except 35,000 little children. For three years we have done little for adults except distribute old clothes to them and that is so organized that the cost of handing the clothing is more than met. Even the children in our care are partly self-supporting. The rapid, almost miraculous, recovery of these peoples to economic dependence is a matter of frequent remark on the part of people who have recently visited the Near East.

Why Do We Have to Do It All?

We don't. I have before me the docket of the last monthly meeting of our national board. It contains, among other things, copies of two cables, one from Sweden forwarding 8,500 francs and another from Denmark sending 13,000 francs, the contribution made in these countries on a single day. The gifts from the "Save the Children" and "Lord Mayor's" funds in England, Canada and the colonies have run into the millions. Greece has spent for relief during the past three years more than for all other government purposes, beside and in addition private citizens have contributed \$25,000,000, this largely for people who have no claim of citizenship upon them. America's contributions have been large; so has also her ability been great. It can be shown, if that were necessary or desirable, that our gifts have been a good financial investment. The recent order for 10,000 tractors from the Ford works by the Agricultural Bank of Soviet Russia is but one instance of the commercial advantage accruing from our relief operations which have had their weight in adding 800 per cent to the annual purchases of the Near East countries since the war. If America has helped largely, so also has she profited largely.

What Remains to Be Done?

The task to be finished is the responsibility, definitely assumed, of caring for an army of little children, about 35,000 of whom remain to this day. Not all of these children will have found homes by the end of three years, but all of them should be so underwritten as to guarantee their care and training until self-support is reached. I will say nothing of the thousands of little ones who might have been saved from another winter of the bitterest want and suffering, nor of the multitude of women and children who might have been alive today had we been willing to do what little Greece has done, but the responsibility which we have accepted, that we will surely not relinquish until we have decently finished it.

J. J. HANDSAKER,
Regional Director, Near East Relief.

For Sale—My place consisting of 45 acres, 24 on the island and 21 on the main land. If interested call and talk it over.
Two shares of Owyhee Ditch stock. Will trade for a couple of calves or one young horse. John Pratt, \$1224.

Talking Honey

Before honey production became the extensive industry that it is today, the beekeeper kept his bees all in one place, often in the garden or the back yard. The extracting and other work of preparing the honey for market was done in a shed or in the family kitchen.

As the industry grew, and especially since the automobile makes travel swift and easy, an extensive beekeeper may have his bees in "out yards" or farms, each containing many hives, and many miles apart. It then becomes a problem to harvest the honey. The common way is to have a portable extracting outfit and travel from yard to yard, extracting the honey in the bee yard, sometimes in a tent or shed.

While many beekeepers still extract their honey that way, many also have a central extracting plant at some convenient location, in a tight building. Usually it is equipped with electric power, a steam boiler and running water, with sewer to carry off the waste. The honey is loaded on trucks at the out-yards, carefully covered with a tarpaulin to keep out dust and dirt on the way, and hauled to the central plant. Here the unloading is done inside the building, and the honeycombs put through the extractor. The liquid honey is now run into big receiving tanks, being strained through two thicknesses of cheesecloth or wire strainers on its way. It is then ready to be drawn off, into cans and pails, and packed for market. At the close of the day's run the extractors and floors are thoroughly washed down with steam or hot water, so that everything about the place may be kept sweet and clean. Such methods produce a high grade of honey, well worth the extra trouble involved.

W. W. FOSTER.



A Londoner had occasion to visit Dundee to see a Scotsman on business. During the whole of the time he was there a heavy mist prevailed. On his return his wife asked him what the Scotsman was like.

"To tell you the truth," he replied, "I could not see whether he was a tall man with a beard or a short man with a sporrnan."—Tit Bits.

On Leave
"Madam, could you gimme a piece of pie?"
"What are you?"
"I'm a sailor."
"Then why ain't you at work on a ship?"
"Ain't you heard of that ten-year naval holiday?"

Short Hours

"Why did Fisher's business go to the dogs?"
"He thought too much of his personal appearance."
"Dressed too extravagantly?"
"No. He neglected his business while waiting his turn in the barber shops."

PROMISES THAT MUCH

Edwin—And we'll be as happy as any married couple that ever lived.
Angelina—At least as happy as any married couple that ever lived together.

Forbidden Smile

Mirth sinks into a mute repose. Avoiding careless chaff. The funniest things in life are those at which you daresnt laugh!

Subject to Release

She—But, Algy, I'm very cross with you, really! You promised faithfully to bring your engagement ring tonight.
He—Believe me, dear, I'm sorry. The truth is—the other girl hasn't returned it yet.—Stray Stories.

Saying Good Night

Harry—I'm going to say good night, dearest, I have to get up early in the morning.
Harry (later)—I'm going to say good night, dearest, I want to get a bite of breakfast before going to work.

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"I golfed with Jack this morning and he proposed to me at the ninth hole."
"That's nothing I golfed with him last week and he proposed to me at the third hole."

Bridge Too Narrow

Down in the creek
Sleeps Jerry Bass;
The bridge was narrow;
He tried to pass.

Just the Thing

"I could relate instances that would arouse your righteous wrath!" declared Hon. Thomas Rott in the midst of his address. "I could tell you things that would make you blush—"

Blarney With an Object

"Why is a strong man like you found begging?"
"Ah, madam, it is the only profession in which a gentleman can address a beautiful lady without the formality of an introduction."

Inherited

Visitor—I presume your children ask you a great many embarrassing questions?
Dad—Yes, it is wonderful how like their mother those youngsters are.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

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In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Malheur. In the Matter of the Estate of Mrs. A. J. Backman, 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 A. J. Backman, 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.

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