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### THE GREAT SIN OF GAMBLING By Elbert Dodd

"Thou shalt not steal." (Exodus 20,:15). Gambling is one of the great sins of this day. Also as sin is an awful disease, it is an awful disease. When it possesses one, this one is abnormal. He will sell his loved ones, his friends, and everything he has to carry on the gambling. It gets in his blood. He will give everything he has and put it on the altar of this game of chance. If one gambles and loses, he is a fool for giving away that which was his. without love, principle, or anything of value in return. If he gains, he is a thief because he gets something for nothing. There are many, many ways of gambling. People gamble on every form of sports. They gamble with punch boards. They gamble by flipping coins. They gamble with dominoes. They gamble with checkers. They gamble with cards. The most popular, and probably the most fascinating way to gamble, is to play cards. Parents teach their children to use these awful. damnable, blasphemous things by example and precept. The reason playing cards are so attractive is because they are so blasphemous against God and His laws. Sin and the devil hate God, and sin in men causes them to hate God and God's laws. The playing cards that we have today were invented by wicked, atheistic men to amuse a partially insane king. From the Church Advocate, we find this information on the cards.

First, the "ten spot" is in opposition to the Ten Commandments.

Second, "Clubs" represents a weapon of murder.

Third, the "'Spades" is a tool to dig graves and suggests death.

Fourth, the "Hearts" held up the broken heart of Christ in derision instead of devotion.

Fifth, the "Jack" represents the libertine who lives off the gains of fallen women; one who makes a business of commercialized vice. Also it is a blasphemy against Jesus.

Sixth, the "King" represents the devil, the king of darkness, the god of this world, the prince of the power of the air, in opposition to God, the King of all the universe. Also it is a blasphemy against God. Satan, the king of darkness, leads and entices men away from God and heaven, downward toward hell; and Satan desires to be the king over a man's soul and his very being.

Seventh, the "Queen" represents Mary in a slanderous, blasphemous way. Semiramis, the mother of Nimrod, the great-grandson of Noah, set herself up in opposition to God, and instituted, with her son, every pagan type of religion, all of them opposing God. Knowing that a "Deliverer" should come (Genesis 3:15), Semiramis set herself and son up to be the "Mother and Child." Ancient sculpture shows this plainly. She took the name, "Queen of heaven," also "Queen of angels," "Mother of God," etc. She is the "Queen of harlots," and is worshipped as such in every country under different names, such as "Diana," "June," Venus, etc. Knowing God's plan, she ran ahead of God under Satan's direction, and every licentious religion on earth, and every anti-Jehovah religion sprang from her ungodly, rebellious mind. She is a slander on the name of the virgin mother, Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Eighth, the "Joker" represents the Holy Ghost, and this is horrible blasphemy, for the "Joker" is supposed to be the card in the deck that stands the highest. Some feel that the "Joker" represents Jesus, but this is the most horrid blasphemy of all, for the "Joker" is supposed to be the product of an illegitimate union between the "King" and the "Queen." It ended that Satan is the inventor of a deck of cards.

Surely it is time that we as Christian people take a look at this awful sin and realize that it is damning the people. Fathers and Mothers who read this article, don't let a deck of cards come in your house. Warn your children about this awful thing. Also warn them about the awful sin of gambling and what it will do for them. The only cure for gambling is the blood of Jesus. If one will confess his sins to Jesus and plead the blood; he can be saved from every sin, and the blood stream of this disease can be washed from his spiritual being and from his mind, and he can be made every whit whole. Thank God! "There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, loose all their guilty stains." Also, we find that John said, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." And again he said, "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Let us beware of the modern sins of this day, and warn our children and our young people and everyone that it is possible for us to contact against this awful evil, and point them to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.

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#### A VOICE FROM THE PAST

"We are not like other people: we are to sing our shouts and shout our songs, and shout without songs, and maintain and rejoice in our separation from the world and unto the Lord to be

His own peculiar people -- made peculiar by His manifest presence and the holy fragrance of hearts and lives filled with love." -- P. F. Bresee

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## THE MEANING OF HOLINESS

"And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." (Acts 15: 8-9)

A holy heart does not mean that one is so good that he cannot be tempted to sin or that he never could backslide and sin, and it does not mean that one could never grow any more in grace. It does mean that God has purified the heart from all inbred sin until one's desires are perfect and he does not want to commit sin, and by the grace of God he does not have to commit sin. It is in harmony with the nature of God that His subjects should be holy and should adorn the gospel of God by a holy life and a godly conversation. One cannot conceive of a sober father willing that his son should be a drunkard, -- or an honest father willing that his son should be a thief, or a truthful father willing that his son should be a liar. So it is impossible to conceive of a holy God willing that any one of His intelligent, immortal creatures shall be corrupt and unholy in heart or life. The scriptures declare that it is the will of God, even your sanctification. (I Thess. 4:3) God has provided through the merits of the atoning work of Jesus Christ that man can be holy in this life. Holiness means that the atonement has been made for our sins, and through this atonement God is reconciled to us and we may be reconciled to God. There could have been no experience at Pentecost had there been no Passover. The lamb had to be slain in Egypt and the blood sprinkled on the door according to the commandment before there could have been any crossing of the Red Sea and giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. Just as surely there had to be a Calvary before there could be a Pentecost. Had Jesus not shed His blood there would have been no outpouring of the Holy Ghost, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission for sins. Sins can be canceled only through the merits of the atonement, and the atonement can be made only by the blood. Without forgiveness there can be no holiness. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him with: out the camp, bearing his reproach." (Hebrews 13:12-13.)

Holiness means a complete consecration. The Hebrew word for consecration was to fill the hands, and it literally means that when one comes to give himself to Christ he must present a redeemed life that is saved from all sin: completely pardoned life must be presented and literally fill the hands of God with that life to be used in any way that God sees fit to use it. The consecration is not to the folks, not to the church, not to service, not to missions or the ministry, or the evangelistic work, but the consecration must be to God for holiness. One must give all that he has and all that he is, and nothing must be withheld from God: When all is on the altar of sacrifice then God will come and accept it and make a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the master's use. In Romans 12:1 Paul says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." This means that we have no will but God's will. We can be no more abandoned if this were our last hour on earth. We

should have nothing more to consecrate if we were to live a thousand years. It is as deep as death and as long as eternity.

Holiness means heart purity. Peter says purifying their hearts by faith. He is saying the same thing happened to Cornelius and his household that happened on the Day of Pentecost. It is the purification of the heart. This cannot mean covering over or suppressing or regulating or holding it down, but it means the eradicating of sin. So long as there is any degree of sin remaining in the heart it is not a pure heart. So the blessing of holiness and this experience was symbolized by the appearance of fire. Fire has always stood for purifying and purging, so when the Spirit fell on the disciples on that wonderful Day of Pentecost it was in the symbol of fire. They were reminded no doubt of the prophecy of John the Baptist when he said, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." And Malachi had declared that he would sit as a refiner and purifier of silver that he might purify the sons of Levi that he might offer an offering in righteousness. It means purity of heart and purity of affections in our lives. In a very true sense this experience of heart purity is the same experience as is known as perfect love. It is the perfection of Love. Paul declares that charity out of a pure heart is the end of the commandment. It means that one is made free from all sin, all pride, all selfishness, egotism, anger, hatred, envy, jealousy, everything belonging to the carnal nature is burned up until one is all ablaze with the divine fire burning, shining, warming, melting all about it. He is living for the glory of God. To say that God does not and will not make us holy or that Jesus Christ with His sin cleansing blood cannot or will not make us holy, and that the Holy Ghost cannot or will not bear witness to the blessed work when it is accomplished is to pronounce an infamous slander upon the whole Godhead. To claim that one is entirely sanctified when he is converted is to take square issue with the plainly written word of God which clearly teaches that the carnal mind, the old man, the body of death, the root of bitterness remains in the regenerate and must be cleansed away before he can enjoy that holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.

Holiness is the wedding garment of all that are called to the marriage of the Lamb. Clothed in this they will not be found naked. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Holiness becometh thine house O Lord forever. All who appear in the last day without the wedding garment will be cast into outer darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. By reaching this glorious experience the holy man has come to the place where he has torn every idol from his heart and can sing "the dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be, help me to tear it from thy throne and worship only thee." And in so doing he wins the victory. Christ arises and shines forth the fairest of ten thousands, the one altogether lovely, and men drop back into the place in which they belong. He no longer worships (cowers) before them. There is a marvelous love in his heart for all good men whatever their station in life, and a deep pity for all bad men even if they are in high and sacred positions. Thank God for this glorious experience of holiness of heart. "The half has never yet been told of love so full and free. The half has never yet been told. The blood it cleanseth me!"

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## CHURCH AMUSEMENTS

By George B. Kulp

The mission of amusement utterly fails to effect the desired end among the unsaved, but it works havoc among young converts. Were it a success, it would be none the less wrong. Success belongs to God; faithfulness to His instructions to me. But it is not. Test it even by this, and it is a contemptible failure. Let that be the method which is answered by fire, and the verdict will be, "The preaching of the" Word, that is the power.

Let us see the converts that have been won by amusements. Let the harlots and the drunkards, to whom a dramatic entertainment had been God's first link in the chain of their conversion, stand forth. Let the careless and the scoffers, who have cause to thank God that the church has relaxed her spirit of separation and met them half way in their worldliness, speak and testify. Let the husbands, wives and children that rejoice in a new and holy home through "Sunday-evening lectures on social questions," tell out their joy. Let the weary, heavy-laden souls that have found peace through the concert, no longer keep silent. Let the men and women who have found Christ through the reversal of apostolic methods, declare the same, and show the greatness of Paul's blunder when he said, "I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." There is neither voice nor any answer. The failure is on a par with the folly, and as huge as the sin. Out of thousands with whom I have personally conversed, the mission of amusement has claimed no convert.

Now let the appeal be made to those who, repudiating every other method, have staked everything on the Book and the Holy Ghost. Let them be challenged to produce results. There is no need. Blazing sacrifices on every hand attest the answer by fire. Ten thousand times ten thousand voices are ready to declare that the plain preaching of the Word was first and last the cause of their salvation.

But how about the other side of this matter? What are the baneful effects? Are they also nil? I will here solemnly, as before the Lord, give my personal testimony. Though I have never seen a sinner saved, I have seen a number of backsliders manufactured by this new departure. Over and over again have young Christians, and sometimes Christians who are not young, come to me in tears, and asked what they were to do, as they had lost all their peace and fallen into evil. Over and over again has the confession been made, "I began to go wrong by attending worldly amusements that Christians patronized."

"Come out," is the call for today. Sanctify yourselves. Put away the evil from among you. Cast down the world's altars and cut down her groves. Spurn her offered assistance. Decline her help, as your Master did the testimony of devils, "For he suffered them not to speak, for they knew him." Renounce all the policy of the age. Trample upon Saul's armor. Grasp the Book of God. Trust the Spirit who wrote its pages. Fight with this weapon only, and always. Cease to amuse, and seek to arouse. Shun the clap of a delighted audience, and listen to the sobs of a convicted one. Give up trying to please men who have only the thickness of their ribs between their souls and hell, and warn, and plead, and entreat, as those who feel the waters of eternity creeping upon them.

Let the church again confront the world; testify against it; meet it only behind the cross; and, like her Lord, she shall overcome, and with Him share the victory.

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## THE MOST DIABOLICAL DELUSION

W. M. Tidwell

Deception is the Devil's most diabolical delusion for the damnation of souls. This began in Eden and will continue till the Battle of Gog and Magog when he is released for a little season, after having been for a 1000 years in the Bottomless Pit, and goes out to deceive the nations. We think his most deadly delusion for the present, in Christendom is to make his dupes believe that loyalty to the denomination, the leadership and church program is loyalty to God. This is plain idolatry.

But not only do they insist that to be loyal to leadership is loyalty to God but they insist that if any one does not go along, no matter how blasphemous the program, he is an enemy. Dangerous. Take the ship for example. The ship has the captain, the pilot, the sailors and the passengers. The Captain and the pilot manage the ship. They direct the crew. The passengers know little or nothing of what is going on. They simply ride or sail. The Captain might die, the pilot go crazy and the crew drunk and the ship simply drifting but they might feel all is well. If any one on board should discover something badly wrong and sound an alarm he is a calamity howler.

It is said that the hulk of an old disabled ship was sighted in the frozen arctic regions and, on investigation, was found that everyone on board was dead. Frozen stiff. Had been drifting for about ten years according to data found. Many insist one must stay on the old denomination ship regardless of dire results. Denominational slavery.

This diabolical deception of denominational loyalty has been true since the old Catholic hierarchy came into vogue. "Peter was the first Pope." He was the rock on which the church was built."

"The church built on Peter." "He was the foundation," they say. Well, if so the foundation was pretty shaky. Peter denied Christ three times and then cursed and swore. Paul had to "Withstand him to the face because he was to be blamed." No, Christ is the foundation on which the church is built. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST." Christ is the Rock, not Peter.

Then when Catholicism became so wicked and brutal and God raised up Luther, Knox and the glorious reformers they were considered wicked traitors. Probably three million were brutally slain by these murderous "inquisitors" in the days of the martyrs. But to see the danger and sound an alarm and not go right along was wicked. Again when Wesley and his brave associates could not go along with the old state church and proclaimed the truth and opposed the apostasy they were traitors. Wesley had to go to the graveyard and use his father's tomb for a pulpit. And when Methodism lost God and such men as Dr. Bresee and his immortal associates, such as Bud Robinson and a host of others could not acquiesce they were considered traitors. When Dr. Bresee left the Methodist and built the First Church of Los Angeles out of those who came out with him, he was considered traitor. An enemy to the Methodist. And finally when a number could not go along with the new and changed program (Tragic to deny a change has come.) and set in order the Bible

Missionary Church they are considered traitors. The same old delusion of disloyalty to leadership. Church history reveals that as a rule apostasy began in denominations after about fifty years. Methodist lasted longer. In 1 Kings 22:48 we read, "Jehoshaphat made ships to go to Ophir for gold, but the ships went not." They were broken at Ezion-geber. Many denominational ships are broken at Ezion-geber.

Finally just a glance at Christendom. The professed Church. Christ is on the outside. Rev. 3" 20. This great ecclesiastical monstrosity is called, "Laodicea;" "The great whore," "Babylon," "The Synagogue of Satan." All this is in the Bible. She is finally to be "Spewed out," and "Thrown down like a mighty millstone is cast into the sea." God says, "come out of her."

You say all of this leadership idolatry is a dark picture. True, but there is a brighter side. Many a day has been filled with lightnings, thunders and storms but all this passed away and there was a glorious sunset. While Satan has his "Synagogue," God has His church. She is represented by the Sunclad woman in Rev. 12. She is clothed with the sun (Heavenly clothing) and the moon. (the world) under her feet. She is called "Philadelphia." Little Philadelphia is composed of every bloodwashed, redeemed soul found in any denomination or in no denomination. And Philadelphia will make it in. They shall come from the East and the West and the North and the South and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This is the "Old Ship of Zion." She has landed many a thousand and can land as many more. The Lord delivered us from the Devil's gullibility, that loyalty to denominations, leadership and apostate program is loyalty to God, and may we be redeemed by the blood of the Lamb and finally make it in with the true Church, Philadelphia.

It is dangerous to believe a lie. The world was wrecked believing a lie. God said: Thou shalt surely die. The Devil said: "You shall not surely die." Eve saw and she desired and she took. All the suffering, crime, death and finally Hell -- the result of believing a lie.

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## THE OMNIPOTENT SELF

By Paul Pumpelly

"Then Jesus said unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny HIMSELF, and take up his cross, and follow me." Matt. 16:24. "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." 1 Cor. 13:11. The word self has various meanings. One text used here has the word self with the meaning of self pleasing, self. arrogance, self willed, self conceit, the carnal self. I wish to use the word "omnipotent" with the word "self." I know we use this word when we refer to our God; Omnipotent God, all ruling God or all powerful God. But I find myself at an end when trying to find a word that would fit the carnal self better than the word "omnipotent" the omnipotent self. So if the readers will please bear with me, I wish to use this word reservedly.

The omnipotent self pushes everything out of its mind that is unpleasant or that requires the pain of exposure, but the only cure for this thing is a complete exposure of its imperfections and conceits, naked and undisguised. Psychologists claim that the essential elements of the character have all been formed by the age of five years. In their maze, they have watched man. and

concluded that the adult has reacted as the child. Rather they found in the child that which causes the adult to act as he does. In Bible terms the Holy Ghost calls it the carnal mind. Theologians call it inherited sin. Psychologists not wishing to refer to religion at all could not help but admit the omnipotent self in the adult is in the child also.

This awful thing is first seen in the child just born. The baby will soon discover that those funny sounds it emits in crying sets its known world into action. It learns that it is a magic wand at its disposal. Babies are always gratified by a whine, a whimper, a wail, and this is continued until their world is spinning to suit them. Perhaps at about 3:00 a.m. it decides to try its magic and gives a whimper. The world is yet still. So it gives off a whine. Still no movement. Then a mighty blast of wailing and with eyes watching, it sees people running, fires being lighted, bottles heated, diapers moving about, the electric light is now on, voices heard all is well. It worked. This same omnipotent self pattern is used by the adult. A whine, a whimper and its known world starts a-whirling. Demanding attention so bad it will do Whatever is necessary to get it. It is a type of self-love. Paul said when he was a child (carnal) he acted, spoke, thought, and understood as a child (carnal). But when he became a man (sanctified) he was done with that carnal thing. He said put it away. Jesus said nail it to the cross. As long as the omnipotent self is allowed to live it will show off and being so important will make plans for everyone else. Everything must pass through its hands to get its sanction. In the home omnipotent self rules. The husband said he would like to have steak for supper, but omnipotent self said no, we're having bologna. Or the wife said, "let's have chicken," and omnipotent self said, "oh no, we're having roast." The husband said, "why don't we go to the revival tonight?" Omnipotent self says, "oh, no we're going to Mamma's." The tragedy is that it is not confined to the home. It goes to church. Omnipotent self leading the singing must stop the singing to inform them SHE is leading and they must WATCH her. Or omnipotent self teaches a class and the worst of all sometimes he preaches. And if he is on the church board, no one can do a thing without getting the nod from Omnipotent Self.

Not only is omnipotent self revealed-in a stubborn will but also in FANTASY. The child lives in a dream world. No effort to dream, just dream. A string tied to the rocking chair and it is off to the moon. I have seen omnipotent self with nothing but a stick in its hand and lost in its fantasy was driving jet planes, chariots of fire, etc. Now over in the adult this fantasy is still revealed by the presence of old omnipotent self. Carnality loves to dream where there are no facts, no effort, no crossing its will, no death. It is always the hero in fantasy. Whether marching down the street with the crowd cheering or eating pork and beans from a tin can under a railroad trestle, omnipotent self is the hero or getting sympathy. Facts require directive thinking, effort of attention and concentration and purpose. Fantasy follows desire and that which exalts self.

When one is encouraging fantasy he is then pampering self love. Omnipotent self having full reign with no restraint. And While in its dream world it cannot imagine anyone not having the same feelings. If anyone differs from the omnipotent self then there is no mercy, no feelings, no sympathy, no consideration, and very unreasonable.

While omnipotent self is stubborn and lives in a dream world, it does not like to be disturbed. The child is placed in a play pen and given an old match box with a dried bean to rattle. It coos and laughs and gurgles. But if you reach down and remove that old match box from its grasp it will wail, pull its hair, beat its head on the floor -- you disturbed its known world and broke up



its sovereign rule. I have seen omnipotent self upset over an old: Ford car. Someone splashed mud on it. Or someone stepped on a flower near the side walk. That is its world and it rules those flowers. No one must break or pick in all must admire. For in admiring the flower, omnipotent self will transfer that admiration to itself and stand there and puff and swell while you are bent over a flower that God made. Or they might take you in the house and show you the display of "Whatnots." And you find one to ooh and ah over. They then transfer: that admiration to themselves and get great delight. Do you see the point in this? The Bible forbids omnipotent self of wearing jewelry to demonstrate its pride so it will use: a flower. I have had little children bring me out their pride and joy in their little broken up toy and when I admire and handle and comment -- they walk away puffed up. They transferred that to themselves. I would not admire them so they brought me a toy to admire and get the same attention.

Jealousy is another demonstration of omnipotent self. Jealousy proves to the carnal mind the possession of power over another. Or omnipotent self hates to admit the fact that it does not have the control where it desires to have it most, so jealousy. Jealousy also is bred out of SELF LOVE rather than love for the other person. Omnipotent self always right there to protect its rights.

Last but not least, omnipotent self has demands that are unreasonable. A man goes to the restaurant. It is full. Perhaps a hundred people are being served. The waiters are rushing about. The Restaurant is trying to make money SO can't hire more waiters. The man must WAIT until a waiter can get him seated. He must also WAIT for a menu. A waiter brings one and rushes on. TIME passes. Finally the waiter comes for the order. It takes time to order, time to fix what is ordered, time to serve, and time to serve others as well, but TIME IS ONE FACTOR OMNIPOTENT SELF HAS NO CONTROL OVER and hence the time factor always reveals this thing. No sooner does a project enter a child's mind than he has it all done in his dream world. So it is with omnipotent" self in the adult. He has no consideration of others in the restaurant, of the waiters, of the cooks, for he wants immediate attendance and after he ordered he wants it served before it even has TIME to be cooked. His omnipotent self is insulted for having to wait. He lost his power over TIME; he throws a fit.

The omnipotent self must die if Christ is to have full control over the heart and life. When omnipotent self is dead then you get the secret of faith and holiness. He can then put you in a Lion's Den and you will be quiet. Omnipotent self would be screaming to get out and get eaten up. You also get the secret of JOY, Rejoice whether rich or poor, with a job or out of a job, devil near or far away; whistle and sing and shout when nothing in sight to shout about. Shout in the kitchen as well as on the platform after eating burnt meat. Well, glory. I'm glad omnipotent self can be put to death.

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## ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST WONDERFUL POEMS

One of the most spiritual characters of all history was a woman known as "Mother Shipton." She lived in England over 500 years ago, and was a very keen, discerning student of the prophecies of the Bible. She died in 1449; 43 years before Columbus discovered America. From her studies of the Scriptures, she saw what was going to take place in the Twentieth Century or in

the latter days, and wrote it in the form of a poem, which is one of the most remarkable poems we have ever seen. We print it below, exactly as originally written.

[For More about "Mother Shipton" and her "Prophecy" see: hdm1535, "Two Dangerous Presumptions Regarding Second-Coming Prophecy" By Duane V. Maxey. Before reaching a conclusion about Mother Shipton's character, I suggest that the reader study all of the material concerning her in hdm1535. -- DVM]

Mother Shipton's Prophecy  
In The Year 1449 A. D.

And now a word, in uncouth rhyme  
Of what shall be in future time.  
For, in those wondrous far off days,  
The women shall adopt a craze  
To dress like men and trousers wear  
And cut off all their locks of hair.  
They'll ride astride with brazen brow,  
As witches do, on broomsticks now;  
Then love shall die, and marriage cease  
And nations wane as babes decrease,  
Then wives shall fondle cats and dogs  
And men shall live much the same as hogs.  
A carriage without horse shall go,  
Disaster fill the world with woe;  
In London, Primrose Hill shall be,  
Center hold a Bishop's See,  
Around the world men's thoughts shall fly  
Quick as the twinkling of an eye.  
And waters shall great wonders do--  
How strange, and yet it shall come true.  
Then upside down the world shall be,  
And gold found at the root of tree.  
Through tow'ring hills proud man shall ride,  
No horse or mule move by his side.  
Beneath the water men shall walk,  
Shall ride, shall sleep, and even talk;  
And in the air men shall be seen,  
In white, in black, as well as green.  
A great man then shall come and go,  
For prophecy so declares it so.  
In water iron then shall float,  
As easy as a wooden boat.  
Gold shall be found in streams and stone  
In land that is as yet unknown.  
Water and fire shall wonders do (steam),

And England shall admit a Jew.  
The Jew that once was held in scorn  
Shall of a Christian then be born.  
A house of glass shall come to pass (The Crystal Palace)  
In England -- but, alas! alas!  
A war will follow with the work  
Where dwells the pagan and the Turk.  
The states will lock in fiercest strife,  
And seek to take each other's life;  
When North shall thus divide the South,  
The eagle builds in lion's mouth.  
Then tax and blood and cruel war  
Shall come to every humble door.  
Then, when the fiercest fight is done,  
England and France shall be as one.  
The British olive next shall twine  
In marriage with the German vine.  
Men shall walk beneath and over streams--  
Fulfilled shall be our strangest dreams.  
All England's sons that plow the land  
Shall oft be seen with Book in hand.  
The poor shall now great wisdom know,  
Great houses stand in far-flung vale,  
All covered o'er with snow and hail.  
In nineteen hundred twenty-six  
Build houses light of straws and sticks.  
For then shall mighty wars be planned.  
When pictures seem alive with movements free,  
When boats like fishes swim beneath the sea,  
When men like birds' shall scour the sky;  
Then half this world, deep drenched in blood shall die.  
But those who live to see (all this) through,  
In fear and trembling this will do:  
Flee to the mountains and the dens,  
To bog and forest and wild fens  
For storms will rage and oceans roar,  
When Gabriel stands on sea and shore.  
And as he blows his wondrous horn  
Old worlds shall die and new be born.

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"DOING LIKE HE DONE"

The first written report of the newly employed traveling salesman had just come in, and it proved rather stunning to the "brass" in the sales department. It was obvious that the new man was a hopeless illiterate, for here's what he had written:

"I seen this outfit which they ain't never bought a dimes worth of nothing from us and I sole them a cuple hunerd tousand dollars of guds."

Before the sales manager could get word to the man that he was not qualified for the job because of his lack of education, reports *The Right Hand* (monthly publication circulated by Central Printing Co., Little Rock, this second letter arrived:

"I cum hear and sole them half a millyun."

Pulling his hair as to what to do about the situation, the sales manager finally decided to dump the problem in the lap of the company's president.

The next morning the letters from the new salesman were prominently displayed on the company's main bulletin board, with this note from the president:

"We have been spending too much time trying to spell instead of trying to sell. Let's watch those sails. I want everybody should read these letters from Gooch, who is on the road doing a grate job for us, and you should go out and do like he done."

We would certainly all agree that Gooch was a good salesman, not because of his illiteracy, but in spite of it. A driving passion and concern to get the job done can override many weaknesses.

Modern techniques and higher standards have their proper place in better written and more attractively produced literature. The primary factor, however, in selling the Gospel, whether by lip or by print, is a Spirit-impelled motivation -- a passionate desire to communicate the message committed to us by the Lord Jesus Christ. A genuine concern to obey our Lord in getting the message "to every creature" will be complemented by His wisdom and a guidance that is not of this world. -- E.L.O. Bulletin

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"KEEP THY SOUL PURE"

By Rev. J. D. Hillman

Proverbs 4:23-27, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

"Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

"Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

"Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

"Turn not to the right hand nor to the left; remove thy foot from evil."

We are living in a day and age where all of us should take this scripture to heart. All we have to do is look around us and see sin on every hand, and as it manifests its wicked stigma, we cannot help but realize that we have to keep our heart with all diligence, and to guard it as God tells us.

It is so easy to let down the gap when we start compromising with the world and its sin; our hearts grow spiritually cold as we find it easy to say first, this is all right, and then, that is all right. The only way we can resist this compromising with the world, and prevent our hearts from growing cold spiritually, is to keep the Holy Ghost abiding within, and by keeping prayed up so that we shall not yield to this temptation.

As Christians, we need to be careful what we say with our mouth, and above all, in obedience to the Scripture, "Put away from thee a froward mouth . . . "; in other words, the ungovernable tongue. So many Christians, whose tongues are unruly, have caused people to actually backslide, and what is worse, have caused some who were seeking God to turn away and leave the church for good. The tongue must be controlled, and the only sure way is through the Holy Spirit abiding within a person's soul.

The scripture also tells us that we must STOP! and ponder, or consider, the path of our feet where they are going. Is this path in the center of God's will, or might it take me over dangerous ways? Praise God! for His spirit can tell us and lead us in the paths of righteousness, just as long as we are in the place to hear His voice.

Christ tells us, when we are on the highway of Holiness "turn not to the left nor to the right," but keep in the middle with your eyes straight ahead. It is Oh! so easy to permit our feet to take us into places that are worldly, and of the devil! If ever we compromise on the least little thing, the next step is easier, and so it goes. We begin to believe it all right to go to theaters, attend dances, frequent skating rinks, or enjoy bowling alleys. And if the evil one cannot entice us into going to the theater, he'll bring the theater to us in the form of television, with all of its hellish and damnable performances that are demoralizing the minds of society.

So many Christians have let the sin box (television) cause them to lose out completely in their relations with their Savior, Jesus Christ. This is mostly because the devil beguiles us into thinking it's O. K., with nothing to worry about; it won't harm us one bit. nor will it interfere in our relations with God. How foolish! Look what happened to Adam and Eve after they listened to the serpent; were beguiled, and lost their souls.

Just the other day I read an article in the newspaper about a United States Senator's concern about Juvenile delinquency. He stated that since 1948 there has been an increase Of 177 percent in juvenile crime, and during those same years, over the same length of time, the showing of violence increased on television screens. Oh, if God's people would only wake up and realize that the old serpent is beguiling us today, but through the medium of a television instead of an apple.

God's word tells us in Psalms 101, Verse 3, I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes; I hate the work of them that turn. aside; it shall not cleave to me.

God's word tells us in 1 John 2, verses 15 & 16, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes. and the pride of life. is not of the Father, but is of the world."

Let us also see what II Corinthians 6, verse 17 has to say: "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you."

When a person, and sometimes even a church starts to compromise with worldly things or ideas, they have already started backsliding down the path toward nothing short of spiritual death.

But praise God! When we are truly saved and sanctified holy we will not have a lust toward flesh; we will not have a lust of the eyes; we will not have the least desire for the places of the world, for they will have been cast behind us, and will stay there just as long as we keep our experience of holiness!

I know from experience what I am talking about; that we must keep our hearts well guarded and keep prayed up in order to maintain the joy of God's Holy Presence in our soul. A few months ago, I was praying and waiting on the Lord for His will and guidance in directing me toward that which He wanted me to do. Feeling the leading of God, I looked to the Bible Missionary Church. and after much praying and searching of my heart I followed this leading of the Lord and sought membership therein. God has blessed me abundantly since then, and I have found some of the happiest moments of my life in serving Him, and will continue to preach His Holiness until He calls me home.

I love the standards of our church and believe that they are of God, and I will uphold them and live up to them, through the grace of our Lord. I believe that God has raised up the Bible Missionary Church during these last days to cry out against the sins of this old world, and all the phases of sin that abound.

In closing, I would like to say to all Bible Missionary members:

For the days are dark, and the work is great . . . and the time is slipping away;  
So whatever we think of doing for God, we had better do it today!

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## THE PARABLE OF TWO ICICLES

By H. Robb French

Two icicles started for church,  
Trembling with dread and fear:

For if there was any fire there,  
They both would disappear.  
They paused and listened at the door,  
They almost held their breath;  
But all was calm and still inside,  
Just like the house of death.  
Said one, "I think we're safe enough  
To venture inside there;  
We've found just what we're looking for,  
A religious Frigidaire."  
They walked inside and down the isle,  
And boldly took a seat;  
There was no sign of fire there,  
Much less was any heat.  
The choir sang with chilly stare,  
Each one with poker face;  
For smiles and tears and Amens, too,  
Were wholly out of place.  
Without a word the crowd arose,  
Each icicle stood erect;  
A form of service in his hand,  
He knew what's coming next.  
The prayer was cold and unctious,  
And spoke in measured tones;  
It made you think of Bible scenes,  
A valley of Dry Bones.  
The pastor rose and read his text,  
They call him Dr. Ice;  
He is an educated man,  
He speaks his words precise.  
"Dear friends,!" said he,  
"Just calm your fears,  
Relax in every joint;  
The temperature ne'er rises here,  
Above the freezing point.  
You should congratulate yourselves,  
You're safe as safe can be;  
No confidence is cast away,  
While listening unto me.  
I preach only positive truth,  
I never give offense;  
And on every moral issue,  
I stride the middle fence."  
Sighs of relief swept over the crowd,  
They were distinctly heard;  
They knew their many sins and shame,

Would never be disturbed.  
A blind man entered in the door,  
And came on down the isle;  
A cane was in his trembling hand,  
And on his face a smile.  
"Glory to God," he shouted loud,  
"I wandered far and near;  
A looking for the house of God,  
And now you see I'm here."  
Poor Dr. Ice forgot his text,  
And fainted dead away;  
The chorister with heart attack,  
Upon the carpet lay.  
One deacon turned the fire alarm;  
The rest made for the door;  
The blind man shouted on and on,  
He surely had the floor.  
The two icicle visitors,  
Were melted down with tears;  
They confessed their cold and barren hearts,  
Backslidden for many years.  
They rose to sing and testify,  
And joined the old man's praise;  
It made you think of times gone by,  
Of old camp meeting days.  
The fire department came too late,  
And poured cold water on;  
There was no fire anywhere,  
The happy saints had gone.  
Cold water fell on Dr. Ice,  
And caused him to revive;  
He stood up straight and raised his hand,  
To show he was alive.  
With somber face and glassy eyes,  
He stared at empty pews;  
The sexton hurried to the front,  
To tell him all the news.  
"My sexton please hurry quick,  
And toll the old church bell;  
To let them know the fire is out,  
And all once more is well."  
Those visitors are still on fire,  
And looking for a church;  
They're through with chilly, frozen morgues,  
For the hottest place they search.



-- From I. H. C. Messenger

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## CHILDREN'S PAGE

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### THE POTTER'S VESSEL

Philip sat near the register in the bedroom he shared with Frank and warmed his feet as one sock dangled carelessly from his little finger. How good the heat from the little round coal heater in the living room below felt! Especially when the ground was white and all crusted over with snow and ice. The windows resembled the fancy lacy pattern on the big table cloth in the dining room.

"You ready, Philip?" Mother called sweetly up the big stairway, "Breakfast's almost ready and everybody else is downstairs."

"Coming Mother," the day dreamer called as he quickly pulled his socks over the warm, soft toes, then slide like lightning down the smooth banister rail.

"Mother told us not to do that." Esther reminded soberly. "It's quite dangerous she says."

"Philip!" Mother said sternly, "How often must you be spanked for the same thing?" and she reached for the little switch she kept handy on top of the cabinet. "I'm really sorry you're so forgetful dear," she said softly, "But this will help you to remember. You can injure yourself again, Philip," she warned as she administered the punishment.

The snow was falling like down from the goose backs big, puffy white flakes and, after breakfast Mr. Winkler said, "Mother, it's too bad outside to do anything here on the farm so I was thinking, how would you like to go down to the village and get you some more cloth for sewing while I take the children to Uncle Joshua's pottery shop?"

"Oh. James!" Mother exclaimed brightly, "That would be wonderful! I'd love it!"

"Then we shall do it," Mr. Winkler said happily. "Esther, Ruth, and Naomi," he called to the girls, "Get these dishes done and put away while Philip, Frank and I finish the barn chores. We're going to the village and Uncle Joshua's today -- by way of bob sled!" and he laughed a joyous laughter that rang like music through the entire house.

After family worship the children tumbled into the straw on the bob sled, covering themselves with the thick, scratchy, wooly blankets mother brought. Daddy, Mother and baby Stevie sat on the front seat, bundled up like Eskimos in the far North country. Mr. Winkler tapped the horses lightly with his reins and away they went gliding -- as graceful and smoothly as the big swans on the pond in the village. The horse hoofs on the crusted snow made a melodic, rhythmic

sound while the children's noses grew red as cherries from the biting cold. They prattled, sang and teased and when the village church steeple appeared the children clapped their mittened hands for glee at the bottom of the hill was Uncle Joshua's pottery shop and this would be the first time ever they had been allowed in to see the wheel at work.

The village of Contentville looked like some picture card from the past, Men and women who had any bravery about them whatever, ventured out into the crusted snow with thick, furry coats, woolly caps, warm mufflers and high boots while every roof top tree, fence rail and garden glistened. glimmered and shone like the lighted chandelier in rich Mrs. Boss's house. The children's excitement mounted as Mr. Winkler gently helped his wife off the" sled.

"Be careful now Mary, and have a good time my dear," he called as he climbed back into the sled and started down the street to Uncle Joshua's.

"Everybody stay with me and don't touch anything in the shop," father said as the five excited children waited patiently near the door while he hitched the team of white horses to the big hitching post in front of the shop.

Once inside the old shop Uncle Joshua patted each small head then began work with ten big, eager eyes upon his dexterous fingers.

"How beautiful!" Naomi whispered to Ruth as Uncle Joshua formed the soft, gooey looking clay into a vase that, before their eyes, was nothing short of perfection.

"You like it?" the elderly pottery maker asked of his nieces as a merry twinkle entered his eyes.

"I . . . we think it's beautiful," Esther answered timidly. Just then old Josh threw it into a large tub and let it break into many, many pieces.

"Oh!" the startled onlookers gasped in astonishment.

"That beautiful, beautiful vase!" Ruth whispered.

"We'll remake it," the old man said soberly. "It had too many bubbles in it. We'll make it again another vessel, a second best vessel or vase."

Again the wheel began whirring and humming. "Come here children"! Uncle Josh said loudly above the noise of the wheel. "You see all those vases and pottery pieces in that tub? They're not on the shelf in display because they've had some blemish in them: either air bubbles or too soft or too hard. I can use none of them except to make them over remelt and reshape them again. It's exactly the same way in our life; Christ, the Master Potter, has been working for years on some of His creations, trying to make them a vessel unto honor and glory for Him, "but by not going on into the experience of Holiness an air bubble of pride inflates their ordinarily beautiful life and, as the Scripture says 'Pride goeth before destruction and an haughty spirit' before a fall.' They fall, and how terrible is the fall! God's name is dragged into the ground and souls are dragged

with them to Hell. Then there are others who just have no stability about them -- they're too soft -- they're afraid to stand up for Jesus and what the Bible teaches. God has no place for such as these. He wants soldiers. Men that will have a good, solid back bone for Him and His cause! Nor can he use anyone who's too hard -- as some of my pottery gets. These folks think they 'know it all,' and can't be led or taught. God's Word tells us that 'the Wisdom that is from above is first, peaceable . . . easy to be intreated,' and it's teachable. Never get to the place where you think you know everything. Stay pliable in the Lord's hands; ask Him to teach you and then be open to whatever methods He may use in teaching you dear children.

He may use strange methods sometimes in His teaching but follow Him just like this pottery gives under my fingers. Perhaps it would rather be something other than a vase, but it never resists my touch! It's pliable and seems perfectly content to be made into anything I so choose. God can only use each of you as you follow Him in every way and every place He so chooses."

"Oh, Uncle Joshua!" Naomi said softly, "Since I have been saved and sanctified that's just the way I want to be -- always"!

"Naturally," the old man said misty eyed. "That's the normal state of a real Christian. Now, come with me! And the kind white haired pottery maker led the way into a room with soft gas lights flickering in their lantern cases, and row upon row, shelf Upon shelf of beautiful, perfect pottery. Big vases, tall vases, fat vases, small vases; large vessels, round vessels and tiny ones, all lined in perfect symmetry on the shelves.

"You're a perfect vessel!" Samuel whispered to himself, "Like I always want to stay," and he grew starry eyed at the thought of being a perfect vessel for Jesus, 'Not having spot nor wrinkle, nor any such thing,' as Ephesians said.

"You like it?" Uncle Joshua asked as he lightly touched the slim, young boy's shoulder. Then taking it carefully off the shelf he placed it in Samuel's hands. "It's yours my boy," he laughed.

Each of the group received a vase of pottery piece to their special liking and taste, then, as the bells on the horses' bridles jingled merrily over the crusted snow and ice, up the hill toward home, the children looked down to the picture card village and, with firm resolutions each vowed they would be the very kind of vessel God wanted him to be.

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## HOLLYWOOD HERO

Gene Autry, the hero of millions of American boys because of his exploits on the silver screen in the role of a cowboy singer, was arrested again the other day in North Hollywood on a drunk driving charge. He met the bail of \$263 and was released. Autry was arrested when he failed to pass a sobriety test after being stopped by an off-duty highway patrolman. -- From The Sword of the Lord

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## SHALL I FORCE MY CHILD TO GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL?

J. Edgar Hoover says: YES, and with no further discussion about the matter, too. Startled? Why?

How do you answer Junior when he comes to the breakfast table Monday morning and says rebelliously, "I'm not going to school today." You know he goes! How do you answer Junior when he comes in dirty and says, "I'm not going to take a bath." You know . . . he bathes! How do you answer when Junior, threatened with illness, says, "I'm not going to take medicine." Why, he takes it!

Why all this timidity then in the realm of his spiritual guidance and growth? You say you're going to let him wait until he is older and can decide for himself? Does he decide to go to public school and get an education?

Are you afraid he'll succumb to the old wives' story about too much religion when he was young . . . the parents-made-me-go-sort of gag? Look about you, the story is obviously false, despite its currency. Do you suppose that because you insist, Junior take his bath tonight he will become a Bathless Groggins?

What shall we say, then, when Junior announces he doesn't like Sunday school or church? That's an easy one. Just be consistent: "Junior, in our home we ALL attend Sunday school and church: that includes YOU."

Your firmness and example here will furnish a bridge over which youthful rebellion may travel into a satisfying experience in personal religious living. -- From Bethany Nazarene Church Bulletin

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## SUPERFICIAL BELIEVISM

By Rev. Paul Kenyon (Alliance Weekly)

Sometime the true history of the present church period will be written. It may not be until the hour when the records are opened in heaven that all the facts will be revealed.

That hour, of course, will divulge most clearly the state of things which prevailed in our own apostate generation. What comes to light could amaze even the saints in heaven. Most startling of all may be that some of the doctrines most vigorously proclaimed in the ranks of the supposedly orthodox will be numbered among the most dangerous heresies ever to stain the pages of church history.

When error has been accepted as truth by the masses it is not too likely that it will be readily or easily eradicated. False doctrine creeps in unawares. It has always been so. The subtlety of error is that it appears so very close to the truth. Only the few who have lived with the

Word of God and under the strict guidance of the Holy Spirit have ever detected wherein the error lies. To come out boldly against these false but popular teachings, once they are established, is to bring oneself under condemnation. Often it means that one is branded as a fanatic. TO all of this church history testifies most eloquently.

Let it now be made plain. I am not referring to the obviously heretical doctrines of the numerous modern cults. Neither am I alluding to the far departures from truth as found among the liberal theologians. I am speaking of a teaching which has had wide and enthusiastic acceptance in our own evangelical ranks, a teaching which is being confidently proclaimed as the message of the hour. In particular I refer to that most popular of doctrines which I shall term "superficial believism."

From the plain teachings of God's Word, there is no doubt that eternal souls pass from death unto life through a living faith in Jesus Christ. But ever and always this faith must be preceded by genuine repentance. Paul the apostle had but one message for Jews and Gentiles alike Wherever he proclaimed the gospel of grace. That message he summed up completely before King Agrippa. Said Paul: "O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: but shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts, of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance" (Acts 26,:19, 20).

This is the message which that God-appointed man preached in establishing all of the New Testament churches. And he boldly claimed that he received this message "by the revelation of Jesus Christ." He did not get it from men (Gal. 1:11-12). Repentance ever 'precedes faith in New Testament doctrine, and there is no faith born into hearts apart from a repentance which is genuine in the sight of God who knows all hearts. The Pauline teaching further demanded "works meet for repentance." This was an external evidence that the sorrow for sin and complete turning from sin were a factual inner reality. Here was the visible and public testimony to a transformed life.

True Biblical teaching on repentance has been practically abandoned in this day of superficial believism. It remains as a conviction only with the small minority. Not only has the doctrine come into disrepute, but the type of preaching which the Spirit of God could use to produce .repentance is seldom heard from the modern pulpit. Hence in our modern orthodox ranks cold-hearted and dry-eyed sinners are sweetly exhorted to "accept Jesus as their Saviour," without so much as being told that they must thoroughly repent and completely forsake all known sin. They are but to "believe"; and what is meant by believing is enveloped in a thick mist of theological obscurities.

What, then, are they to believe? Not long ago a preacher lifted a New Testament passage neatly from its context, misapplied it and then cried out: "If you believe what this verse says you are saved right now; I say, you are saved right now." The verse was: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom. 10:9). This particular belief to which the listeners were exhorted was actually nothing more or less than an intellectual assent to historical fact-Such is schoolroom knowledge and not a living faith in God's Son. Such is the concept of faith in our generation.

This matter of believing on the Lord Jesus Christ is not so easy as it sounds. Take for instance the simple statement of the apostle John: "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is begotten of God" (1 John 5:1 A.S.V.). The word which is translated "believeth," as used here and in its various constructions throughout the New Testament, means "to believe a person to be true; to place trust in them, to rely on them; to commit oneself to them; cast oneself upon them; entrust oneself to them" (Souter's Lexicon).

It is a cry far from merely accepting with the intellect the historical fact -- that Christ died for sinners and rose again for their justification--to this inborn reality of faith that produces the kind of believing here defined. Any other theory of faith can be dogmatically declared to be wholly superficial. Salvation comes the sinning one when he under the convicting power of the Holy Spirit repents and forsakes sin. He then casts himself totally on Christ as his only hope. It is absolute committal. And such alone is true believing.

We repeat that such faith can never be inspired until repentance is complete. God is the one to be satisfied, and God knows our hearts. Invariably the act of believing is revealed in the New Testament as something we do which is consistent and continuous. The Greek tenses which are used to declare the believing process undeniably certify that this is so. We read literally in 1 John 5:5, "Who is he that keeps on overcoming the world, but he that keeps on believing that Jesus is the Son of God?" Such a life of constant faith naturally demands unfailing obedience to the will of God.

In such individuals the transforming work of the Holy Spirit is real and complete. They are truly begotten of God, and to this the Holy Comforter witnesses. "And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth" (1 John 5,:6). He is the One who alone has right to witness to the believing heart the fact of the miracle of the new birth. God has never delegated to any human being this divine prerogative. These Spirit-born Christians are overcoming the world, the flesh and the devil, not sometimes, by mere effort; but consistently by the indwelling power of Christ. The Spirit's witness is the abiding assurance within; the overcoming life is the evidence without.

It is nothing short of pitiful to witness the sincere ones among the adherents of modern superficial believism try in their own weakness to live the overcoming life: Vainly, and sometimes defiantly, they attempt to cling to what they have been told. "Just believe" was the instruction of the experts, so they struggle to believe that which somehow they know is not quite right. Neither God nor their own lives are witnesses to any supernatural transformation, so they struggle on or turn back to the old ways in hopeless frustration.

The end of the trial will reveal untold thousands of people who were the hapless victims of this erroneous teaching. They were so near to truth by the standards of a present-day perverted doctrine, yet so: very far away from the plain teaching of the Word of God. These became the unfortunate victims of this. doctrine of death.

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