

WHAT BIBLE RELIGION REALLY IS

(By George D. Herman.) The world has had few real atheists. Atheism means without belief in God...

The human mind has never been able to eradicate the thought of God and moral obligation. By nature man has religious capacity and inclinations.

But natural religion has generally manifested itself as idolatry and superstition. About the best that can be said for natural religion is that it is "the wild olive tree" upon which may be grafted the supernatural.

But even among those who have heard the pure Gospel preached, and have had the precious gift of an open Bible, there are false notions and exaggerated manifestations of the one true and holy religion revealed from Heaven.

1. Pharisaism.—This class embraces all who place the stress on external form, ritual, and creed. The typical Pharisee would damn a soul to save a creed or enforce a ritual.

2. Humanitarianism.—The Pharisee neglects his fellowman under the pretense of honoring God; but the humanitarian neglects the worship of God under the cheap pretense of serving his fellowman.

3. Emotionalism.—This class includes all who regard religion as a matter of gushing, overflowing feeling, and lightly esteem moral obligations. These are they who revel in the r frothy emotions, but do nothing, give nothing, and suffer nothing to extend the kingdom of God among men on earth.

Let the emotionalist learn we are saved by faith and not by our feelings. Alas for the man who runs his religion on feelings, for he is the man who received the seed of truth in the "atony heart."

4. Religion is— Loyalty to Jesus Christ; The Christ attitude towards sin; The Christ attitude towards the helpless; The Christ attitude towards God our Father, which was loving confidence and obedience.

5. Religion is— Loyalty to Jesus Christ, and that for which Christ stands, will result in the best of which human nature is capable on earth and in Heaven.

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HOW THIN PEOPLE OBTAIN A PLUMP, STRONG, ROBUST BODY

"Before I took tonoline people used to call me 'skinny,' but now my name is changed. My whole body is stout, have gained 25 pounds, and am gaining yet. I look like a new man."

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At the present time there are on deposit with federal reserve agents in the various reserve districts approximately \$200,000,000 in cash, while the enormous reserve of \$200,000,000 is available at Washington for use wherever it may be needed.

While there are some politicians who would be satisfied with no financial system falling short of an actual distribution of reserve wealth to all the people, most sensible persons realize that the reserve system has completely vindicated itself, not merely by decentralizing money control, but by making possible a mobilization of the nation's finances at any given moment.

The country lacks adequate land defenses and still is not as strong as it ought to be on the seas. Moreover, it will take some time to perfect the industrial mobilization which is now in progress.

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TOWERS ABOVE ALL

UNITED STATES A FINANCIAL GIANT AMONG NATIONS.

Money in Actual Cash at the Disposal of the Government Has Never Been Equalled in the History of the Country.

Financial experts estimate that the banks of the country at present are able to withstand a financial strain of eight times the sum involved in the panic of 1907. Officials of the government believe that this is a correct appraisal of the present strength of the federal reserve system.

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CAMERON MORRISON



Mr. Morrison is understood to be a candidate for governor next time.

The Navy as a Training School. The navy of the present is a different navy from that of the past. In the old regime the ordinary sailor usually remained an ordinary sailor.

Another difference between modern naval life and that of an earlier era is in its improved environments and in the greater thought for the welfare of the crew.

The Society of Friends reaffirms its conviction that no war is justified, and that it is better to submit to outrage and devastation than to resist it and punish the criminals.

Why Constipation Injures. The bowels are the natural sewerage system of the body. When they become obstructed by constipation a part of the poisonous matter which they should carry off is absorbed into the system, making you feel dull and stupid, and interfering with the digestion and assimilation of food.

Thomasville and Lexington Both Out talk Asheville Debaters. Thomasville and Lexington beat Asheville at Thomasville and Thomasville won over Lexington at Asheville.

Statesmanship Up to Date. The old idea of conservatism, the idea preached and practiced by Roosevelt and Pinchot, was to lock up all unused natural resources and sit before the door with a shotgun.

In a Bad Fix. Republicans condemn Wilson politics and the things congress has done, but at the same time claim credit for originating most of those things which they condemn.

Speed Up Legislation. No better advice could be given to congress than that of the president—that it should clear the decks.

Work of Agricultural Department. One hundred and sixty-eight new department bulletins were issued by the United States department of Agriculture during the last fiscal year.

THE GUIDE POST LAW

An Act to Require the Erection of Guide-Posts at the Forks and Crossings at the Public Highways in the Several Counties of North Carolina

Section 1. That the boards of county commissioners of the several counties of this State shall, within six months after the ratification of this act, cause to be erected and maintained at the various crossings and forks of the public highways of each county guide-posts with proper inscriptions and devices thereon indicating the direction to and distance from the most important town or vicinity within ten miles of such guide-posts.

Section 2. That the cost of the erection of such guide-posts shall be paid from the county fund.

Section 3. That in those counties in which road commissions have been established by law, the duty of the erection of such guide-posts shall devolve upon said road commissions instead of the board of county commissioners.

Section 4. That any person who shall willfully deface or destroy any such guide-post shall, upon conviction therefor, be fined not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars.

Section 5. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 6. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this 7th day of February, 1917.

O. MAX GARDNER, President of the Senate. WALTER MURPHY, Speaker of House of Representatives.

Safe Medicine for Children. "Is it safe?" is the first question to be considered when buying cough medicine for children.

National Criminals. The following table of average annual salaries has been constructed from figures given by Dr. Victor L. Masters in his recent book The Country Church in the South.

Public school teachers, white rural 9235

Public school teachers, white city 454

Baptist preachers, white 473

Methodist preachers, white 681

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Automobile mechanics 469

Wood-workers 479

Blacksmiths 588

Cabinet makers 601

Carpenters 676

Engineers 789

Painters 829

Moulders 861

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MAYR'S WONDERFUL REMEDY FOR STOMACH

Gall Stones, Cancer and Ulcers of the Stomach and Intestines, Auto-Intoxication, Yellow Jaundice, Appendicitis and other fatal ailments result from Stomach Trouble. Thousands of Stomach Sufferers owe their complete recovery to Mayr's Wonderful Remedy.

That "no person, corporation, partnership, or association shall sell, supply or have in his or its possession any intoxicating liquors or tobacco at any military or naval station, cantonment, camp, fort, post, officers' of enlisted men's club, navy yard or aboard ship, which is being used at the time for the purpose of training under this act."

The Philadelphia Record comments upon this and says that the remarkable thing about the absolute ban placed upon tobacco at this time when all reports from the European battle lines tell of the men's craving for cigars, tobacco and cigarettes, which helps to soothe their nerves, that it is proposed to put a ban upon the weed in any form.

It is suggested that this would discourage enlistments in the army and navy, for the punishment carries a fine of \$1000 and a year's imprisonment. The Record thinks it was an idiotic proposition, or that it was placed in the bill as a joke.

In Kansas a bill has been introduced in the legislature which is sweeping in its measure. Heavy penalties are provided for anyone who smokes on the street or in a train or other public place.

In the Nebraska Legislature a bill is pending for the removal of attorneys who smoke cigarettes, or fail to prosecute others who smoke them.

Spring. Spring is looked upon by many as the most delightful season of the year, but this cannot be said of the rheumatic. The cold and damp weather brings on rheumatic pains which are anything but pleasant.

They can be relieved, however, by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Obtainable everywhere.

The Pay They Get. The following table of average annual salaries has been constructed from figures given by Dr. Victor L. Masters in his recent book The Country Church in the South.

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Ulah News. The school here closed Friday night with an old fashioned spelling bee. A large crowd attended. Quite a few Asheville people attended.

A number of our people attracted by the spring weather yesterday went fishing. The whippoorwill's call and the bright moonlight make the evenings now unusually delightful.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Freeman went to Greensboro yesterday to visit Mr. Jesse Freeman.

Mr. R. O. Parks from High Pine section visited in Asheville and at the county home yesterday.

Mr. Clarence Rush was in our village a few minutes last week.

Mr. E. Whitley who has been confined in his room for a few days is improving.

Misses Dora and Mamie Hoover are visiting in this community.

A number of Ulah people were in Asheville Saturday on business.

Several from this section are attending court this week.

The Easter trade has sent eggs upward again and our merchants are paying the top of the market this week. Spring goods are being displayed in abundance and everything looks good.

King-King. Miss Frieda King was married at the Asheville Motor Car Co. on last Saturday afternoon to Mr. R. R. King. The contracting parties are both of Seagrove. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William King. The groom is a son of Mr. John King and is a prosperous young farmer. The young couple drove to Asheville in an automobile where they met Rev. W. F. Ashburn of Liberty who is pastor of the Why Not Circuit, and the ceremony was performed by him.

Advance in hog prices in the past few months has no parallel in live stock history. In March, 1908, the price was \$4.20 a hundred pounds. In the same month of 1915 it was \$6.15. This month the figures have been reversed, and in some instances a price above \$15.15 has been reached.

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I keep Black-Draught on hand all the time now, and when my children feel a little bad, they ask me for a dose, and it does them more good than any medicine they ever tried.

We never have a long spell of sickness in our family, since we commenced using Black-Draught.

Theford's Black-Draught is purely vegetable, and has been found to regulate weak stomachs, aid digestion, relieve indigestion, colic, wind, nausea, headache, sick stomach, and similar symptoms.

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