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### TAFT—UNITARIAN.

No good Christian can support Mr. Taft, who is a Unitarian, and does not believe in the divinity of Christ. II John, 7: For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come into flesh. This is a deceiver and an anti-Christ.

We have two men nominated for President—Mr. Taft, a Unitarian, and Mr. Bryan, a Presbyterian. As there are so many Presbyterian churches in the United States, we generally understand their doctrine. But there are such a few Unitarians that people, as a rule, do not understand their doctrine, and the ones that have found it out, ought to let the people know that they do not accept the divinity of Jesus Christ, and according to the scriptures, are anti-Christ and will get about as near heaven as Bob Ingersoll. The Encyclopedia says that the Unitarians of all shades of opinion are agreed in rejecting the entire orthodox scheme, including the doctrine of the Trinity, the vicarious atonement, the deity of Christ, original sin, and everlasting punishment. I am surprised a man that belongs to a so-called church, whose doctrine denies the divinity of Christ, and if the Christian people act consistently and, I might say also, love the divinity of Christ better than they love their party, (and of course we must if we expect to enter heaven), Taft will be buried by the votes of the people so deep that no party will ever attempt to nominate any man that does not believe in the divinity of Christ.

Now, as some of my friends have been inclined to criticize me for writing this in defense of the Divinity of Christ, I want to say to those who have not had the privilege to speak to me about it, that I am willing to be disgraced if standing for the divinity of Christ will disgrace me, for I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; and remember, he that believeth not is condemned already. Mark 8, 38: "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my word in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." So I will say unto you, study this subject that you may not trample under foot the blood of the Covenant of Christ, and put him to an open shame. For we read in II John, 7: "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come into the flesh; this is a deceiver and an anti-Christ," and how can we support such a man and bid him God speed, for the eleventh verse says, "For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." It seems to me that the preacher or some of the good brethren that have the ability to write a piece in defense of the divinity of Christ ought to be about it, and he is supposed to stand in the pulpit every Sunday defending the divinity of Christ. If Christ is not divine, your preaching is vain; and if he is divine, how can you afford not to defend him.

I have had communication with five preachers about the Unitarian doctrine. Two were Unitarians, one was a Republican, and the other two I do not know of what political belief they were, but they all agreed with me that a person would not be consistent to support Mr. Taft, who is a Unitarian.

I have not heard a preacher of a good old church member say anything about Mr. Taft being a Unitarian unless I brought it up. It seems to me that some of them would let the Son of God bear reproach rather than to defend any one or thing that the Unitarians are on. And if Christ is not divine, the New Testament is false and ought to be burned up and you preachers quit preaching for your doctrine would be a falsehood. There are some preachers that are defending the divinity of Christ against this Unitarian, but I have not heard of them around here, and this is the reason I have written this article.

I was talking to two men sometime ago and told them that Mr. Taft belonged to the Unitarian church, which did not accept Jesus as the Son of God, and they said that they would not vote for him, that being the case, these men were Republicans, and not members of any church. We need not expect God to permit us to trample the blood of his Son under our feet and still receive his blessing. It looks to us like the scripture is being fulfilled when it says: "Ever learning, and never coming to the knowledge of the truth." I am expecting that the backslidden at heart, hypocritical church members will have something to say about this piece, because they do not appreciate the atoning blood of Jesus Christ.

In the Concord Times we read: "A press dispatch says that George E. Tobey, secretary of the Nebraska Epworth Assembly, has warned the Republican State Committee that Taft is in serious danger of losing the Methodist vote. Tobey says the Methodist at the annual Epworth Assembly makes no secret of the fact that they are will over Bryan and opposed to Taft, asserting that no good Methodist can vote for Taft, who openly avows that he does not believe in the divinity of Christ. (I was strongly criticized for my determination to stick to Taft, being a life-long Republican.)

Let us consider the divinity of Christ according to the New Testament, Matt. 1, 18: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise; when as his mother, Mary, who espoused to Joseph, before they came together,

she was found with child of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 1, 24-25: "Then Joseph being raised from his sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife, and knew her not, till she had brought her first-born son, and he called his name Jesus." Luke 1, 34-35: "Then said Mary unto the angel, how shall this be, seeing I know not a man, and the angel answered and said unto her, the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee, therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." John 1, 1-3: "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made." John 1, 13-14: "Which was born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God; and the word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." Heb. 7, 13: "For this Melchisedec, King of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the Kings and blessed him; to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of Righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is King of Peace. Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of day nor end of life, but made like unto the Son of God, abideth a priest continually." Heb. 7, 11-16: "If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, for under it the people received the law; what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec and not be called after the order of Aaron. For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe of which no man gave attendance at the altar, for it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah, of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest; who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment but after the power of endless life. And when he was baptized a Voice from heaven saying: "This my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And again the Voice was repeated on the Mount of Transfiguration. And how any preacher of the United States can stand and watch one of the political parties trying to put a man at the head of this so-called Christian nation, who does not believe in the divinity of Christ, without raising their voices against it, is more than I can understand, unless they are under the delusion of the devil. You hear them say, "Pilate was a weakling and afraid of his job." I wonder what they are afraid of? The eye of the world is on us to see if we are true to what we profess. Who can support a man that respects the same idea that the mob brought against him to crucify him? Mark 14, 61-64: "But he held his peace and answered nothing. Again the High priest asks him and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed, and Jesus said, I am; and ye shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, what need we any further witness; what think ye, and they all condemned him to be guilty of death." Who can support any man that still clings to this same idea, although it may be in a milder form, and not trample under foot the blood of the covenant of Jesus Christ and put Him to open shame? I John 2, 22-23: "Who is a liar but he that denieth Jesus is the Christ, he is anti-Christ that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father." How can you support a man that denies the divinity of Christ any more than you could the mob that had him crucified? For each say that he is not the Son of God; Christ says, He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that would hold party affiliation above the divinity of Christ, surely is not worthy of Christ.

Very likely some will be like Judas Iscariot, who fell headlong and his bowels gushed out. What communion hath light with darkness, and what concord hath Christ with Belial, or what part hath he that believeth to enter Heaven through the atoning blood of Christ, he should not let anything come ahead of Christ. You may hear some preachers say, "I don't see how I can afford to say anything against the Unitarian doctrine, for it might offend some of my members, and they might leave the church. And there is Mr. A, he is a fine fellow and always helps when we need him, and at the windup of the year's work we can always depend on him; and if we should lose him it would hurt us financially." "What will it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" If you who preach the divinity of Christ are not willing to take the stand against that same voice that has come ringing down the hills of time, saying that Christ is not divine, what will be your crime or what will be the difference with all the enlightenment, knowledge and history that we have to support such a voice? Would it not be crucifying him afresh and putting him to an open shame, and would not the mob rise up and condemn us in the day of judgment, and

would it hurt the mission work in the heathen lands? When you look at it from a Christian standpoint you cannot support Mr. Taft, who is a Unitarian, without throwing reflections on the divinity of Christ. II Peter 2, 1-2: "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that brought them and bring upon themselves swift destruction and many shall follow their pernicious ways by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." I John 5, 10: "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God hath made him a liar because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son." I was talking to one of my friends the other day and he told me that he heard one of the preachers of this city say that he was personally acquainted with Bryan and knew that he was a good Christian, and that he knew Taft and thought he was a good Christian. Now, this preacher ought to have known that Mr. Taft is a Unitarian. I am surprised when I remember that in 1896 some of the preachers took the stump against the money question, but in 1908 I have not heard of their taking the stump for the divinity of Christ. In vain do they teach for doctrine the commandments of men. The divinity of Christ is above everything in the Bible and if we lose our appreciation for it we may expect the hand of God to strike this nation. We will just as surely reap national sins as we will individual sins. Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap. Hear what Rev. H. C. Morrison, who is not ashamed to defend the divinity of Christ, says in an editorial in the Pentecostal Herald, Louisville, Ky.: "Well is it necessary that we should especially believe in Christ?" said a man to a friend of mine a few days ago. "If we accept His teachings and follow His precepts I do not see that it matters so much what our attitude is toward Christ himself." And thus men would seek to separate Christ from His word and speak in high praise of His beautiful character and His unparalleled teaching, but refuse to trust in and worship Him. Christ is the only name given in earth or among men where by we may be saved. If ye love me, keep my commandments." We cannot separate Christ and His precepts and doctrine. The devil and his followers seem to have broken out afresh in violence against Christ. The pride and culture of the times despise the blood atonement and spurns the Man who bore our sins in His own body on the tree. Let the true soldier of our Lord rally around the cross as never before. "He shall reign until he hath put all enemies under his feet." The real Christian believes in Christ, His Godhead, and atonement of His blood, and trusts in Him for salvation, worships Him and crowns Him Lord of all."

Then again, he writes an editorial headed, "A Crisis in our History." "It will be generally admitted by thoughtful people everywhere that we have on our hands some serious national problems. Among them we might mention the great trust problem, the labor problem, the emigration problem, the negro problem, and the criminal problem. These now claim the attention of the ablest statesmen; they claim the attention of every thoughtful citizen. Can we settle these problems without divine guidance? Can we afford to put the helm of the ship of state in the hands of a man whom we cannot regard as a Christian? Can we confide the destinies of our loved country in these troublous times to the hands of a man who denies the Deity of our Redeemer? It is not worth while for political bosses to snarl, browbeat and abuse; ministers of the gospel are just as good citizens as the ward keepers. They pay taxes, they have a right to speak out when they believe the welfare of the country is in danger. We cannot ignore God and escape his displeasure, and if we reject the Son we reject the Father also. A letter from Washington, D. C., July 31st, to one of the daily papers contains the following: "Unitarians teach today what the deists, such as Tom Paine, taught a century ago. Unitarians are no more Christians than are agnostics. Thousands of people throughout the country understand this and they will no more vote for Judge Taft, who is a Unitarian, than they would have voted for Colonel Ingersoll." This statement privately made by the rector of one of Washington's leading churches, reflects sentiments that are now being heard on every side. The religion of Judge Taft promises to become a campaign issue of considerable magnitude. The same correspondent tells us Mr. Taft's pastor, one Dr. Pierce, was a Baptist pastor, but he read Darwin and Huxley, changed his views, and went to the Unitarians. Poor fellow! No doubt he is in the proper place for a man who has given up faith in the word and Son of God. We cannot understand why a club of Unitarians should call themselves a church. The true church is the bride of Christ, but those deluded people reject Christ. Why should they call their organization a church?—church of what? Rev. Mr. Wimberly, in a recent excellent article on the "Logic of Unitarianism" which appeared in this paper, gives us from an article on Unitarianism in a standard encyclopedia the following paragraph; read it again: "It will of course be understood that the Unitarians of all shades and opinions are agreed in rejecting the entire orthodox scheme, including the doctrine

of the Trinity, the vicarious atonement, the deity of Christ, original sin, and everlasting punishment, as both unscriptural and irrational." This man Pierce who gave up the doctrine of the Bible for the vagaries of Darwin and Huxley and turned like the dog to his vomit, thinks he is quite brilliant and witty when he says: "The Unitarian church does not ask a man his religion any more than it asks his politics. It is a church of freedom." The American people will not appreciate this poor back-slidden Baptist preacher's jesting over so serious a matter. The correspondent further tells us that some of Mr. Taft's friends are inclined to be alarmed by these attacks which are constantly becoming more frequent. Reports have been received here that evangelists in various sections of the country have denounced Taft for his religious view and urged their hearers not to vote for him. Thank God, the Christian men of the nation are becoming aroused. This would be a good time to teach political parties to consider the religious faith and wishes of the Christian manhood of the nation when they nominate candidates. Keep the ball rolling."

We should make our calling and election sure, for Christ says, "Straight is the gate and narrow is the way, and few there be that find it." Mark 14, 38: "Watch ye and pray lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready but the flesh is weak." Heb. 3, 12: "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." Eph. 6, 6: "Not with eye service as men please, but as servants of Christ doing the will of God from the heart. Eph. 6, 12-13: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the power of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take heed unto you the whole armor of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day and having done all, to stand."

Heb. 12, 24-25: "And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better things than that of Abel. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh; for if they escaped not who refused him that speaketh on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven. No one need fear to defend the divinity of Christ against the Unitarian belief, for according to the New Testament he is an anti-Christ. Christ himself said that he was the Son of God, and in this doctrine they rise up and tell Christ that he is false. How can any man that expects to be saved through the atoning blood of Christ support such a man, for the scripture says, he that bid him God speed partaketh of his evil deeds. And with the enlightenment of the age and the knowledge of the twentieth century dawning upon us, I have no more hope for them than I have for the mob that crucified Christ.

If the so-called Christian people can support a man who is a Unitarian, it certainly will show that the hearts of the people are retrograde and it points to the downfall of this nation, when I hear some of them say that it makes no difference, I think about Ahab, prophets, II Chron. 19-21: "And the Lord said, who will entice Ahab, King of Israel, that he may go and fall at Ramoth-lead; and one spake saying, after this manner, and another saying after this manner. Then there came out a spirit and stood before the Lord and said, I will entice him, and the Lord said unto him, wherewith? And he said, I will go and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets, and the Lord said, Thou shalt entice him and thou shalt also prevail, go out and do even so." Now, who will be Ahab's prophets? Let us consider Heb. 10, 29: "Of how much sorer punishment suppose ye shall he be thought worthy who hath trodden under foot, the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing and hath done despite unto the spirit of grace," and also Heb. 10, 26: "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin."

Finally, brethren, let us consider that the Lord does not look upon sin with any degree of allowance. So now is the time for you to consider whether you think more of the divinity of Christ or your party affiliations. The divinity of Christ is the most sacred thing in the New Testament, and what shall ye do with Jesus, which is called Christ?

Yours for the upholding of the divinity of Christ,

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### OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

New York Justice Adopts Unique Method of Settling Wage Dispute.

Judge Joseph Morchauer, Justice of the Supreme court of New York, prominent in the public eye at present because of his recent decision in connection with the notorious Harry Thaw, which prevented that degenerate from securing his freedom on technical grounds, handed down a decision on April 20th, which will write his name prominently in the judicial history of our country.

The union motormen and conductors employed on the Yonkers electric car system believed that they were entitled to an advance in wages, but as the road was in the hands of a receiver they were unable to proceed as could be done under ordinary circumstances, as a receiver is but an officer appointed by the court. They were therefore obliged to take their case before the court, Judge Morchauer being on the bench. The receiver, Mr. Leslie Sutherland, and his attorney, were present, while the street car employees were represented by their unions committee.

As the hearing progressed it developed that the receiver was not unfavorable to granting an advance, but was powerless to do so as an officer of the court. It was at this point that Judge Morchauer took an advanced step and established a precedent which indicated his knowledge of existing industrial conditions and the standing which trades unions should have before the New York courts.

The receiver was instructed by the court to allow the union's committee to examine the company's books and secure all figures and statements in connection with the road's operations after which he made the union a party to the proceedings, and adjourned the case until June 15th, at which time, should the financial statements show that there was sufficient income, and the receiver and union were satisfied with an advance in wages could be paid from the road's receipts, the court would issue an order placing the advance in wage rate in effect.

This is the first instance where a justice of a Supreme court has given organized workmen the right to be represented by their union in court proceedings, and through their union to have the power of examining the books of a corporation in the hands of a receiver.

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