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Where Are They?

Two or three of my readers have objected to "Good News" as the name of this paper on the ground that there were already too many papers of that name in the country. But so far nobody has told me where they are. Having been in close touch with the newspaper business for many years, it seems that I ought to know at least as much as the average man about what papers are being published, and I have to confess that I do not at present know of a single paper anywhere called "Good News"—except this one. If any of my readers know of another one they will do me a big favor by sending me its address or the name and address of its publisher.

Free For All.

It is my purpose to discuss these prophecy questions from the standpoint of the ordinary man-of-the-world. Some writers get so much spiritual enthusiasm mixed up with their arguments that the world regards them as "religious fanatics" and pays no attention to what they say. But that can't be charged against me. Personally, I do not claim to be any sort of a saint. I am just an ordinary sinful mortal without any religious frills on me at all. I don't claim any superior gifts or revelations of any kind. The things I am telling you in this paper are not revealed to me in any miraculous way. They are simply right there in the Bible, and so plain that it don't take any spiritual eye-sight to see them. I am not coming to you as a sanctified saint and boasting of my superior goodness. I am only telling you as man to man that these things look to me mighty much like they are TRUE; and if they ARE true, it is high time for all of us poor devils to be doing some mighty serious thinking.

The doctrine of "the restitution of all things" and the Millennial Reign occupies more space in the prophetic books of the Bible than any other one subject. And yet nearly all the popular creeds are entirely ignorant of it. And of all the thousands of religious papers published, not one that I know of gives this great subject any prominence. The people are hungry for something to read along this line. It is a rich field to work in, and Good News stands practically alone in this field, therefore the possibilities of growth are enormous. Be a missionary, and help me put it in every home.

MODERN INVENTIONS.

Did you ever stop to think how very strange it is that the world should have gone on for full six thousand years without making but very little progress in the lines of invention and discovery, and then all at once burst out in such a blinding glare of smartness as we see around us today?

With the exception of printing and steam, which date a little farther back, practically everything we speak of as modern inventions or discoveries have come to us inside of the last fifty years. The world's way of living fifty years ago was not much different from what it was five or six thousand years ago. During all that time there was no marked advance along any line of invention or discovery. But just about the time the six thousand years ended and we started on the seventh, you notice how the pace began to quicken. Things never dreamed of before came crowding right on the heels of each other until now we live in a different world. Make out a list of the great inventions that were in use before 1872, and it will be a mighty short list. Then go ahead and make out another list containing the great inventions and discoveries that have come into use since 1872. Your second list will contain, among other things, the following:

Electric lights,
Electric power,
Telephone,
Wireless telegraph,
Phonograph,
Automobile,
Typewriter,
Type-setting machine,
Web printing press,
Daily Newspaper,
Moving pictures,
X-Ray,
Submarine,
Flying-machine,

and many others too numerous to mention. Imagine the world suddenly deprived of all these things and set back where it was 45 or 50 years ago! It would be hard getting along, wouldn't it? And yet our ancestors got along for six thousand years and probably thought they were doing well enough.

Can you give any good reason why these things didn't start away back yonder and come in gradually? Did the people have no inventive minds among them, or what was the matter? I'll tell you why. It just wasn't in God's Plan for these things to be until the "time of the end." They COULDN'T have come sooner. And when the right TIME rolled around they came in a hurry.

And yet their coming has been gradual enough so that we considered it a very natural process. If these things had dropped down from heaven all in one day we would have called it a miracle. And it would have been. But it is no less a miracle as it is. The hand of God is in it, and He has allowed men to make these things just at this time for a wise purpose. They are being gotten ready to be used through the glorious Millennial Age for the comfort and blessing of the whole race. And even greater wonders that we can't even dream of now will be added, until it will indeed be a paradise on earth. Everything will be done by machinery, and ALL THE PEOPLE will get the benefit of the leisure thus afforded. There will be no more millionaires nor paupers. Every body will have plenty and nobody too much. Good roads will be everywhere, and every family will have its automobile and plenty of time to ride in it. No more slaving from dawn till dark to squeeze out a bare existence. The wildest dreams of Socialism will all be true, and then some.

But now here is the vital point of it all that I want you to remember. These great Millennial blessings cannot come to their full ripeness until the devil is chained. As long as he is loose in the world he will only use these modern inventions to make more trouble. We all know it has been that way so far. The labor-saving inventions have made it harder instead of easier for the masses to get a living. God permitted these modern inventions to come right in the last years of the devil's rule over the earth in order to give man an object-lesson in how the devil can turn a blessing into a curse. But pretty soon the devil must go down into the pit, chained and helpless, so that he cannot deceive the nations any more or a thousand years. Then the spirit of righteousness will rule the earth and these modern inventions will come into their own as agencies of comfort and blessing for the human race.

One man to whom I have talked expressed a peculiar misgiving about the success of my present undertaking. He was afraid I couldn't find enough to say along these lines to fill my paper every month. Which shows how little he knew about the magnitude of the subject. Instead of being short of something to say, there is always more than I can find room for. Yes sir, this is a great big subject, and it will grow steadily bigger as the stream of events rushes along.

They Will Die Hard.

Of course all this talk about the nations falling and a new and righteous government being set up over them is not going to be very welcome news to the statesmen, big political leaders and captains of industry who have been cutting such a wide swath in the affairs of earth and having such great wealth and power. They are going to fight this thing to the very last. While many of them are members of the church and say long prayers and pretend to be mighty good Christians, they don't think Christ has got any right to meddle in their affairs here. They want Him to stay up in the skies and be a sort of imaginary God that they can scare the poor folks with, but which they are not afraid of themselves.

That's why we have come to have so much of this "sky" business in the religious teachings of today. The men of influence, who have been able to direct the world's thinking, have wanted God kept away from the earth as much as possible. And so they have taught the people that God was a "sky" God and that the Bible was a "sky" book, and that neither of them had anything to do with the affairs of this earth. At least not for several million years yet.

Oh, my, what a jolt is in store for such people! Their time has come right now, and they don't know it, poor fools.

Since Good News started out to tell the world about the glorious New Age that is now about due to begin, I see that other papers are taking it up. A writer in The Union Republican, Winston-Salem, N. C., has a very good article on the subject. That's right! Let everybody join in on the chorus till the whole world hears and believes.

In speaking of the fall of the nations now going on, I don't mean to convey the idea that every nation will be entirely wiped out. Many of them will remain here in name, but they will be weakened and humbled and made willing to bow to the rule of righteousness. When the other world-powers — Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome—were in their glory, they didn't utterly destroy every other nation, but they merely issued orders and all the others had to obey. It will be the same way in the coming New Age, only the Ruling Power will be the actual Kingdom of Christ on earth.