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"DESTROY" vs. "PUT AWAY"

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.—I John 3:8.

Here we see that the Son of God is going to DESTROY all the works of the devil. That will include death and sin and every evil thing that we know, and if there were such a place as the orthodox hell it would include that, too.

We used to hear it called the "bad place," and if it is bad it certainly is one of the devil's jobs and is to be destroyed. And if all the works of the devil are destroyed it will remove every bad thing out of the whole universe. There could not be a "bad place," and there could not be any sinners to suffer in it, because as long as there is one sinner still living in an orthodox hell there still remains some of the devil's works, and the Son of God would have to acknowledge that he had failed to do what he said he was going to do.

Have you got such little confidence in Jesus that you think he is going to fail in the main thing that he set out to do? If that's all you know about Jesus and his power to do things I am afraid you are a mighty poor Christian.

No, he is not going to fail. He is going to destroy all the works of the devil. AND WHEN HE SAYS DESTROY HE MEANS DESTROY—he does not mean sweeping them up in a corner and letting them lie there and stink throughout endless eternity. God does not do that sort of house-cleaning. When God sees something lying around in his way that he's got no use for—something that is ugly and repulsive and evil and never can be any benefit to anybody, he does not set aside one big section of his universe to hold all that useless junk. He just blots it out of existence, and that's the way the Son of God is going to destroy the devil and all his works.

That's what the Book says, and I'm fool enough to believe it. But all the big orthodox preachers come along and tell me that the Bible has got it wrong. They say that sin and evil and all the works of the devil are going to exist right on and on, and that the Son of God never had any notion of doing what he said he was going to do.

I came across something in my reading the other day that was so funny I just had to bust out and laugh. I was reading a sermon on this very same text by one of the big Eternal Torment pop-guns, and I want to show you how he fixed it. He

began by quoting the text, "For this purpose was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil," and after going through a great long rigamarole in which he tried his best to twist all the meaning out of the text, he wound up by saying, "And Satan himself will be banished—he will be PUT AWAY; every sinner will have been PUT AWAY."

Now don't that cap the stack? Bless my gizzard! PUT AWAY! The text does not say a word about putting anything away. It says all the evil things will be DESTROYED. Imagine God saying to some of the angels, "Here, you angels, come and gather up all this nastiness that the devil has smeared over my universe. Gather up every scrap of filth and nastiness you can find and put it away carefully in the cellar, because I might need it some time."

My sakes alive! It must take nerve to be an orthodox preacher and dispute God's word like that! It's a wonder to me that God don't thunder-strike every one of them.

TAKE YER MEDICINE.

I could easily write all the stuff that I need to fill this little paper each month, but some of these here skeery orthodox folks are afraid of what I write. They think that anything that that old crazy Pearson writes is dangerous and won't do to listen to at all. And that's why I am printing in this issue some statements by some of the big well-known and respectable "orthodox" leaders, showing that they agree with me on the Second Coming, the Millennium, the Church, the Kingdom, and so forth. I am going to put these fraid-cats in a position where if they reject me they will also have to reject some of their own big guns. The trouble with the great bulk of the orthodox people is that they are terribly narrow and terribly ignorant. They don't read and think enough to even find out what their own intelligent leaders are believing and teaching.

Some of the statements of doctrine that I am printing from these big orthodox leaders will be a terrible shock to the little one-horse stand-patters, but they needn't to jump onto me about it. They will have to go and raise cane with their own leaders for agreeing with that old fool Pearson about these things.

A SAMPLE OF IGNORANCE.

In turning the pages of a big agricultural monthly, my eye happened to catch the following "gem" from the inspired pen of some ignorant female scribbler:

"The Bolsheviks and the bomb-throwers are of a class so many centuries crushed and down-trodden that about all the sense they have left is that of animal at bay. They snap at friend and foe alike. God pity them and give them light."

Great spoons! If that ain't a June-sweetener of a sentiment I just want you to hush, as Tom Watts says. Here we have a fair sample of the pitiful ignorance so common among the people. They try to discuss and settle the great world problems when they don't actually know enough to lead a blind goose to water. This writer admits that the Bolsheviks and bomb-throwers belong to the oppressed and down-trodden class, and she admits that the oppression and injustice that these people have had to suffer is the cause of their being Bolsheviks and bomb-throwers to-day. Then she bitterly condemns these unfortunate people for being like they are, but nary word does she say against the oppressors who have made them so. Whenever one man is oppressed, it is a clear case that some other man is doing the oppressing. And if the oppressing causes the man who is being oppressed to degenerate into a brute, then I want you to look me in the eye and tell me who is to blame for it. You know very well that the man who does the oppressing and persecuting is the guilty man. But we mustn't say a word against our darling plutocrats who grind the poor under their iron heels. Oh, no! They are nice little winged angels, and they must be allowed to go on with their nice little game of putting the poor into the hoppers of their oppression mills and grinding out more Bolsheviks. And then we must cuss Bolshevik for being what the oppressor's mill has made him. Just as if he could help it. You can be very certain that all the oppressed people in the world would be mighty glad to escape being oppressed—and thus escape being made into Bolsheviks—if they could. The trouble is that these unfortunate oppressed people are right now trying to escape from their awful fate—in the only way the poor things know—and that's why they are Bolsheviks and bomb-throwers. If they would just lie still and take all the abuse that their oppressors could pile upon them—then they would be the nicest sort of little slaves.

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Oh, my, but this old world full of people is a jim-dandy aggregation of half-witted fools, anyhow.

ROCKY ROAD YET.

If there has ever been a mess in this world, all that business at Paris is a mess. Oh, we were just going to make out the terms and show Germany the dotted line, and Germany would have nothing else to do but sign. Germany would not be allowed to open her mouth in protest, and she would not be given any chance to have the terms changed—not nary little bit. But I reckon you know what happened. Germany refused to sign, and then we begun to sorter crawl down off our high hosses and invited the Germans into a further parley about what sort of terms they WOULD be willing to sign. And I predict that when the Peace Treaty is finally signed (if it ever is) all them terrible teeth that were first put in it will be pulled out, and Germany won't be half as badly whipped as we heard she was. And then there is the Republican Majority at Washington raising all kinds of Cain about it. It looks to me like the man-made millennium has still got several bad kinks in its backbone.

DOUBLE SECURITY, HUH?

I want to show you right here how weak and inconsistent the plans of even the greatest men are. We are to have a League of Nations, which as we have been told a thousand times, will entirely prevent war in the future. It will just simply make war impossible. But, in the very next breath, France wants an ADDITIONAL guarantee. Having got a League of Nations that will positively make war impossible, France now demands a PRIVATE ALLIANCE with Great Britain and the United States to make her safe in case there SHOULD be war. Can't you see that France's eagerness for an alliance is a confession that she has no confidence in the League?