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"THE BOOK NOBODY KNOWS"

Under the above caption Bruce Barton has written a book on the Bible which probably many have read with interest and then gone on neglecting reading the Bible as they had done before. At least one reason why the world today is in the condition it is, is because of the neglect of the Bible by mankind. If people would read it and conform their lives to its teachings, most of their problems would be solved.

It is our intention to give a series of short articles each week on this, the most neglected yet the most needful book ever published. We give the first on this page. Please read it. If you have a Bible take it down from the shelf, dust it and open its pages. You may not find the long lost keepsake, but you will find on its pages something of far more value. Read each of the articles as we publish them.

If you do not have a copy of the Bible or New Testament, see us. We have lately made arrangements with the American Bible Society by which we will be glad to furnish any one with Testaments and Bibles at actual cost of printing them.

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

By DANIEL A. POLING

What is the Bible?

It is inspired common sense. The humblest man reads it because it meets his various needs; it appeals to his sound judgment; it is reasonable.

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It is common sense adapted to every walk of life. It not only has a ministry for gladness and for sorrow, but it speaks with equal felicity to the tradesman and to the banker, to the man who runs the elevator and to the most brilliant passenger he carries. And in all particulars its effectiveness has not diminished since its first edition came from the press. Human publications have their day and become obsolete; but God's Word is like himself,—"the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Open Forum

MORE EGGS

About a year ago I went to the guinea nest to get the eggs and finding a real large egg I thought it was a two yolk egg as I had found hen eggs, but when I broke it, I found one egg inside besides the white and yolk—another hard shelled egg just the size of other guinea eggs. Later I was telling one of my brothers about it and he listened till I finished and pulled his pocket knife out and said here you've got the knife. I really didn't know what he meant till he told me the joke about two little boys finding a knife, each one saying he saw it first so they decided to see which one could tell the biggest lie to get it, and a preacher happened to come by and ask what they were doing and when they told him he said boys, that is wrong, I never told a lie; and the boys said, here the knife is yours; so I understood why he gave me the knife; he wanted to make me think he didn't believe it.

—Mrs. T. Y. Puryear.

TO OPEN OWN SHOP

Mrs. Louise Hales Parker, popular operator at the Zebulon Beauty Shop for many months, will shortly open a shop of her own in Middlesex. Mrs. Parker has many friends in Zebulon who will miss her, while wishing for her success in her new venture. This will be the first beauty shop in Middlesex.

HAWAIIAN TEACHERS LTD. TO OPEN STUDIO HERE

Hawaiian Teachers, Ltd., will open a music studio in Zebulon at an early date.

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Mrs. Kathleen Lee, A. B., M. M., will teach the class being formed in Zebulon. She is conducting classes in Wendell, Goldsboro, Smithfield, and Clayton. Mrs. Lee is popular with her pupils, who enjoy every lesson. Many are being heard over Raleigh, Wilson and Rocky Mt., radio stations.

But how inadequate would be any statement failing to emphasize the intimate and affectionate place of the Bible in the soul of man! There are many who seem to see only its severe passages; but preeminently the Bible is a love letter—God's love letter. The Bible is God's Word; and because God is different from every other father, so His Letter is different from every other parental epistle.

The Bible is God's Word about Himself. It tells us who and what He is. It describes His purpose and explains His plan. No man can ever find the fullness of knowledge of God who does not search the Scriptures.

The Bible is God's Word about His supreme creation. If man would know himself, he must know the book that Tyndale died to open. You may dispute with the biologists of many schools, but with them all you will find yourself at last quoting the textbook that declares, "In the beginning, God . . ."

The Bible, alone of all the books opened to human thought, dares chart the course for both the body and the soul from the beginning to the end and into the beyond. It alone tells us whence and how and why we came, and whither we go.

And because the Bible does reveal God; because it does explain man, his creation, his rise, his fall, his struggles, and his destiny; because it does introduce and interpret Jesus Christ, man's only sufficient Saviour,—the Bible is and ever shall be the Book for the Ages.

And now you will allow me, I am sure, a personal testimony.

I found its pages, first, wet from the tears of my mother. I took it from her tender hands. In the morning long ago, when I saw its worn volume opened upon her low chair behind the stove of our humble cottage, it seemed to bear upon its silent face a gracious calm; and in a later year, upon distant field of war, when I read its message to a lad whose body held a dozen wounds and whose heart as many hurts, it had still a voice of comfort and assurance.

Always associated with it are the strong and reverent words of my father,—"Never have I turned to it in vain." It has been for me the book of the valley of sorrow and death, the book to answer my questions, to solve my deepest problems, to stimulate my ambitions, to feed my heart, to satisfy my mind, and to challenge my soul. It has never failed, and it is forever rich and new.

Let me honor it, then; honor it and myself by giving it the central place of my library; honoring it with the obeisance of a mind that acknowledges and salutes its exquisite beauty, that draws upon its infinite wisdom, and that bows down before its divine inspiration. Ah, and let me honor it beyond all words and all sentiments,—honor it by giving to it the central place of my life and by making it the guide of my daily living.

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PLEASANT HILL NEWS

Week before last on Wednesday night Mrs. O. N. Phillips was surprised to find supper on a table in the yard in picnic style in honor of her birthday when she returned from Wendell. All her children prepared supper and were present to enjoy it with their mother.

Lots of farmers haven't gotten their cotton out yet! some picking peas; working tobacco; everyone busy.

In the column This, That and the Other, Mrs. Davis did not tell us what to do when we are using the last flour in the house and make our biscuit dough too soft. I guess we are all about alike—take a little corn meal to finish and it makes the biscuit short if we have to use much.

POWER HAY BALE

Have you seen E. O. P. power hay baler? It operates a tractor and turns out a bale in a minute. It keeps seven men operating it, and compresses hay into one-fifth the space occupied by stacked hay. It "cans" the hay so it holds its value better.