

THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures

by **BRUCE BARTON**

TEN GREAT MEN

TEN thousand ministers of all religious denominations were asked to name the ten greatest men in the Bible. It was not intended to include the name of Jesus Christ, but still His name led many lists and would of course, have stood first in all.



Bruce Barton

The second name in order of the number of votes is that of St. Paul; the next is Moses, and the third, David. These are in practically all the lists. After these three the vote is more evenly distributed. The total number of men named is sixty, and some of those that have the smallest number of votes are accompanied by the best reasons for inclusion. From this notable list we select the following names, not in the order of their plurality but in chronological arrangement:

1. Adam, the first man with conscience and a knowledge of moral responsibility.
2. Noah, the man on whom at one time hung the hope of civilization.
3. Abraham, the prince of pioneers.
4. Joseph, political economist; man of vision and integrity.
5. Moses, lawgiver, creator of a nation, founder of the world's system of legislation.
6. David, shepherd, soldier, singer and king.
7. Jeremiah, most heroic of that

heroic group, the prophets.

8. Judas Maccabaeus, the ruler of a nation.

9. John the Baptist, the herald of the dawn.

10. Saint Paul, apostle, traveler, author and martyr.

The reason for the larger number of names in the Old Testament is doubtless to be explained by the longer period which it covers. The New Testament narrative, from the beginning of the ministry of Jesus until the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus, is only about forty years, whereas the Old Testament traverses many centuries.

ADAM: Whether you get your story of creation from Genesis or from Mr. Wells, the broad outlines are the same—a formless mass of matter in motion, evolving gradually into land and water, producing vegetation, and the lowest forms of life. Then higher forms, and still higher, until finally there came one amazing individual who raised himself upon his lower limbs and dared to say, "I am different from the rest."

At first he had a hard time defining the difference. He ate and drank like other animals. He reproduced his species in the same gross sensual way. The lusts of appetite ran in his veins with as hot a tide as in the beasts about him. He killed other animals and ate their raw and quivering flesh. Yet he was not like them. He walked unsteadily in an erect posture, and that was a distinction of no small significance, for it left the upper limbs free to serve the head.

(Next Week: A Garden Eastward in Eden)

'Mid Turmoil and Shouting—Happy New Year



EVERYWHERE . . . Here he is folks, the first picture of young Mr. 1935, scheduled to make his appearance on the stroke of 12 midnight next Tuesday evening. . . . He will be startled, as all young new years have been; at the turmoil and shouting, wishing all things good from him by all. Scenes; dancers gay and a New York New Year street crowd of yesterday.

Wins Poster Award



SEATTLE . . . Miss Ruth Shirley Brown, (above), is the national winner of the \$50 cash prize, awarded by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs for the best poster drawing, typifying the modern business woman.

when he challenges the "superstition that the people are truly and fully represented by elected public officials."

The direct primary, which was intended to give free expression to the popular will in the selection of candidates for office, has had, he points out, the opposite effect. It has "permanently enthroned minority rule, leaving public opinion to shift for itself."

I also agree with Dr. Butler that there is no excuse for letting immature students undertake comparative studies of despotism, democracy, republicanism, communism, nazism or fascism. Most of the wrongheaded political and social thinking today emanates from young academicians who are not dry behind the ears.

RELIGION . . . in schools

When the Protestant churches gave up their function of teaching, and yielded to the temptation to let the state support the schools, they sowed the seeds of irreligion and paganism.

Separation of church and state is a fundamental tenet of our American system; but instruction of youth in religious and moral principles does not run contrary to that ideal.

In my youth, religious instruction was an essential part of public school education. Even through high school, the daily Bible reading and hymn-singing were a part of the curriculum. I don't know how generally that has been abandoned, but I know that in the schools which millions of American children attend today there is no hint of religious training or moral guidance.

Only the Roman Catholic parochial schools and the private schools maintained under other

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OVERCOMES BAD BREATH

church auspices seem to be concerned these days about the morals of youth. The oldest of all these schools in America, founded more than three hundred years ago, happens to be under the control of the church to which I belong. I think it is the best thing we do!

YOUTH . . . the news staff

I went the other night to the semi-annual dinner of the Silurians. Its membership is limited to men who worked on any New York newspaper thirty or more years ago. I was one of the youngest present, according to the calendar, but what struck me was the youthful spirit of everybody there. Men well along in their seventies, some past eighty, most still active in newspaper work and looking forward instead of backward.

One man past eighty told me he was about to sail for Madagascar; there was a good story there, he had been told. One young fellow of 77 has just written a dozen western adventure stories for a popular magazine.

I know of no occupation that keeps men so young and compels them to keep abreast of the times like newspaper work.

And a Nervous Breakdown

"Would you mind walking the other way and not passing the 'orse?" said a London cabman with exaggerated politeness to the fat lady who had just paid a minimum fare.

"Why?" she inquired.

"Because, if 'e sees wot 'e's been carrying for a shilling, 'e'll 'ave a fit."

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THE FAMILY DOCTOR



By **JOHN JOSEPH GAINES, M.D.**

RELAX

I'm shouting to my patrons as they fly over me—as they tunnel under me—I'm screaming "RELAX." And, I mean just that.

"Lax" means loose. "Relax" means loosen. The high speed of today is killing people—shortening lives. We cannot keep up the terrific speed without disaster. They must be periods of rest. The old scriptural text, "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep," is a mighty potent five words; there is a volume of health advice embodied in what they express.

Sleep is the most perfect relaxation. The good sleeper may well be envied. I have learned by ample experience that, disaster is just around the corner for my patient, unless the insomnia can be corrected; and natural sleep is best. I need not tell you that, for you know it already.

"Tension" is the opposite of relaxation.

High tension, kept up for too long a season, undermines man's power plant—his brain. The man or woman who employs the brain continually, does a flirtation with the very worst form of breakdown that I know of. May I say it, dear reader—these days of lightning speed are deadly!

Some people do not know how to relax. With all the sincerity at my command, I beg them to learn the art of "letting go of themselves" particularly after full meals, or, when returned from the day's toil. There is every virtue in the short nap at the noon hour, if the working day is a long, busy one. To over-tax a machine wears it out before its time—bear that in mind always.

One can relax in the rocker with an interesting book or magazine. Get the habit of relaxing; it is worth many tons of drugs. This advice is worth heeding—before it is too late.

TODAY and TOMORROW

By **FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE**

ECONOMY . . . in North Carolina

The Governor of North Carolina talked in New York the other day about economy in state government. He had a right to talk about that, for North Carolina has been tightening its belt and cutting its expenditures to meet its income.

There is not a state that couldn't cut its running costs by one-third, as North Carolina has done; not a county that couldn't dispense with many expenditures which benefit nobody but tax eaters. And there isn't a single political unit in the United States that couldn't balance its budget without hardship on the taxpayers—if the politicians in control really desired to serve the people instead of feeding on them. If we ever have a revolution in

America it will be over the question of taxes, just as our Revolution against the British rule was.

TAXES . . . on sales

One of the things North Carolina did to balance its budget was to enact a sales tax. New York City has lately put a sales tax into effect. Greatly to the surprise of politicians, who predicted uprisings, the public takes to the sales tax like a duck to water.

Politicians are governed more by fear of what the voters may do to them than by any other motive. They are always afraid that people who know they are being taxed will vote them out of office.

It has been my observation that nobody objects to fair taxes honestly collected and honestly expended for proper public purposes. We object to paying taxes and getting nothing for them.

What the politicians really fear about the sales tax is their desire to waste money grows.

REPRESENTATION . . . missing

I often have disagreed with Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, but I find myself in full agreement with him