

The Christian Viewpoint

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How does God operate the world?
Why does He run it as He does?
Questions like these have concerned
the mind of man down through
the centuries.

We find how God operates the

world by observation of the way
the world runs. As to the ques-
tion of why He runs it as He does
we need revelation of truth from
heaven.

In the dark days when the treads
of Hitler's tanks were crushing the
freedom of France into the broken
bodies of the nation's people, a min-
ister friend of mine parked at a

supermarket. As he got out of his
car a man in the next car asked,
"Francher, if there is a God in hea-
ven, how can He let happen what
is happening in France?"

"I don't know what God is doing
and I don't know why," said my
friend, "but I know there is a God
in heaven, that He is still ruling, and
that He is able to make the wrath
of man to praise Him and the re-
mainder of wrath will He restrain!"

Man is free to sin. Man does sin.
Man's nature is corrupted by the

fall of man into sin. God lets man
sin, because otherwise He would
destroy man's freedom.

Then is it possible for all men
to use their freedom of will to turn
away from God and for the plan of
God to be defeated? Could the De-
vil win out over God in this world
and destroy God's plan?

The answer is no. God's plan will
triumph in the world. The reason
is that God uses His power and
grace to defeat evil. He lets wicked
men destroy themselves. He, by
grace, persuades men to turn sin to
life.

God determined to save some
men. Without destroying them free-
dom of will, He sends His Holy Spirit
to quicken life on their souls.
They then listen to truth. They want

to turn from sin. They accept God's
mercy in Christ and are forgiven.
They set out to live a Christian life.
They may sometime slip into sin,
but they are miserable until they
repent and turn back to God. These
men will be gathered by God to
glory.

God's plan will not be defeated. He
sent His son to die for the sins of
man. That atonement is sufficient
for all men. It is efficient for all
who sincerely accept it. By the
work of His Spirit, God moves mul-
titudes which no man can number
to turn to life.

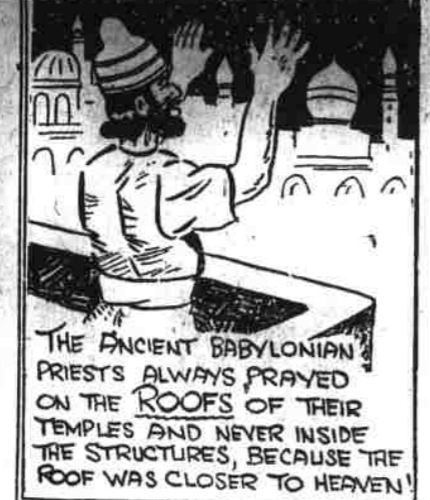
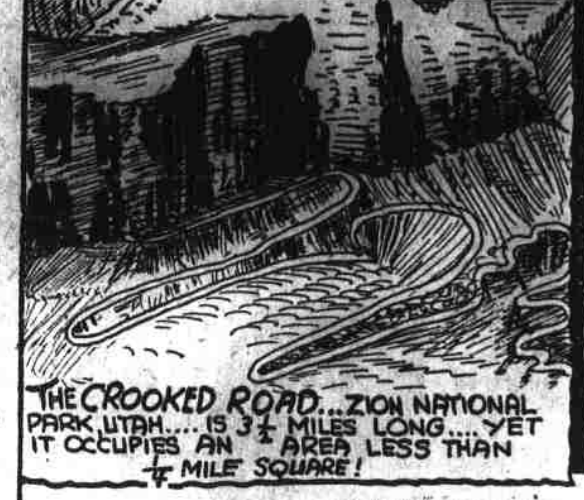
If you are a Christian today it

is because you have repented and
accepted Christ. However, do not
be proud of what you have done. Af-
ter all, it was God's Providence and
His Spirit which gave you the truth
in Christ and moved your heart to
faith. So be humbly thankful.

Tell others the way is open to
them also.

"What shall we say then? Is there
unrighteousness with God? God for-
bid. For he saith to Moses, I will
have mercy on whom I have mercy,
and I will have compassion on
whom I have compassion. So then
it is not of him that willeth, or of
him that runneth, but of God that
hath mercy." Romans 9: 14-16.

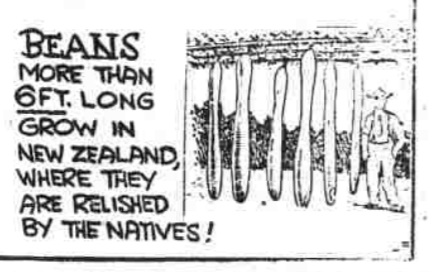
IT'S AMAZING!



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