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"I AM FROM MICHIGAN, SHOW ME."

Your Brother in Christ,

E. S. JELLEY.

# Infidels Find Their Missing Link

Almost simultaneously with the passage of Tennessee's anti-evolution law, an infidel review announces the discovery of Darwin's "missing link," the thing whose absence gave Christians the temporary privilege of still believing the Bible—but it has been found at last so let's face it!

Now that the fateful day has come we might pay a last tribute to the Bible—nay, to Bible ideals; for when the New Covenant was written European cultured society had no sense of right or decency or humanity; and when we part with the Bible we will of course part with these.

But first, let us view that terrible "Missing Link" that knocked out Moses and the prophets! Here (next page) is its likeness—at the top the real "Missing Link" (a monkey's skull), and below a lying restoration of its late countenance.

I say "lying," for it has been given purely human eyes and a hairless brow; things no monkey ever had—(a dog's eyes are much more human than a monkey's). However, as infidels have ever had a weakness for leaving truth behind, let us concede to them that this "Link" of theirs is satisfactory to them, it is, for purposes of investigation, quite satisfactory to us.

We have before us a picture which, in spite of lying exaggerations, is the likeness not of a bright young monkey but of an **IDIOT MONKEY**—look at it! I think he would like a peanut.

In common with the Psalmist I had always felt that there was a strain of idiocy in those who deny the existence or work of the Creator; not only on account of their inability to appreciate evidence but also on account of their extreme gullibility. Now, however, they admit the strain, for they have given us the picture of their ancestor or uncle.

So a little thing like a 6-year-old monkey, that is alleged to have gotten imbedded in limestone a few billion years ago, more or less, (as ciphers cost nothing we may as well be liberal with them), has finally given the Bible its knock out—who would have thought it! Wonderful victory for the young idiot!

But wait a moment; the Bible is still here and it still says:

**"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."**

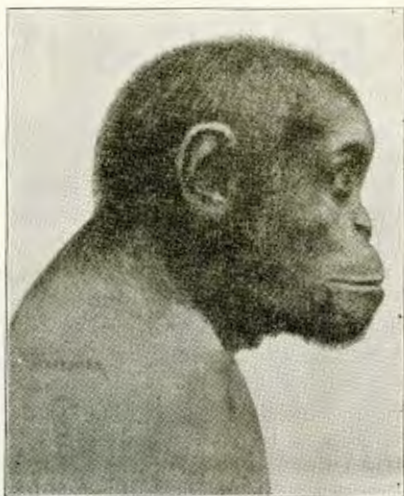
It also says:

**"IN THE IMAGE OF GOD CREATED HE HIM,"** and so far not

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\*The fool hath said in his heart, "There is no God." Corrupt are they; they have done abominable things. Psalms XIV:14.

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a single item to the contrary has yet been found except some 800 guesses of Chas. Darwin, which cost him his belief in God and hope of immortality, besides some half dozen bones, of which the above is admitted to be the best specimen. And this gas is what is used, backed up by a lot of hallooing\* to knock out the Bible, saw off the limb upon which our institutions are based, from under us, and prove to us that (contrary to the experience of all mankind† for, as they admit, vast ages) there was once a time when everything from sea-weed to monkeys, was constantly evolving and progressing upward, transmuting into other animals, until the "Missing Link" transmuted into man. Oh, Gullibility, thy double distilled essence is an infidel. And yet they say no Bible miracle could be accepted, regardless of what evidence there might be.

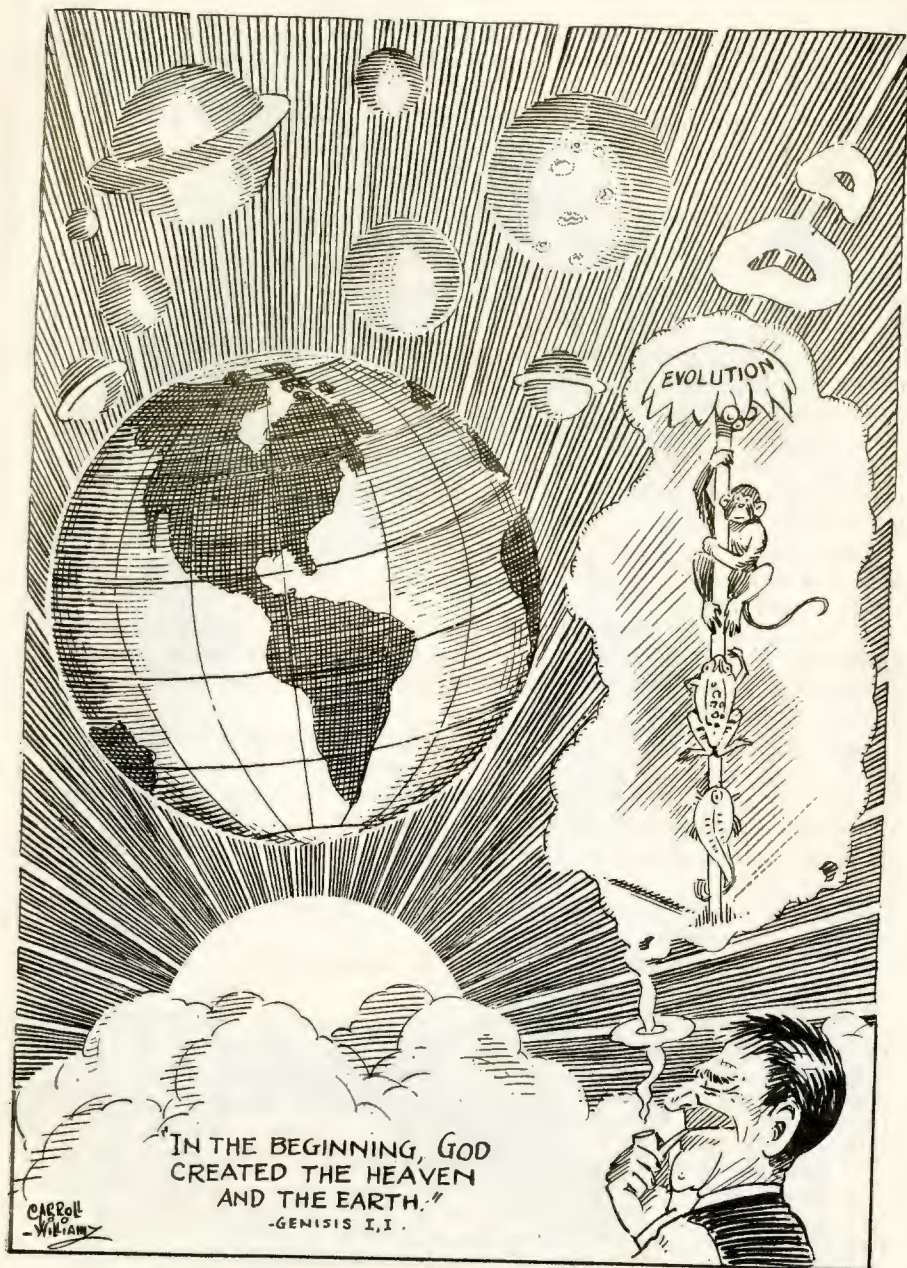
It is deplorable that our race has so far degenerated into easy-marks that it is necessary to refute so ridiculous an unsupported theory. However, "Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit," says Solomon.

So our infidel asserts that everything from single vegetable cells on, once had an upward tendency, which has since stopped. That this upward tendency was greatly helped out per "survival of the

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\*You would not bet your money on such a proposition, or invest in its stock.

†"If you are long on law and short on evidence, then ring the changes on the law; if you are long on evidence and short on law, then ring the changes on the evidence; IF YOU HAVE NEITHER LAW NOR EVIDENCE THEN MAKE A BIG HOLLER." Advice to a young lawyer.



"IN THE BEGINNING, GOD  
CREATED THE HEAVEN  
AND THE EARTH."

-GENESIS I, 1.

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fittest" in the fighting of anthropoid apes for the females. That any needed member presto! appeared, and any useless member changed and disappeared.\*

What stopped the process they say not—I should like to learn to learn it, so as to stop the course of nature in bringing forth weeds in my garden.

How the imaginary battles of burly apes (the weaker being allegedly doomed to celibacy) helped out in the evolution of intellect, they say not. Of course, when man shed his monkey-skin† and was speechless and naked, with nothing but his hands, he stood a fair chance to lose out to the gorilla—even against bone-headed humans the more intelligent had no show at all—imagine Edison pitted against his contemporary Jno. L. Sullivan in deadly bare-fisted combat for a wife!

Of course, we might account for the development of intellect by chance; probably every time there was a combat the stronger and more boneheaded were taken with sciatica and let the weaker and wiser win.

Just where the original intelligence came from, however, I am at a loss to know—presumably it just took a notion to happen, just when it got ready.

At any rate they kindly tell us where sight came from, viz., from sunburns which developed into eyes, which conveniently ranged themselves on either side of the nose, instead of on the head or the bare back.

Sex interests them, as it was, through "burly battles" and "survival of the fittest," the cause of all progress; but just how the single cell happened to come into existence or how it happened to decide to invent sex for itself is unknown.

As to needed members always appearing, it is pure bunkum—else we would all have combined fins and wings, as well as four hands and tails like monkeys for climbing—any boy will vouch for the truth of my statement.\*\*

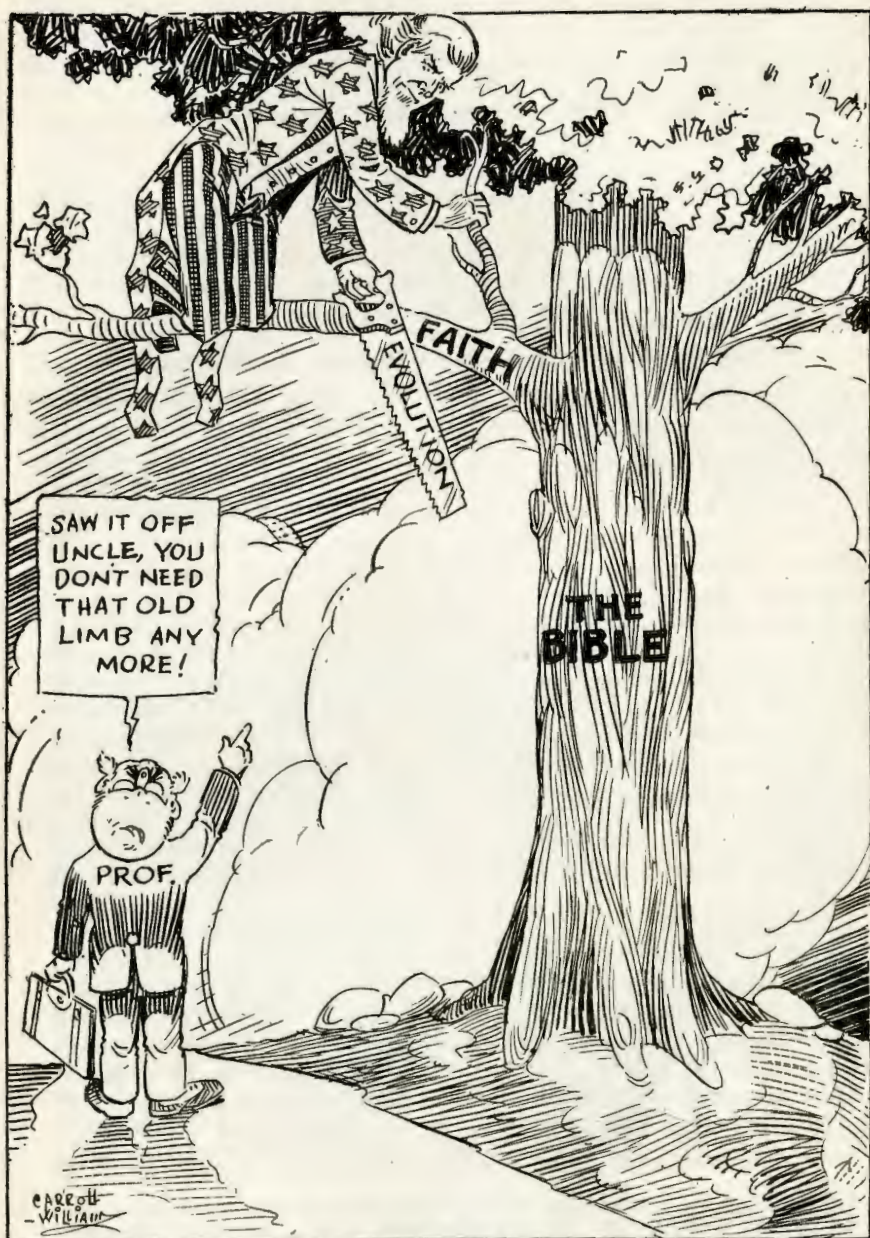
The Missing Link's brain capacity is considered to at least equal

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\*"The theory has never made good in even a single instance—take the whales, porpoises, and lung-fish—they have lungs and should leave the water for the land (to perish of hunger and heat as even a child could tell you) and in time just four warts should have appeared at the four corners, and as they hitched about the warts should have turned into legs—Come, nurse, it's bed-time!"

†I have heard of a fellow who, in pre-Volstead days, shed his clothes.

\*\*As to useless members disappearing, when I was a boy a professor had cut off the tails of 40 generations of mice, but the 41st generation had tails. After ages of razors men still have to shave. Four thousand years of circumcision has had no effect upon the Jews, and from the first daughter of Eve onward till the present every female is born provided with the mark of virginity.



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that of a gorilla—an ox has far more brains—it's the quality that counts. The professor says it is "humanoid" rather than "anthropoid"—evidently he does not know that anthropoid means "man"—or he thinks we do not know it—science!

But little things like the testimony of the Book of books, or the contrary experience of all mankind never phase an infant, an idiot, a lunatic or an infidel—like the shameless fellow who is determined to let all men know that his mother was an imbecile or a profligate, the latter class are shamelessly determined to taint their family tree; and while the facts will not bear them out "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he," so we may as well take them at their own valuation and consider them as tainted goods.

### Let Us Strike at Infidelity Wherever We See It

The infidelity found in our school books and taught in our schools is worse than whiskey—the rum seller never forcibly poured his poison down the throats of the young and immature. Yet today in this land to which the Pilgrims came to find freedom to worship God, infidels now use our tax-money to teach our children evolution, and to teach them, as history, that man has been on the earth 50,000 to 100,000 years or more, altho it contradicts the Bible and has not one line of evidence back of it—simply a few stone arrow-heads and axes of unknown age without any date stamp on them. An Ohio school book, an alleged outline history of Europe, says that YAHWEH, which it says is the right name for Jehovah, was the tribal god of some nomad Hebrews,\* and that as in the desert no one "ground the faces of the poor." In time these nomads came to think that yahweh disapproved of the oppression in the cities, and hence he got the reputation of being the God of justice. So THIS is our boasted freedom! And remember, Brother Christian, that you are responsible before God for this use of your money unless you resist with all your power even to imprisonment and blood.

Now, we very well know that this infidelity does not represent a tenth of the public—it is simply taught by usurpation worse than King George III's and sufferance. IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN, APPLY THE REMEDY. Whenever an infidel article is published in your paper or magazine write a protest—if it is an evolutionary article write the editor or publisher that he ought to be ashamed that he is a confessed brute. And be sure to write to your members of the legislature calling for action to prohibit the teaching of evolution and also the use of alleged histories which teach things

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\*A manifest lie—there has never been a nomad Jew since Israel entered Canaan from Egypt. As for YAHWEH, it is a late invention—YEH-OVAH is the pronunciation indicated by the Hebrew vowel points, and it is not true that they are absolutely the same as those of ADONAI at all times.

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as history of which there is no record and which are alleged to have occurred before the Bible account of Adam's formation. Remember B. C. 776 (the 1st Olympiad) is the Dawn of History outside of the Bible. Also write them a protest against the silly books which the children are compelled to read to improve (!!!) their minds.

As we sow so must we reap! and there is going to be a terrible reaping, unless we stand up like men and combat the present poison before it is too late.

As Darwinians and other evolutionists are confessedly tainted, the remedy is to exclude them from polite society. Suppose for instance the principal of your school should boast of being descended from a brutal negro murderer, you would not let him teach your children another day, and you would K. K. K. him out of the community. And if he were to tell your daughter that she was similarly descended, no insurance company would insure his life. But when he boasts of descent from burly killer-brutes for ages, why do you ignore it and permit him to teach your sons and daughters that they are likewise tainted? Where is your manhood!

### A Voice From the Past

"Infidelity is now, both in Germany and elsewhere, especially FOND OF VAUNTING ITSELF AS BEING 'SCIENCE' PAR EXCELLENCE—Unbelief is fighting against Christ, rejects the truth and in rejecting the truth contradicts science."—Theodore Christlieb in Preface to MODERN DOUBT AND CHRISTIAN BELIEF, Bonn, 1874. "If a man is nothing but a beast without a future, and organized merely for the full enjoyment of his present existence, then all that we have hitherto stupidly considered to be virtue, is only a sin against our destiny! Justice, duty, honor, self-sacrifice, compassion, etc., are morbid secretions of certain diseased lobes of the brain. What is my fellow-man to me? To subject and tyrannize all others is the only aim which reasonable man can pursue. Such maxims carried into practice would render society a mere congeries of atoms."—Christlieb, Lecture III.

That the above is not an exaggeration of the principles of infidelity is borne out by much that I have heard and read from the tongues and pens of infidels. One of the books of the "Standard Socialist Library" of infidel and evolutionist books is Engles' "Origin of the Family," from Carl Marx' notes—it endeavors to show that marriage, like abstinence from incest is just a modern custom no more sacred than any other—it cites the incest of horses and an alleged tribe of savages.

Finally the idea that man is a brute did permeate Germany, and what were the lives of a few million brutes when they stood in the way of German glory?—so they slew them without compunction,

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and remembering themselves to be brutes they too acted brutally—some of the Allies were tainted with the same infidelity.

### **Infidel Evolutionists Would Abolish the Principles of Humanity.**

“Human Scrubs Outbreed Select Stock, He Claims.

“Columbus, March 20.—Dr. R. G. Hoskins, head of the Department of Physiology, Ohio State University, today sounded the warning that ‘human scrubs are outbreeding the select stock.’

“‘Such breeding,’ Dr. Hoskins declared in the convocation address at the quarterly commencement at the university, at which degrees and certificates were granted to 132 students, ‘means degeneration of the whole group.’

“‘Man,’ he asserted ‘has largely tied nature’s hands in the matter of dealing with the unfit, by abolishing famine, ravaging beasts and pestilences.’

“‘He even spends largely of his means,’ Dr. Hoskins went on, ‘for special institutions for the preservation of the unfit.’”—Portsmouth (Ohio) Sunday, April 21, 1925, Associated Press Dispatch. (Workmen beware—the Evolutionists will yet herd you and shoot you down at their pleasure as the aristocracy used to do in France.)

### **The Relation of Geology to the Bible.**

The astronomy of the past and present centuries is a science. While it has its theories it never teaches them as facts. Astronomy in no point contradicts the Bible, altho the Bible deals freely with the heavens.

Geology, so-called, however, deals with both facts and theories. Its facts are generally reliable, backed up with mineral and fossil evidences. But unfortunately of late many infidels have taken to geology and are busy teaching Darwin’s theory or similar as if it were a fact.

Now a Christian cannot afford to say the world is flat, or otherwise try to make the Bible responsible for vain opinions which it never taught. Let us stand up for Gen. 1, but not for the pre-Columbus idea of it. Mastodons and ichthyosaria and dinosauria certainly roamed about the earth ages ago, no remains of man being found among them. This agrees rather than conflicts with Genesis, which says that the earth and sky were created before the 6 days work. The first verse says, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”—it does not say when, and the 2nd verse shows the earth existing but shapeless, empty and submerged, covered with darkness; after which God in 6 days fitted it for human habitation. Devout geologists reading the handwriting of God in the rocks believe that God used the Glacial Age to plow up the rocks and make soil, and that it likewise denuded the earth of all former life and submerged it.

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The 6 days were days, not periods—there is nothing in the rocks or in the Bible which requires 6 periods subsequent to the original creation, and Genesis says: “And it was evening, and it was morning, ONE day.”—Gen. 1:5 (Hebrew). The rocks do not contain any stratum showing a period in which light (cosmic, not sunlight) was coming on for a million years or so, nor another in which an expanse (firmament) was forming, nor again one in which the sun and moon were forming; while the periods are likewise imaginary. The period theory is simply a bungling attempt of devout ignorance to apologize for the Bible, which needs no apologies.

### **Fanciful Periods of Geologists.**

That the earth may be trillions of years old I have no desire to deny—the Bible is silent—it only gives the age of man and the present order of animal and vegetable life. So when a geologist says that a certain rock is so many thousand years old, he is just as likely to underestimate its age as to overestimate it. Still there is a possibility that he has not read the process rightly. The glacial ice pack has pulverized many rocks and made them into rounded stones and pebbles and sand in a few days’ time, which have been ascribed to ages of wear and tear of rivers. So likewise, the work of thousands of degrees of heat may be nearly instantaneous. Limestone rock may have taken ages to form from lime-water—I presume, however, that the lime-water formed from the rocks instead—probably God originally formed the crystalline rocks as they now are.

The presence, then, of fossil organic matter is the only evidence of the age of rocks, and it is true that it occurs mixed up in limestone. For instance, I burned a piece of Montgomery county, O., limestone and found it full of marine fossils. However, it was not crystalized limestone, and the glacial grinding process together with the pressure of a mile or more of ice for a few years would easily account for it. The same might be true of the results of local earthquakes and catastrophes, so that while skulls may be found (if they are not planted by sensation-mongers) imbedded in the rocks, this certainly does not prove them to be more than two or three hundred years old. The so-called “latest Missing Link” is said to have been blasted out of the rock—maybe so; altho it does not look blasted. Certainly such evidence is not sufficient to impeach the testimony of the Word of God.

### **The Bible Firmer Than the Lasting Mountains.**

Alto infidels accept the most unlikely things upon simple suspicion, because they suit their own depraved tastes, they say a miracle cannot be proved by any testimony whatsoever. This is true in their case, because they refuse to accept all testimony in that di-

rection. To the inquirer, however, who does not assume to be all-wise and who is willing to learn that God takes an interest in His creatures, it is only a matter of the quantity and quality of the evidence—if our Lord's resurrection can be proved, or the Scriptures otherwise proved to be the Word of God, then every miracle to which they give their testimony has been proved. Even Dr. Lyman Abbott is said to have declared that the resurrection of the Lord Jesus is "the best attested fact of history," and so it is.

A number of first-class contemporary writers, Matthew, John, Peter, James, Jude, Paul, Luke and Barnabas, assert it—of these at least 6 were eyewitnesses and at least 5 had had a 3 years' personal acquaintance with Him. Likewise His appearance after His resurrection were frequent and lasted 40 days.

These writers together with the others who saw Him were hard-headed people of the world who did not deal with the supernatural and who did not expect His resurrection. Mary Magdalene, for instance, did not believe an angel when the latter told her that He was risen. As for Paul, he did not want to believe.

These writers were men of the highest type, who consistently taught truthfulness, sobriety and righteousness. Moreover, they had all to lose and nothing to gain from their testimony. Courts can seldom get witnesses when the latter are threatened; but these were persecuted to the death for their testimony. In fact it appears that all of the 12 apostles were killed except John, and he was banished to Patmos.

It is a safe presumption that no large group of men will persist in a falsehood permanently; so that had the resurrection been false, even without persecution, some of the more than 500 eyewitnesses would have given up their testimony. Here human weakness and poverty made the strongest stand in all history and successfully resisted the powers of the world.

Why, even Christ's prediction, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away," and their remarkable fulfillment in spite of the fury of the 10 pagan Roman persecutions, particularly that of the Emperor Diocletian, who, promising that the name Christian should be forgotten, made a determined effort to destroy every copy of the New Covenant, are in themselves an abiding proof of His divinity. And then, these testimonies come down to us thru an unbroken line of writers, many of whom sealed their testimony with their blood, not only in the pagan persecutions, but for good measure they have come down to us thru the 1260 years of persecution from the apostate Roman church; and the 4 great memorials—the Supper, Baptism, Lord's day and the Church remain. Never has there been so strong a proof of any other event in history.

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### Bible, Geography, Astronomy, Anatomy and Natural History.

These are all absolutely accurate; which cannot be said of any other ancient book that deals largely with these questions. The Bible history being inspired there are no fictitious or imaginary localities, as in Homer, no fictitious contents (with lists of their kings and the latter's sons) or fictitious seas of curds, butter, sugarcane juice, intoxicants, etc. (with the location and dimensions of all given) as in the Hindu Puranas; no wrong statements about the sun, stars and planets as in all ancient writings up to the time of Copernicus. The earth is not said to be flat but round (Is. XL:22) nor to rest on an elephant or 7 cattle, or a serpent, but Job, some 35 centuries before Columbus, said: "He hangeth the earth upon nothing" (Job XXVI:7), and even the revolution of the earth's axis (the "dayspring") is referred to (Job XXXVIII:12) and even the recently discovered geological fact that there was once a carboniferous age on the earth before the sunlight, is confirmed by the account in Gen. I of the kindling of the sun on the fourth day. Likewise, the law of heredity "after its kind" is announced in Gen. I. In fact, the unscientific gloom in which the world was for ages buried was due to man's failure to attain to the standard of scientific knowledge of the Bible.

Then there are no fabulous birds or beasts, nor even a "deadly upas tree," such as our parents taught us to believe in some 40 years ago. Even Clement of Rome, contemporary with the apostles, while intelligent enough to believe in continents beyond the seas, cites the fabulous phoenix as a proof of the resurrection. But no fabulous things got into the Bible.

Some one may say "Are not 'dragons' and 'satyrs' and 'unicorns' mentioned, and were not conies said to chew the cud?"

The Hebrew word TANIM is variously rendered 'whales' and 'dragons.' It means "monsters," and appears to have been even applied by the Jews to jackals when the connection indicated a land animal. SAIR, rendered "satyr," means "shaggy," hence a goat. REEM, rendered "unicorn," means "antelope," or similar, and in the Hebrew of De. XXXIII:17 it speaks of the "horns of the unicorn," but the translator evidently thought that impossible, and rendered it as if it were a plural. As to conies, they do "chew the cud," altho they have only one stomach.

The Bible has been under fire for nearly 2000 years and if there had been flaws they would have been trotted out by infidels centuries ago. Why Porphyry even accused our Lord of lying because He said, "I go not YET unto this feast," and went LATER.

The other day an infidel used the fact of the record of Moses' death at the close of Deuteronomy as proof that Moses could not have written the Pentateuch—watch the drowning men catch at straws! The same man would never have dreamed of denying

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that Cruden wrote the Concordance, even altho he were to see Dr. Chalmers' account of Alex. Cruden printed with it. If an infidel but finds that more exiles are included in Ezra's list than in Nehemiah's he is simply happy—of course he cannot imagine the reason. And if in copying Chronicles (which the Jews confessedly did not regard of as equal importance with the Law or the prophets) a scribe has mistaken one numeral for a very similar one (like mistaking a Q for an O) thus making a sum differing from that in Kings, the infidel thinks he has found a tree of death with which he can poison the minds of the simple against the Word of Life.

### The Prophecies.

The prophecies regarding cities and nations have all been literally fulfilled—the Arabian does not pitch his tent in Babylon nor “the shepherd fold his ‘sheep’ in her still standing palaces.” Old Tyre “cannot be found;” its stones and timbers and its dust were all cast into the sea by Alexander the Great, just as was foretold centuries before.

Isaiah named the birds and beasts to be found in the ruins of Edom, and said, “Seek ye out of the book of Jehovah and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate,” and infidel travelers have found them there in large numbers.

In making the predictions the labels never got mixed—Sidon is close to Tyre, but its fate is far different; so with Egypt and Assyria.

Finally the predictions concerning Christ portrayed His lineage, character, time, and the minute details of His birth, ministry, death and ascension; and they come down to us in the Hebrew original, not from the hands of Christians but from those of Jewish scribes who hated His name; yet they spent their lifetimes copying exactly the prophecies which prove His Messiahship and even His divinity. Lest even the mistake of a letter should occur, they counted the letters, set musical notes to the words, and even copied the flecks of ink on the page and noted an ~~extra~~ large or extra small letters (as a small Yod in Gen. 1).

### Morals of the Bible.

The Sermon on the Mount would, if lived up to, confessedly make the earth an Eden—it was delivered when to be meek was accounted cowardice, and to be pure in heart idiocy—yet the Law, written some 1500 years earlier, contains not a line conflicting with it, and it taught the rights of men far more perfectly than they are even asserted today. It did not recognize involuntary servitude, for it imposed upon every man the duty of harboring and protecting any fugitive servant. Why even Cato, the noblest

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Rôman of them all, used to murder his slaves on the slightest pretext, and got peace-seeking Carthage razed by treachery. But the Law prohibited biting usury, compelled the daily payment of wages to laborers and forbade the keeping a man's garment in pledge after the chill of even. Today a heathen may be a good religious man and yet use the most obscene language and be guilty of an impure life, and the ancient writings of India and the west are unrepeatably filthy. But while the Bible uses plain language it is consistently pure thruout—you never find it popular in dens of vice.

### The Bible Fills the Bill.

The Bible, however, is its own best evidence—it fills the wants of the lost sinner groping after God, and offers the only feasible way of salvation. It alone knows the human heart and pronounces it “deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it?”

It is power of God unto salvation and gives courage and restraint to young and old in every possible situation in life. I have read the Psalms at night when I could not sleep, and they probably preserved my reason. It offers rest in this life along with Christ's yoke, for the weary, and it pulls aside the veil from the future, wipes away the tears of bereavement, and banishes the fears of the aged.

So this is the Book the “Modernist” would destroy while using Judas-like professions of admiration—if that is “modernism” I want none of it—give me the old paths, even with the old-time morals and modesty.

### Study the Bible.

Study it honestly and carefully, without regard to even the most severe teaching of your most trusted ministers—they are but men—never take anything for granted which it does not say. Often a truth may be taught, yet a proof-text used which does not mention the matter in question. I have seen a tract on baptism spoiled by the assertion that “to sprinkle people means to scatter them in fine particles,” whereas Heb. X:22 speaks of having our “hearts sprinkled.” I have seen a paper with “He that believeth not and is not baptized shall be damned,” under its title. But there is nothing in Mark XVI:16 about the unbaptized—one must look elsewhere for that—it tells what will happen to the baptized believer, and what will happen to the unbeliever. Moreover, when Christ says we “ought” to do a thing, or an apostle taught a thing, do not say, “Oh, that was temporary,” unless it is specifically so limited. Remember the Quakers treat Baptism and the Supper

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that way, and an alleged Brother teaches that prayer was only commanded (or allowed) to inspired men, not to us.

Above all things, keep a constant view of Calvary and the infinite love it represents in John III:16, the parable of the Prodigal Son, and Eph. III:17-19, avoid dead formalism and remember the efficacy of the precious blood. Study I Jo. much and finally present your body "a living sacrifice;" remember if you do not "forsake" or offer your "all" to Him, you have His word that you "cannot be" His "disciple," altho you keep all the forms. Examine yourselves honestly "if ye be in the faith," for you can not afford to risk your soul.

"The Spirit and the Bride say 'Come,' and let him that heareth say 'Come,' and let him that is athirst come and whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely."—Rev. XXII:17.

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