

BIBLE FIRST IN TRUTH

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BISHOP COMPARES IT WITH CHANGING SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS.

Attempts to Undermine Faith of Young People Are Assailed by John C. Broomfield of St. Louis.

John Calvin Broomfield of St. Louis, resident bishop of the Missouri area of the Methodist church, last night assailed what he termed "two-by-four teachers of science who try to burrow under the faith of our young people."

"The really great scientists," Bishop Broomfield said, preaching at the Phoenix Park Methodist church, "find order in the universe and behind that order a personality—God. Young people, if you have any difficulties reconciling the teachings of these two-by-four teachers with your faith in God, just find out how much modern science has had to abandon in the interests of truth, and then see how much the Christian religion has had to abandon. Put what has been abandoned in two junk piles, compare the size of them and draw your own conclusions."

THE BIBLE LIVES ON.

"My Lord hasn't yet made his first contribution to his junk pile. There isn't a single textbook in use in our schools today more than ten years old, but the Good Book goes on and on."

Bishop Broomfield pointed out that at this time of year untold lights burn for a baby, because of the man that baby became.

"Only as we understand the man," he said, "can we on Christmas day appreciate the baby. I don't think that Mary herself appreciated the birth of the baby. She was too close. She lacked the perspective of the years. We tonight have the sweep of the man down through the years."

APPROVAL SHOWN BY HEARERS.

The congregation audibly expressed its agreement when Bishop Broomfield reaffirmed his faith in the belief that Christ was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary.

"Had Christ started on my level, he would not have been able to uplift me," Bishop Broomfield said.

Bishop Broomfield pointed out that through the centuries kings, queens, presidents, authors, painters, skeptics and free thinkers have vied with one another in praise of Christ. The great architects, painters and other artists, he said, had found the greatest outlet for their genius in Christ and subjects pertaining to Him.

Members of three other East Side Methodist churches, Cleveland Avenue, Oakhurst and Wesley, joined in the service last night.

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The foregoing article appeared in the Kansas City Star on the 18th of December 1939. It is intended to be an apology for Christ and Christianity. It is not even that. The Bishop tried to manufacture a case for his own religion, and he ridiculously failed as will be noted.

In the first place, if the theology being taught by this Bishop and the Methodist church is true, it does not need apologizing for. You don't find me apologizing for "Psychiana" do you? I KNOW the truth of what I am teaching, therefore you will never find me wandering round in the hazy religious realm, attempting to tell the world that this Teaching is true, by argument. Nor will you ever find me apologizing for it.

I make simple definite statements regarding the truths of God, and I wait for someone to show me where I am wrong. To date, none have done that. They haven't even tried. They have tried, by dirty underhand means to stop this Teaching, but, because it is founded on the Spirit of God, they can't even do that. It's strange how Methodist Bishops and "dignitaries" of other "faiths" spend so much time trying to apologize for their religious beliefs. If they were true, the world would know it and no apology or no amount of argument would be necessary. As it is, no amount of argument can convince anyone that something which is contrary to the basic Law of God is true, even if every Bishop in the country gets up and preaches about it. The more they apologize for their religion, and the more they attempt to demonstrate its truth by argument, the more deep does it get in the mire.

The story of Jesus Christ, being born of a virgin for the sins of the world, to wash them away, is NOT TRUE. But I don't argue about that. I just simply make that statement, and am prepared to prove it any time, and no one ever attempts to refute it. I realize that this is a big statement to make. The man who makes it is either a fool, or he knows whereof he speaks. I have been called everything over the past eleven years, but never a fool.

The truth is self-evident. Whenever and wherever a man tells the truth to the world, the world instantly recognizes what he says for truth. It needs no argument. It does not need to be apologized for. Only error and lies need that. And it is a favorite plan of the religious apologists to attempt to discredit science in an endeavor to prove their own case. But science is truth--only truth. And it makes no difference if that truth travel under the garb of any science--if it is truth it is of God.

The laws of chemistry are just as much the laws of God, because they are true. We know with certainty, and in advance, what chemical combination or new product will follow when two or more substances are chemically combined. We know that. It never varies. It is the truth. Therefore, it is a part of God. And science, the science which this Methodist Bishop so bitterly attacks, is of God. Yet here is this poor man, attempting to seek shelter under the cloth of the church, and breaking forth into outbursts ridiculing science. He knows not either science or God.

The Bishop alludes to "two-by-four" teachers of science. Here is an evident contradiction. No teacher of science (truth) can be a two-by-four. It takes a big man to teach truth. It takes a far bigger man than a Methodist Bishop. A Methodist Bishop COULD preach the truth if he knew it, but the trouble is that very few of them know it. If they did, they could not be Methodist bishops very long, for the truth they would learn would take them out of their field of error.

It ill behooves any Methodist bishop who is not prepared to prove his theology, to poke fun at science, for true science is of God. True science IS God. And it makes no difference whether it is preached or taught by the pauper on the street corner, or by Dr. Millikan of Pasadena. If it is true science, it is the truth. If it is the truth, it is of God, regardless of how much fun a Methodist bishop mak poke at it.

"The really great scientists find order in the iniverse and behind that order, a personality--God" said the good bishop. Well I'd like to know just where a scientist or anyone else can find much "order" in this universe today. One look at the world picture does not give me any such impression. Man is part of the universe. Nations are part of the universe, yet you find no semblance of "order" in either of them, do you? About all one can find in this universe today is horror and bloodshed, most of it being caused directly by religion, or by what has foisted itself off on the world as religion. It is the very theories the good bishop is arguing for which have bathed, and will continue to bathe this world in blood as long as they are taught. That statement will probably shock this good bishop, but it happens to be the truth as history proves it.

"ORDER". Where?--bishop Broomfield. Is there order in Europe? Is there order in the strikes and the hate which exists in this country between capital and labor? Is there order in the shelling of a German pocket battleship by British warships? Was there order when the Captain of that ship blew his brains out in Montevideo? Is there "order" in the brutal attack of Red Russia on the Finns? Is there order in ten million unemployed, and what sort of "order" was there my friend when God, as you claim, broke every known and unknown Law to make a "virgin" conceive and bring forth a child, which child was to be God in human form, and which god was to excite and incite the admiration of the whole world, to its eternal salvation?

"ORDER"---my bishop friend? Is there anything about the Christian faith which can be called "orderly"? There are over 500 different sects, denominations and "splits" in the Christian church alone. Can you call that "order". Yet you say there is order in the universe. I wish there were. If there were even the consciousness of God in the universe there could not be the ghastly picture is Europe. And it is my direct claim that the condition of the world today is DIRECTLY due to the fallacious theory which, in the absence of faith in the Supreme being, attempts to drag him off a throne in heaven, embody him in a son born without a father, and tells the world that if we do not believe that asinine theory, we shall all be eternally damned.

I repeat again, the sooner that system of theology is banished from off the face of the earth, the greater are the chances of mankind finding God. For God does not lie in such stories as that. And it is utterly useless for Bishop Broomfield or any other bishop to attempt to sell the young people of our day on such ideas. They will not have them. They know they are not true. And they smile ofttimes when asked to believe them as truth.

The Bishop goes and and states--"My Lord hasn't yet made his first contribution to his junk-pile". Well does not this good bishop know that "his Lord" is Yahweh, an# old Jewish tribal god? Does he not know that this same Jewish tribal god struch about 40,000 men and women dead for trying to look into the little box wherein he lived on the plains of Abraham?

If this good bishop tries to hide \$\$\$\$\$\$ behind the skirts of Jesus Christ, I shall ask him if he is not aware that there is no more evidence of the existence of Jesus Christ than there was of old Yahweh the Jewish tribal god. Moreover, if the bishop attempts to palm off Jesus Christ onto me as being Almighty God, whose existence none will deny, then I shall firmly and kindly point the bishop to the other score of "crucified gods" which came before, and I shall ask him how it happens that the entire fundamental story of Jesus Christ, with all the trimmings, was known to millions of people thousands of years before Christ was ever heard of.

I shall ask the good bishop how it happens that not a single line of historical evidence of the existence of Jesus Christ is to be found anywhere. I shall ask the good bishop how the "canon" of scripture came into existence in the first place. And I shall ask him the very pertinent question why his God has failed to save this world after 2000 years. If his god can save the world, what sort of a monster is he for not saving it?

No beloved, the theory that Jesus Christ, as the bishop states, was "conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of a virgin" is an old religious superstition and it is nothing more than that. It is in violation of every known and unknown law of God. If it happened, it may happen again, and the Almighty will have broken the very laws he created, leaving this universe hanging on chance and not on a changeless God.

The reason the Methodist church has so miserably failed in its attempts to bring true religion to the great masses, is because the Methodist church does not know the first fundamental of the true religion of God. It insists on teaching a theory, hoary with age, and, as I stated before, is in its very essence nothing more than an untimely, rebellious, and damaging conception of Almighty God, and nothing but disaster can follow in the wake of such a teaching. Nothing but disaster ever has followed it. Nothing but disaster ever will. Thank God though, this world is about ready to discard, lock stock and barrel of such a travesty on God. It is beginning to find out, mostly through the humble efforts of this Movement, that the whole bible story of Jesus Christ as God is fiction, and the worst sort of fiction. Thank it out beloved, you who think I am getting a bit too strong. Of what use has the theory been to the world to date? Of what use is it now, insofar as stopping these ghastly wars are concerned--can it do that? If the story were of God it could do that.

What this world has to learn is that no church to date has ever brought to the world, anything outside of old pagan religious superstition. There is not one single grain of truth in the entire story of Jesus Christ. The Hindu had it 1400 years before Christ was ever heard of. The Mexican had it. The Greek had it. The Chinese had it. As a matter of fact, in my last book "GLEAMS OVER THE HORIZON" there may be found absolutely conclusive evidence of the fallacy of the whole story. Not until this world discards it will it find God. It CANNOT find God through any organization which teaches it. And the proof that I am speaking truth is evident all round us.

Now you see what my work on this earth is. Now you know why "Psychiana" is such a stupendous Movement. It is the only Movement on the face of the earth which is bringing to the earth, actual truths of the Living Spirit--God. We stand today beloved at the Portals of Time. We enter a

new era. When the evolution from the old untrue traditions to the truths of God is complete, then will dawn the day when God shall dwell on the earth WITH HIS CREATION. Not Jesus Chrsit, but GOD--THE INVISIBLE SPIRIT OF LIFE. DWELLING EVER ON THE EARTH WITH MAN. All of which means only that man shall at last recognize the invisible Power of the Great Spirit of God, on the earth, in him, and the direct result of that recognition of the presence of the Spirit of God will bring in an infinitude of peace, of love, of plenty. That day has to come. It is coming. And it is being brought in through this Movement.

Let none condemn my plain writing. I know whereof I speak. This is a divine call of God I am following. It was essential that God raise up some man to lead humanity from darkness into Light, and naturally it is revolutionary at the start. The whole Christian world stands aghast at the statements I make. Yet it instinctively knows, or suspects that what I am telling it is the truth. It sees its own failure. It cries for another Moses. Well God help the world if it ever gets one. The effects of the last one have been far-reaching. We want no more of them.

What we do want, and what this world needs, is a complete conversion in the church itself. Let it cast aside these pagan idols and philosophies which can so easily be proven to be just that, and let it then bask in the sunlight of the love, the peace, the joy--not of a dead crucified god (?), but of a living loving Spirit which Spirit is God. Let it do that. Let it cast aside the weight which it is now dragging round. Let it give God credit for being able to manifest Himself to this world, not as a personality wrapped up in a crucified god, BUT AS THE LIVING SPIRIT OF ALL LIFE, PERFECTLY ABLE TO MANIFEST ITS HEALING POWERS TO THE NATIONS BY ITS OWN ABILITY. NOT THROUGH AN OLD PAGAN JEWISH STORY WHICH WAS HOARY WITH AGE LONG BEFORE JESUS CHRIST WAS EVER HEARD OF.

Let the Christian church only be honest. That's all it needs to be. That's all God asks. When that day comes, it will be able to actually and literally teach the truths of God, and this world will follow. In the meantime I suggest to Bishop Broomfield that he cease decrying science, for this world is far more apt to find God through science than it is through the story of Jesus Christ or any of the other score of crucified gods recorded in either history or old religious tradition.