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How Would *Jesus* Vote for PRESIDENT?

THIS may be the most fateful presidential election in American history.

Christians are those who *follow Christ*. Here's what He would do.

THE PRESIDENTIAL campaign is on full blast.

The issue of survival of the nation will fall squarely on the shoulders of the next president.

World war is now a daily threat. Frightful atomic war. War that means annihilation of civilization. America this minute is in grave danger.

"In His Steps"

In such a momentous presidential year, what would Jesus Christ do about this election if He were here as a native-born American?

Would He vote for Dewey? Would He use His great influence to keep Truman at the helm in this world-crisis? Would He take the stump for Wallace?

Many of you undoubtedly have read the famous book, "In His Steps," by Dr. Charles M. Sheldon. It has been one of the all-time best-sellers. It is the story of an entire congregation which set out to do, in all circumstances daily, just as Jesus would do—to "follow His steps," as we are admonished by Peter. My only criticism of the book is that its characters, like most people who think they follow Jesus, acted as they *supposed* Jesus would act instead of studying the Bible to find out how He would act.

The Apostle Paul said: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but *Christ liveth in me*." (Gal. 2:20.) He admonished, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 2:5.) *A person is not really a Christian unless he follows*

Christ—acts as Christ would act—unless, in fact, Christ is living his life for him.

Christ Was Interested in GOVERNMENT

Few realize it, because they do not hear it today, but the GOSPEL OF CHRIST—the Gospel Jesus brought from God and preached, was a message about *government!*

Yes, Jesus was interested in government. His Message was about a government to RULE THE WORLD, and bring us WORLD PEACE!

But to understand it, we must take a quick, condensed flash-back of the governments of this world from its foundation until now. This is necessary for a true perspective. We are prone to view politics, government, and world events from the standpoint of this present world.

But let's take a quick over-all view of the WHOLE PICTURE—from creation. The details, and scriptural proofs, will have to be filled in other articles. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, (Gen. 1:1). In rulership over this earth God sent an archangel who sealed up the sum-total of perfection, wisdom, and beauty. His throne was in Eden. He was ruler over a peaceful world populated by beings inferior to him but superior to humans—spirit beings called angels. (Ezek. 28:12-15.)

But as this brilliant shining Star of the Dawn—Lucifer—contemplated his glory, pride lifted him up, ambition seized him, and suddenly he became dissatisfied with a rulership limited to

one single planet. He became jealous of God, set his heart to rival the Eternal Creator Himself, and left this planet in a war of conquest, in which a third of his angels followed him, attempting to conquer and rule the universe. (Isa. 14:12-15; Rev. 12:4.)

But he was cast back down to earth in defeat, disqualified even as earth-ruler, *tho not to be dethroned until a successor is both qualified and inaugurated in office.*

Just as the sins of the antediluvian world brought physical destruction to the earth by a flood; just as the fornication of Sodom and Gomorrah brought physical destruction and chaos to those cities by fire; just as the sins of the present evil world have doomed it to physical destruction once again by fire, so the sins of the angels caused the face of the world to suffer great violence, and it became chaotic, in confusion, waste and empty (Gen. 1:2).

First Chance at World Rule

Then in six days God Almighty brought order out of chaos, created the present vegetable and animal life, and created upon earth a new race, the race of human mortals. To the first man and his wife, God gave dominion over all the lower mortal creatures—the animals.

It is not God's plan of government for any being to rule over equals. Adam was given rule over the lower species—animals. Lucifer, an archangel, had been given rule over angels. But, while man was made a little lower in status

than angels, he was made in the image of God with possibilities, thru conversion, being born of God, and changed into immortal spirit beings, of becoming higher in order than angels.

In the Garden of Eden was the tree of Life—symbolic of the Holy Spirit of God Himself, by which Adam could have been raised to this higher immortal level.

First, Adam had to meet the former Lucifer, now called Satan (Adversary, Rival, or Competitor), in a test to determine whether he could overcome him and qualify to rule the world. Had he won the test, he could have partaken of the Tree of Life—in other words, have received the Spirit of God, by which, after begetting sons and daughters, he would have been changed to the higher immortal plane, and would have become world ruler over all earth's mortals—all of whom were his own children by flesh birth.

God gives His Holy Spirit only to them that obey Him. (Acts 5:32.) But Adam chose, rather, to obey Satan. Thus he and his posterity became the children of Satan. Adam was driven from the Garden of Eden lest he take of the tree of life, and gain immortality (Gen. 3:22). Thus he never received immortality, which is the *gift* of God, by and thru His Holy Spirit.

Satan thus retained his rulership, thru invisible sway of influence, temptation, and deception, over the world.

How Our Present System Started

Just how Satan manipulated human mortals in the ways of government on earth during the first 1600 or 1700 years, there is no historic record. We know merely that with very few exceptions humans under Satan's invisible sway followed the course of human passions, the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and God destroyed all but eight souls by the Flood.

Noah and his descendants should have learned their lesson, but they didn't. Satan found in one of the great-grandsons of Noah, Nimrod, the grandson of Ham, a very able and powerful man who could be "used" politically. Thru Satan's influence, instilling great ambition thru greed and pride, this Nimrod organized the people into a system of human government, by which man ruled over man contrary to the principles established by God. Such government never could be good or bring blessings to humanity, but the Eternal purposed to permit man to learn that lesson by hard experience. We are learning it still, and haven't learned it yet.

Now notice how the present world's society became organized.

Nimrod organized the present world's first government—the city of BABYLON. Later he organized Nineveh and other cities. He instituted the system of regimentation, whereby one or a few at the top, by directing their efforts, profit from the sweat and labor of others.

Thus the BABYLONISH system of government was started. Soon there were many cities, each ruled by a king. Then an ambitious king, swayed by Satan's philosophy, seeking more worlds to conquer, organized a portion of his manpower into a fighting force, and by aggression ruled over adjoining cities. Thus nations were born, and then Empires.

This BABYLONISH principle of government, intertwined with economic manipulation, has ruled the world ever since. It has ruled under various *forms*—whether called oligarchy, monarchy, dictatorship, autocracy, democracy, communism or nazism—but it's the same old BABYLONISH PRINCIPLE under slightly different modes of administration.

And this is the origin of what we call CIVILIZATION. Its forms of administration have undergone change in the constant struggle and turmoil—in the rise and fall of empires, of cultures, of rival modes of political, economic, religious, or social administration. But its basic *principle* has remained the same—the principle of competition and strife, based upon greed and vanity. Regardless of the form in which it appears here or there, it is a system based upon exploitation of the people, aggression, regimentation, delusion and deception. And the entire system is founded on the idea of huddling people together in crowded *cities*.

Since it is the system of strife and competition, each of the four phases of this civilization—political, economic, religious, and social—has striven constantly to dominate and rule. In ancient Rome the politicians ruled over the Church, Business, and Society. Then after 554 A.D., the Church ruled over the State, Business, and Society. In America, where we are supposed to rule ourselves, it has been a constant struggle for dominance between Big Business and the politicians. In Russia today a small group of godless atheistic Marxists have set up a political Dictatorship manipulated by stirring up class hatreds, inducing the laboring class to feel downtrodden enough to put in the saddle this Dictatorship pretending to rule for the benefit of this one class.

But regardless of the particular form of administration, this CIVILIZATION which holds the entire world in its

organized grip today is the same old BABYLONISH SYSTEM started at the original BABYLON by Nimrod!

"Babylon" means CONFUSION. Competition and strife have produced confusion in the world. And *God is not the author of confusion* (1 Cor. 14:33).

Should Christians Strive to Make This a BETTER WORLD?

Now we come to the reason for needing a true perspective.

Most churchmen today, viewing everything from the perspective of THIS WORLD TODAY, blindly assume this is God's world. They see certain forces of evil in it, and these they feel they must oppose. They see the Christian duty to be that of working to make this a better world.

That concept is a wrong viewpoint altogether.

This is *not* a world of God's making. *This is SATAN'S world!* Satan is the invisible god of this world. He is the author of its organization, its basic philosophies, its systems of government, business, society—*yes, AND RELIGIONS!* This thing we boast of as CIVILIZATION is, in actual fact, Satan's handiwork, not God's! Strange as it may seem, that is true!

All nations—not just the heathen powers, but all nations, *including ours*, are DECEIVED, swayed, led, by Satan. (Rev. 12:9; 18:3; 20:2-3.) The Bible speaks of this world as "this present EVIL WORLD." (Gal. 1:4.)

Did Jesus Come to Make This a BETTER WORLD?

Into such a world, in His own due time, God sent forth His own Son, born of the human virgin Mary.

WHY did Jesus come? To get into politics, to strive against the forces of evil in this world, to make this a better world?

WHAT was His Message? A Gospel merely about Himself—a Gospel of merely accepting Him, and then, as part of this world, helping to make it better?

When Jesus reached the approximate age of thirty He was baptized, and anointed with the Holy Spirit as the Christ. But before He preached a word—before He could even enter upon His ministry, He, like the first Adam, had to meet Satan in the greatest contest in all eternity!

It was a contest for the rulership of all the earth. Jesus Christ met and conquered Satan by the Word of God. Satan, like his ministers today, quoted Scripture, but he twisted and perverted its meaning. Christ quoted Scripture, accepted it to mean what it says, over-

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Is All Animal Flesh Good Food?

MORE than 300 letters have come recently from all parts of the United States asking for the PLAIN TRUTH about "clean" and "unclean" meats."

After thousands of years of human experience on earth it seems there still is *nothing* people know less about than food.

Observe a little baby. It seems to think that anything and everything its little chubby hands can get into its mouth is good to eat—and everything baby gets his hands on goes straight to his mouth! How often must young parents take things away, and try to teach the lovely little bundle of humanity that everything one's hands can touch is not necessarily good for the digestion!

Well, one might wonder if any of us has grown up! Most of us adults still seem to think that anything we can stuff in our mouths is good for food. About the only difference between us and the baby is that baby puts into his mouth whatever *looks* good, and we employ the sense of *taste* in deciding what goes into our mouths.

Your stomach is your fuel tank. Your automobile's fuel tank is its stomach. You wouldn't think of pouring just any old thing that will pour into the stomach of your car. You know that your car was not made to consume and "digest" fuel oil, water, milk, or kerosene.

Yes, we are very careful what we "feed" our automobile—and totally careless and indifferent what we feed ourselves and our children!

What *happens* to the food you eat? In the stomach the digestive process takes place. And, once digested—if you have eaten fit and digestible food—the essential minerals, vitamins, and carbon—the life-giving properties in the food—filter thru the intestinal lining into the blood stream to replenish and build up decaying cells, to provide energy, body warmth, good health. Your body is **WONDERFULLY MADE!** It is the most wonderful mechanism in the world.

But, just as you must use the right kind of gasoline in the gas tank and the right kind of oils and greases in the other parts of your car or impair its performance, so you must put the right kind of food into the most delicate mechanism of all, your body. If you try to oil a fine watch with axle grease you wouldn't expect the watch to keep good time. And when you put into your stomach all kinds of foul things which the Great Architect who designed your human mechanism never intended, you

foul up your body and bring on sickness, disease, aches, pains, a dulled and clogged-up mind, inefficiency and inability—and you commit suicide on the installment plan by actually shortening your life!

The God who designed, created, and made your body has revealed some essential basic knowledge about what meats will keep that body functioning in tip-top shape. Why will we refuse His instruction?

You don't eat every plant that grows out of the ground. Some things that grow are POISON, not food. But did you know there are many kinds of poisons? Potassium cyanide will kill you very quickly. Some poisons will result in death within a few hours or a few days. But very few seem to know there are other poisons people mistakenly eat as foods which result in premature death after continuous usage for, say, ten, or thirty, or fifty years. The only difference between these poisons we falsely call foods and potassium cyanide is the relative number of minutes, hours, or years it takes to accomplish its killing mission.

Just as every vegetation that God caused to grow out of the ground was not designed for food, so it is with animal flesh. Some will say, "Well, if swine's flesh isn't supposed to be eaten as food, what did God create swine for?" You might as well ask, what did God create weeds and poison vines for? Everything may have been created for a purpose, but not everything for the one purpose of eating.

Now some believe that in the original creation—in the Garden of Eden—God did not intend any animal flesh to be eaten. God's revelation on that point is vague, and many have argued it both ways. However, God has revealed that certain animal meats are to be eaten as food *now*, in this age, and Jesus who came to set us an example did eat flesh as well as vegetables and fruits, and so do I.

When the very first written revelation came from God to man thru Moses, God instructed man as to which kinds of animal flesh man ought or ought not to eat.

You will find this list in Leviticus 11. This is not a ceremonial, ritualistic, or sacrificial law later done away at the crucifixion of Christ. This is a basic law—a revelation from God to instruct man in which kinds of flesh will properly digest and assimilate in the human system, and which will not. It is not a part of God's great SPIRITUAL LAW, summed up in the Ten Commandments.

It is necessary to understand that God is the author of ALL law, and there are countless laws in motion. There are laws of physics and chemistry. You know of the law of gravity. There is the great immutable SPIRITUAL law to regulate man's relationship to God and to fellowman—the law of LOVE—the Ten Commandments. God gave His nation Israel civil statutes and judgments—NATIONAL laws for the conduct of the national government. Israel was also His church, under the Old Covenant. And for the dispensation then present God gave Israel rituals and ceremonial laws for the conduct of religious services, laws relating to typical and temporary sacrifices, meat and drink offerings—temporary SUBSTITUTES for Christ and the Holy Spirit. Those laws, of course, ended when the Reality came.

And then, we must realize, **THERE ARE PHYSICAL LAWS WORKING IN OUR BODIES, REGULATING OUR HEALTH.** Now this MEAT question has to do with *these* laws!

I have known men who make a hobby of bitterly accusing others of SIN for eating pork, oysters, and clams.

Let us get this straight and clear!

We usually speak of SIN in its spiritual aspect. That is the aspect in which it usually is considered in the New Testament. The Bible definition of it is this: "Sin is *the transgression of the law.*"

The *penalty* for violation of that spiritual law is DEATH—but not the first, or physical death, but the second, or spiritual, and ETERNAL death in the "lake of fire" (Rev. 20:14).

Now the eating of wrong food is not a transgression of this spiritual law, and is not a sin *in this sense*. To violate the physical laws of health brings the penalty of disease, disability, pain, sickness, and the *first* death. It is not necessarily spiritual sin.

That is what Jesus made plain, as recorded in Mark 7:14-23. Here Jesus was speaking of *spiritual* defilement, not physical health. Not that which enters into a man's mouth, but the evil that comes OUT OF HIS HEART, defiles the man SPIRITUALLY. What defiles the MAN—and he is speaking of defiling the MAN, not injuring the body—is transgression of the Ten Commandments—evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, blasphemy (verses 21-22), etc. These things have to do with the SPIRITUAL law, and not with the physical laws of

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Heart to Heart Talk With the Editor

I WONDER how many of my readers are like one who said to me recently: "Well, I'll tell you why I'm not a Christian. It isn't that I don't believe in God or in being converted—I believe it, all right—and I've often wanted to be a Christian—but somehow it just all seems so FAR OFF—so UNREAL."

Tonight I cut a large slice of watermelon and ate it. It was delicious—and I was sure it was real. It didn't seem far off, mysterious, unreal. The things we see, and handle, come in constant daily contact and association with all seem REAL.

Yes, this slice of watermelon was real. But I thought, as I worked to extricate the seeds,

"What caused these seeds to grow inside this melon? Out of the ground, from another seed, sprouted a vine, and on the vine a tiny watermelon began to form, and as it grew these seeds developed inside it. And if we keep on planting and growing watermelons for ten thousand years those seeds, which will sprout more watermelons, will continue to develop inside every watermelon.

"WHY? Here's a living, moving, real phenomenon. What causes it? How did the process get started? What keeps the process perpetually in motion? Is there not a Great Mind, a Supreme Intelligence, an Omnipotent Power—an actual Person more real than this thing He produces and causes to grow in such marvelous manner—actually present, and acting upon these very real things, keeping them alive and in motion?"

Everywhere we see life, motion,

REALITY! Here it is, close and real—and living! And most wonderful of all is your own self—the marvelous mechanism of your body, and still more wonderful, your mind—performing all its functions. And about you is every need to keep you fed, breathing, living. Did this all happen by accident?

Out of the ground grows vegetation—food. On or out of the ground comes water. A layer of air is provided around the solid earth. What—or Who—provided this? Did the air produce the man who needs to breathe it? Or did the man produce the food to satisfy his need? Or the food provide the water to accompany it in sustaining the life of the man? Did any of these provide the sunshine, also necessary? Here we have man, air, water, food, sunshine—all necessary in harmonious association. Yet no one of these had anything to do with bringing about the presence of any other. How did all these—and many other necessary factors—all come to be provided and joined together on this planet in exactly the manner required to supply your needs, that you may live, accomplish, and find happiness? How, unless an All-Wise, All-Powerful, Benevolent and REAL God planned it, created it, set it in motion, and now keeps it going?

There are things that YOU need! Among them are fresh air, sunshine,

water, and food. And these things are all active—the very Power who created them keeps them in motion—NOW! The Creator is active, TODAY! He is REAL! Is He not more real than that He produces and acts upon? Of course!

But there are many other things you need! How about the need of wisdom and guidance when important decisions which may alter your whole life are at stake? How about needing a Great Power that can, and will if you are in contact and ask it, give you favor in the eyes of another when disfavor could cause you great trouble? How about the need of an all-powerful Friend to deliver you from real or threatened calamity or loss? How about One to turn to when you are about to lose a loved one, or in time of grief? How about the need of One who is both able and willing to prosper you, cause things to turn out right for you, guide you and protect you through life? How about the need of One who has inherent immortality and is able and willing to impart ETERNAL LIFE to you as His gift?

Yes, there are other things you NEED! You stand in greater NEED than you probably ever stopped to realize! And the One who sends the rain—and the sunshine—upon the just and unjust alike—who provides food, and air, and other basic necessities for all, is more REAL than what He provides—and just as able and willing to establish PERSONAL CONTACT and continuously supply your every other need as well—including deliverance from every trouble, wisdom, guidance, faith in place of worry, assurance in place of doubt, security in place of uncertainty, favor in the sight of others, healing when sick—all these and countless other needs He stands committed to supply, because HE HAS PROMISED—upon condition you become His, establish and maintain contact, trust Him and obey Him!

GOD is more real than you or I—or any of the things about us.

Why, then, does He seem so far away, until it seems He has faded in the distance? Why does He seem mysterious and unreal? Why do the objects with which you come in daily contact, your friends, your pleasures, seem more real—when actually they are less so?

You may say, "Because I can see, feel, and hear these things or people.

But that is not really the reason at all.

You don't see the air you breathe, but it seems very real to you. You cannot see, or hear, or feel the power of gravity, yet it seems very real to you, and you know that if you slip it will pull you down in a fall that might hurt you—you know that if you let go of and drop a sack of eggs the power of gravity will pull them down and break them.

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Perhaps you say, well, these things are real to me because they are close to me. But that is not the reason. GOD is as close as any of these—He, too, is REAL, and He is CLOSE! Yet He seems unreal and far away!

Now let me tell you the REAL REASON.

If you are away from a childhood chum for 35 or 40 years, never hear from or about that person in all that time—totally out of contact—he finally seems like a faint, dim, far-off dream or figment of imagination. He doesn't seem REAL any more.

But, if there is another childhood chum you also have not seen in the same 35 or 40 years, but with whom you have kept constantly in touch all these years—constantly corresponded, even talked over long distance telephone frequently, heard about from mutual friends who have been *with* this old chum—then that friend, even tho you have not seen him, will seem still *real*, and *close*.

God seems unreal and far away *only to those who have not established, and are not actively maintaining close personal contact!* It is not a matter of distance or visibility—it is a matter of CONTACT.

Even though you read the Bible, and pray—if you have not established personal *contact* with God, you just won't understand much of the Bible or be much interested in it, and your prayers will not seem to go as high as the ceiling! You can't *keep up* a contact which has never yet been *established!*

Yet God is the SOURCE of *everything!*—of *your EVERY NEED!* In HIM you must live, and move, and have your being—and you have never yet BEGUN to really live until you are living *in Him!* You are now making mistakes you would not make if you had His guidance—mistakes which are costly, and from which you suffer! You are suffering pains, heartaches, fears, troubles, because you have not established contact with the only One who can help you! You NEED HIM!

And you *can* find Him, if you'll seek Him—you'll find Him CLOSE, not far away. But something has been standing BETWEEN you and Him—a far greater barrier than a literal iron curtain. *Your sins* have formed an impregnable wall, so that you can't establish contact—can't reach—can't enjoy communion with the One you need most of all! And your sins are your transgressions of His loving LAW—His great immutable spiritual Law given in love to bring to mankind success, accomplishment, peace, happiness, and joy! In breaking the law you have severed yourself from *these* goals, too!

Yet THAT GREAT WALL CAN BE BATTERED DOWN — *instantly* — NOW! There need be no delay. God in His wisdom and mercy *knew* you would sin and separate yourself from Him. He provided a way for you. He GAVE His only begotten Son to pay the penalty you have incurred *in your stead!*

It matters not how BLACK your past has been. No matter how terrible are some of these *secret* sins you have never confided to anyone. They don't *need* to stand between you and your greatest NEED, which is God. Jesus Christ was made flesh, and He who never sinned died to pay the penalty of all *your guilt*. Why then should *you* carry this guilt around on your conscience any longer? Why let it separate you from God? It is every bit of it PAID IN FULL, by the blood of Jesus Christ—His very life-blood. But God Almighty resurrected Him to eternal LIFE, and today He *lives* as YOUR LIVING SAVIOUR from your guilty past, *if* you will accept Him as such!

If you *want* to find God—be a Christian—you *can*—and here's how: First, you'll have to REPENT—*turn from* the old life of sinning, and surrender your SELF wholly to God—give your life to Him, to serve Him and to live by His perfect laws and right ways that will bring you only blessings. You'll have to be IN EARNEST, for no one can deceive God. Then, ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST as your personal Saviour. Don't put it off. Don't say, "I don't know how," but DO IT NOW! Take the "bull by the horns" and DO IT—you know you ought to, so exercise your WILL and DO IT! Just go to a room ALONE—close the door—and with no one else around, except just you and God alone—GIVE YOURSELF TO HIM, ask Him to FORGIVE all your past sins—confess them to Him (not to any human being)—and then just say—yes, SAY IT: "I here and now accept JESUS CHRIST as my Personal Saviour." Everything may be HARD, until you SAY THAT—but the minute you say those words, the unseen power that has caused you to hesitate, and put it off, and has made it seem so difficult (the power of the devil), will let loose, and YOU'LL BE FREE—you'll know you are now GOD'S—the contact will be ESTABLISHED! You can talk to Him, and HE WILL HEAR! You can pour out your heart to Him, and He will LISTEN—and comfort, and come close and give you what you NEED.

Jesus Christ came into this world and died to reconcile YOU to God the Father—to join you to Him—to *establish contact* for you! Accept this, and know the GREAT PEACE that will come over your soul!

Then you must be baptised—not into any religious denomination or organization, but into CHRIST JESUS. If there is no one locally in your town who can do this for you the Bible way, write to me. I will help you if I can.

Then God PROMISES to put His spirit in you—to give you, and radiate from you a LOVE you never had, a new FAITH, PATIENCE, UNDERSTANDING. Thru His Spirit you will be given power for self-mastery. Power to *understand* the Bible.

You accept Christ, and receive God's Holy Spirit by FAITH. *Believe* you are now His—KNOW it—and then *keep up the contact* now established! You do this thru constant daily Bible study and prayer. God talks to you thru His Word. You talk to Him in prayer. It is a two-way conversation. Thru it you BECOME ACQUAINTED—get to KNOW God, and where once He seemed far away and unreal, He will now seem close, and real! KEEP IT UP! You'll experience an inner joy you didn't dream could exist—you'll have a HELP that is *real* in every time of need.

You won't be perfect all at once. You'll still have your SELF to wrestle with. Trials, tests, afflictions, persecutions will come—but now you'll have an ever-present HELP and deliverance—a constant Source of inspiration, and courage, and power—an inner peace and faith—and you'll live the full and ABUNDANT life for the first time, with assurance of LIFE ETERNAL. Don't become discouraged and give up, though, when you have made a slip. You'll be starting out as a spiritual BABE in Christ. Babies stumble and fall down many times before they learn to walk. Don't let that discourage you—get up and try all the harder. And, as you continue the CHRISTIAN LIFE, the Bible and God's way will become a new, and the supreme, INTEREST of your life!

The main thing is, don't let ANYTHING cause you to hesitate or delay. Just "take the bull by the horns." GO AND DO IT NOW!

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health. Specifically he was referring to a possible particle of dirt which might get on food from dirty and unwashed hands—He was not here speaking specifically of clean or unclean meats at all. But He was speaking of SPIRITUAL defilement, not physical health.

The animals whose flesh properly digests and nourishes the human body

were SO MADE IN THE ORIGINAL CREATION. No change was ever made in the structure of men's bodies at the time of the flood, or at the time of Jesus' death, or any other time. Neither did God make some sudden change in the structure of animal flesh, so that what once was unfit for food will now digest properly and supply the body's needs.

The unclean animals were UNCLEAN BEFORE THE FLOOD.

Notice, *before* the Flood, Noah took into the ark of the CLEAN animals, to be eaten for food, by SEVENS; but of the unclean, of which he was not to eat during the Flood, by TWOS—only enough to preserve their lives. The inference is inescapable that the additional clean animals were taken aboard to be eaten for food while Noah and his family were in the ark.

The instruction in the 11th chapter of Leviticus, then, was not some ritualistic regulation for the Mosaic period only. Why do so many people have the idea that God is some great unfair monster who imposes foolish hardships on His people? Whatever God instructs us is for OUR GOOD, not some nonsensical restriction for one period to be changed around some different way for other people of a different period.

Swine flesh—pork, ham, bacon, sausage, etc.—is simply NOT FIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION. The same is true with oysters, lobsters, dogs, snakes, rats, and skunks. It's all a matter of what we have become accustomed to doing. It seems strange and horrifying to us to hear that some Chinese eat mice as a delicacy. But the Chinese are horrified to hear that we eat nasty, slimy, filthy oysters! But some human grown-ups, like little babies, will eat anything they can get their hands on and stuff into their mouths. At so-called "quality" grocery stores in large towns and cities, specializing in rare delicacies, you can purchase "delicious" canned rattlesnake—if you care for it. So far as I am concerned, you may have my portion if you wish to try it. I do not care to eat it for the same reason I do not eat slugs, skunks, cats, or eels—for the same reason I do not eat poison ivy or weeds. Yes, and for the same reason I do not put fuel oil in the gas tank of my car!

The day will come when the learned (so-called) doctors will at last learn that eating greasy hog flesh and other unfit "foods" has been a prime cause of cancer and other deadly diseases.

But what about the sheet of unclean animals shown to the Apostle Peter in a vision? Did this vision change the entire composition of all unclean animals, or of human digestive apparatus, so that these unfit things suddenly became nourishing food? NOT AT ALL! The

purpose of this vision was NOT to change God's food and health laws which have been inexorably in motion from the beginning, but its purpose was to show Peter "that I should not call ANY MAN COMMON OR UNCLEAN" (Acts 10:28). Jews had been taught to regard Gentiles like unclean animals—to have nothing to do with them.

Paul teaches us *not to judge* one another because of what the other eats or does not eat—but he does not teach us to eat that which is UNCLEAN and unfit for food. He does, however, put the spiritual welfare of another ahead of the physical welfare of our own bodies. We are not to let our knowledge of God's instruction about meats to become a spiritual stumbling block to another. If we are invited to the home of one not a Christian, or not possessing this knowledge, and we accept the invitation, we are to eat such things as are set before us, asking no questions. Better let a little small portion of unfit meat go down your stomach this once than arouse the prejudice and indignation of another against your religion and turn him forever from the truth.

Two other points to be briefly mentioned. God condemns also the eating of animal FAT, or BLOOD (Lev. 3:17; 7:23; etc.). Butter, olive oil, and some vegetable oils and shortenings are all right, but animal fat should be cut off before eating meat. Hamburger is not good because mixed with much fat. Lard should never be used. These things will wreck any stomach in time.

It may not be spiritual sin to eat unclean meats. Yet, if one deliberately does it out of lust of appetite that breaks the tenth command and becomes sin. But in all events *wrong food injures the body* which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. It defiles the BODY if not the *man*, and if we defile our bodies God will destroy us. Read I Cor. 3:17.

How Would Jesus Vote for President?

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came Satan by *obeying* it! Jesus withstood Satan's temptations, rejected his deceptions, refused to obey him, conquered him by *obeying* GOD!

Then and there Jesus Christ *qualified* to succeed Satan as RULER OVER ALL THE EARTH. But the time had not yet come for Him to be inaugurated in office. First, He had to return to the throne of God and receive God's official authorization.

God had allotted ONE MILLENNIAL WEEK—that is, a period of seven thousand-year "days"—for the accomplishment of His divine PURPOSE in humanity on this earth. That divine Purpose is the creation of righteous spiritual Characters. God has allotted the first *six* of these thousand-year periods for Satan's labor of deceiving the human race—six thousand years in which mankind is permitted, if he chooses, to suffer from the "labor" of sin. When the first Adam failed to depose Satan, God extended the duration of Satan's dominion over the earth for another six thousand years. This was necessary for the accomplishment of God's great Purpose.

Then, as "in six days God made the heaven and the earth, and the seventh day He rested and was refreshed," even so in the seventh millennium humanity is to "rest" from sin, those converted are to enter into God's spiritual rest;—and in this coming millennium Satan shall not do *any work*—that is, his work of deceiving the world!

Then Jesus will come to earth again, this time in all His Power and great Glory as KING of kings, and LORD of lords.

But, in God's great Plan, He has purposed that Christ shall rule by and thru many saints then made immortal. They shall form the world-ruling kingdom—the KINGDOM OF GOD—which Kingdom shall rule over all the mortal nations on earth. Time had to be allowed for their conversion.

Jesus Preached GOVERNMENT

So, after meeting and conquering Satan, Jesus devoted three and a half years to His Ministry—proclaiming His Gospel.

His Gospel—the only true Gospel of Jesus Christ—is not what most people think today. Few have heard it, today!

It was, and is, a Gospel of GOOD GOVERNMENT! The word "gospel" means "Good News." And what Jesus preached—the Message He brought to mankind from God—was the GOOD NEWS of the coming GOVERNMENT OF GOD—the coming world-ruling government *which shall overthrow, blast out of existence, and rule in place of every present government on earth!*

Yes, Jesus Christ said to Pilate that He was born to be a King! He, Himself, is coming again as WORLD KING!

And His Gospel was merely, as one might say, His *political platform* for His Kingdom. He revealed the way to enter it as one of its immortal citizens—the way of salvation. He revealed its laws.

What Jesus taught was that this present world, with its governments, its

religions, its economics, its society, is *an evil world*—it is Satan's world—it is a world in *competition against*, and **AT WAR AGAINST, HIS COMING KINGDOM—THE WORLD TOMORROW!**

No, *Jesus did not enter into THIS WORLD'S politics!* He called His disciples *out of* this present evil world—out of all its customs and philosophies and ways—to a life of SEPARATION from the world.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Follow Me!" And one cannot follow Him and also follow this present world! He did not mean for Christians to go out of the world, physically. He knew they must live in it, but He taught that they should not be *of* it. In his final prayer for His disciples, Jesus said to His Father, "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. They are not *of* the world, even as I am not of the world." (John 17:15-16.)

To His called ministers Jesus commanded: "Go ye *into*"—(not away from)—"all the world, and *preach the Gospel.*" He did not say go into the world and become part of it, striving to make it a better world. He said go into it and "preach the Gospel." And His Gospel is the Good News of a *different* world altogether—of a coming world to be ruled over entirely not by these present various world governments then reformed, but by HIS KINGDOM which shall blast forever out of existence every government that operates today!

"AMBASSADORS for Christ"

Thus Jesus' disciples live *in* this present evil world as though they were foreigners, here merely as the guests of the nation where they reside, as AMBASSADORS for Christ and His coming Kingdom, here as representatives of HIS coming Kingdom, *not* of any of this world's governments.

As the Word of God reveals in II Cor. 5:17-20, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; . . . Now then we are ambassadors for Christ."

The United States sends an ambassador to the Kremlin. He resides for the time in Moscow, Russia. The Christian in the United States is in the same relative position as the American ambassador in Russia. He is not a Communist. He does not regard the Soviet as his government, and he knows well it is a government mortally opposed to his government. He does not serve the Soviet government, nor enter into its politics, nor devote his time in Moscow to trying to eradicate the evils he sees in their system, or to making their state a

better state, or to entering into their politics, or voting, or entering their army or fighting for their cause.

Yet, he subjects himself to all their rules and regulations that in any way concern him or his life while there. If they drive automobiles on the left side of the street, he conforms to their regulations. He does not oppose them, he is SUBJECT to them while there, endeavoring to cause them to like him so as to better represent the interests of *his* government, the United States.

Jesus taught His disciples to render unto Caesar the things that *are* Caesar's. Specifically he was referring to payment of taxes. If the government levies taxes, pay them. The Bible teaching for the Christian is to be SUBJECT to the powers that be in this world, but, on the other hand, Christians shall *obey God* rather than man.

The true Christian will so conduct himself as to be highly regarded by the powers of government where he lives. He will be regarded by them as a good citizen. He will appreciate the privileges, advantages, and opportunities extended. He will regard himself as the *paying guest* of the country where he resides, and he will act with due courtesy, submission to its rules and regulations insofar as they do not conflict with the commands of God, and submission to their *penalty* where they do.

But the true Christian is one who *follows Christ*, and Christ did not vote! Jesus did not try to reform Caesar. He did not try to make this a better world. Rather, He preached the doctrine of a radically different world to come—and He called His followers out of all participation in this present evil world, and to allegiance to HIS KINGDOM which is to come.

Citizenship in Heaven

But *His World* is the *World Tomorrow!* His Kingdom, He told Pilate, is *not of this world*—that is of this AGE, this present time. This is Satan's world and Christ did not come to reform Satan, or improve Satan's handiwork, but to save His followers *from* Satan and his system.

Since God's Kingdom is not literally set up as yet, the true Christian's citizenship, in his heart, is now reserved in heaven (I Peter 1:4; Eph. 2:19).

Christians are called to be separate from the world (II Cor. 6:17), and all its affiliations, whether social, political, economic, or religious. They are not to live by the philosophies, customs and ways of this world, but by EVERY WORD OF GOD (Luke 4:4). Jesus taught us *not* to live by traditions of the present society and civilization, but by

God's laws (Mark 7:7-9), and He taught here that those who disobey this teaching **WORSHIP HIM IN VAIN.** Yes, thousands call themselves Christians, think they are converted, believe in Christ, worship Him, but *worship Him in vain*, following the course of this world and its customs and ways, instead of the commandments of God! (Mark 7:7-9.) Read it!

Jesus said for the Christian to seek *first* the KINGDOM OF GOD (Mat. 6:33), and He also said we cannot give allegiance to and serve *two* kingdoms (verse 24).

How and When Christians Are to Help Run Government

In the prophecy of Daniel 7, and especially in verses 17-18, and 21-22, and 27, we find revealed how and when Christians are to take part in the running of the government.

In this prophecy Daniel is shown the empires of this world from his day until the Kingdom of God. First was the Chaldean Empire, to be followed by the Persian, the Grecian, the Roman. There is now to be one more resurrection of the Roman Empire—a United States of Europe now forming. But finally, at Christ's *second* coming, "the saints of the Most High shall take the Kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever." These present governments are to run their course "UNTIL the . . . *time came* that the saints possessed the kingdom." That time has not yet come. Until then Christians are to obey God and be subject to the powers that be.

When Jesus comes again, it is proclaimed: "The kingdoms of this world *are become* the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and HE shall reign for ever and ever." (Rev. 11:15.) Then it is, as Jesus has said, "He that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, *to him will I give power over the nations:* and he shall rule them." (Rev. 2:26-27.) The smashing of the present governments of the world is pictured in Daniel 2:34-35, 44.

Then Satan shall be shorn of power to rule the world. (Rev. 20:1-4.) His qualified successor, Christ, shall then be inaugurated in office. *Then* begins the Sabbath Millennium of Christ's reign—when He shall set His hand again to *save* Israel and the world.

WHY the World's Greatest Church "Is Fallen"

In the prophecy of Revelation 17 is pictured the greatest church in this world—a *professing* Christian church, ruling over many nations, but she is

called in Bible language "the great whore"—a most ugly name!

But you will notice, verse 5, she is shown to be a MOTHER church. She has many daughters, who, even tho they have come out of her in "protest" naming themselves from the word "protest," nevertheless are labeled by God's prophecy as "harlots."

And what caused the fall from grace of these great, popular churches—who have DECEIVED ALL OCCIDENTAL NATIONS? (Verse 2 and 18:3). What was her fornication?

Notice it—verse 2: "With whom *the kings of the earth* have committed fornication." The "Beast" on which she sits represents the GOVERNMENTS OF THIS WORLD.

The true CHURCH is the affianced Bride of CHRIST. She is to be married to Christ in a spiritual Marriage AT HIS SECOND COMING! (Rev. 19: 7.) Then the true "CHURCH of God" will become the "KINGDOM of God," to rule the earth. But Jesus said, "My Kingdom is *not of this world*." He taught His disciples to keep themselves unspotted from the world—to come apart and be separate.

But this great counterfeit Church, instead of becoming "engaged" to the true Christ, and keeping herself true to Him as coming world ruler, formed an illicit union with the *governments of this world*—entered into this world's politics—sought to DOMINATE this world's governments, took an active part in its affairs! Thus she committed spiritual "fornication"—illicit union *prior* to marriage.

The Roman church united Church

and State, actually ruled over the state, which is Satan's kingdom, for more than a thousand years! The popular churches of Christendom nearly all take active, vigorous part in this world's affairs and its politics. Most churches will now be instructing their members HOW TO VOTE in this presidential election. They are part and parcel of THIS WORLD, and they serve only THE GOD OF THIS WORLD, Satan the devil. *They are deceived!* They do not even know they are doing wrong—they ARE DECEIVED!

This entire system—religion taking part in politics—is labeled "BABYLON" (Rev. 17:5).

"But," some who follow "Anglo-Israel" teaching will object, "we Americans are ISRAEL. Since we are nationally the race of ISRAEL, ought we not to take active part in our nation's affairs?"

We are ISRAEL, yes—but Israel today is not living under God's divine form of government, which is THEOCRACY, but under her own *form* of the BABYLONISH SYSTEM. The governments which have constituted the various stages of the Roman Empire which is "Babylon" have called their particular form of this system "Fascism." We call ours the "republican" form, or, erroneously, "Democracy." But it is a MAN-MADE form of administration of the BABYLONISH SYSTEM.

ISRAEL—the United States, Britain, the "Democracies" of northwestern Europe—modern Israel IS IN BABYLON TODAY, just as prophecy states (Jer. 50:1,4-6, 8; Isa. 48:1,12-20, etc.). It

is because of this—*because our sins are increasing*—because we have made alliances with heathen powers instead of relying upon our God—that the Eternal warns us our nations are soon to be invaded and conquered, in order to bring our people back to God (Isa. 47:1-6; Jer. 30:7-16,24; Micah 5:8-11; Ezek. 3:1,4-7,17, 5:12-14; 6:11-14, etc., etc.).

Yes, ISRAEL IS IN "BABYLON" today, and GOD CALLS US OUT! (Rev. 18:4, Jer. 50:8; 51:6-9; Isa. 48:12-20.)

What, then, would Jesus do in this time of presidential election? He would WARN our people Israel: "COME OUT of her (Babylon), my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and *that ye receive not of her plagues!*" The plagues of God are soon to fall upon BABYLON and all who choose to remain a part of "Babylon." JESUS CALLS YOU OUT!

What would Jesus do? HE WOULD BE TOO BUSY PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF HIS OWN COMING WORLD-RULING KINGDOM, and the way of salvation, to take any part whatsoever in the politics of this present evil world, or in any man-made form of government that is DOOMED very soon to be destroyed and replaced by the Theocratic government of THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

Our mission is, as Ambassadors of Christ—as advance emissaries of HIS KINGDOM—to WARN Israel of her plight and present danger, to proclaim to all nations the Good News of THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

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