

NEGLECT OF BIBLE GROWING DAILY

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like stories of the New Testament, is intended to convey to the human mind some great and eternal truth, and the marvelous part of it all is that each story is told in such a way and put in such form that, once heard, it can never be forgotten, and that each story tells the whole of its lesson to the youngest child and only part of its lesson to the wisest sage.

There is no use in trying to eliminate the supernatural from the Bible, because life is constantly in touch with the supernatural. We are all conscious of the existence of the spiritual, and, as Ramsay says, the natural is that part of the spiritual which we understand and the supernatural is that part of the spiritual that we do not yet understand. At the same time, there is no value in nullifying the marvelous, or in trying to believe in the supernatural when it is not necessary. We know nothing as a matter of fact, about the beginnings of life on this earth. We know nothing about the beginning of the life of a man on the earth. Read the first chapter of Genesis carefully, and you will discover that it does not tell us anything about the origin of life. It says God made man, but it does not say when, where or how. Modern scholars are inclined to believe that the creation of man was not something that happened 6,000 years ago, when man was suddenly made a complete physical, mental, moral and religious creature, but that his creation was a long, slow process, extending through tens of thousands of years; that he first came to sense, consciousness enabling him to know pleasure and pain and afterward to intellectual and moral consciousness, whereby he was able to make moral distinctions and apprehend spiritual truth. Now, whether this is the right thing or not nobody actually knows; but if it is, there is no reason why it should not be accepted.

The first chapters of Genesis are intended, as the reverend professor of Hebrew in Oxford tells us, to expound certain moral and religious truths with regard to man, which are of permanent value to the world, and the first is, that "God formed man out of the dust." The parabolic teaching of the story is that man has a material side to him, and is connected with material things. We are also told that "God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life." This means that man has a spiritual nature, which must be exercised and developed, and a command is laid on him. He breaks the command, and falls, and is deprived of the Divine Presence. Here, again is eternal truth. It is simply a discipline of the awakening conscience of the race, the power to know the difference between right and wrong, and the foolish and yet constant tendency to choose the wrong. The fact that the man is punished for the wrong, teaches that the man has free will, and so is responsible for his choice. It tells also of the insidiousness of temptation and how it is more than likely to prompt him to do wrong, on the ground that it is harmless. It tells of the eternal conflict between the higher and lower nature of man and in the picture of the Son of Man treading upon the head of the serpent, is given the great hope that man will "win out," just as the Son of Man has accomplished it.

What a splendid guide to the life of man is found in the Bible. How poor and cheap and mean is the life that gets far away from its precepts? Josiah had tried hard to do that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and yet he was amazed and alarmed and charged at the things he had not done which he ought to have done, and simply because he had been deprived of the Book. The self-righteous satisfaction at the self-righteousness of our own times is due to the fact that men have lost the Book. It is not concealed anywhere. It is simply neglected and men have adopted another and a lower standard of life and work and worship. Today the Bible is the foundation of all progress and development, and the greatest inducements that can be brought against an acre, or a people or an individual is that the Book of the Covenant has been laid away, forgotten and despised. Let us not forget that the discovery of the Law by Josiah led to a tremendous moral and spiritual reform. The effect is the same today, when with honest purpose we accept that truth which it teaches and which for a long period we have neglected.

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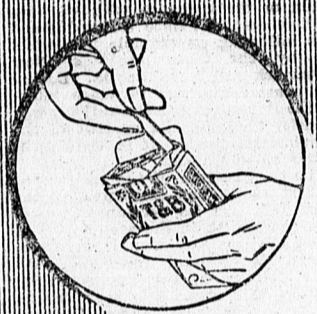
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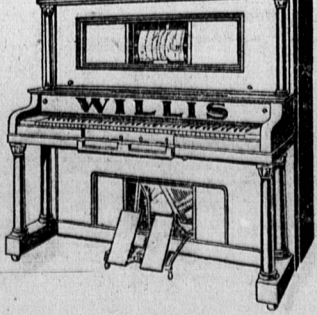
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