

Scripture—John 20:24-31; Acts 8:26-39; Romans 10:15-17; II Timothy 3:14-17.



Though a devoted Apostle, Thomas refused to believe Christ's Resurrection without actual proof. Jesus provided it, blessed him, and pronounced a greater blessing on those who believe without proof.—John 20:24-31.

Journeying to Samaria after the Passover, Philip meets an Ethiopian questioning Isaiah's Messianic prophecy. Philip preaches the Gospel of Christ so convincingly he is converted and baptized.—Acts 8:26-39.

Christians must be willing to believe in and accept Christ—though we cannot see Him or have actual proof of Him—on the basis of 2,000-year-old testimony given by those who saw and knew Him.—Romans 10:15-17.

We have God's revelations in the form of the Bible, for teaching, correction and instruction, that we may be complete in every good work.—II Timothy 3:14-17.

MEMORY VERSE: "And Jesus answered and said unto Him, Bless ed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."—Matthew 16:17.

BELIEF ALONE INCOMPLETE

Foundations Of Faith

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By R.H. RAMSEY

Like everything else, religious faith must have a foundation. For Christians, it is the foundation of belief as revealed in the writings of the Old Testament seers and prophets, and particularly upon a complete and committed faith in the Person of Jesus Christ and wholehearted acceptance of Him as Lord and Savior.

Indeed, we need first to believe, if we hope to become true Christians. But based on the heels of belief comes repentance for past sins, committed knowingly or otherwise. Then we must fully accept Christ Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior. Finally, we must live a righteous life, living examples of our faith.

Now, there are those who think of Christianity only in terms of service, and certainly service to God and our fellow man is the natural extension of Christian belief and faith. But service is the fruit of the tree of faith, not the root of it. Beneath it all we find belief; belief in things we cannot see; belief in certain things that happened 2,000 years ago on testimony given by others, as imperfect men as ourselves; belief in the divine nature of Jesus Christ and His power to forgive our sins and transform our lives; belief in

the power of Christian faith and principles to bring humanity to divine and eternal triumph. Should a good Christian doubt? Yes! It is not sinful to doubt. Doubt indicates a readiness to believe and a willingness to mull over and ponder the things which, by their spiritual nature, seem supernatural. When the doubting is over our belief remains, stronger, more firm than before, like a house built upon rock rather than sand.

Certainly our heavenly Father, in His all-seeing wisdom, must be amused as we doubters flounder around before—discovering what was there all the time, the certainty of our belief. Thomas, a noble man who was ready to walk with his Lord into the arms of death after the raising of Lazarus, doubted—and Christ blessed him for it, adding a greater blessing on all those who would come after Thomas who would believe wholeheartedly without the actual visible proof of the divinity of Christ that Thomas had before him. And despite his doubts, Thomas was among the first of the disciples to realize the true nature of Christ.

And if proof is needed for Christianity it is there. We find it in the almost miraculous transformation that occurs in our own lives when we repent of and renounce our sins and receive Christ into our lives. And we can see the power of Christ in the lives of those about us. We find it, too, in the Bible, God's revelation of His will for mankind, made known to us which He disclosed in supernatural ways through seers, prophets, and, supremely, through Jesus of Nazareth.

Report Given On Atheism Touches Off Controversy

LONDON (AP)—Are those boys carolling beneath the gothic arches of the college chapel really as angelic as they seem? Do they, in fact, believe a word of what they sing? Are they even Christians at all? Anthony Chenevix-Tesch, headmaster of famed Eton College, told the modern churchmen's conference, a small, pro-

gressive Church of England group, that atheism is, in fact, becoming increasingly respectable in Britain's exclusive private schools. So much so that even the attitude of the school authorities is changing. "Perhaps the biggest advance is the abandonment of that tacit assumption, so prevalent before, that of course all the dear boys are really Christians by belief, and that their doubts and disbeliefs should be tolerated in a good-humored way as a kind of adolescent growing pain.

"On the way out, too, is the palpably absurd assumption that all the masters, at least, are Christians. They aren't and the boys know it." The headmaster's statement touched off controversy in church and academic circles. Harold J. Blackham, director of the British Humanist Association, hoped the Eton headmaster's frankness might one day lead to an end of the monopoly Christianity now enjoys in British schools.

There must be an open approach to religious education with no indoctrination at all," he said. "We must end the hypocrisy that the school is or ought to be a Christian community. It isn't and saying so won't make it so."

OPPOSES COMPULSION David Tribe, president of the National Secular Society, which opposes public money being used for religious education, said it is "quite monstrous" that atheists have to attend chapel in the schools.

But Rev. Glyn Davies, 44, vicar of St. Paul's, Blackpool, charged some teachers are carrying on guerrilla warfare against religion. He said they hold up to ridicule any of their pupils who regularly go to church. He blamed a small minority of teachers who, he said, "have a thing about the Christian faith."

John Dudly Carleton, 57, head in a tier of Westminster school, whose scholars still attend compulsory chapel daily in Westminster Abbey, said he thinks boys are much the same as they have always been. "Remember, schools don't lead the age—they only reflect it. There's an indifference to religion now in the outside world—indifference rather than hostility. Nowadays, a school like this, which has reflected the Christian tradition for more than 400 years, is possibly more Christian than the home."

BLAMES WAR "No doubt the war, with its physical smashing of things, has made people more ready to lay hands on other things and smash them, too—traditions and values, I mean," he said. "The atom bomb, too, has doubtless had a sub-conscious effect."

The bishop said, however, that he still favors school chapel being compulsory. Rev. Geoffrey Ford, rector of Digsweil, Hertfordshire, blames more radical elements among the Anglican clergy for making constant compromises with a pagan society which surrounds them. He told the church assembly that both the Church of England's teacher training colleges and theological colleges have become infected by skepticism and irreligion.

The Church Times commented on the paradoxical situation that, although only a small minority of the population worship God in church on Sundays, a large majority want a Christian education for their children. But Britain's private schools—except for the Roman Catholic ones—still are staunchly Anglican. Any boy may opt out of chapel if his parents desire it (they usually don't, even when non-churchgoers themselves) or for reasons of conscience.

UC Moderator Should Have Anglican Trust

When presbyteries and conferences of the United Church start looking around for the next Moderator of the church they should not only look for a responsible, statesmanlike man or woman, but seek someone trusted and respected and understood by the Anglicans as well as United Churchmen, says the United Church Observer, in its current issue.

"For 1966-5 a statesman is needed", the Observer says. "It would even be wise for the brethren to discuss nominations in quiet confidence with their Anglican brethren."

"Such a statesman could be a layman or a lay woman, or an ordained woman", the church journal says. "No layman or woman has yet held this office in the United Church, but it could be. Perhaps it should be done now, not as a reminder to Anglicans that such is possible or in any sense a last fling, but as a dramatic and prophetic act, signifying our belief that in

The American churches have agreed to this designation. The 150th Anniversary of the American Bible Society occurs this year. Many kinds of celebration are being planned in order to make it significant. Among the recommendations set forth are: prepare and provide special Scriptures for the unmet needs of millions of Americans among minority groups; support the formation of National Advisory Councils overseas, leading to National Bible Societies; undergird the objectives of the United Bible Societies with increased support and encouragement; launch a Bible Brothers' Fellowship, encouraging Christians to give Bibles to adopted brothers in other lands; and encourage Scripture reading and study.

The New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra is preparing to give a "Year of the Bible" concert in Philharmonic Hall, New York City, on November 15, with Sir Malcolm Sargent of the London Symphony conducting.

WATCH FOR TRUE GREEN There are four true varieties of Irish shamrock and three very similar varieties of three-leaved grass.

The Salvation Army "Home of Evangelism Since 1865" Great George Street Capt. Ray Nelson 55 Villa Avenue Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m. Sunday School—10 a.m. Holiness Meeting—11 a.m. Sermon: WEIGHED IN THE BALANCES (Part 2) Salvation Meeting—7 p.m. Sermon: THE PRODIGAL SON (Part 2) Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Home League (Public meeting) Thursday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting. A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY

Central Christian Church 219 Kent Street 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper Sermon: "GROUNDS FOR CONDEMNATION" Solo: Miss Betty Graham "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" 7:00 p.m.—EVENING SERVICE Sermon: "THE GREAT INVENTORY" Solo: "The Holy City" By Mr. Delroy Brown COME AND WORSHIP WITH US Minister: Mr. W. O. Weale Organist: Mrs. Helen MacRae, A.R.C.M. WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

Sherwood Christian Bible School Meeting in Sherwood Elementary School Sunday, 9:45-10:45—Bible School for all graded classes—Primary to adults. Wednesday, 8:15 p.m.—Bible Study and Prayer Meetings in homes of members. A Warm Welcome is Extended To All.

The Kirk of St. James Minister: The Rev. Malcolm A. McCuaig, B.A., B.D. Director of Music: Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B. Mus., ARCCO SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 1966 11:00 A.M. Sermon: "GOD'S AVANT-GARDE" Anthem: "O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord"—Tye "Lord of All Power and Might"—Wesley 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery 11:30 a.m.—Children's Corner You Are Invited To Worship With Us

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH Kirkwood Drive Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis Organist: Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate, Senior Church School 11:00 a.m.—Nursery, Kindergarten and Primary Classes 11:00 a.m.—Sermon: "THE HUMANITY OF CHRIST" Anthem: In Heavenly Love Abiding Mendelssohn You Are Welcome To Worship With Us.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH Charlottetown, P.E.I. Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A. Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwa, B.A., B.D. Organist: Mr. J. B. Herdman CHURCH SCHOOL— 9:45 a.m.—Junior and Intermediate (Trinity Hall) 9:45 a.m.—Senior—Heartz Memorial Hall 11:00 a.m.—Primary in Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.—Kindergarten (3-5)—Auditorium 11:00 a.m.—Crib Room (Infants) and Toddlers up to two years 11:00 a.m.—WHAT TO WEAR IN 1966 (Rev. J. G. E. Ball) Anthem: Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies Salute (Farant) 2:00 p.m.—Religion and Life Classes for Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies 7:00 p.m.—"A PILGRIMAGE" (Rev. J. G. E. Ball) Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Anthem: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" "You Are Welcome to Worship With Us"

St. Paul's Anglican Church Established 1769 by Royal Foundation The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.I., Rector Organist and Choir Director George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CHM) A.R.C.M. 8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION 9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL: Junior, Senior and Bible Classes 11:00 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL: Crib Nursery, Beginners and Primary Classes 11:00 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON Anthem: "Praise"—Roberts Subject: "LOOK AT WHAT I WAS, AND LOOK AT WHAT I AM: THIS IS WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE FOR ME" 7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON Subject: "WINE SUFFERING AND DEATH COME, WILL ANYONE BE WITH YOU? (Part VII—Sermons from the Psalms). YOU ARE CORDIALLY WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL OUR SERVICES

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH 13 Christie Drive, Parkdale Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister Mr. Leslie Hiscott—Organist and Director of Choir MORNING: 9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate and Senior Church School 11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Kindergarten Classes 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: "GREAT EXPECTATIONS" Anthem: "A Prayer"—Handel 11:15 a.m.—Primary School EVENING: 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship Sermon: "WINDS ON THE WORLD" Anthem: "The Lord's My Shepherd"—arr. Kurth (Intermediate Girls' Choir) Soloist: Mariene Ramsey YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

First Baptist Church Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister Mrs. V. L. Digwell, Organist and Choir Director 11:00 a.m.—"I BELIEVE" Anthem: Lord Lead Us Still! (Brahms) (Broadcast OFCY) 7:00 p.m.—"DECIDE FOR YOURSELF" Children's Choir Anthem: "God Who Touches Earth With Beauty" Solo: Miss Debbie Wood, Cross Roads Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Meeting (A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU)

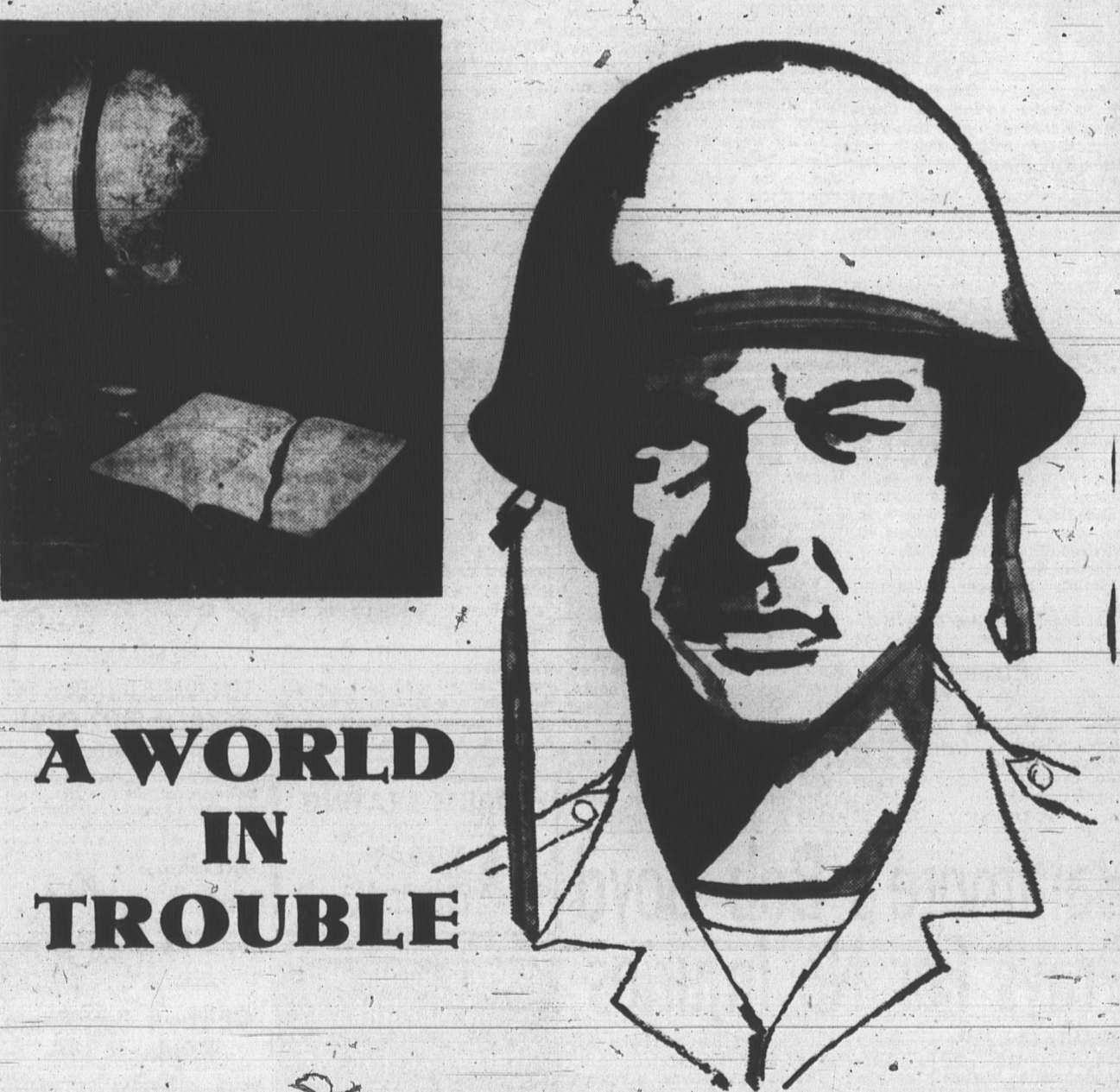
Charlottetown Bible Chapel 235 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave. 11:00 a.m.—RONALD HARRIS 7:30 p.m.—STEPHEN WILLIS "The Old Book... the New Birth... the Precious Blood... the Blessed Hope."

BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (Birchwood St. near Longworth Ave.) Minister: Rev. W. K. Underhay, B.A. 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship 7:00 P.M.—Evening Worship VISITORS WARMLY WELCOME.

CALVARY TEMPLE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA Upper Prince Street Rev. C. K. Benn, Pastor 9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast—Summerside Station 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Classes for all 11:00 a.m.—Worship 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Twentieth-Century Church with First Century Message

Zion Presbyterian Church Corner Prince and Grafton Streets The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister Miss Roberts Shaw, Deaconess Mrs. Harvey MacKinnon, L.M.S., B.Mus. Organist and Choir Director 9:45 a.m.—The Church School. Classes for all ages 10:00 a.m.—Bible Class 11:00 a.m.—Nursery School 8:00 p.m.—Young People's Bible Class 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Sermon: THE CHRISTIAN STRATEGY Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A. Solo: My Task Mr. Frank Wood 7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: "BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW" Miss Roberta Shaw, Deaconess Anthem: At Even, When the Sun Did Set VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

St. Peter's Cathedral Rochford Square Anglican Church of Canada Ven. Archdeacon J. B. Davies, M.A., Rector Rev. Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D. Honorary Assistant Priest Miss Suzanne Brenton, Lic. Mus., Organist Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director Jan. 9—The First Sunday after the Epiphany 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m.—Mattins 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (Infants Class 11 a.m.) 11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon 7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon The service at 8 and 11 will be conducted by the Rev. J. S. Sherren. Visitors are most cordially welcome at all services.



A WORLD IN TROUBLE

What has happened to this marvelous world of ours in this twentieth century of God's grace? Mankind seems to be passing through a sea of troubles which has no counterpart in human history. There are wars and rumors of wars among the nations, and many of the nations themselves are split into warring factions, each faction striving for supremacy, and each intolerant of the views, hopes, and rights of others. The great trouble with the world is that men have forgotten God. They no longer seek spiritual guidance, but follow the vain ways of the modern world. We have become a cynical, materialistic generation. If this drift toward world tragedy and chaos is ever stopped, the churches of the world must do it. The world's hope—our hope—is in God and His Church. He alone can save mankind from a sorrowful fate. The Church seeks to turn the hearts of men from the ways of war and fear and hate to the ways of peace and love.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL ALL FOR THE CHURCH The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Table with 7 columns: Day, Scripture, Time. Sunday: Isaiah 1:10-20; Monday: Isaiah 2:1-5; Tuesday: Micah 6:1-8; Wednesday: John 1:12-18; Thursday: Romans 5:1-8; Friday: Ephesians 2:1-10; Saturday: 1 Peter 2:17-25.

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