

MORNING COMES! AWAKE! ARISE!

Majority of Human Family Pass
Through Life as if Asleep.

STATE OF MENTAL INACTIVITY

Some Asleep in Death—Others Asleep
In Ignorance and Superstition—Still
Others Asleep in Worldliness—Some
Christians Half Asleep—The Awak-
ening of the Soul—Mental Eyes Open-
ing to See Things in a New Light.
The Light of the World—The Sun of
Righteousness Rising With Healing
In His Beams Will Dispel Darkness.



On the Atlantic,
May 24.—Pastor
Russell, whose
Photo-Drama of
Creation is awak-
ening new zeal in
the study of the
Word of God
everywhere it is
being presented,
preached today
from the text,
"Awake, thou that
 sleepest, and arise
from the dead, and
Christ shall give thee light."—Ephesians 5:14.

The Pastor introduced his theme with the observation that the majority of humanity are not awake; that they seem to be passing through life in a dreamy state; that as a rule they are not thinking about the important matters of life, but about the trivialities—what to eat and drink, what to wear, where to go, etc. The world, he declared, spends its time thinking about these things rather than about the things that pertain to God, to His will and His ways, and to the everlasting life of the future.

Then the Pastor reminded his audience how this state of mental inactivity has been brought about. While the world in general may be said to be asleep, in one sense of the word it is dead. Thus the Apostle declares of the Church, "You . . . were dead in trespasses and sins." The whole world is under the sentence of death passed upon Father Adam because of his disobedience to the Divine command. Our first parents sinned, and their posterity, all mankind, shared with them the penalty, "Dying, thou shalt die."—Genesis 2:17, margin.

But this death sentence that was passed upon all has been changed, the speaker asserted, to be a sentence of sleep, from which there is to be an awakening. God foreknew the fall of man, and purposed to redeem the human family from death. In the Divine Program Jesus was the Lamb of God slain from before the foundation of the world. Therefore, because God had purposed the redemption and restitution of humanity by an awakening from death, He always speaks of death as a sleep, when communicating with those who believe.

The Awakening of the Soul.
Proceeding to his text, the Pastor discussed his theme in three divisions: the awakening of some of the world in the present time, the awakening of the Christian, and the future awakening of the world during the Messianic Reign. To all who come to the Lord, he declared, there came a time when they began to think of subjects unthought of before—the higher things, those pertaining to God and the world to come. Up to that time some had been steeped in sin and degradation; others had lived merely for the present and seemed never to think about anything except the trivial affairs of everyday life. But somehow they began to realize that they were sinners and that there was a sentence against them. Perhaps they got the right view, that this sentence was one of death; but more likely they got the wrong view, that it was a sentence of eternal torment.

Then the Pastor showed that the majority of children reach this important crisis between the ages of twelve and fifteen years. At that period there is a great change in human nature; and therefore it is a most advantageous time for the forces of spiritual growth to spring up in those who have reached the age of responsibility. The speaker here dwelt upon the duties of parents and teachers who have control of the young at this important stage of development. While he fully believes in the importance of training a child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord from the very beginning of its existence, yet he holds that both parents and teachers should be especially alert with children at this most favorable time for opening their mental eyes to see things in a new light, for their learning to look beyond the trivialities of the present life to the higher things pertaining to the life to come.

"Arise From the Dead."
The Pastor next pointed out the fallacy of the belief that the "young must sow their wild oats," and expressed regret that even Christian parents seem to be imbued with this false idea. Those who sow wild oats, he maintained, will reap wild oats; for "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," according to the Scriptures. His thought is that from the beginning of its existence the child mind should be kept near the Divine standard. The parents should be able to express to

the child in sympathetic terms those thoughts which it is so ready to receive from any one in whom it has confidence.

One great difficulty, the Pastor declared, seems to be that children lose confidence in those whom they find to be deceitful. Even if the person has never deceived the child, it soon finds out whether he deceives other people or practises falsehood in any way; and as a result of that knowledge the child mind is perverted. It loses faith in others, and imbibes that same dishonesty of purpose and thought. The speaker also deplored the fact that some parents seem to think it wise and proper to teach children to take advantage of somebody else, and even to fib a little, in order to further present interests. This, he declared, is a serious mistake.

Those who awaken to a sense of responsibility to their Creator should arise from the dead condition as far as possible, the Pastor holds. He reminded his hearers that when one first awakens in the morning, there is a mental freshness which is invariably lost if one turns over and falls asleep. So the moment of the soul's awakening is a favorable moment of which to take advantage. But if the soul has no encouragement at that critical moment it may drop off to sleep again. All who are awake should do all in their power to encourage those who have just awakened, that these may rise from the dead world and be separate from conditions around them.

"Christ Shall Give Thee Light."
The speaker declared that merely to awake to a realization of one's condition, merely to arise from the dead condition of the human race as respects higher things, is not to be a Christian. While Christ gave the light which enabled us to see, first of all, that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through the Redeemer, yet the newly awakened must accept Christ as their Ransom-sacrifice, must lay hold upon Him, before they may be considered Christians.

Pastor Russell went on to show the steps to be taken in order to have one's eyes of understanding opened. The first step is to recognize that we are all sinners and to accept Christ as our Redeemer from the curse of sin and death. Those who take this step are shown the second step—that of consecration. Unless that step is taken, the light will not shine much more clearly for that individual. Those who take each step as soon as it is clearly seen will go on from grace to grace, from knowledge to knowledge; for "the path of the just is as the shining light which shineth more and more unto the perfect day." So then, in order to progress one must take the step of full consecration to the Lord.

The Awakening of the Christian.
Next the Pastor pointed out the mistake which many of us have made in the past. We did not really know what it is to be a Christian. We do not become Christians, members of the Body of Christ, when first we awake or when first we arise from the dead. Then we were merely looking toward Christianity, merely getting the soul awake to see the possibility of harmony with God and escape from the condemnation upon the world. As St. Paul declares, there is condemnation upon all except those who are in Christ Jesus. But from the moment we get into Christ we lose the condemnation of death that came upon the race because of Adam's disobedience. Then we are individually on trial for life.

The first trial for life everlasting was given to Father Adam, the Pastor said. Adam failed to pass the test, and thus brought condemnation upon all his posterity—the world of mankind. It is a point in law that a man under condemnation for a capital offense cannot be condemned again unless first freed from the previous condemnation. As a race, mankind were sentenced to death by God's Law, "Dying, thou shalt die." Since all humanity is under this condemnation no one can have an individual trial through Christ until first he has gotten free from that condemnation which is the penalty of Adam's sin. So the mere awakening to a realization of our condition does not give any one a second trial for life. Arising from the condition of sin and degradation and trying to live an honest, decent life would not mean that one had passed into trial again.

Church Only on Trial Now.
Then the Pastor demonstrated from Scripture that only the Church class are now on trial for life, and that the world is not on trial at all, but is "dead in trespasses and sins." The world's judgment lies in the future. The Church's judgment has been progressing for nearly nineteen hundred years. The first to be tried was the Head of the Church—our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was found worthy and was glorified. The Apostles were tried, and throughout the Gospel Age the individual members of the Church have been tried. Soon the trial of the Church will have been finished, the last member will have passed beyond the veil and entered into the joys of his Lord.

Those begotten of the Holy Spirit are now on trial for life on the spirit plane. All thus on trial will fall into one of three classes. One of these classes will get the highest place—the Divine nature—as members of the Royal Priesthood. Another will get a lower place on the spirit plane, as members of the Great Company—the anti-typical Levites. The third class will not get life on any plane. This class will probably not be large, the speaker thought.

Applying his text to the Church, the Pastor said that he was not sure but that many professed followers of Christ are asleep. In the context the Apostle seems to imply that some of

the people of God who have escaped from the bondage of sin and death, and have come into Christ as New Creatures, have become overcharged with worldly cares, and thus may figuratively be said to have fallen asleep again. The sleepy ones will not be of the Kingdom class, he declared. St. Paul says that the true Church are not of those who are asleep, but are children of the Day; and therefore they are to remain awake and be sober, looking for the great salvation which is to be brought unto them at the Second Coming of our Lord.

Those of the Church who go to sleep now are those who are overcharged with the cares of this world and with the deceitfulness of riches—whether by intermarrying and thus having the world brought so close to them that they are overcome by its influence; or whether by business entanglements or alliances or partnerships, or what not, that may be unfavorable to their spiritual interests and their consecration to God. After one has become thoroughly awake, and has become a member of the Body of Christ, there is great danger that such a one may become overcharged with worldly cares and the deceitfulness of riches. One may get the deceitfulness of riches without having the riches; for the effort to get the riches may develop the deceit.

The Awakening of the World.
The Pastor then discussed his text from the standpoint of the future. At the beginning of the New Day of Christ the world will be asleep—some in death, others in ignorance and superstition. But the tumult of the Time of Trouble, with which the Scriptures everywhere declare the change of dispensation will be accompanied, will certainly awaken the majority of those who are not in their graves. Some are awakening now; later, the whole world will awake, and Christ will give them light.

The thousand years of the Messianic Kingdom will be a time of rising from the dead. Not merely those who are in their graves will arise, but all who are living at the time of the establishment of the Kingdom will be awakened, before the awakening of those in the tomb. When awake both classes will begin to rise out of sin and death conditions, trying to get a little higher and more awake, in order that they may receive some of the blessings of that glorious time.

The Scriptures declare that at that time the Sun of Righteousness—Christ and the glorified Church—will arise with healing in its beams. Then the poor world, that have been in sorrow, pain, crying and dying, afflicted of the Devil for six thousand years, will begin to look up to the great Redeemer for deliverance from the power of Satan. For the thousand years of the Messianic Kingdom the Devil will be bound and have no power to deceive the people. The true light will then shine out, and the darkness of superstition and ignorance will be scattered.

World's Trial Future.
The Pastor then drew a soul-inspiring picture of future conditions as figuratively shown in the Scriptures. The New Age will not bring in full light all at once. The great Sun of Righteousness—Christ and the glorified Church—will have a gradual rising, like the natural sun. Gradually its rays will dispel the darkness and clouds; gradually the light of day will increase. During the thousand years the world will be rising gradually from the dead. It will require the entire period of a thousand years to accomplish the resurrection of the world, now dead in trespasses and sins.

The Pastor strengthened his argument with a description of the personal test which God will bring to each member of the restored race at the close of the Messianic Reign, when Christ will have delivered up the Kingdom unto the Father, and mankind will have been left to themselves. Those who have learned really to love the right and to hate the wrong will be ready for such a test; those who have not developed such a character will not be ready.

The nature of this test we may not yet know definitely, the Pastor said. In the Revelation it is represented as the loosing of Satan, to go forth to deceive the whole world of restored humanity. Everybody who has any sympathy whatever with evil will be deceived into taking the wrong course. Doubtless those who have reached perfection of human nature would not take that course if they realized that it would bring death upon them; therefore they would dodge the wrong course merely for fear of the consequences. But God is not pleased to give life everlasting to those who would merely dodge the penalty of wrong doing. Only those who love right as He loves right will receive the boon of life.

In conclusion, the Pastor showed that those who fail to pass the final test will be destroyed in the Second Death, and that this action on God's part will not be unjust or unkind. Mankind were born without life rights, and God has not promised them eternal life. The blessings of the incoming Age are all of Free Grace. All of His blessings must be appreciated from the standpoint of right and wrong. Those who fail to learn the principles of righteousness will not be acceptable with God, either now or in the future. God seeketh such as worship Him in spirit and in truth, such as love righteousness and hate iniquity—Injustice. Christ is to be the great Light-giver to mankind—the true Light, that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. Happy are all they who receive that Light now!

"Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,
And press with vigor on;
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown."

CHICK EVANS.

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Defeat by Englishmen.



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MILITANT SUFFS CONTINUE CAMPAIGN Chain and Manacled Sylvia Pankhurst to Marc'ers.

London, May 25.—Suffragists, "Twentieth Century Furies," as they are now known, gave police and church officials a busy day, while they themselves in some instances received rough treatment from the crowds, which showed their resentment at the recent interference with the king and the damage done to pictures in the National gallery.

Sylvia Pankhurst, who was again arrested under the "cat and mouse" act, and her east end followers provided the biggest excitement of the day. A great procession formed at Canning town and marched to Victoria park. On the way the women picked up Sylvia Pankhurst, who was chained and handcuffed to fifteen women and surrounded by other supporters armed with staves.

The police allowed the procession to proceed, but when the park was reached they got the militant leader and those chained to her into the park and then shut the gates against the rest of the women.

Taken at a disadvantage, the women put up a stiff fight, but the police finally broke the chains and arrested Sylvia. They allowed the others to go outside the gate a furious struggle went on between male suffragettes and anti-suffragettes, which the police had great difficulty in breaking up.

HOLD TWO FOR DEPORTATION
Syrian Orphanage "Solicitors" in St. Louis Used Bogus Letters.

St. Louis, May 25.—George Michae and Joseph George are held by immigration officials here and will be recommended for deportation on the ground that they worked a confidence game on President Wilson, Senator Stone of Missouri and Secretary of War Garrison.

The two men were arrested after soliciting funds from the Business Men's league for an orphanage in Van Syria. They showed letters of recommendation from the three men named.

Investigation, it was stated, revealed that the letters were bogus, that the orphanage is supported by taxation, and that no one has been authorized to solicit funds in America for it.

King Flees Capital as Rebels Approach
Durazzo, Albania, May 25.—The insurgents are close upon the town. Prince William, the princess and their suite took refuge aboard the Italian warship Misurata.

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