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PASTOR RUSSELL

Panama—Colon, February 23.—Pastor Russell manifested a keen interest in the great Panama Canal work, which is speeding to completion. He took for his text Psalm 84, "WHAT IS MAN?" He rehearsed human engineering feats of the past—the Tower of Babel, the great city of Babylon, the Great Pyramid of Egypt, full of scientific accuracy and symbols of Heavenly things. Solomon's Temple and Herod's, the Cathedral of St. Peter's at Rome, and other great cathedrals, each wonderful in its way, were referred to as examples of man's skill in the past.

All these stately edifices, the Pastor declared, glorify man's intellectual power not less than do some of the legal statutes of the past—the Mosaic Law, the Laws of Lycurgus, etc. These achievements refute the thought that our forefathers were monkeys.

Within the last half-century, human intelligence has bounded forward in a most remarkable manner. The telegraph, the telephone, the wireless, steam power, electric power and light have given talents a wider scope than ever before. They have forwarded the art of printing, which, in turn, has stimulated education. World-wide intelligence is making the world fabulously rich. Millions are on the alert to associate themselves with the new things and the resulting prosperity.

The Canal Illustrates All This. Modern cities, with their multiplied conveniences, our tunnels, or subways, under cities, and all for which they stand, amaze us. As we realize that these things have come within fifty years, we repeat, "What is Man!" How wonderful is the intelligence which has been able to grapple with nature, its laws, etc., and master them! Is not man a great king in all the earth?

Nowhere is man's power to deal with earthly conditions more strikingly manifest than on this Canal Zone. We have here an illustration of mountain-moving faith. Six tons of Trojan powder exploded at one instant, crumbling an entire hill, is certainly a wonderful record. These great steam shovels which move enormous masses of loosened earth are marvelous. If only a few years ago, some one had told us that a man, by moving a lever, could lift six tons of earth, transport it an eighth of a mile, and load it upon cars, all in three minutes or less, we would have thought him insane.

Tells of Messiah's Day. We must accord our great progress to God. His time has come for lifting the veil of ignorance and superstition. He has been gradually favoring the increase of knowledge along every line. We today are merely taking advantage of this more extended knowledge, carried into homes and offices by means of printing presses, railroads, steamships, postal service, etc. Instead, therefore, of trying to belittle our ancestors, let us confess that we have drawn from them deep inspiration.

Let us credit our progress, not to evolution, but to the more reasonable proposition that God's time has come to give us the blessings promised in the Scriptures—the blessings which herald Messiah's Kingdom. We have waited and prayed for it. Now that the dawning of the New Day is visible on every hand, let us not forget to be taught of God, reading in the signs of the times the fulfillment of the predictions of forty centuries.

What Will Man Become? Our text intimates that man is poor, weak, fallen, unworthy of his Creator's favor and blessing. He is not deserving of eternal torment, but of the Divine sentence, "Dying, thou shalt die," because of degradation through the fall. Yet God has made provision for man's recovery from sin and death. The foundation for this recovery was laid by the Sin-Attonement Sacrifice on Calvary. The blessings of that Atonement have been extended thus far to only a small number, such as would take up their cross and follow in the Savior's footsteps.

But the selection of the Elect to be associates with Messiah in His Kingdom is only the beginning of God's favor to mankind. The Elect will soon be complete. Then the Kingdom will be established by Divine Power in authority and dominion, not to crush mankind, but for human uplift out of sin and degradation, back to the full image and likeness of God.

If fallen man can accomplish the wonders of our day, what will not be possible to restored man, under the favorable conditions of Messiah's Kingdom, for which the world of mankind has waited ever since God promised it to Abraham—four thousand years ago.

RESTITUTION IN PEARL OF ANTILLES

Pastor Russell Returning From Panama Preaches In Havana.

Modern Application of a Familiar Text. What the Bible Means by "Restitution Times"—The Pastor Claims Each "Time" a Year, a Thousand Altogether and a Beginning Made—Earth's Happy Day Nearing—A Little While, a Dark Hour May Intervene.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Havana, Cuba, March 2.—Pastor Russell is delighted with Cuba, and does not fail to call attention to the wide contrast between prevalent sanitary conditions and those of a short time ago, when this fair land suffered continually from yellow fever and other tropical ailments. The Pastor referred to General Wood as the one through whose energy and skill Cuba's restitution and rejuvenation came about. "Honor to whom honor is due" appears to be one of Pastor Russell's mottoes. The text was Acts 3:19-21: "Times of Restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His Holy Prophets since the world began." He said:—

In Panama a week ago I saw one of the stupendous works of man in subduing the earth and making it suitable to his purposes. How wisely God has left the subduing of the earth to man! A blessing must come to humanity from mastering nature. I testified respecting the increased education of mankind through modern inventions, which speak to us of the dawning of the New Era long foretold in the Bible.

Today I point you to man's increasing skill along other lines. The laws of health are better understood than ever before. The laws of chemistry, applicable to nearly everything in life, are marvelously clear and greatly extended beyond anything of previous times. This increased knowledge lies close to the work of sanitation, so widely approved. The sudden influx of knowledge is a sign of the dawning of the New Day—Restitution.

Millennial Work in Cuba. The Pastor urged his congregation to consider the wonderful transformation in their fair island an exemplification of the great work to prevail world-wide shortly. It properly raises our estimation of human intelligence, and of the beneficence of the United States Government, whose agent in this transforming work was General Wood. What has taken place so markedly in Cuba is gradually being accomplished all over the world.

The Scriptures everywhere associate the glorious work of human uplift with Messiah's Kingdom. Perhaps many have expected the blessing to come in another way; nevertheless, all should see the facts and acknowledge prophetic fulfillments. Instead of being disappointed that God is using humanity for the fulfillment of His glorious promises, let us rejoice that mankind may be so wonderfully used.

Best of All—Human Restitution. As man fell from the image and likeness of God, Restitution to him means a return to that image and likeness. Of all the Restitution wonders, this will be the grandest. Were "every prospect pleasing," and humanity vile, sinful, imperfect—mentally, morally and physically—the curse would still rest on the earth. The lifting of some of man's ignorance and superstition is by no means a realization of what is to be expected. If a taste of Divine favor and goodness be so refreshing, what will the full draft be!

This message is meaningless to believers in human evolution. Disbelieving in man's fall from the Divine image in the flesh, these must logically deny also the Redemption, and all necessity for a Savior to die for our sins. Surely they cannot count it sin to experience evolution, as they claim; and if sin has not been committed, there could be neither Redemption from sin nor Restitution to a former condition. All such theories, therefore, are unscriptural. For this reason they are antagonistic to the Bible view; that man fell from God's image six thousand years ago; that he has passed through six great Days in which there has been a reign of sin and death, induced by Satan, and still influenced by him. Under this reign, man has lost much of the Divine image, and has become more or less brutal.

Restitution was not due when Jesus gave His life as man's Redemption-price; but it is due now, for we are living in the dawn of the great Seventh Thousand-Year Day. Messiah's first work as the great King is about to be inaugurated. He is about to bind Satan—"that old serpent, the Devil." He is about to bless humanity by rolling away the curse of death.

Nothing of human Restitution is possible, however, until after the completion of the Church. So particular is this feature of God's Plan that nearly two thousand years have been devoted to it, whereas only one thousand is assigned for the uplift of mankind. God is selecting a saintly class to be His children on the highest plane of existence. These are required to be exceptional characters, and to attest their faithfulness and devotion unto death.

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