

RUSSELL'S SERMON.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Pastor Russell gave two addresses here today. We report the one from 1 Timothy 4:1, 2. It is a severe arraignment of education and especially of ministers, notwithstanding its moderate language.

The Pastor declared that we are gradually awakening to the fact that the world does not love God, and that few of the churches recognize Him as the gracious Heavenly Father. Although the Bible tells us that God is Love, that His mercy endureth forever, and that from Him comes every good and perfect gift, nevertheless the doctrines of demons instilled into our minds from childhood have hindered us from appreciating these statements.

Back in the Second Century, when Bibles were very expensive and few people could read, Satan laid the foundation for gross errors. The clergy began to claim that the bishops were successors to the twelve Apostles, thus implying that their teachings were of equal authority. Nobody was allowed to preach unless authorized, or ordained, by these so-called Apostolic Bishops. The result was the separation of the Church as the clergy—the public being called children of the Church.

Conditions During the Dark Ages.

Later the Apostolic Bishops, with Emperor Constantine, started creed-making. Thereafter creeds took the place of Bible study; for the Emperor decided that the Nicene Creed was the standard of Orthodoxy, and that whoever differed from its teachings was a heretic and subject to persecution. This condition lasted twelve hundred years. When we consider how much error could be brought into the Church in twelve centuries, it is no wonder that our creeds are more than half error, and that the doctrines of demons so leavened the whole mass that it became injurious to spiritual health.

—Matthew 16:6, 11, 12; Luke 13:21.

Then the authority of the Apostolic Bishops began to be questioned. The Bible began to be sought and studied, but all who did this were esteemed heretics. Finally the people insisted that they be permitted to read the words of Jesus and the original Twelve. The pseudo-apostles (Revelation 2:2) were forced reluctantly to give the people the Bible in the vernacular. Both Catholics and Protestants warned the people that the other's edition was especially wrong. The object was to prevent Bible study.

The same spirit is manifested everywhere yet. Whoever agrees with the creeds is tolerated by his own class. Whoever presents the Bible without sectarian bias is branded a heretic; and vilification heaped upon him is reckoned service to God, however false.

What Are "Doctrines of Demons?"

Doctrines of demons, the Pastor explained, are various falsehoods designed to misrepresent God's dealings and character, and thus to hinder God's Message from taking effect in human hearts. The Almighty could have prevented Satan from practicing deception and slandering the Divine character. But it is not God's purpose to use force in gathering the Church. He sent forth His Message, that those hearing should have opportunity of responding voluntarily.—2 Peter 1:4.

Personally and through his demon host, Satan seeks to misrepresent God's Message. (2 Corinthians 4:4.) He induced us to believe that before man's creation God had made a great place called Hell, supplied with fireproof devils and fuel to last to all eternity, and then made man, knowing that nearly everybody would go there. Additionally, we were taught that we would be rendered indestructible in order that our torments might last eternally. No human mind ever invented such doctrines. They are the work of demons, to separate us from God and His Word, through preachers, evangelists, and the creeds handed down from the past.

Satan began this opposition to God by telling Mother Eve that her sin would not bring death, as God had said; and he has continued the statement until the whole world are convinced that when men die, they are more alive than ever. This is the fundamental doctrine of demons, upon which are based all the false doctrines that have troubled us. The Bible says, "The dead know not anything"; "The wages of sin is death."

These doctrines of demons include Purgatory and masses for the dead. They include the work of spirit mediums; for as bishops and priests are deceived, so are spirit mediums. They think that they communicate with the dead; whereas the Bible makes clear that they are deceived by the fallen angels the demons, thus giving the only confirmation of Satan's original lie, that the dead are alive.

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Report of the Schools of Polk County for the School Month Ending May 14.

- Number of school reporting correctly and on time, 59.
- Schools not reporting correctly and on time, Rogue River and Monmouth high school.
- Number of pupils remaining at time of last report, 2,799.2.
- Number of pupils registered new during the month, 16.
- Number of pupils registered secondary, 16.
- Number of pupils re-admitted, 236.

A BIT OF INSIDE HISTORY.

It Has to Do With the War Between Russia and Japan.

In Aubrey Stanhope's book of recollections as a special correspondent, "On the Track of the Great," he tells a curious story relating to the war between Russia and Japan and helps us to understand the value of diplomatic assurances and the sources from which contemporary history is written:

"I remember once, being at that time correspondent in Petersburg and being on very friendly terms with Marquis Nishi, the Japanese minister, and one day after I had communicated to that diplomat some news of special interest to his country, he said: 'I know I can trust you to keep silent. In eight years' time Japan will make war upon Russia.'

"My astonishment was immense. 'What?' I said, 'Japan make war on Russia?'

"'Yes,' he replied, 'inevitably. And you will see that when it takes place Russia will be found utterly unprepared.'

"Eight years later I was again in Petersburg. This time the Japanese minister was M. Kurino. 'There is going to be no war,' he assured me.

"'There is going to be war, your excellency.'

"M. Kurino gave a quick, sharp look. He had just returned from the foreign office, where he had assured Count Lamsdorf that Japan had no warlike intentions.

"'What makes you say that?'

"'Because Marquis Nishi told me eight years ago that Japan would make war on Russia in eight years' time.'

"'It was told you in confidence. Keep it as such,' he replied.

"At that moment Marquis Nishi was in Tokyo and formed part of the ministry which was organizing the details of the sudden attack upon Russia which occurred a few days later.

"And, as Nishi had said, Japan found Russia quite unprepared."

WHAT IS FEAR?

A Feeling Based on the Instinct of Self Preservation.

That well known investigator of psychological abstractions, M. Bernande Mazade, has attracted much attention by a discussion of the query, "What is fear?" The famous psychological playwright, Alfred Capus, who has dealt with the human emotion with such fidelity in his masterpieces, writes:

"In general, I think that when there is an accident or an illness one has not a sufficient perception of the peril to have the feeling of fear. Fear implies a consciousness of danger and the refusal or moral impossibility to face it. Fear consists in capitulating to the instinct of self preservation."

M. Victor Marguerite says: "Fear is a physical trouble much more than a feeling" and can ultimately be overcome by force of will. M. Alfred Mezières of the French academy considers that fear is caused by some unexpected danger. M. Pouchet of the Academy of Medicine doubts whether any man has ever been quite free of fear for himself or for others.

M. Sicard, who is a professor at the Faculty of Medicine, considers fear or courage to be the result of temperament, training and thought. Fear can be partially eradicated by reasoning and education, but it will never be overcome in its most acute form—namely, the instinct of self preservation. The conclusion is that it is far from being unaccountably admitted that fear is a ridiculous malady.—Philadelphia North American.

Describing the Grand Canyon.

As for the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, it affects those who behold it with a kind of literary asthma. They desire to describe it; some try passionately, but they only wheeze and look as though they might explode. Since it is generally admitted that no one who has seen it can describe it the task would manifestly devolve upon some one who has not seen it and that requirement is filled by me. I have not seen it. I am not impressed by it at all. I am able to speak of it with coherence and restraint. But even that I shall not do.—Julian Street in Collier's Weekly.

Fond Recollections.

"Speaking of old times," said a member of the Reminiscence club, "I can remember when a waiter would say 'Thank you' out loud for a twenty-five cent tip."

"That's nothing," replied his companion. "I can remember when I would look at the list of dishes on a menu to see what I wanted instead of looking first at the prices to see what I could afford."—Washington Star.

Electric Currents.

Whether an electric current is alternating or direct may be determined by holding a magnet near an incandescent lamp burning in the circuit. If the current be alternating the filament will vibrate; if direct it will bend toward the magnet without vibrating.—Exchange.

A Timely Warning.

"I am really very much afraid of infection."

"Then you had better not read the book you have just taken."

"Why not?'

"I am told it contains some germs of thought."—Baltimore American.

Handsome Tailleur.

Blue silk gabardine was selected as the material for this charming tailleur. The skirt is full and the coat short waisted, with a belt and cord ornaments at the waist line. A high collar gives it style distinction.

ABOUT THE MODISH VEIL.

Veils occupy a prominent place in fashiondom, naturally, since they are meant to adorn milady's fair face. The one in the picture is of fillet net, with an attractive daisy pattern sprawling over it.



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