

THE SONS OF EREBUS

The sons of Erebus correctly interpreted are sons of Chaos and Darkness. Modern scholarship is giving to us its feeble smatterings of what it half-knows, or mis-knows. The scholarship of today instead of rising to higher and higher standards of thought, are leading us into the labyrinth of chaos and darkness. The self-styled "sound scholarship" instead of directing us to the foundation of wisdom are leading us to the fountain of folly. Instead of progressive thought it is retrogressive. We are given false philosophy as a substitute for fundamental foundational principles, mere hypothesis are made a substitute for real facts.

We are not opposing scholarship, neither have we ever opposed true science, but what we do oppose is the dangerous evils hidden in the pretext of "sound scholarship." Science is no more dangerous than truth, but truth and science may be made to tell a falsehood. There is a chasimal difference between what science says of itself and what some blind incomprehensive minds say of science.

Anthropology, nor any other science selects the monkey as the parent of the human family. Only the ill-guided so-called scientists spread the shallow, blotching, blundering, infectious deformation, which teach that the monkey is the progenitor of the human family. They make the truth to tell a lie, they make science to speak falsehood. These abettors of false philosophy may retort that we are not competent to criticize their philosophy, but we say in the language of an ancient critic to his adversaries: "We do not have to swallow the Sea to know that it is salt."

We have another type of the sons of Erebus, in the person of Theological Professors. They are the unjust stewards of God's Word. There never were teachers more mischievous, never poisoners so deadly, as these interpolators of the Bible, who foist into the Scriptures spurious words or passages, holding it to be the truth. These Biblio-maniacs, panic-stricken over a little learning, under the guise of "sound scholarship" have taken the Holy Scriptures and dismembered it book by book, and piece by piece, thus mutilating the Holy Bible.

Dr. James Moffatt, well-known theologian, in making over the Old Testament has left the whole document in a disordered and confused condition. Noah's ark is called "A barg," the mess of pottage a "Red omelet," the Garden of Eden is called a "Bark," the city of David "Davidsburg," "Neighbor" is changed to "fellow countryman," God's covenant is changed to "Compact." Thus the Bible is mutilated by our modernists as it was by Marcoin the heretic, of whom Tertulian the father of orthodoxy said: "had like an old pontic mouse, gnawed the Scriptures to pieces."

Professor Rice of Wesleyan University, comes forward with his "Ex-cathedra statements" namely: "Jesus Christ was an evolutionist, not a fundamentalist, in the matter of Old Testament criticism." It is easy for the Professor to affirm that Christ was not a fundamentalist, in the matter of Old Testament

criticism, but what are the facts?

First the Christian Church recognizes Christ as an infallible teacher. Did Christ regard the Old Testament fundamental or a conglomerate of myth, allegory, and fiction in the guise of history? What are the facts?

Christ often refers to the Old Testament as a record of facts, and makes the Old Testament history as the very foundation of His own Gospel. Moreover, Christ regarded the Old Testament as a revelation of divine truth, which it was His mission to develop and fulfil. Christ and His apostles often speak of the Old Testament as divine authority.

Yet we are asked to believe that much of the Old Testament is composed by cunning forgers. These Biblical critics in their attempt to remove assumed difficulties create a babble. Self-contradictions, illogical inferences, fallacies and mere hypotheses are the result.

Summing up the facts. (1) There can be no doubt but that Christ had read the story of the creation as well as other parts of the Old Testament, and therefore He could not have been mistaken in His conception of what God did in creating all things (2) Christ speaks of the Old Testament as of divine authority, and as Christ is the infallible teacher it is not only illogical but indefensible to pronounce any part of the Old Testament untrustworthy. (3) If Christ is not trusted as an infallible authority He will cease to be the ultimate object of worship and supreme standard of the Christian faith. (4) To pronounce as spurious the narratives of the miraculous events is to ignore exactly what Christ and His apostles fully endorsed. Of course Christ was a fundamentalist, and believed in the literalness even in the Whale swallowing Jonah, notwithstanding Professor Rice's absurd statement that "the gospels are full of his (Christ's) efforts to overcome the deadly literalness, even of his own disciples." Christ has admonished Professor Rice to follow His teaching but Mr. Rice is surey out of step with Christ.

Our Lord Jesus believed in and taught the literalness of the blood. Hear Him. "For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe (Greek form of Noah) entered into the ark" Matt. 24:38. The whale swallowing Jonah, Christ believed to be literal, not figurative or metaphorical, as the whole evidence in our Lord's statement shows. Christ interpreted the miraculous event of the whale swallowing Jonah as an actual fact, and literalized its meaning thus. "For as Jonas (Greek form of Jonah) was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Matt. 12:40. As Christ was literally three days and nights in the grave, so Jonah was likewise three days and three nights in the whale's belly. By no legitimate rule of interpretation of language can it be shown that our Lord Jesus meant that His three nights and three days in the tomb, was figurative, nor can it be shown that the miraculous event of the whale swallowing Jonah was figurative. Our Lord's own exact words show plainly literalization, and any effort to disprove His literal

meaning would make Him to use language nonsensically. Christ also literalized the flood. His own exact words prove that the strict meaning of the flood was literal as stated in the Bible narrative.

The miraculous event of God destroying Sodom and Gomorrah is held to be literal by our Lord Jesus. "Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city." Matt. 10-15. Our Lord here refers to the miraculous destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah as a record of fact.

The Old Testament is very frequently referred to by Christ as the oracles of God. He appeals to the Old Testament as a treasure-house of religious knowledge and edification, and admonishes His disciples to study those writings. "Search the Scriptures" is the admonition of Christ to his disciples. John 5:39. The phrase "search the Scriptures" means to examine, scrutinize, to search out the truth, probe to the very depths, look through and find out exactly what they say of me, for they are the infallible Word of God.

If the Old Testament is full of fiction and foregeries, as the modern Biblical critics claim, it would make Christ to consciously and deliberately perpetrate upon His followers a spurious scripture as a guide in Christian life.

BIBLE VERSUS GUN

A contractor in New York recently applied to a judge for permission to carry a gun. The judge said to him, "Carry a Bible and you won't need a gun."

There have been numerous instances where persons have been shot at and the bullet hit a Bible or Testament the victim was carrying and thus prevented the missile from penetrating the body. A man might carry a Bible and still be the victim of murderous assault. But there is little doubt that men who carry the Bible teaching in their character and conduct, in domestic, social and business life are less liable to need a gun for protection than those who ignore the Book.

Those who daily observe the laws of life and health have little need of doctors and medicines. So those who observe the righteousness of the Bible in their daily lives are seldom in need of guns for safety.

Bibles are cheaper than guns and as a guarantee for safety much more secure.

Perhaps there are few Protestant homes without a Bible. What is needed is not simply a Bible in the house but a Bible in the daily life. If we could get the Bible transmuted into human character and conduct, peace and security would be evident everywhere.

Bible righteousness would settle the great majority of human problems, in industrial affairs, statecraft, racial problems and international relations.

The gun and cannon have failed to give personal and national security, why not seriously give the judge's counsel a fair trial?

Gun carrying is a threat and a menace. This is never true in carrying a Bible.—C. E. H.