

## MEETING THE CHALLENGE

Evangelist—Wilfred Moutoux

Russia shot a sphere into space and captured the attention and commanded the respect of the world. It was a cunning maneuver, perfectly timed. We are told the expulsive force required was astronomical.

We of the Arminian persuasion also need to capture the interest and command the respect of the world, both in and out of the Church. To do this will take power; expulsive as well as compulsive power.

Long years since God made available the necessary force in the Person of the Holy Ghost. This power is given on a sliding scale commensurate with the existing need. Of all people, we of the Wesleyan Way ought to be utilizing this heavenly resource.

Pentecost captured the attention of the world in its day; it will do so again. A theoretical pentecost, lacking positive power, will accomplish no more for us than a theoretical blueprint stage rocket would have accomplished for Russia. We must have positive, power-producing Pentecostal experiences to catch men's attention.

Acts 1:8 reveals the source of this precious power: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Here power is assured—power to do, power to be, power to say.

The attention-catching aspect of this power is its startling contrast to the ordinary pattern of the affairs of earth-bound man. The contrast must be found in the lip and life of holy people. This sacred sign, this supernatural seal, as revealed in the anointed tongues and dedicated deportment of another world-minded people, will catch the attention of men. It will set their mental processes aflame with the question, What do these things mean? Then with hot hearts and tempered tongues we can announce the answer: "God in us the hope of glory."

When Sputnik was launched the world tingled with attention. Russia shot herself into a position of prominence where men and governments would no longer treat her claims as idle empty boasts.

For too long too many have payed too little attention to our message. We need to allow the Holy Ghost to launch us into a sphere of attention-attracting activity that will call men to us.

Satellites call for sacrifice; successful soul winning demands the same coin. Some scientist said, "We must choose between pie in the sky, or Sputnik." The Church must make a like decision—sacrifice for souls or sink into a sad unattractive state of sickly sterility.

Evangelism is our business. The need exists. The power is available. The choice must be made. We cannot serve God and mammon. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

**Why the Jew Wouldn't Sign**—A certain fashionable family whose residence was near a church whose members worshiped God with great enthusiasm, drew up a petition to present to the city council, stating that the church was a disturber of the peace. Thinking, of course, that a Jew would be quick to sign it, they took it first to him. But he said, "Gentlemen, I cannot sign it. If I believed as do these Christians, that my Messiah had come, I would shout it from every housetop and on every street in this city with all the enthusiasm I could command—and nobody could stop me."—Prairie Overcomer.

Here I am, Lord: send me to the ends of the earth; send me to the rough, the savage pagans of the wilderness; send me from all that is called comfort in earth; send me even to death itself if it but be in Thy service and in Thy kingdom.

Henry Martyn.

## DIARY OF A BIBLE

Jan. 5: Been resting for a week. The first few nights of the year my owner read me regularly, but he has now forgotten me, I guess.

Feb: 8: Clean-up today. I was dusted with the other things and put back in my place.

Feb. 9: Owner used me for a short time after breakfast, looking up a few references. Went to Sunday school.

March 7: Clean-up again. Dusted again and in my old place. Have been down in lower hall since my trip to Sunday school.

April 8: Busy day. Owner led League meeting and had to look up references. Had an awful time finding one, though it was right there all the time in its place.

May 3: In Grandma's lap this afternoon. She spent most of her time on I. Corinthians 13 and the last four verses of chapter 15.

May 7, 8, 9: In Grandma's lap every afternoon now. It's a very comfortable spot. Sometimes she reads me and sometimes she talks to me.

May 10: Grandma gone. Back to the old place. She kissed me good-bye.

June 3: Had a couple of four-leaf clovers put in me today.

July 1: Packed in a trunk with clothes and other things. Off on a vacation, I guess.

July 7: Still in the trunk.

July 10: Still in the trunk, though nearly everything else has been taken out.

July 15: Home again and in my old place. Quite a journey, but I do not see why I went.

Aug. 1: Rather stuffy and hot. Have two magazines, a novel and an old hat on top of me. Wish they would take them off.

Sept. 9: Clean-up. Dusted and set right again.

Sept. 10: Used by Mary a few moments today. She was writing a letter to a friend whose brother had died, and she wanted an appropriate verse.

Sept. 30: Clean-up again today.

Reader, could this be the diary of your Bible?

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## SPUTNIK SAYS: "NO GOD"

Rev. W. L. Fernley

One gentleman of great prominence and a leader in "Free-Thinkers of America" has made the statement:—"Sputnik broadcasts no discovery of God in the Heavens." We are wondering if he is right. Perhaps we need to rethink our conception of God. Maybe the Bible is being outdated by present day scientific achievements. Who knows but that we all have too long put our trust in a Book that speaks of God and have not endeavored to study that Book. It could be the Christian Church is about to crumble into dust or go into hiding, now that MAN has put an instrument into outer space, and soon may have men on the Moon.

All the above-mentioned ideas are conceivable yet have no real foundation. I think in time inter-planetary missiles will prove that there is a God, if we need more proof than what we have already. The whole conception of God in this materialistic age is to give Him one particular place in which to dwell and then seek to find Him there, and only there. The scientists look for a God as small as they themselves are—they will never discover Him. In his looking, man overlooks one of God's attributes—His OMNIPRESENCE—everywhere present. In the flower, the snow, the dew, the sunrise, lightning, in the sea, on land, in the air—All nature testifies of God. All of us humans

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