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GUEST EDITORIAL

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"WHAT IS MAN, THAT THOU ART MINDFUL OF HIM?"

In a previous article we considered certain qualities that lend dignity to man; in this, we turn our thoughts to God — to God who holds us in mind. The term man, is used here in its universal sense — man past present and future. God is mindful of man in the aggregate. God seems anxious that this fact register in our minds. When Israel lamented, "The Lord hath forgotten me," God answered, "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee." Maybe we need to re think our thoughts on this score. It is easy to be influenced by the blatant atheism and practised secularism that invades our society — an atheism daring to affirm, "God is dead", and a secularism whose principles are of the epicurean mold, "eat drink and be merry for tomorrow we die." God is not dead, neither do we live by "bread alone". We can stuff our bodies and starve our souls unless we watch our thinking. The Spiritual goes: "He holds the whole World in His hand. He holds the whole Wide World in His hand." This is a good faith to live by while the nations are not getting along too well with each other.

But, we have been thinking of God's mindfulness of Man in the aggregate. More wonderful, however, is God's mindfulness of man individually, singly. It is one thing to think of a crowd, it is quite different to think of each person, belonging. Herein, is part of the greatness of Infinite Mind. Today, we number approximately Four Billion souls. God thinks of us not as a mass, but

as particulars. Add to the above number all who have lived and all who shall live and we will have some understanding of what Infinite Mind can do.

When I first thought of this it seemed impossible, but No, this is the nature of Mind. Even the finite mind increases its capacity by receiving. You cannot fill by filling, let the subject matter be poetry, prose, or persons. No man is incapable of knowing more because he knows much. On the contrary, he is capable of knowing most who knows much. Apply this rule to our knowledge of persons: I don't know one person less because I got to know a second, and on and on and on. Apply this to Infinite Mind and what have you? You have a ground-work for the kind of knowledge Jesus told us of. He said, "God knows our names" did He not? And furthermore, He knows the number of hairs in our head at any given time. God must be mindful of us!

History affirms this fact. History relates a chapter in the life of Elijah that is very interesting. He had shared in a great revival that had turned Israel back to God. For this, queen Jezebel vowed to destroy him. Evidently, she enjoyed famine more than she did fire. Elijah, frightened and discouraged, left for safer surroundings. The Wilderness, offering the best protection, found him at even, sitting under a tree, wishing he could die. Only he and one other could know his loneliness. God had him in

mind all through that miserable day and when night came on an angel was dispatched to work on him. Rest and food proved sufficient, and he travelled from there to Mt. Horeb feeling a strength hitherto unknown. At Horeb God came to him and in the kindest manner, "the still small voice", showed him that he had nothing to be discouraged over; that there were men already prepared for leadership, besides Seven Thousand others who had not "bowed the knee to Baal." Wasn't it nice that God was mindful of Elijah that day?

Another soul-warming event happened in Old Testament times. A young girl was drawn into a frustrating experience by no fault of hers. Then when the carnal scheme didn't work out satisfactory she was "cast out" with her child. She too, turned to the Wilderness, and when her food was spent and the water bottle emptied, she laid her child under a shrub and left him to die. But in her distress God drew near and transformed that dismal situation into a mighty victory. God didn't like the way she was treated and told her so. God is like that.

As my mind runs through the Bible I think of so many instances that prove to me that God keeps us in Mind. I would mention one more. The apostle John seems such a lovable person that it is difficult to think of him having an enemy. But he did, and to get him out of the way they put him on

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