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OMNIPRESENCE

Lord of all being, throned afar,
Thy glory flames from sun and star;
Center and soul of every sphere,
Yet to each loving heart how near!

Sun of our life, thy quickening ray
Sheds on our path the glow of day;
Star of our hope, thy softened light
Cheers the long watches of the night.

Our midnight is thy smile withdrawn;
Our noontide is thy gracious dawn;
Our rainbow arch thy mercy's sign;
All, save the clouds of sin, are thine!

Lord of all life, below, above,
Whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
Before thy ever-blazing throne
We ask no luster of our own.

Grant us thy truth to make us free,
And kindling hearts that burn for thee
Till all thy living altars claim
One holy light, one heavenly flame.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

The Apostolic Faith Bible School

The Apostolic Faith Bible School of Baxter Springs, Kansas plans its forthcoming term to begin on Tuesday, January 3, 1962. An invitation is extended to those who desire to do so to attend. This School is open, not only to those who want to be ministerial students, but for those who see the need of more Bible knowledge. If you feel the need of greater preparedness, with a workable, and reliable base, this is indeed the School for you.

Special training for all departments of the Sunday School, Youth and Children groups will be of utmost value to the future workers of this teaching field. Don't forget the large scope covered by the music department. With voice or instrument your powers may be enlarged and polished.

Think of some of the ways by which the Gospel may go forth. Let me call a few of them to your mind: Revival meetings — Bible studies, at Church and in the homes — Open air meetings and street services — Mail evangelism, writing for papers, tracts, and personal — T. V. programs and the radio — Sunday School — Youth Meetings — Children Services — the old fashion prayer meetings — Camp Meetings — Youth Camps — Convocation — prayer conferences — Youth and Christian retreats — Fellowship hours — Visitations of all sorts, to hospitals and on personal calls — Ladies Meetings and many others that need great emphasis. This school will help you to fill a need in any of the above fields.

The Apostolic Faith School is a School of faith; therefore no charge will be made in the form of tuition. Dormitories are available to all single students. Meals are served daily to all attending, students, personnel, and visitors alike. Rooms

or apartments may be rented close to the School. This cost must be assumed by the ones occupying the rental property.

For enrollment specifications, the School asks that the enrollee be of good character. They must be in harmony with the School, with other students, and with the teachers. It will be necessary to have a willingness to study and to be eager to participate in all the functions of the School. Detail work will be required of all those in attendance.

The Apostolic Faith Bible School presents the following faculty and subjects:

Gail Schultz, Superintendent and teacher of Prophecy.
Alford Whiteley, Assistant Superintendent and teacher of Doctrine.
Edna Schultz, Evangelism and Practical Christian Stewardship.
Helen Arnold, Old Testament History, Sunday School Training and Youth and Child Evangelism.
Edna Neff, Piano, Choral, and Band.
Bill Allen, Music Theory, Voice, Talent Development.
Lois Allen, Nursery.
Leora Woodson, Secretary.
Dean of boys will be Bill Allen and Dean of girls will be Ruth Whiteley.

The kitchen will have as director Edna Coles, to be assisted by Ross and Marie Briles.

Come be with us — it will do you good.

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Keep searching for the other fellow's good points. Remember, he has to hunt for yours, and maybe he'll be harder put than you are.

Life will grind man down, or polish him up; depending on the kind of material he is made of.

Your reputation is what people say about you. Your character is what God and your wife know about you.

Some take their spite out on others because they have to live with themselves.

True prayer never comes home weeping. I am sure that I shall get either what I ask, or what I ought to have.

Temptation is the devil looking through the keyhole, yielding is opening the door and inviting him in.

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MINISTERS MEETING

The Panhandle Ministers Meeting was conducted October 2, 1961 at Bryan's Corner, Oklahoma with 30 ministers, ministers wives, and guests present. After a pleasant meal the business session opened with a short devotional and prayer. Things under discussion were: The Apostolic Faith Report; The Permanent Camp Site near Laverne, Oklahoma; and the Mid-West Youth Camp of 1962.

The next Ministers Meeting will be November 6, 1961 on the hour of 6:00 p.m. in the Apostolic Faith Church in Liberal, Kansas. Bro. and Sis. Floyd LaMunyon will be in a Revival there at that time and after the business meeting those present will participate in the evening services.

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Pastors and Evangelists, take enough time from your busy schedule, to send us a report of your activities. We want to have a full page or more on Pastoral Reports in each issue. This is a vital part of your paper and of interest to every reader. You can help us supply this valuable part of the Report. Those received after the 10th of the month will be carried over to the next issue.



We are shy on articles at the present time. Don't pass by the nudge of the Spirit to take a pen in hand and write, to the Glory of God. You can do it and be a blessing to your fellow-men. It is much better to be able to select from many articles than to use all the articles on hand.

This should be enough requests for your help at this time. We thank each of you for your prayers and support. I am happy to be a small part of this Apostolic Faith Movement that is so dear to all our hearts.

The hours materialize into days and days into weeks, and it seems that the world conditions are becoming more and more complicated. Perilous times are upon us. It may get worse, but I feel quite certain that we are living in perilous times. The present looks bleak and the future looks dark. Which way will you turn? The way up is down: the bended knee; the humble soul; the poor in spirit; the broken and contrite heart; these are the things that please God. These are the qualities in our character that bring the victory. "The humble man, on his knees, can see much farther ahead than the haughty man on tip toe." Psalms 121 1-2, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

Let us assure your heart that Jesus, our Captain, is leading to certain victory: in spite of the Devil and all his devices; in spite of Communism and all of its ideologies; in spite of religious profession with its lack of religious possession. Let us be firm and true. Let us place our

weak trembling hand in the nail-scarred hand of Jesus. Let us be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Surely Jesus is coming soon.

—Donald D. Dibbens

PANHANDLE MINISTERS MEETING

This was held in connection with the Permanent Camp Site business meeting in Balko, Oklahoma. Election of officers was the only thing on the docket.

Chairman — Rev. Jerry McClenagan of Hardesty, Oklahoma.

Vice Chairman — Rev. Donald D. Dibbens of Follett, Oklahoma.

Secretary-Treasurer — Mrs. Martha Ruth McClenagan of Hardesty, Oklahoma.

THE COLORED DEACON PRAYS

A white preacher went to preach a dedication sermon for a negro. The negro opened the service with the following prayer:

"Oh Lord, give this poor brother d'eye of an eagle, that he might spy out sin afar off. Glue these hands to the gospel plow. Tie his tongue to de line of truth. Nail his ears to the gospel pole. Bow his head down between his knees, O Lord. Fix his knees down in some dark knoll valley where prayer is much want to be made. Den 'noint him with the kerosene oil of salvation and set him on fire. Amen.

O, what a tangled web we weave,
when first we practice to deceive.

I wish the Church were as afraid
of imperfection as it is perfection.

A prudent man won't swallow a potato bug, and then take paris green to kill it.

Put the kicking straps on old Adam, feed the angel in you, and starve the devil.

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of the
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Notify us of any change of address, giving both old and new address.

The Children's Hour . . .

By ALBERDINE WILHITE

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-lways do the things you should,
Obey your parents and be good.
-ttend church and Sunday School.
Learn to live by Jesus' rule.

"A" is the key letter for today. Fill in the blanks. All words begin with the letter "A".

A. Can you name

1. An insect? _____ Prov. 6:6
2. A tree? _____ 1 Kings 10:2
3. A precious stone? _____

Ex. 28:19

B. Name these Bible Characters.

1. One of the three Hebrew children. _____ Dan. 3:26
2. Second son of Adam. _____ Gen. 4:1-16
3. Son of David. _____ 2 Sam. 3:3
4. Father of our faith. _____ Heb. 11:8-10
5. Almost persuaded to be a Christian by Paul. _____ Acts 26:28
6. Brother of Simon Peter. _____ Luke 6:13

BIBLE READING: Hebrews 11:8-10

8. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed: and he went out, not knowing whither he went.
9. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:
10. For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

"A" could stand for Abraham. He at once obeyed God's command. As he followed, he learned to pray. We know him a "Father of our Faith" today.

A BIBLE VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man." Luke 2:52.

C. Fill in the blanks.

1. Moses was hid in an _____ Ex. 2:3.
2. Noah built an _____ Gen. 6:14.

Did you notice both words begin with the key letter? What are the words? Are the words alike?

I have enjoyed sharing the Bible quiz, Bible reading and the memory verse with you. Remember, no Bible study is complete without prayer. We form habits. Let prayer be one of them. 'Bye now, C. U. next "Report".

- C. I. Ark 2. Ark
6. Andrew
7. I. Abednego 2. Abel 3. Absa-
A. I. Ant 2. Almg 3. Amethyest.

Answers to the above questions:

Don't throw your ticket away when the train goes into a tunnel. It will come out on the other side.

He who receives a benefit should never forget it; he who bestows a benefit should never remember it.

A good live rubber ball: The harder you throw it down the higher it bounces.

Late repentance is seldom true, but true repentance is never late.

Every one of the Apostles were missionaries except one and that one was a traitor.

To work out life's problems, we need to add love, subtract hate, multiply good, and divide between truth and error.

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YOUTH PAGE**TRI-STATE YOUTH RALLY**

The Tri-State Youth Rally met at Baxter Springs, Kansas in the Apostolic Faith church on September 11, 1961. This was the night of our annual election of officers. The new president is Sister Naomi Busch. The vice-president is Brother Paul Shank, and the secretary is Brother Birchie Sluder.

We enjoyed a very good service although the attendance was rather small. Every church that was present brought a number to help make the service a blessing. It was an added surprise to have three visiting ministers with us: Rev. Doyle Wiles; Rev. Alford Whitely; and Rev. Ted Barker. Bro. Barker brought us a very inspiring message to close the service.

Birchie Sluder, Sec.-Treas.

WEST TEXAS YOUTH RALLY

The West Texas Youth Rally was held here in Lovington, New Mexico Friday night, Oct. 6. Rev. Gail W. Schultz of Baxter Springs, Kans. brought an inspiring message that stirred and blessed the hearts of all that attended. There were 65 present including some from Ralls, Big Spring, and Snyder, Texas and Roswell, New Mexico. The next rally will be at Ralls, Texas where Rev. Austin Morgan is the pastor.

TRI-STATE YOUTH RALLY

Youth Rally was held in Joplin, Missouri because of a revival being held there. Special numbers were given from the various churches. Peggy Bard was elected Secretary because Birchie Sluder, our present Secretary, has been called to the Service. Bro. Harrol Waterbury, Katy, Texas, brought a wonderful message. Approximately 100 present. The next Youth Rally will be held at Galena, Kansas.

Peggy Bard, Secretary

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Beware The Vampire!

Mrs. Leona Peck

Speaking of ghost stories—there is an old legend of Slavic origin that the ghosts of witches, criminals, suicides or wizards would rise from their graves at night. They were sent by the devil to suck blood from the living, especially the youth, who later would waste away and die for no apparent reason. Such a ghost was called a vampire. A common practice among many in Eastern Europe, England, and America was to bury the suspicious character with a stake driven through the body to keep them in their grave. History says this practice survived as late as the nineteenth century.

There is a vampire of modern times, commonly known to those who live in the jungles of South America. It is not a ghost but a living creature. The term is applied to small brown bats which steal about in the night to suck blood from a sleeping person or a helpless animal.

The subtle ways of the vampire bat are strangely curious. Jungle nights are hot. When the tropical air hangs heavy and still, the vampire bat finds a drowsy victim. He stations himself in mid-air by rapid vibrations of his silken wings. Drowsiness deepens into sleep as breathing is made easier by the fanning wings. He sings a lullaby with a steady humming, a gentle murmur that lulls the sleeper into complete repose. It is then that two small razor-sharp teeth are pressed into the flesh, perhaps perforating the soft skin of the throat. For some unknown reason this operation is painless. The teeth are not withdrawn but a hungry mouth closes down over the wound and the warm blood of the sleeping victim is lapped away. Senses are dulled, sleep is deep; anesthetized by a deadly enemy while he does his evil work.

There is yet another vampire. He is known, and has been known to all peoples since the days of Eden. He has many forms, many characteristics, many disguises, and many names. He is both beautiful and ugly. All of his characteristics are evil, though they do not always appear to be so. He walks to and fro in the earth seeking whom he may devour. He is subtle more than any

other; he is stealthy, powerful, bold, wily, and exceedingly busy. He is not a myth, nor a ghost, nor a fable; but a real living enemy of all mankind. The Bible names him Satan, the Devil, the Dragon, Prince of the power of the air, Lucifer, the Serpent, Adversary, and the Enemy. Countless other names are applied directly or indirectly to this evil one.

Like the vampire of Slavic folklore, so it seems that Satan's chief target today is the youth. He preys upon the minds of youth through teacher and textbook. He seeks to twist and warp the thinking by destroying the foundations of our childhood teaching of what is right and what is wrong. The modern trend is to discard old methods and teachings, no matter how substantial, for the new, unproven, but supposedly better ways. And a drowsy world is fanned by the vibrating wings of the Vampire to take the way of least resistance.

A young lady sat in class with her classmates attending one of our State universities. They listened for two hours to a socialistic type of lecture on the merits of community property and collective ownership of lands and capital. This certain young lady, loving her freedom and christian background, was the only member of the class apparently concerned enough to even raise a question. But because she dared to do so, her classmates as well as the professor registered shock and amazement. She was made to feel degraded and embarrassed. What is wrong in standing for your convictions? Why do you get that "look from the corner of the eye" when you dare to voice an opinion you feel is right though it disagrees with the majority? It is because the Vampire is humming that old familiar lullaby: Everybody else believes it—now you don't want to be different! Thousands have listened and have been lulled into a false sense of security.

Christian youth, be encouraged to take a firm stand for your honest convictions. Know the truth, learn to love it and never let it go. Be constantly on guard against the enemy of your soul. Let the guard down just a little and the Vampire

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PASTORAL REPORTS

CAMP WOOD, TEXAS

God has been blessing us here in the Apostolic Faith Church. We invite all of the Movement by to be in services with us. Bro. Harold Nease began a Revival here October 8th.

Rev. Charles Gregory, Pastor.

HARDESTY, OKLAHOMA

Bro. Homer Allen was guest speaker for us Sunday night, October 1st.

Recently we have begun a Teacher's Training Session which meets every other Sunday night preceding the regular service. Those attending express the feeling that the Training Session will prove beneficial to the entire Sunday School program.

Bro. J. D. Ray is to be our Evangelist for a forth-coming revival. Tentative dates: October 29 through November 5.

Pastor, Jerry McClenagan

GRANBY, MISSOURI

Rev. Bob Cooper conducted a tent revival in Granby, Missouri during the month of September. The meeting lasting two weeks. Interest was very good and the church was greatly benefited. The special feature of this revival was the 7:00 a.m. prayer services each morning. Rev. O. A. Busch, Pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle

PINE HILL, ALABAMA

Bro. Earl Morgan and family conducted a tent revival at Pine Hill during the month of August. Souls were saved and the church was increased in attendance.

FULTON, ALABAMA

Bro. and Sis. Leon Smith, assisted by Harold and Wilburta Bollinger, conducted a tent revival in Fulton, Ala. in September. It is hoped that a church can be established there in the near future.

Remember the 1962 term of Bible School in prayer. Let us not forget the need of pillows and tea towels. Churches let us see how many new pillows we can supply by December 15th. — **The Editor.**

PERRYTON, TEXAS

There was one converted at the regular Sunday night service. This brought rejoicing to our hearts. Rev. Marcus Adair began a revival at the Full Gospel church October 15, 1961. We are looking forward to lasting results from this effort.

Rev. Jacob C. Regier, Pastor.

EDNA, TEXAS

The Wayside Chapel near Cordele came through the storm "Carla" with very little if any damage. Thank the Lord for his protecting hand. We are praying for a revival and hope to announce the speaker in the very near future. Pray for the many in the Gulf Coast Area that have lost so heavily.

Rev. Steve Welsh, Pastor

GUYMON, OKLAHOMA

The Evangelistic Chapel has been praying for a Revival and Evangelist Ted Barker came to give us a series of services beginning October 8th.

Rev. Doyle Wiles, Pastor

AMARILLO, TEXAS

An encouraging report comes from the Apostolic Faith Church in Amarillo. A number of new people have been attending the services the past few weeks. This has been somewhat the result of the DVBS conducted during the month of August by the Arnold sisters and Melba Bartlett. Several improvements have been made in the church building. Plans are to run side walks around the church. We are praying for a revival in the near future.

Rev. Neil Ragan, Pastor.

BALKO, OKLAHOMA

In the past few weeks we have enjoyed having a number of visiting ministers in our services, which were: Evangelist Ted Barker; Rev. and Mrs. Ross Briles; Rev. and Mrs. James Hosler; Rev. and Mrs. Francis Dearing; and the Adair family. Sunday morning September 24th we were glad to have our Missionary friends from India, Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Abraham. Evangelist Homer Coberly began a revival for us October 8th.

Rev. Jack Cornell, Pastor.

HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS

Bro. Joe B. Dewees is filling in for the pastor, Bro. George Polvado, who conducted a series of services at Vanderpool, Texas. Then on September 17 Bro. Polvado began a revival at Rockdale, Texas.

SNELL, MISSISSIPPI

Rev. Harold Nease of Hinton, Ala. held a three and a half weeks revival at Snell in August. Some of Bro. Nease's equipment was damaged during the meeting and had to be replaced. However, God blessed and seven souls were saved. There is a special need for singers and musicians in this place and prayer is requested that God will meet the need. Sister Myrtle Carney and other workers helped with the singing during the revival.

BETHPAGE, MISSOURI

Rev. M. D. Methvin conducted a series of services in the Union Chapel of Bethpage during the month of September.

Rev. Onal Nunn, Pastor.

JOPLIN, MISSOURI

The Fourth Street Chapel is praying about a revival and expecting to have a revival in the near future.

Rev. Bob Cooper, Pastor

ARNETT, OKLAHOMA

Several visiting ministers have been with us in services lately including: Rev. and Mrs. William Yeakel of Roswell, New Mexico; Rev. and Mrs. Chester Burns of Taneyville, Missouri, and Carrol Clemons; Rev. Francis Dearing; and special services with Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Abraham from India. Rev. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Jack Barker conducted a revival in the Apostolic Faith church in Arnett in October.

Sherman and Louise Sutton, Pastors.

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

Bro. Robert Girouard was in a revival at the Apostolic Faith church in Roswell. Pray with us that this will bring a lasting benefit to the church and community.

Rev. F. E. Waterbury, Pastor

SPRING VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

We have had a number of visiting ministers since Camp Meeting. God has blessed us with some real revival services. Seems like God used every visiting minister to give us a taste of real revival. There have been 3 converted since Camp Meeting. Do pray for us and our work here.

Rev. Edwin A. Waterbury, Pastor

FOLLETT, TEXAS

Bro. and Sis. T. S. Abraham conducted special services Sunday September 10th. It was good to have Bro T. S. back with us again and to meet his fine wife, Mary. They gave accounts of their work among the Indian people.

Bro. O. A. Busch conducted a revival in the Follett Chapel September 18th through September 28th. This was a special visitation from God with conviction on the unsaved and blessings on the converted.

Rev. Donald Dibbens, Pastor

HUDSON, WYOMING

The church is going forward for the Lord in this place. Plans are under way for re-modeling the church building in the near future. Robert and Dora Beydler, Pastors.

SUGARLAND, TEXAS

Evangelist Ted Barker conducted a revival for us with the opening service September 27th.

Rev. Olen Bachler, Pastor

CROSSES, ARKANSAS

Our Sunday School attendance is growing. We have Youth Services started again. Bro. Whiteley brings us some wonderful messages on Sunday night. Our parsonage is under construction, five rooms and a bath. The men of the church are giving their time and have the roof almost completed.

Helen Arnold.

TYLER, TEXAS

Bro. J. W. Elliot is conducting street services in Tyler and keeping the gospel rolling on.

LIBERAL, KANSAS

Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd La Munyon will begin a revival meeting at the Apostolic Faith Church in Liberal on Sunday, November 5th.

Jimmie Wallis, Pastor

In The Beginning God

By DONALD D. DIBBENS

These four words should be enough to satisfy any questioning mind about the creation of the heavens, the earth, man, and the living creatures. However a part of God's creation, man, is not willing to accept this fact at face value. I am pleased that all men do not fall into this category.

My principle concern is the gradual increase among many of our grade and high school teachers toward the theory of evolution. I notice that they say they adhere to the theory of evolution. According to Webster — evolution, biologically speaking is the development of a race, species or other groups; broadly, the process by which, through a series of changes, any living organism or group of organisms has acquired the morphological and physiological characters which distinguish it; hence, the theory that the various types of animals, and plants have their origin in other pre-existing types, the distinguishable differences being due to modifications in successive generations.

Create: To bring into being; To cause to exist.

Most of the professors in our higher educational systems adhere to the theory of evolution. Especially in the biological field.

It would be an admission of ignorance to say that things do not change. Life is the process of a continual change. Also it would be an admission of ignorance to say that things always change to the better: that is, they progress. We would like to think that we are more intelligent than the man of the stone age. We would like to think that our civilization is better; that we are more advanced and superior. Mechanically and scientifically, yes. Morally and socially, it is doubtful. Physically, no. Spiritually, this is questionable. However it is rather difficult to compare different ages or different civilizations, because of the continual change in conditions and relationships of nations. I am persuaded this: the things that man has not tampered with have remained basically the same. Elements, climates, and conditions may have allowed them to change a little but not much. The things that man has tampered with have changed a great deal. I am thinking in

terms of fruits, nuts, and grains; which have been cross-bred and in some instances improved. To me this is more improvement than evolution. Furthermore the heavens and elements have neither improved or depreciated as far as we can tell. The sun still sends its rays and has changed none. The earth is the same. Maybe losing its fertility in places but otherwise it remains the same. The creatures of the wild have retained their same appearance with little or no change. The elephant, lion, and giraffe are still the same. Crows are still crows and have been through the years. Only those things where man has tampered is there a noticeable change.

I believe the Bible is the most authentic source of the beginning of things. No greater history or record has ever been discovered. It seems to me that the reason, for anyone adhering to the theory of evolution, is because they do not want to accept the simple fact that God brought things into being, but are trying to find a more flamboyant way. The Bible record of the beginning is very simple, very plain, and easily understood.

I would like to call upon a few very important men and see what they have to say about this issue: "Did God begin things by creation or did they just evolve?" Now these men cannot appear in person but we have their written record with us today.

Moses, what do you think about this issue? "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." These ten words leave little doubt as to what Moses thought. Genesis 1:1.

John, the apostle, what do you think about this issue? "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." John 1: 1-3.

Let us ask John again for another report. "Thou art worthy. O Lord. to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." These are the

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words of the 24 elders that live in the presence of the throne of God and sent on to us by John as he wrote the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Rev. 4:11.

Isaiah, what do you think about this issue? "Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein." Isa. 42:5.

Malachi, what do you think about this issue? "Have we not all one Father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?" Mal. 2:10.

Mark, what do you think about this issue? "For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be." Mark 13:19.

Paul, what do you think about this issue? "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him." Col. 1:16.

We have called six notable characters, of the Bible, to record, and with one accord they believe that God created all things by Jesus Christ. It is rather fantastic to me that any man will by-pass the opinion of these outstanding men and embrace a theory of Darwin and other similar warped thinkers.

I'll cast my lot with God, Jesus, Moses, Isaiah, Paul and others of like belief. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Men think that God is destroying them when he is tuning them.

Maxine Long

The other day a person asked me a very good question which put me to thinking. That question was: Can a Christian go to Heaven if he doesn't pay tithes?

Well, can he? When you are teaching a Sunday School class and a question like this comes up, you begin to dig for a scriptural answer. When we do that with this particular question we find that the Bible plainly teaches that we should pay tithes, and by so doing we shall have the blessings of God. But should we pay tithe ONLY for the blessings it may bring?

In Matthew 6:21 we are told that where our treasure is there will our heart be also. In some cases the "treasure" may be a pack of cigarettes, or a well-set table, or a fine home and car, etc. I know good Christians (they say they are) who spend more for tobacco than they would dare to put into the Lord's business of saving lost souls. If they would add up the price of one pack of cigarettes per day for one year it would come close to \$100.00, or less than \$8.00 per month; but these same people, men and women alike, think that \$1.00 per week in the Sunday School offering is a great favor to God. Not only tobacco, take cosmetics, toys, clothes, and so on, which all of us indulge in. Do we let the desires of the flesh crowd the things of God into the background? Are we robbing God? Are we claiming on our income tax return the 10% that is allowed for such, and are we really paying it? If we are claiming it and not paying it, then we are liars.

Are tithes and offerings the same thing? Malachi 3:8 reads: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." The dictionary gives the

definition of offering as a gift or donation, and we already know what our tithe is. If we know to do good and do it not is it a sin? The Bible says it is. (James 4:17) Will liars and robbers enter there?

Who paid the way for the Word of God to be preached to us? Do we think so little of lost souls that we will keep God's part of our money for ourselves? Why don't we love lost souls? Are our hearts so filled with worldly treasures that there is no room for the burden for lost souls? The Bible tells us that the day would come when men would love pleasure more than they love God. Then there is that part of the Good Book that says, "By their fruits ye shall know them".

So in answer to this man's question I will have to say: Heaven is going to be populated with people who love God supremely, who are careful to do His bidding, and who obey His commandments. I cannot believe that sinners, robbers or liars will enter there. Can you?

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fans away the pricking of our conscience. He murmurs ever so gently that this path of ease is really living. We yield a little more to the way of no resistance and without being aware of the fact, the Vampire has made a small perforation and is slowly draining away our abundant life of victory.

The South American Indian has no tightly screened houses for protection from their nocturnal enemy. They sleep near their fires for they have discovered that the light keeps them away. There is another Light—the Light of all the world; the Light that will one day brighten the City of God. He is our protection from the wicked one. Stay close to that Great Light. Depend upon His Word and overcome the evil Vampire.

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