



whatever person makes the demand) how it is. He tells him that his citizenship is in heaven. (Eph. 2:19, and Phil. 3:20 (margin). My government is the government of God, the Creator of the universe, My King is Jesus, the "King of Kings and Lord of Lords." My law is the law of God which says "Thou shalt not kill." I dare not, cannot, and will not go to any front with gun in hand. I am a follower of the Prince of Peace. I may get killed here by some earthly government for not going to war (if my government chooses to let me), but I cannot go and obey my government. No, I do not look to police for protection from any disturbance or violence whatever. When I go to China as a missionary (or any other legitimate business) I do not look to any land or naval force for protection. Every morning of my life (at home or abroad) I commit myself into the keeping of my King (for that day). And who (according to your own principles, captain) guarantees to me full and ample protection from any and every thing to the utmost and the slightest detail. And so, therefore, as long as I do not look to the earthly government (under which I happen to live) for protection, I am in no way duty bound to help fight its battles. Yes, I enjoy its advantages and prosperity (what the Lord chooses to give me). But I cannot help that. I am here (and when I work and pay for it) my King gives me a living. Yes, I pay my taxes and live up to every other law that the nation makes, just as my King tells me to "submit yourself to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake." (1 Pet. 2:13). But when the demands of men call for me to draw my sword. I absolutely refuse because my King says "put up thy sword." (Matt. 26:52). No, I do not help make the laws by voting. I let the world make all the laws themselves, and then I obey (carefully) every one of them, except where they make me disobey God, as in the case you are now asking me to do, go to war.

If I voted, it would be helping to make laws. And if I helped to MAKE laws, I would be in duty bound to help enforce them. For to make a law and not to enforce it is idleness, and creates contempt for all laws. And if I did help enforce them (as I would under such a condition be bound to do) that would be drawing my sword and going to war (on a larger or a smaller scale), the very thing you are now asking and I am declining to do. So I do not vote nor in any way help to make law. But let men (who choose to) make them and then if they are wrong or faulty, I am in no way nor degree to blame. But the blame is upon those who made them and I am free. Also, I am consistently free from helping to support them or go to war because of them. But wherever they do not cause me to disobey God (my King, my Government), I promptly obey them, even though they may be a hardship to me. Then God is glorified and men have no right of action against me. This, captain, is true citizenship. First, be true to God (my own Government) and then kindly conform to the laws of the land in which you are (temporarily) residing.

No, I am not afraid of being placed in front of a firing squad. If my Government permits that, (which my King is perfectly able to prevent and never will permit unless it is to His honor and glory) I clearly and intelligently and willingly make the choice

to be shot myself for not going to war. Than to go and break the commandment which says "Thou shalt not kill."

This is the Christian's position. It is consistent, because he does not seek protection from any other government than the Government of God. Therefore he can consistently decline to fight the battles of any earthly government and if the earthly government shoots him for not going to war, he remembers that God has said "He that will lose his life for My sake, shall find it." (Matt. 10:39.) And, also, (same verse) "He that will save his life (by going to war to avoid getting shot) shall lose it."

Let the world fight it out. God has provided that. But to the real Christian He has said "Put up thy sword." "Vengeance is Mine. I will repay, saith the Lord." "But," says the captain, "when the burglar, or otherwise violent man tries to break into your home, you let him have it from your gun, do you not?"

No, captain, I certainly do not. All the property in the entire world (if I owned it) does not authorize me to take the life of a fellow being. And as to the danger of my wife and children (from any violent intrusion), my wife and children are daily instructed to look to the Lord for their protection. Not to their gun, nor even to me. They are daily committed into His care. Therefore no gun is kept in our house. But instead 'The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them.' That, captain, is our protection, and it never fails. And it NEVER will. (Ps. 34:7). 'The Lord is my refuge. In Him will I trust.' (Ps. 91:2.) "I will trust and be not afraid." (Is. 12:2.) "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night nor for the arrow that flieth by day." (Ps. 91:5.)

No, captain, you will have to excuse me, for I will not go to war.

April, 1927.

In the March number of the Remnant I spoke of a tract on Social Purity by Chas. Burton Warren. The correct name of the tract was "An Appeal to Reason." Am sorry I misnamed it.

(Following is an article by Bro. Van Sloten, making comments and giving further ideas along the line taken up in "An Appeal to Reason," the above mentioned tract.)

"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." (Gal. 5:24. If we read Adam Clark's comments on it, we understand it better. "All genuine Christians have crucified the flesh and are so far from obeying its dictates or acting under its influence that they have crucified their sexual appetites: have nailed them to the cross. Rom. 6:6. "Our old man."

St. Paul's admonition to the underclass was not intended for overcomers. He took liberty not by commandment, to address them thus. No one has any right to misconstrue scripture for their liberty to sin. 1 Cor. 7:2-6.

I John 3:3, "as he is pure." Till he is completely saved from his sins as Christ was free from sin. Many say we can't be saved from sin in this life. Will these persons permit us to ask, From how much sin may we be saved in this life?

Now as He was manifested to take away our sins, verse 5, to destroy the works of the devil, verse 8, and His blood cleanseth from all unrighteousness, chap. 1:9, God has rewards that make us rich and addeth no sorrow.

Divine law is the divine will of God and embraces every divine principle.

Now let us who are in the spirit (and have graduated from the letter) commit no more those sins of the flesh which the law condemned. But if we under grace do sin, we have an advocate.

1 Cor. 7:1-9 is not meant to give license for sinning. The acts of divine nature are only for the lawful fruition of the desire to propagate.

God sees the iniquitous one back of all these sins of the flesh. He was a whoremonger from the beginning. Christ came to deliver. Col. 1:13.

God is calling out a class who will overcome this monstrous foe (license of the flesh) in the spirit. His spirit removes the sinful desires. Satan is out on a terrible rape. Multitudes are falling. Don't parley or tinker. Be strong.

If man would get a vision of the Holiness of God, and the company of the redeemed and hear the music of heaven, truly he would realize that "the flesh profiteth nothing."

He that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 1 Cor. 6:18.

It is a miserable thing to say "I don't sin as much as I used to—I don't sin habitually, only occasionally." Alas for this system. Could not the grace that saved them partially, save them perfectly?

Adam Clark's comment: "Strict chastity seems superfluous to the carnal nature. It is not difficult to overcome every besetting sin when the resolution is deep enough to compensate the Lord for what He has done for us."

#### ANOTHER ERROR REFUTED ABOUT THE TRUE RESURRECTION DAY OF CHRIST, AND CHRIST AND THE PASSOVER The New Testament Record

"Now the *first day of the feast of unleavened bread* the disciples came to Jesus, saying, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?"

"And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand: I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

"And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

"Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve." Matt. 26:17-20.

"And the *first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover*, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover?" Mark 14:12.

The above shows positively the disciples made the preparation *on the first day of the feast and not the day before the feast.*

"Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.

"And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

"And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare?"

"And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are

entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in.

"And ye shall say unto the good man of the house The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?"

"And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there made ready." Luke 22:7-12.

Jesus knew before the feast His hour had come.

"Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

"And supper being ended the devil having now put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot Simon's son, to betray him." John 13:1-2.

The last quotation says, "*Before the feast of the passover.*" That is, as the connection shows, before the regular time it was celebrated. Jesus was to meet the antitype on the same day so he ate it earlier than the regular time *adopted by the Jews* as the comparison shows.

We now have it clear that both the preparation by the disciples and the eating of the passover by Christ and the disciples *all occurred on the same evening of the fourteenth day, which was the first part of the day or dark part.*

#### The Next Step

From this supper Christ and the disciples went to the garden to pray.

"Then cometh Jesus with them to a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

"And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

"Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me." Matt. 26:36-38.

"And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

"And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

"And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast and kneeled down and prayed.

"Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

"And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

"And being in agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

"And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,

"And said unto them, Why sleep ye? Rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." Luke 22:39-46.

"Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him." John 13:31.

The above all agree, so thus far there is no question about the order. Thus far all happened on the same day—the *first day of the feast.*

#### The Next Step Was the Betrayal

"Then assembled together the chief priests, and

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the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas.

"And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him.

"But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people." Matt. 26:3-5.

"When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.

"And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples.

"Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

"Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?

"They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them." John 18:1-5.

"And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

"And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely.

"And as soon as he was come, he goeth straitway to him, and saith, Master, master: and kissed him.

"And they laid their hands on him, and took him." Mark 14:43-46

"And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.

"But Jesus said unto him, Judas, be'ravest thou the Son of man with a kiss?" Luke 22:47-48.

The above shows conclusively that while they were eating the night of the betrayal they ate the passover supper. Everything happened on *the same day*. Some get the thought that Christ had told Judas to get something more for the feast they were then eating.

The next s'ep was Christ being led to the house

of the High Priest.

"And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

"But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priests' palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

"Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;

"But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,

"And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days." Matt. 26:57-61.

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## THE BOLSHEVIC AND THE YELLOW PERIL

(Continued from March Issue)

The thirty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel as shown in this book, deals expressly with Russia in the last days. It says, that evil thought is to rob and take a prey. Covetousness and desire for the things of others, is the prevailing sin of the last days, selfishness is at the root of every evil thing. The love of money sets the world in a craze, money buys virtue, it would cause every principle of that which is pure, honest and true to bow at its altar. The rich and the poor are alike. It controls the buyer and the seller, the giver of usury and the taker of usury, it rules the producer as well as the profiteer, the consumer as well as the dealer, it enters into the sacred altars of the churches, it moves the ministry from place to place, it gives the rich the most pleasant seat, while the poor takes the opposite. Money is no respecter of persons, it sacrifices the maid to the slave trade, it destroys the young man of promise, luxury which they think money produces is the goal to be obtained even at the risk of life in bank robbing, and the pick-pocket. There is no exception of class or color, money is the ruling God of all, it is but the genuine, who, having been made pure by the new birth, escapes its grasp. Says the prophet: "It is the stumbling block of their iniquity"

"The love of money" says the Apostle, "is the root of all evil."

It robs the Fatherless and the Widow.

It causes jails and prisons to be built.

It has caused millions of money, and tens of thousands of lives to be lost.

It causes short weights and measures.

It robs the poor and makes hogs of the rich who trust in it.

It makes men an abomination in the sight of God.

It dethrones intellect and makes fools.

It breaks up homes and wrecks happiness.

It bribes Senators, Courts and Juries.

It causes wrong laws to be enacted and places men in position who should not be in office.

It burns property and causes the majority of all murders.

It turned the noble young man with millions of others, away from God in sorrow.

It sends untold numbers to hell.

It causes war among nations. As the saying is "It is the rich man's war and the poor man's fight."

It makes hirelings in the Ministry, and places beggars in the pulpit. The love of money is truly the root of all evil.

Preachers will speak against strong drink, tobacco, unbecoming dress, but who hears about the evils of covetousness? Says God, "A covetous person shall be without the whoremonger, the idclater, the liars and drunkards." The Apostle says: "If any be a covetous man or an extortioner, the saints shall not keep company with him, no, not so much as to eat (Commune)."

Paul said, "I would not have known sin except the law had said, *thou shalt not covet.*" He further said, "when the commandment came, sin by the commandment became exceedingly sinful." He says, "It wrought in me all manner concupiscence, (irregular desires). "Yes when we see ourselves as sinners by the commandment which forbids covetousness, then we see every irregular desire centers in a violation of that commandment. It is the last command of the ten, disobedience to every other command of the ten is caused by disobedience of the tenth."

This is the root of all evil. There is the foundation upon which the Bolshevik and the Capitalist stand. It is this evil which is soon to overthrow the world.

Russia for long centuries has ruled by Autocracy and Czardom. Ignorance has prevailed. The day at last arrived for the masses to take the rule into their own hands. The first step that opened the door was when Russia entered the war with the Allied forces of the west against Germany. Fate was again against them. Eight million of her men were sacrificed to the sword. As stated by the prophet, "I will turn them back." Her move was one that brought no relief. She was "turned back." But when turned back it only opened the door for the next step to be taken, and that was the overthrow of her own government by her own subjects. It is at present up to the first of 1920 in that floundering. Hence Russia has been, and is yet, as the prophet said, she would be, like a floundering fish with hooks in her jaws. But says the prophet, "I will bring thee forth, thou and all the company that are assembled unto thee." Russia will be a captain to them all with an army that shall "come like a storm and like a cloud to cover the land." That day is rapidly approaching. "Now," says the prophet, "when that point is reached, an evil thought shall enter into the mind of the leader of this host. That thought which is evil is for them to plan to "go up to the land called the wealthy nation to take a spoil, and to lay their hand on a people who have gotten rich in cattle and goods to take a spoil. It is ever lawful for the oppressed to seek every honorable avenue for freedom, but to take that which belongs to another by robbery is evil, and only evil. It is right and lawful for every individual or nation by economy, industry and exercise of good judgment to gain sufficient for their comfort. That accumulation should never reach the point of oppression, or to in any way take advantage. Then that would be evil. But for one nation to "take the spoil" as the prophet says, "all their army here de-

scribed will do is evil, and only evil. The Lord says it is an evil thought.

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## THE SABBATH

"Repent Repent! Repent! And be baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost for the remission of your sins, for the kingdom of Heaven is just at hand. Except we be converted and become as little children we shall never enter into the kingdom of Heaven." These solemn events have taken place. "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal and lo there was a great earthquake and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair and the moon became as blood and the stars of Heaven fell unto the earth even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs when she is shaken by a mighty wind." Rev. 6:12-13. The earthquake referred to here is known as the Lisbon earthquake which took place in 1755 on the first of November on All Saints Day when the churches were full of people. Mr. Barretti says that 90,000 people were lost on that fatal day. On page 200 of the same book, we again read, "Mothers forgot their children and ran about loaded with crucifixes, but in vain was the Sacrament exposed, in vain did the poor creatures embrace the altars. Images, priests, and people were buried in one common ruin." This earthquake is said to have extended over a tract of at least 4,000,000 square miles. May 19, 1780, is known as the dark day. The night following, the moon became as blood. Nov. 13, 1833, is known as the time the stars fell over a large part of this country. The next greatest event to take place is recorded in the following verses: "And the Heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together." Rev. 6:14-17.

To whom it may concern: When your teachers come to you telling you that you have nothing to fear, then be on your guard for they are trying to deceive you and rock you to sleep with their peace and safety cry. Jer. 6:13-19. I Thess. 5:1-8. Isa. 13:6-13. There never will be peace upon this earth in its present condition. Men are too selfish and carnal minded for peace to come. "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth." Matt. 10:34-40.

There is only one way whereby we can enter into the kingdom of Heaven. That is by following the teachings of Jesus Christ. Many people think that all they have to do to get a home in Heaven is to place their name on some church book. God's word does not teach any such doctrine. "Verily, verily, I say unto you He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold but climbeth up some other way the same is a thief and a robber." Jn. 10:1-10, 12, 13. Jn. 14:6-9. Eph. 2:10-22. When your teachers come to you telling you that by keeping Sunday for the Sabbath you will be all right, they are deceiving you. In the sight of God they will be considered as spiritual thieves, and of all the crimes or sins that are committed I know of none that are more despicable than to deceive poor old souls that would like to get a home in Heaven. The poor little innocent children, how they are pat ed on the back sometimes and they are being deceived at the same time. This is a note taken from the Bay City Times Tribune International Sun-

day School lesson.

Speaking about the law of God, the writer says, "The Christian does not feel called upon to fulfill all the requirements of the Jewish law. Is he then directly under obligation to fulfill the ten commandments? To this last question we give an unqualified "yes." This is strange language to use and still go on teaching people to observe a counterfeit Sabbath. Christ was a Jew and salvation is of the Jews. Jn. 4:22. Acts 4:12. There is a law in this country that prohibits people from making whisky. Still some people make it. When they are caught, they are called bootleggers. The time is near at hand when God will call these men into question that are teaching people to disregard His Holy Law. When Protestant people keep Sunday as a day of worship, they are taught to believe it is because Christ arose on that day. The truth of the matter is this, when we keep that day as a day of worship it is because the people back in A. D. 321 were commanded to keep that day by Emperor Constantine, who himself was many times a murderer. Many people think they are doing the will of God by keeping that day. The following words will prove why people keep Sunday as a day of rest. And this will also prove that the Protestant ministers are leading their congregations into sin. And that they are worshipping a false God. In the Doctrinal Catechism (Kenedy, New York), p. 174, we find further testimony to the same point: Ques.—Have you any other way of proving that the church has power to institute festivals of precept? Ans.—Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her. She could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no scriptural authority." In "Abridgment of Christian Doctrine," (Kenedy, New York) . 58, we find this testimony: Ques.—How prove you that the church hath power to command feasts and holy days? Ans.—By the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of, and therefore they fondly contradict themselves by keeping Sunday strictly, and breaking most other feasts commanded by the same church. Ques.—How prove you that? Ans.—Because by keeping Sunday they acknowledge the church's power to command them under sin.

Many of the Protestant commentators claim that the Pope is the man of sin spoken about in the Bible. If it is a sin for Protestant people to keep Sunday, it is no less a sin for anyone else to keep that day, and people will find that out in the very near future. I am giving you a warning again to be on your guard, for most of your teachers are deceiving you. Jer. 23:9-27, 29-32. Mic. 3:5-7. Sec. Tim. 3:1-5. This is a life and death question for every one of us and I hope you will search the word of God for your selves and try and be prepared for the awful deceptions that are coming upon this land. The devil is going about seeking whom he may devour, and he is working through the leaders of the churches today harder than he has ever done before, because he knows his time is very short indeed. Isa. 3:12, last part of verse. Isa. 9:16. Hosea 4:6-7. Christ said his house should be a house of prayer for all nations. What are the conditions in the popular churches of today? The teachers are turning them in' o hotels and restaurants, just for the sake of having a good time and to draw

people to the church and make money of them. The churches of today are nearly in the same condition as the Jewish church was when Christ was here in person. They are eating and drinking in the churches now, which is contrary to the word of God. First Cor. 11:21-22, 34. Some of these leaders have absolutely no shame whatever. They must know that they are doing wrong in the house of God. Jer. 6:14-19.

#### God's Judgments Against the People

Here is a true picture of what is taking place today all over the world. "Hear the word of the Lord ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing and lying and killing and stealing and committing adultery they break out and blood toucheth blood. Hos. 4:1-7. This is not only taking place in the social world at the present time, but I am sorry to say that some of the people in the churches are committing some of these awful crimes, and some of the ministers are not content with deceiving your souls, but they have taken away some of your wives. What has the Presbyterian Synod done in regard to the divorce evil? They left it for one year, when the Bible speaks very plainly on the divorce question. Rom. 7:1-3. Matt. 5:32. Matt. 19:9. Luke 16:18.

How have the local ministers taken their stand on this great evil? Some are for it and some are against it. There are dollars and cents in some of these marriages for them. They are looking after the dollars instead of looking after the people's soul salvation. Gal. 5:19-21. First Cor. 6:9-11. "Who-soever therefore shall be ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation: of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:38. Matt. 10:33. Luke 9:26, 12:9. Without faith it is impossible to please him (God). Heb. 11:6. Ministers, if you continue to teach your people to follow a poor old man, God will punish you, and that before very long. Eze. 13:1-15. I plead with the Protestant ministers to forsake this old man and follow the teaching of God's word, because this Sunday-Sabbath wall that has been built up is going to fall very soon and it will fall upon you if you try to uphold it. Great will be the fall of it. Eze. 34:1-31. Rev. 22:18-19. Jer. 26:2-4. Matt. 28:19-20. God never commanded you to teach what you are teaching now. First Cor. 10:11-14. We know what happened to the Jewish people for their unbelief. The same will happen to us if we will not obey God. Let us learn a lesson by their mistakes. Brothers and sisters of a like Protestant faith, God is very soon going to send a famine upon the land. Amos 8:11-14. I am giving you meat in due season, and I hope and trust you will profit by it. While Christ is still pleading before our Heavenly Father for your sins and mine I ask you to accept Christ as your personal Savior, before the door of mercy is closed forever to the human race. For thus saith the Lord, "Ye have sold yourselves for naught: And ye shall be redeemed without money." Isa. 52:3. The ministers are like Esau, they are selling their souls for a mess of pottage. "He that loveth me not keepeth not my saying: And the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me." Jn. 14:24. "If ye love me keep my commandments." 14:15. This means the seventh day Sabbath.

(To be continued.)

## THE TRUE CHURCH IN THIS WORLD

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The TRUE CHURCH, "IN THIS WORLD," began in the GARDEN OF EDEN.

I will admit that at that time there were only two members. But that is where it began. "This world" at that time was a newly created outfit, and the man and woman (referred to) were a newly created couple. Whatever was their status when they were at first created we will not now speak of but when an enemy came along and they gave their allegiance to him, and began to follow him, they certainly were not members of God's church.

All this took place in the Garden of Eden. And as God, right there, began His Beautiful, Life-Giving and All-Important Work of Saving (from ruin) what He had so lovingly created, by calling out from this world as many as would listen and come, right there was where "the True Church" (in this world) began.

God knew that the earth itself and the couple and all upon it was rightfully His by creation, but as things were to be established on the basis of free and willing choice, He consented to the attack, the rebellion and choice and let them, peaceably, have their way.

But, like a 'Faithful Creator,' He did not lose any time (for them to get hardened in the course that they had been deceived into taking), but at once visited them and laid the case before them. Just how it was. What the consequences would be if persisted in. What the Plan was to lift them out of it and what they would have to pass through because of it.

All this was nice of God, and constituted a call to "come out" of the world (they were then in as subjects of the usurping "god of this world.") (2 Cor. 4:4. "That old serpent, called the devil and satan." (Rev. 20:2.)

I have not said (and do not) that this was the beginning of God's Church. The first time God ever had any Church. No. Indeed not. "The whole family" of God, "in Heaven and earth" (Eph. 3:15) are His Church, for we read in Heb. 12:22-23 that the "General Assembly," the "Church of the First-Born" includes the "Innumerable company of angels" as well. But what I am being led to write about is "The True Church in this world." For "in this world" (as soon as satan could win over another unbeliever) there has always existed, at least two churches. The first recorded rebel (Cain) was a church member (in the sense that he made a profession) (was a church by himself, because of sheer lack of beings to make a church of) for just as soon as beings multiplied on the face of the earth, men were with him in rebellion. And from that day to this men have been grouped in classes with a profession for or against God. They have their "ordinances," their "days," their "worships," their organizations, their followings. We may speak of them as this "church, or that "church," this "school" or that "school," this brotherhood" or that "brotherhood," this "association" or that "association." But by whatever name or title it is, all bunches and organizations of men who have, and attempt to carry out, a plan to care for themselves and have their way. "To climb up some other way." Jn. 10:1).

So while today the number of churches is manifold, there always has been, at least two since Cain made his decision and "went out from the presence

of the Lord" and didn't come back. (Gen. 4:16.) For it says that he "dwelt" where he went.

Men at that time began to be divided, seeing him and his example and also seeing Abel's example. It began to produce confusion. And today (being so many) the confusion that exists has become a very serious matter. (All of which, of course, is to the delight of satan, who started it, and keeps it up.)

And so, we can see that it is a very pertinent question and important subject: Which is the True Church?

Well, the answer cannot but be the same as it was way back in the Garden of Eden, namely, those who repent of and forsake their sins and from that on believe God, like Adam and Eve did, and those who believe the story of the cross and follow on to know the Lord, like Abel did. Of course, such are the "True Church." Can't help but be. Who else are? Nobody. Of course.

Well, satan knew, and still knows, all this, and as men, at first, (and some today) did not like to let it be seen that they are openly rebellious, they claimed that they were serving God. And that it might appear that they were doing so, a display was helpful toward getting others to think so and join with them.

Ostentation, numbers, rapidly increasing growth, has always been satan's argument that a thing is the thing to follow. So men today reason that the thing must be a good thing, look at the numbers. The rapid growth. It is so in business. It is so in churches. Display attracts. Men lose sight of God, easily. But never of display.

God has a right to display. He has The Display in Him. He is the Author and Creator of Display. Of all the possibilities of Display. And when God comes forward and brings about and commands Display, either in the leading of His people (as ancient Israel) or in the execution of wrath, it is well. But God withdrew His Immediate Presence and Display when He removed the crown, "the Diadem," (588 B. C. from King Zedakiah) to be no more till Jesus comes "whose right it is." (Ezk. 21:26). But man doesn't drop the matter. God doesn't display these days. He has scattered His people over the face of the earth, and when those near enough to meet do so. He meets with them by His Unseen Presence. Yet it remains true that the Crown, the Diadem, the Visible Display is not now here by the direction or command of God. But is a worldly affair. And men easily fall in with it and are attracted by it simply because men are naturally worldly and not Godly. And are not disposed to accept the conditions, put away the "display" and seek God with all their hearts. To be gathered by Him, later on.

So, since 588 B. C. God has had no visible organization, no display on the earth. No confederated, organized body on the earth. He has had a humble believing people scattered all over, everywhere. He has written His law on their hearts. And has dwelt in their hearts "by faith." But "churches," organized by men are not of God. They are man-made and worldly, only.

But every believing soul, every soul that truly believes and obeys what God says in His Word (the Bible), has his name "written in Heaven." That makes him a member of "The True Church." "The

Church of the First-Born." "Written in Heaven." For you cannot belong to two churches at once. Or, if, he (ignorantly) and not understandingly, has allowed this to be done, namely, had his name written in some man-made church here below, if he will repent of it and "come out," (Rev. 18:4) then God will not "blot this name out of the Book of Life." But he will be retained as a member of the "TRUE CHURCH," "The Church of the First-Born, written in Heaven," (Heb. 12:23-24), and be saved when Jesus comes.

Kindly,  
BROTHER JOHN.

Detroit Free Press: Spies Excite Europe; War Scare Is General.—Powers Fear Plots; Espionage Renewed; Only U. S. and Britain Free of Snooping. London, Jan. 8.—(A. P.)—Europe is being stirred by its first international scare since the World war. Secret agents, mystery women, melodramatic plots—all the adventurous secret service stories of pre-war days, when every European country was supposed to be spied on and plotted against by every other country—are being revived by sensational "revelations" in a half dozen countries.

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