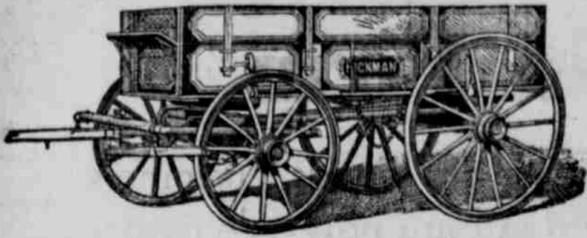


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## The Courier's Weekly Sermon

BY PASTOR RUSSELL

SUBJECT

### WHAT IS MAN? IS HE A SPIRIT BEING OR AN ANIMAL?

Pastor Russell Startles His Audience  
 by Confirming Bobby Burns, "A  
 Man's a Man For A' That."



Buffalo, New York. — Pastor Russell preached twice here today in the Opera House. He had excellent attention and a crowded house. We report one of his addresses from the text, "What is man?" (Psalm viii. 4-6.) He said:

Confusion prevails respecting man's nature, as well as in regard to his origin and destiny. We have no quarrel with those who boast of monkey parentage and evolution and who hope against facts that mankind will soon be a race of gods and that dying somehow, is a step upward into life while it appears to be a step down into death. To those who are happy in this illogical view I have nothing to say now. I address the more humble-minded, who confess their perplexity and who have not become so worldly-wise as to reject the Bible as the voice Divine.

However we may understand the Bible's declaration respecting the lower animals—that the water swarmed and brought forth various kinds—we must admit that its statements respecting man are explicit: he was not thus brought forth, but is declared to have been a direct creation of God in his own image and character—only on a lower plane of organization. Adam possessed God's likeness in his mental and moral qualities higher than those of brutes, by which man is able to reason and philosophize respecting scientific and moral problems. These higher human powers were dwarfed and the lower and more animal powers maintained to the full, by reason of the fall and its sentence, "Dying thou shalt die."

Jesus Was Made a Little Lower Than the Angels.

The Scriptures do not suggest that man was an imperfect or undeveloped species whose death could be a change to another nature and ethereal form and a heavenly home. Quite to the contrary. The hope set before Adam was everlasting life and an earthly Eden. It was this that he lost and it is this earthly nature and human perfection in God's image in Paradise restored that the Scriptures hold out as the hope of the world through the glorified Messiah's Kingdom—a spiritual Kingdom in which the faithful, elect Church of this age will participate. That Kingdom of righteousness will be "beyond the veil" of human sight. Yet its power will be universal and exerted on man's behalf for the restraint of Satan and every adverse influence and for human assistance back to all that was lost by disobedience in the Eden and all that was redeemed by the obedience of Calvary.

Nor even then will the image of God, as represented in the human will, be coerced. Merely the glorious opportunities of reconciliation and of restitution will be afforded to every creature—and those who decline them will be cut off from life in the Second Death (Acts iii. 19-23).

God answers the question of our text, "What is man?" He declares, "Thou madest him (in his Edenic perfection) a little lower than the angels. Thou crownedst him with glory and honor (the dignity and power of the perfect Adam). Thou didst set him over the works of thine hands (an earthly being, he was at the head of all earthly creatures—the King of earth), over the beasts of the field, the fowl of heaven, the fish of the sea—thou hast put all things under his feet" (with kindly power clearly outlined and his subjects named). Evidently man had a mental power for the control of the lower creation aside from physical force, as intimated in his primary dealings with them and giving them their names (Hebrews ii. 6-8). We have known men possessed of wonderful magnetic power—horse-trainers, such as Ravey, and tamer of wild beasts and reptiles. But Adam, perfect, must have possessed this power in a still superior degree.

A little lower than the angels, yet very much higher than the beasts was this King of earth in his perfection. And such man will be as a redeemed and restored race, when the Divine Plan shall have been fully outworked: when "every

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creature in heaven and in earth shall be heard saying, Praise and glory and honor, dominion and might, be unto him that sitteth upon the Throne and unto the Lamb forever." And when there shall be no more sighing, no more crying and no more dying, because all the former things of sin and death have passed away, because the great King, Messiah, the Redeemer of mankind, shall deliver him from the power of sin and death and the tomb. Well did he state his mission work: "The Son of man came to seek and to recover that which was lost."

"The Earth Abideth Forever"  
 Man, then, is an animal of a high, glorious type, adapted to his earthly home and it adapted to his warfare when he and it shall both be in perfection. Of the earth it is written that "God made it not in vain, but to be inhabited." And again, "The earth abideth forever"—seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, enduring as long as there are sun and moon." Again, "Earth is God's footstool and he will make the place of his feet and his throne." This end the earth will shortly be turned over to the great Redeemer, who will "take his great power and reign." He will put down all enemies and lift up mankind, redeemed by his sacrifice, giving an opportunity of everlasting life to all, and then, as St. Paul declares, after having accomplished the restitution work for man and for the earth, the Redeemer-King will turn over the government of the world to God, even the Father (I Corinthians iii. 30).

Our great mistake in the past has been in not studying the Bible correctly. Hence we failed to see that only an elect "little flock" is invited to a heavenly reward for following the Savior in the narrow way of self-sacrifice, and that then the earthly reward will be bestowed during Messiah's reign upon all the willing and obedient and that thus will be accomplished the original Divine intention of having an earth full of people, amongst whom God's will shall be done as in heaven.

At some future time we may take up "What is the soul of man?" For the present let us briefly say that the word soul finds its synonym in the word being, and that when God had created man of the dust of the earth he was a man only in form; he was not a soul or being; he had no thought or sentient being. When God created Adam's physical system by blowing into his nostrils the breath of life (as the Hebrew Scriptures state), then Adam, not a part of him, but the whole of him, became a living soul—living being. It was not Adam's breath that was on trial, that was sentenced, nor was it his flesh. It was the soul Adam that was tried, the soul Adam that sinned, the soul Adam that died and the soul Adam that Jesus redeemed and that is to be resurrected.

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Lafayette, Ind.—Unquestionably the 17-year locusts form a most interesting subject for careful study. They are the longest lived of all insects and in many ways are quite remarkable. They are not locusts at all, strictly speaking, but cicadas, members of an ancient race in their line. On account of the strange contradictions of a cicada's habits and the curiosity which he has aroused in inquiring man, probably more observations of this insect have been made than concerning any other of his world. Traditions of the Indians dwell upon these insects and their ways and centuries ago the song of the cicada was noted in the forest primeval.

Much confusion attended the efforts of investigators to solve the cicada's



Life of a Locust or Cicada.

life riddle until the discovery was made, in 1845, that there were two races, one which had a cycle of 13 years and was native in the southern part of the United States, and the other dwelling in the north which requires 17 years for its development.

The cicada first makes its appearance on this globe as a tiny pearly egg that his mother forced into an orifice which she dug in a twig high on a tree one fine spring day. At the left in the illustration is shown the insect while breaking from its casing, showing different stages of the interesting process, and at the right a full-grown locust after it has emerged for its brief existence in the sunlight of earth. After a few weeks he is hatched out and in a twinkling he is running about this way and that on the branch of the tree which is nearest to him. The newly-born cicada larvae loses no time in sightseeing. After rushing over the bark for a few minutes he goes to the edge of the branch and, without hesitation, throws himself into space. It is some strange instinct which prompts him to take the change, without the slightest idea of where he will fall, but he reaches the earth in safety.

His only idea is to hide. Over and over the ground he runs, and then finding a little crevice he digs down into the loam, burrows with all his might and soon at least 12 or 13 inches of earth, and often several feet, are between him and daylight. He is not happy until he gets away from all his relatives, for the larvae of the cicada are not sociable. Each one like some solitary gnome exists through 17 years of subterranean life.

How the cicada knows when he must rise from his solitude and go forth with a million of his fellows to make roundelay is one of the hidden mysteries of nature. From arid depths, some through hard, baked clay, others through stony soil and many through dark loam, they start on their upward trend. The front legs are fitted in this last stage of the subterranean life with digging tools in the form of ponderous claws. The cicada reaches up over his head, tears down the soil, rolls it into pellets, presses them down beneath him and digs for more.

When the right time comes, always at night, the hosts which for so many years have kept their haunts below the sod silently steal forth, like an army with muffled feet. They swarm up the bark of trees, the very ones on whose roots they have been feeding all the years of their underworld life, and slowly, almost awkwardly, amx themselves to twigs and branches. There in a few minutes a cicada strips itself of its casing, which splits down the middle of the thorax. Then the insect is a really, truly locust, ready to do as its forbears have done, and fated to go the same way in the same space of time. The average life of the cicada on earth is six weeks, and is very small as compared with his long under-world existence.

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