

# GOD NOT ALONE.

## "The Beginning of the Creation of God."

### HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON.

Pastor Russell Quotes Scriptural Authority Proving That the Logos Was the First and the Last, the Beginning and the Conclusion, of Jehovah's Creation.



Philadelphia, Pa., January 15.—Pastor Russell preached yesterday morning from the text, "In the beginning was the Word (Logos) and the Word (Logos) was with the God and the Word (Logos) was a God. The same was in the beginning with the God. By him were all things made and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1, 1, 2). He said:

A week ago we considered the time when God was alone. Today let us discuss the first creative act as respects intelligent beings. Long before man was created, or our earth was brought from its chaotic condition, long before angels and cherubim were created, Divine power brought forth a Son on the spirit-plane—Jehovah's First-Begotten—glorious, perfect, beautiful, his own image and likeness.

This glorious One is in our text designated the Logos, the Word, the Message, the Expression of God. In the Old Testament he is symbolically referred to as "Wisdom" in the words, "Jehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. . . . Then I was by him, as one brought up with him, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him" (Proverbs viii, 22-30).

This mighty one, personified as Wisdom, is declared by St. Paul to be "the first-born of all creation" (Colossians 1, 15-18). The Psalmist similarly refers to him as Jehovah's "first-born, higher than the kings of earth" (Psalm lxxix, 27). Jesus thus refers to himself as one who had a prehuman existence, saying, "Before Abraham was, I am" (John viii, 14, 23, 42-58). The glorified, ascended Christ, in Apocalyptic vision, declared the same great truth, that he was "the beginning of the creation of God" (Revelation iii, 14). And again he declared, "I am the First and the Last" (Rev. i, 17; ii, 8).

All of these Scriptures fully corroborate the statement of our text that he who subsequently became the world's Redeemer was long before the primary Son of God. He ranked first, not only in seniority, but also in honor, dignity and station, above all other sons of God, not one of whom was like himself—the direct creation of Jehovah.

For all things were made by the Logos, and without him was not one thing made that was made." He was not the creator in the primary sense of the word, but in the secondary sense. He was the active agent of Jehovah in all of his subsequent creative work; thus he was not only the first-born of all creation, but, individually, he was also the last of Jehovah's creation. To this agrees the word of St. Paul, "All things are of the Father and all things are by the Son."

Surely many have failed to appreciate not only the Divine personality of Jehovah, but also the greatness of him who is styled "The Son of God." In the Dark Ages.

There was a time when God's people did not possess the Bible in their own language, and when education to read it was extremely limited, and when nobody possessed such wonderful Bibles (with references and concordances) as are common today. It should not surprise us that in that far-off time confusing errors crept into the traditional faith of the Church. The contention of the Jews was that Jesus of Nazareth was an impostor and that his mighty works were done under the influence of the fallen angel, Beelzebub. Should we think it strange that in the heat of discussion some of the followers of Jesus would make extravagant claims for him in their endeavor to oppose the theory that made of Messiah a mere sinful man?

It does not surprise us, therefore, that early in the third century claims were put forward in the name of Christ and his Apostles which neither he nor they ever authorized. The Apostles declared him to be "the Son of God with power" and that he was "holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners" (Hebrews vii, 26). The Master himself declared, "My Father is greater than I." "He is above all;" "he sent me;" "I came to do the will of my Father in heaven and not mine own will;" "I delight to do thy will, oh my God; thy law is written in my heart."

True, he also declared, "I and my Father are one;" but he showed in what this oneness consisted—that it was a oneness of will, of purpose, of work. Because he had fully submitted his will to the Father's will and had made the Father's will his own, therefore they were one.

The Master again illustrated this oneness when he prayed for his disciples that "they all might be one, even as thou Father and I are one" (John xvii, 11, 21, 22). Evidently the Master did not pray that his disciples should all become one in person, but that they should all become of one mind, of one heart, of one disposition through their loyalty and obedience to the Word and to the spirit of God. And this oneness, he declared, was the kind which subsisted between the Heavenly Father and himself.

WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY. Miss Cornelia A. Sloate Recent Comer From Illinois Succumbs to Apoplexy Friday. Miss Cornelia A. Sloate, of 402 South Fourth street, died very suddenly Friday afternoon of apoplexy. She had been in frail health for a long time and had removed from Kingston, Ill., to this valley in the belief that a change of climate would be beneficial. She had been at

Additionally he was promised the honor and distinction of the Messianic Kingdom by and through which mankind would be blessed and uplifted.

He was promised a special Bride class to be selected from among the redeemed race of men—a class having his own disposition of loyalty to God and to righteousness, and faithful unto death—which like himself, would be exalted in the chief resurrection from the earthly to heavenly condition, far above principalities and powers and every name that is named.

He was promised that his own personal distinction would be to eternity a participation in the qualities of the divine nature; he would possess, not only glory and honor, but also immortal life, deathlessness, immortality. For these joys, he left his glory, he was made flesh, he sacrificed his earthly life and, being raised from the dead, he entered into his promised joy. Since, he is waiting in expectation for the completion of the Church, his Bride, the members of his Body, assured that then the Father will give him the heathen for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession, that he may bind Satan, put down sin and uplift the sinner and bring everlasting order out of earth's confusion by destroying the wilfully wicked.

A God but Not the God. As all Bible scholars know, the word *elohim* in the Old Testament Hebrew is of plural form, somewhat like our English word *sheep*. Thus we read in Genesis, "The *elohim* (Gods) said, let us make man in our image." This would very properly apply to the Heavenly Father and the Heavenly Son, in full accord with our text, "Without him (the Logos) was not anything made that was made." The word *elohim* signifies, literally, the mighty, the powerful, the great. Surely it would be strictly proper to consider the Logos mighty, great, powerful as the active agent of the Almighty One, Jehovah, who is also styled the Mighty *Elohim*.

This word *elohim* not only is used in respect to the Heavenly Father and his Heavenly Son, but it is also used in respect to angels as the messengers of God and of Christ, mighty to the doing of the will of God (Psalm viii, 5). "Thou hast made man a little lower than the angels (*elohim*)." Still further notice that this word *elohim* is used in respect to men; when Divinely appointed and active as God's agents they were mighty, or *elohim*. Thus we read of the seventy judges of Israel appointed by Moses, "The master shall bring him unto the judges (*elohim*)" (Exodus xxi, 6).

We have given a very literal rendering of our text, showing the fine distinction of the Greek original in a way that our English version does not show it. As Bible students we have not in the past been sufficiently critical in our study of God's Word, but now, in Divine providence, it is possible for those even who have practically no knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew to understand the Scripture presentations thoroughly. If any amongst my large congregation are unsuccessful in finding authoritative works that show the interpolations and mistranslations of the Holy Scriptures, I shall be pleased to have them write to me for information.

Our text in the common English version misrepresents the true thought of the original, but as we have rendered it the matter is so simple and clear that a child may understand. Jehovah God is from everlasting to everlasting and had no beginning. The Logos had a beginning—he himself was the beginning. "In the beginning was the Logos and the Logos was a God"—he was a mighty one, the beginning of creation, the first and the last creation of the God, the Almighty One—"of whom, by whom and through whom are all things."

All honor and majesty and worship belong primarily to the great Father of lights and to him Jesus directed the attention of his followers, saying, "After this manner pray ye—Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." It is always therefore eminently proper in the highest sense of the word that our petitions should ascend to "the Father of Lights, from whom cometh every good and every perfect gift."

It has pleased the Father to so honor his First Begotten Son, and to so reward his faithfulness unto death, and to so make him the Head in all things over the Church which is his Body, that it is eminently proper, that in the language of the Master, "All men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father" (John v, 23). They should not honor the Son instead of the Father, however, for the latter declares, "My glory will I not give to another." The exalted Christ is to be honored, yes, worshipped, because the Father has highly exalted him and given him a name above every other name, that at name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess to the glory of God the Father (Philippians ii, 8-11).

Moreover, there is a special reason why all who recognize Jesus as the world's Redeemer should recognize the propriety of including him with the Father in their thoughts and in their prayers. This is because, by Divine appointment, he is the Church's Advocate with the Father—the One through whom we are acceptable to God, even the Father. How could we, therefore, ignore our Advocate, our Attorney, our Intercessor?

And with the world in the future, throughout Messiah's reign, this will be equally proper, because then he will be the world's Mediator, standing between God and men, until by his Mediatorial Kingdom he shall have lifted mankind from sin and degradation and death, back to actual justification and harmony with God.

Leaving the simplicity of the teachings of Jesus and of the Apostles, some went to the extreme of declaring that Jesus was his own Father; that the terms Father, Son and Holy Spirit all applied to one person who manifested himself to mankind in three different ways corresponding to these names—one God in three manifestations. Others took a still different view and claimed that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit were three Gods who operated as one. In proportion as these unscriptural human theories were received, they produced confusion. And when asked how three persons could logically be one person, and how one person could be three persons equal in glory and power, of course no answer could be given. Then the subtlety was raised, "This is a great mystery which nobody can explain."

It should not surprise us from what we know of the structure of human nature that these extreme views were opposed by others of the opposite extreme, some claiming that Jesus was a mere man, corresponding to these other men; that Joseph was his father, etc. Thus we behold the danger of any variation whatever from the precise teachings of the Word of God.

It should be needless to say to Bible Students that there is nothing in the Bible which declares a trinity of Gods. There is just one passage of Scripture quoted in proof of the Trinity (1 John, v, 7), and it is never quoted by scholars, because all scholars know that it was tampered with, several words having been added in the seventh century which are not found in any New Testament manuscript of earlier date. And those added words make the statement as a whole foolish.

If you will turn in your Bibles to this passage, you may strike out the spurious words as follows in verse seven: "In heaven the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one;" and in verse eight the words, "and there are three that bear witness in earth." After thus eliminating the spurious additions, after thus removing from the precious ordinance this dead fly of falsehood which was inserted for the very purpose of deceiving, and because no Scripture could be found to give color to the doctrine of the trinity—then you will be able to read that portion of the Word of God in its purity and simplicity. Then the "mystery" part will be gone from it forever. It will be in full accord with the entire Bible in declaring, "To us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things and we by him" (1 Corinthians vi, 6). How absurdly the passage reads in our common version, stating that the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit are bearing witness in heaven that Jesus is the Son of God!

The pure Word of God presents simply and beautifully the fact that the great Creator, the Father of all mercies, is Jehovah God, and that he has an only begotten Son who is yet to be the Savior or Deliverer of all of Adam's race willing to accept the grace of God provided in him. And there is one Holy Spirit, "the spirit of truth," "the spirit of wisdom," "the spirit of a sound mind," the spirit of power, energy, will, mind of the Father—which is also the spirit of the Son and which must be also the spirit, disposition, mind, will of all those who now come unto the Father as sons through the adoption which is in Christ Jesus.

The Only Begotten Honored. Before the beginning of the creation of God, before the Only Begotten of the Father became the Alpha of Creation, the Father had wonderful purposes in himself respecting all his great plan for the everlasting future. It included this world, and mankind, and the permission of sin, and the redemption of man from sin and its penalty, and the restoration to be accomplished by Messiah's Kingdom and the glorious work of eternity in further creations in world after world.

But, as the Master declared, these things the Father had kept in his own power—in his own hand. He divulged them not to the angels, nor even to his dearly beloved "only begotten Son." We have seen how this Divine secret, Divine purpose, was symbolically represented in the scroll in the hands of Jehovah, as pictured in Revelation v, 1. We have seen that this revelation was delivered to the Lamb, the Only Begotten One, after he had been slain—after his consecration at Jordan, and in his fulness after his death at Calvary, when he ascended up on high, glorified at the right hand of the Father's majesty.

But before the Logos was made flesh, before he undertook to be man's Redeemer, the Heavenly Father set before him the glorious proposition. He informed him that he had a plan, a scroll, and that the execution thereof was to be given to one who would prove himself worthy, by demonstrating his loyalty to the Divine will.

We read that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, but we are not to understand from this that he came under Divine commands, the result of which would have meant Divine displeasure and his own degradation. On the contrary, we understand the matter clearly when we hearken to the Apostle's statement. He declares that Messiah left the glory, which he had with the Father before the world was, and humbled himself to take upon himself man's form and then consecrated himself even unto death—because of the joy that the Father had set before him.

The joy set before the Logos was (1) That this might serve the Heavenly Father's gracious purposes. (2) That he might recover mankind from the state of sin and death into which all were plunged by father Adam's one act of disobedience.

James Elliott. James Elliott, aged 73 years, 11 months, died at his home in the Cowiche, Friday morning, after a lengthy illness. He had been a resident of the Cowiche for the past 18 years and was much respected by his neighbors there. He is survived by Mrs. Elliott, two daughters and four sons. The daughters are, Thomas Donley and Joseph Hart of the Cowiche and the sons are J. Don and William Elliott of the Cowiche and Ole Elliott of the Naches.

# Blue Blooded Birds at Exhibition of Yakima Poultry Association



SILVER PEARLED PLYMOUTH ROCK

The poultry show which is being held in the warehouse of the Yakima Produce Co. is now in full swing, all the exhibits having been put in place last evening. Judge Purvis said last evening that the quality of the birds on exhibition was as good as at any of the six shows in Oregon, Idaho and Washington that he has judged this season. He remarked that from a cursory examination of the birds he thought the scores at this show would compare very favorably with those made at most of the shows in the east and that the Yakima county had no reason to be ashamed of the fowls it was able to produce.

Local Birds Good as Best. Since coming west Mr. Purvis has seen a large number of the representative poultry plants of the coast and he thinks the birds brought out at the show here prove that the fanciers who are exhibiting here would have a very good chance to win anywhere. He thinks the people of the Yakima valley have a great opportunity to

Millard F. Kelly. Millard F. Kelly, a pioneer of the northwest, was killed by a Northern Pacific train, about a mile north of this city, sometime Thursday night or Friday morning. The body, which had been severed above the hips by the train, was discovered about 7 o'clock Friday morning by workmen on their way to Selah. It was frozen.

Mr. Kelly was for over a quarter of a century a resident of Tacoma where he was a photographer. Some time ago he purchased a tract of land at Sunnyside, which he sold a short time ago and at the time of his death was planning a trip to Twin Falls, Idaho, to purchase land there. He had been in this city a few days and was in ill health. Mr. D. Hessey of this city had known Mr. Kelly for a great many years, ever since the childhood of the North Yakima man, and had been in close touch with him here. In fact he had taken him to Dr. Helton but a day or two ago to be examined as to his physical condition.

According to Mr. Hessey the man was strictly temperance in belief and practice and possessed of excellent friends. Several years ago he went to Alaska and remained there for four years, going to Black Diamond on his return and living there for a year or so as a photographer. The only surviving member of his family is a son, Claude, now in Fairbanks, Alaska.

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Headquarters for cat ranch; back yard of old postoffice. Cash paid for cats and catfess of every grade. Open all night; No sleep till morn where cats in concert meet. Free concert every evening, at which the very best cat talent will appear in catfess, clysms, concatenations and the wild, weird multitudinous chorus. What fur? Fur, fur, of course. Musical cats, suitable for stimulating the fiddle string market are preferred. The usual get-rich-quick methods of the age, as compared with ours, are as the pace of the snail that is not in a hurry with the arrow-like light of the excited jack-rabbit Dick Kat Erndahl, Chief Cat Herder.

It is estimated by experts in skin games, as well as those who do not play pinocle that one man can skin fifty cats in a working day of ten hours. Adept skinners can be hired for \$50 each and can board at an expense of, say \$1 a day each for average feeders. It will require a working force of 100 men to operate the cattery, which makes the expense for labor \$100 a day, leaving a net profit of \$9,800 a day, or \$294,000 a month, to be divided among the shareholders. Doesn't that dazzle you? In order to feed these cats we propose to operate a rattery adjoining the cattery. Competent authorities who have made studies in ratology agree that rats multiply far times as rapid as cats, hence, with an industrious working stock of 1,000,000 rats, there would be a product of four rats a day for each cat not having an abnormal appetite. This will

supply cat food without cost, as no herders would be required to keep the rats on their reservation, it being a well known fact that when a rat establishes itself in any place it hangs out the "Here to Stay" sign. In order to feed the rats, the carcasses of the skunk cats will be thrown to them, and as we shall have one-fourth as many cats to kill as we have rats to feed the cats and the cats will feed the rats and both will contribute to the feeding and fattening of the bank balances of shareholders with no expense to the company.

We are in correspondence with several manufacturers of fiddle strings, with whom we shall no doubt close contracts at profitable figures, thus adding largely to the revenues of the company and the bones of the cats and rats are now being negotiated for by a reliable breakfast food firm in Michigan.—Idaho Falls Post.

Old Soldier Tortured "For years I suffered unpeakable torture from indigestion, constipation and liver trouble," wrote A. K. Smith, a war veteran at Erie, Pa., "but Dr. King's New Life Pills fixed me all right. They're simply great." Try them for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Only 25c at all druggists.

H. J. BICKNELL DEAD AT 77. Pioneer of Yakima Valley Who Came Round the Horn to California When a Boy.

Henry J. Bicknell, one of Yakima county's oldest and most respected pioneers, died at his home on South Sixth street Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Bicknell was stricken with paralysis four years ago and never entirely recovered from the attack. For a year or two he was able to attend to his affairs but other attacks followed and for months past he has been without the use of the organs of speech.

Mr. Bicknell was born in New England in 1834, being 77 years of age at the time of his death. When a lad of 19 summers, he embarked for San Francisco on a merchant vessel and made the trip around the horn, arriving there in 1853. After a number of years residence in California, Mr. Bicknell emigrated north and reached the Yakima valley in 1881, purchasing a ranch in Parker Bottom.

Entered Fruit Industry. Even at this early day, a considerable interest in horticulture was evinced in the Yakima valley and Mr. Bicknell was among the first to espouse this industry. He further maintained that the bench land was superior to land along the river bot-

tom that country has no advantages that may not be found here. He very naturally did not care to express his opinion of the individual fowls upon which he is to pass judgment preferring to wait until he could examine them in detail. He was greatly pleased with the show and hoped the people of North Yakima would appreciate the fact that this is probably the greatest quality show ever held here. He estimated the value of the birds in the land Red, Judge Purvis said there was a greater number of breeds in line than he had found at any other show this season and he has judged the Idaho State show and the great Tacoma show recently. The show is certainly creditable and well worth visiting.

Coincident with his removal to Parker Bottom, Mr. Bicknell became associated with those who had undertaken the building of the Kone-nevitch ditch, the first irrigating canal in that locality. Later when the Washington Irrigation company promoted what is now the Sunnyside canal, Mr. Bicknell's ranch became the mecca for real estate men who were selling land under that irrigation system. It is said of Mr. Bicknell that none knew better than he how to prune and grow an ideal fruit tree. By reason of this talent, his orchard was the ideal of the whole lower valley as an achievement in horticulture.

A Prominent Elk. Becoming too advanced in years to continue active charge of his ranch, he sold out a few years ago and returned to this city where he has since resided. He was an active member of the Christian church and presented that institution with the pipe organ which adorns the new edifice. He was a member also of the local lodge of Elks, having been selected to turn the first shovelful of earth in the ground breaking ceremonies for the erection of the new temple in 1909. Sickness at that time, however, made it impossible for him to attend.

Mr. Bicknell leaves no children to survive him, his nearest relatives being his sister-in-law, Mrs. A. L. Bicknell of Puyallup and her children as follows: Miss Cora Bicknell of this city; Henry M. Bicknell of Tacoma; Raymond Bicknell of this city; and Belford Bicknell of Puyallup.

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SNIVELY PURCHASES LATAH FLOUR MILL. Henry J. Snively has closed up a purchase of the Latah flour mill, situated at Latah, in Spokane county. Mr. Snively purchased the mill from Albert S. Byers, Rufus Byers and T. J. Abbott of this city.

This mill is one of the largest and best equipped flouring mills in eastern Washington. It is the intention of Mr. Snively to remove the mill to Kennewick or Pasco, where it will be managed by William Helm, who formerly managed the flouring mill of Mr. Snively at Yakima City, which was destroyed by fire late last summer.

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