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QUESTIONS NO. 61.

It appears that some of the Readers of THE CRESSET do not comprehend that in the Word is quoted to them; that it is God's Word—So in order that we may get those who oppose us through the columns of THE CRESSET—to understand it before writing, we propose for them to answer the following questions, in short, Yes or No—Or when necessary just name it. And then as fast as practicable give the explanation and proof. But just to add these questions, your name, Yes or No—Or the object thing.

- 1st. Is Creation and Formation the same?—Yes or No.
- 2nd. Did God create the earth at the time he said He did?—Yes or No.
- 3rd. Was the earth in form at the time He created it?—Yes or No.
- 4th. Was the earth void when God created it?—Yes or No.
- 5th. Did God create darkness before light?—Yes or No.
- 6th. Did the Spirit move upon the face of the waters?—Yes or No.
- 7th. Was the light created after the Spirit moved on the waters?—Yes or No.
- 8th. Was light and darkness divided after the Spirit moved on the waters?—Yes or No.
- 9th. After God placed a firmament in the midst of the waters, did the water yet cover the earth?—Yes or No.
- 10th. Was it after His second day's work of creation that He gathered the waters together from under the heaven, in order to let the dry land appear?—Yes or No.
- 11th. Did God create man, male and female on the sixth day?—Yes or No.
- 12th. Did God tell the man, male and female to till the ground?—Yes or No.
- 13th. Did God give the man male and female dominion over all the earth?—Yes or No.
- 14th. Did God give the Created man male and female access to everything on all the face of the earth?—Yes or No.
- 15th. Did God plant a garden and put the man, male and female in it?—Yes or No.
- 16th. Did God plant this garden after he rested the seventh day?—Yes or No.
- 17th. Was there any hole in the land of Nod for Cain to fear?—Yes or No.
- 18th. Was the Son of God and the Daughters of men, the same people?—Yes or No.
- 19th. Was Moses a murderer, in killing the Egyptian?—Yes or No.
- 20th. Was the five nations Moses destroyed of the same people as the Israelites?—Yes or No.
- 21st. Did Christ blind, as a nation the eyes of the Israelites?—Yes or No.
- 22nd. Were they, in being blinded and the fulness of the Gentiles come in?—Yes or No.
- 23rd. Is the fulness of the Gentiles come in yet?—Yes or No.
- 24th. Is there a gospel of circumcision, and gospel of uncircumcision spoken of in the word?—Yes or No.
- 25th. Is there two ways spoken of in the word of God, in which people are to serve God?—Yes or No.
- 26th. Did Paul obey the law of Moses after he was chosen an apostle to the Gentiles by Christ?—Yes or No.
- 27th. Did Paul speak of a mystery kept hid from the beginning of the world?—Yes or No.

Now when the above questions are answered Yes or No by those who want to oppose us they then can begin to write through the CRESSET both oppose us and to explain their positions and questions and give light on these things. But until they are answered directly Yes or No we shall hold them up before our reader as evidence that they can't read and which will render them unfit for teachers and as soon as those are answered by any one and proven, we have many more to ask.

Question No. 62.

Why did our first fathers give a blessing to the first born?

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What was the meaning of this blessing? Example, the blessing that was give to Jacob that Esau should have had.

Question No. 64.

Was this blessing from God through Isaac, if so why but one blessing?

Kind Ed, will you please answer the above questions, they were handed to me to answer, by a Lady school teacher and I will place them in your hands.
—C. A. Simon

QUESTION NO. 65.

I want to know the truth. What did Christ tell us to go too far a sin sick or bodily sick?

QUESTION NO. 66.

VERA CRUZ, Mo.

Dec. 16 1904.

Kind Editor.—I told you I could show you scripture that God did not repent, I will give some. The 23rd chpt and 19 verse of Numbers 1 Samuel 15 ch, and 29 verse Ezekiel 24 ch. and 14 verse.

Now will you please harmonize this scripture with your views I could give more but this is enough.

Now I would like to ask you some questions but you can use your own pleasure about answering them.

What was the first promise to man? If you see fit to answer this all right.

A. M. Nall.

QUESTIONS NO. 67.

"What proof have we of the inspiration of the Bible?"

If one goes to eternal torment the other to everlasting life—Where is the justice in this when both were placed here by the same God, on an equity?

Why would God remove from our midst a minister in his youth when he was doing all the good he could for God?

Is God nature only?

Is man only composed of atoms?

Those are questions I wish the Ed. to answer for the sake of Friends.

Mrs. Mattie Bowers.

Union Grove Items.

BY SMILAX AND GRINNY.

Hello kind Ed. we are here again after spending quite a pleasant time during the holidays. The new year 1905 is here, and we should all do more good than in the past

Joe Thomas, who has been staying at his Uncle B. F. Thomas is absent from school this week on account of the sickness of his mother she is not expected to live.

Lillian Steinert reentered school last Tuesday after an absence of several weeks.

Miss L. Dix Hill spent Sunday with Misses Lizzie and Mattie Caudle

Sunday School at Union Grove Church was well attended last Sabbath let every one come and have an evergreen S. S.

Miss Rex Jarrett is teaching again this week after a vacation of three weeks.

The exploring contest at school last Friday evening was very interesting. All the pupils from large to small enjoyed it. Visitors were Messrs. Clyde Steinert and Frank Pierce.

OBITUARY.

Mr. S. K. Kempf passed away quietly at his home in Hartsville last Wednesday morning. He had been sick for many weeks. His body was laid at rest in the Norwood Cemetery Thursday evening. He was an old soldier and a member of the G. A. R. Several of his comrades were present and spoke to the tomb. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Wishing THE CRESSET a prosperous year we will ring off, so bye bye.

CREATION and FORMATION

Or The Jew And The Gentile.

OR
ACCEPT LIGHT AND REFUSE DARKNESS.
ANSWER TO QUESTION Asked

QUESTION NO. 25.

"Is there two ways spoken of in the word of God in which people are to serve God?"

Now this question like the two gospels no doubt brother Perkins will deny—for he said there was not two gospels when Paul said to us there was in this language.

But contrariwise when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter; Gal. 2-7.

And also said this: Is he the God of the Jews only; is he not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes—of the Gentiles also!

Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith and uncircumcision through faith.

Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid; yea, we establish the law. (Rom. 3-29 to 31.)

This leads us up to the question above is there two ways for people to serve God—we shall read:

Also thou son of man appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come; both twain shall come forth out of one land; and choose thou a place, choose it at the head of the way to the city. (Zek. 21-19.)

God says son of man point two ways—God does not say son of man point the one way but two ways. There is no guess work in this; God said two ways—And then in this language he confirms it again.

And a high way shall be there and a way and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools shall not err therein. (Isa. 35-8.)

This scripture confirms the two ways, for it says a high way and a way shall be there: and all the readers of the CRESSET will understand that God has spoken this by the mouth of the prophet Isaiah—Now then in order that we may get a clear comprehension of God's eternal truths, we shall endeavor to get evidence sufficient to teach us what the "high way" is first, and then it will be an easy matter to see, "the way"—first we ask you to read this:

* In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt; and the Egyptian shall serve with the Assyrian. (Isa. 19-23.)

This teach, that in a certain day spoken of there shall be a high way out of Egypt to Assyria etc. a high way which is not "the way." Again God spoke concerning this high way in this manner:

And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left from Assyria like a way to Israel in the day that he shall come up out of the land of Egypt. (Isa. 6-16.)

The high way is to be like as it was when God by the hand of Moses led the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt—This day spoken of, is to be when this scripture is fulfilled:

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Patros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. (Is. 11-11.)

And this will not be until this scripture is fulfilled:

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fattening together, and a little child shall lead them.

And the cow and the bear shall feed their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. [Isa. 11-4 to 10.]

We prefer to say to you dear reader that this time has not come, when the knowledge of the Lord has covered the earth as the waters cover the sea. Hence we are looking for a time in the future a time when the words of the prophet set forth in the prophecy may be fulfilled.

One thing we have learned, and that is this that the highway spoken of, is the mosaical law because God said that it should be like as it was when he brought the children of Israel up out of the land of Egypt—And it is true they come up under the law given to Moses by the God of Israel. Again it is true that God said by the mouth of the prophet that the "highway and the way" they are to be along side of each other at the same time for he said a "highway shall be there and a way—And there never was a time before the advent of Christ that those two ways were presented. But we find them, set forth in Christ's mission where he gave direction to his apostles in this language:

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not.

But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. (Matt. 10-5-6.)

Now this gives us good reason to know why it was that Peter and all the rest of the twelve apostles did not know on the day of pentecost, that the Gentiles had been brought in, and were made partakers of the blessed hope in Christ. Some may say Peter and the rest of the apostles surely knew that the Gentiles had come in and we answer, if they had known, then God would not of let the sheet down from heaven to show Peter this fact. To prove this, we shall ask you to read this:

And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth.

Wherein were all manner of four footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. (Acts 10-11 to 15.)

On this sheet were all manner of four footed beasts; this included all manner of four footed animals, and after there was all manner of four footed beasts there was wild beasts also, these did not have four feet these we wish to say was the representative of the Gentiles: For Peter said God showed him that he should call no man common please read:

And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. [Acts 10-28]

After God had shown Peter this fact then he went to the house of Cornelius without gain saying. And preached to Cornelius and all that was at his house—This all show us that after Christ had risen from the Tomb that there was two ways set forth by God himself this is why he said "son of man point the two ways" we firmly believe that the intelogent readers will see plainly the two ways so we pass to the 26 question which reads "did Paul obey the law of Moses, after he was chosen an apostle to the Gentile world by Christ?" Yes. We shall quote you the following for the evidence:

And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry.

And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou art our brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law.

And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.

What is it therefore? the multitude must needs come together; for they will hear that thou art come.

Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men which have a vow on them—

Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave their heads; and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing; but that thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest the law.

As touching the Gentiles which believe, we have written and concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from fornication.

Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them. [Acts 21-18-26]

Here is plain facts that Paul obeyed the law under the teachings of the twelve apostles—

This was seventeen years after he had been preaching to the Gentiles this still further the claims of the two gospels and the two way—we pass on to the 27 question which reads "did Paul speak of a mystery kept hid from the beginning of the world?" we answer yes he did. Please read:

Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ.

Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the spirit.

And to make all men see, what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ. (Eph. 3-4-5-9.)

The above scripture fully answers the question. And now for the present we dismiss the 27 questions which has remained in the CRESSET so long, for others to take their place.

QUESTION NO. 62.

"Why did our first fathers give a blessing to the first born?"

We add that this question has direct reference to the first born son—At least this is the way we shall argue the question.

And we shall do this with all reverence to our great Creator, for the benefit of the questioner, and also for the readers of the CRESSET we shall say, further there is no Bible question, but what should have due consideration, and a true investigation—God requires

a portion of our time at least in this manner; for Christ said:

"Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and are they which testify of me." (St. John 5-39.)

And Paul said to Timothy: Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2-15.)

We learn from the above scriptures that we must both search and study and when we ask questions and have them answered we are granted a chance of studying only from our own knowledge but from the knowledge of God.

The question is a broad one, a great portion of ground, might be applied to it—not be sustained by Scripture. The question could not cover space and time occupied by Created man before the

Adam was formed and planted in the garden which time filled space of a thousand years, of the Lord. This created during this time were stood on equal footing—

those people and that part time with their earthly parents and their worldly possessors. We enter the field or garden which dwelt the first fathers inquired about question, inconsideration man was placed in the Garden was called the son of God we wish to notice the character Cain who is called the world the first son man Adam who was planted in the garden; he did not receive the blessing neither did he

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