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Reincarnation Versus Resurrection.

"Thou turnest man to destruction; and sagest, Return, ye children of men."—Psalm 90:3.

THREE-fourths of the earth's population believe that the dead are reborn to life on earth, either as human beings or in the form of one or another of the lower animals. The theory of rebirth as humans is known as reincarnation, while the teaching that humans return in the form of one or another of the lower animals is designated transmigration. Belief in reincarnation and in transmigration was, until quite recently, confined largely to non-Christian lands, practically all heathen religionists adhering to either one or the other of these theories.

Now, however, the reincarnation doctrine is rapidly gaining adherents among professed Christians. Thousands are openly confessing it, while probably millions in non-heathen countries are uncertain about it, due largely to the upsurge of interest created by the practice of hypnotists, who claim that under hypnotic spells many persons have remembered one or more of their former lives as humans, and have presented many details concerning them.

What amounts to a wave of popular interest in this subject has been created by the book entitled, "The Search for Bridey Murphy." According to the story, Bridey Murphy is a woman who died in Ireland about the middle of the nineteenth century, and has been born again, and is now Ruth Simmons, and lives in the United States, but in her "subconscious" mind she is actually Bridey Murphy, passing through another earth-life cycle.

What seems to be convincing proofs are offered to support the claim that the dead do return to earth by means of rebirth. In the case of Bridey Murphy, for example, it is claimed that much which Ruth Simmons related concerning this person who died in Ireland so long ago has been checked and found true—although there are also a number of discrepancies. These partial "proofs" seem very convincing to many, while others have explanations to offer as to how, under a hypnotic spell, she could describe so many things associated with the life of the former Bridey Murphy. Others claim that it is a farce.

Obviously, hypnotism is a practice which very readily lends itself to trickery. It is but natural to ask how much collusion is there between the hypnotist and the subject ? How much of that which is described under a hypnotic spell actually entered the subject's mind during the present life-time? It is now claimed by researchers that Ruth Simmons had Irish relatives. Through family folklore or otherwise, these could have known much about Bridey Murphy, if such a person had ever lived, and could have related many

interesting stories concerning her to Ruth Simmons.

Research along these lines finds explanations for much that might seem supernatural. The same is true with respect to the work of spiritualists, who claim, not that the spirits of the dead are reborn as humans, but that they are able to contact and to converse with them. This also is accomplished by a form of hypnotism, the main difference being that the spiritualistic practitioner hypnotises himself instead of the subject who wishes to make contact with a dead friend. Here, also, there is much room for fraud. Houdini, the late world-famous magician, claimed he could duplicate any and all evidences of talking with the dead that spiritualists could produce, thus proving, as he believed, that there is nothing at all supernatural about spiritualism.

However, while we do not doubt that there is much quackery connected with both hypnotism and spiritualism, it cannot all be explained from this standpoint. There are definite evidences of the supernatural in connection with both of these practices. But in neither case are these practitioners aware of the powers with which they are dealing. If they were, they would be horror stricken, and so frightened that they would give up their practices at once.

Hypnotism Wrong

In the first place, the basic principle of hypnotism is contrary to normal human experience, and is therefore wrong. The misuse of any normal function of the human body is wrong? and this is especially true of the mind. Man was created in the image of God and given the ability to think, to reason, to know right from wrong. God invites humans to reason with Him, saying, “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord.”—Isa. 1:18.

But the subject who gives over his mind to a hypnotist, and allows himself to be “put under,” surrenders his God-given ability to reason. The normal manner in which thoughts are registered upon the brain is through the five senses—sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch. All the nerves and cells of the body, including those of the brain, were created and correlated by the master mind of the Creator to build up a thought bank which, as it develops and expands through the years from infancy on, constitutes the mental background of one’s personality.

To surrender control of this mind, even temporarily, is to discount the value of all that our five senses have taught us through the years of life. It is though an electronic engineer had designed and constructed an extremely complicated and sensitive apparatus—such as electronic computers are today—and, after it was built and functioning satisfactorily, decided he could learn more about electronics by simply short-circuiting his machine and destroying all the functions which he had so carefully designed.

To use this figure of speech, a hypnotist “short-circuits” the brain of his subject, at least to the extent of temporarily destroying its normal function. Then, in an abnormal manner, and contrary to the way God designed, he endeavours to plant new thoughts in the subject’s brain, or else to extract thoughts therefrom which cannot be expressed while the brain is functioning normally. Reason alone tells us that this is malpractice. It is an abuse of the brain, man’s most priceless possession and it is just as wrong, if not more so, than the abuse of any other organ of the body.

Thousands of hypnotists are practising every day, and occasionally one of them produces a remarkable development, such as the Bridey Murphy case. And while there is a natural explanation for much which the hypnotists accomplish, this is not always the case. The only satisfactory explanation of much which they report is the one given in the Bible, which is that the mind of the subject, rendered inactive and passive, succumbs to the control of outside powers.

These outside powers are not, however, the “spirits” of the departed dead, as the spiritualists claim. Nor are they the thought waves, or impressions, of a former existence expressing themselves through what, in these days, is so popularly called the “subconscious mind.” How do we know this ? Simply because the straightforward testimony of the Bible is that the dead are dead. They cannot return via the reincarnation route, neither can they speak to those who are left behind, either through a spiritualist, or otherwise.

But Satan told mother Eve she would not die, and one of his great endeavours ever since has been to prove that “there is no death.” Spiritualism and reincarnation are but a part of his “bag of tricks” for use in accomplishing this purpose. Satan has allies in this work of deception. The Bible reveals that in the great creative works of God there is a plane of life higher than the human—many planes, in fact. Man, we are told, was “made a little lower than the angels.”—Heb. 2:7.

Much is said in the Bible about the angels. They are not, however, the spirits of the departed dead as many suppose them to be, but the messengers, or servants, of the Creator on a plane of spirit existence invisible to man. The Bible reveals that at the time of the Flood many of these angels—the record does not indicate how many—turned from obedience to God and allied themselves with Satan, the Devil. Thus Jesus spoke of “the Devil and his angels.”—Matt. 25:41.

They are referred to in Genesis 6:1, 2 as the “sons of God,” and their sin described. Jude refers to them as the “angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation.” (Verse 6.) Jude also explains that these fallen angels are now restrained “under darkness”—prevented, that is, from working openly, as they did when they were in the service of God. Peter refers to them as being restrained in “chains of darkness.” He also speaks of these fallen angels as “spirits in prison,” and explains that their disobedience occurred “when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah.”-2 Pet. 2:4; 1 Pet. 3:19, 20.

At the time of Jesus’ first advent, these fallen angels, or devils—also called demons—were very active invading and taking possession of human minds. Many of Jesus’ miracles consisted of casting out these demons, or devils. Evidently then, as now, there were those who yielded their minds to occult influences, and these fallen angels were quick to take control.

It is quite possible that today some of the increasing number of insanity cases could be accounted for in this way.

But it seems that now the master mind of Satan has devised a better, more subtle and refined way to take possession of human minds by the aid of these fallen angels. His main purpose in doing it is to “prove” that his first great lie was really the truth, that no one really dies.

Unlike man, these disobedient angels were not at once sentenced to death. As the Scriptures indicate, they have been permitted to continue to live, even though under restraint. Having had a continued existence throughout the centuries, they would be acquainted with the “case history” of any individual they might choose. They could easily know much that Bridey Murphy did, or even thought.

So, when Ruth Simmons surrendered control of her mind to the hypnotist, the fallen angels could take possession and cause her to repeat—as it is claimed she did—many of the details in the life of the former Bridey Murphy. When those details are checked, and found to be true insofar as the names of places and people are concerned, the conclusion is at once reached that Bridey Murphy did not actually die, that while her body died, her real personality con-tined to live, and has now been reborn in the body of Ruth Simmons.

The same is true in the case of those who think they have conversed with friends who have died. The information received from such messages is so true to facts known only to the one receiving the message

and the one who died, that the conclusion is readily reached that the dead must be able to talk with the living. Little do the bereaved ones receiving these messages realise that the information, which to them proves that their beloved dead are not really dead at all, has been secured right from their own minds by the fallen angels. Our minds have recorded in them even the tone of voice of others. We answer a telephone, and if it is an acquaintance calling, we do not have to ask, “Who is speaking.” We instantly recognise the voice. The fallen angels are able to tap the minds of their victims, and reproduce voice and other characteristics which, to the unsuspecting, prove that the dead are not really dead, but are alive, and able to converse with their friends.

And this, even as with the claimed proofs of reincarnation, is the real purpose behind these satanic practices. The Devil said to Eve, “Ye shall not surely die,” and throughout all the centuries since he has been using many fraudulent and “cunning devices” in his effort to prove that it was God who lied when He said,”Thou shalt surely die.” (Gen. 3:4; 2-:17.) Therefore, let us not be surprised if now, in the close of the age, Satan’s efforts along this line become more widespread, and receive a more popular acceptance.

That “Subconscious Mind”

Hypnotists, psychiatrists, and others, have much to say about the subconscious mind. No one knows that there is such a thing as a subconscious mind until it is probed into by a psychiatrist, or made to reveal its secrets by a hypnotist. A newborn infant has no mind at all. It has a complete little brain structure, but not a single thought is registered therein. Soon, however, through sight, sound, taste, smell, and touch, impressions begin to be conveyed to that little brain, through the delicate and marvellously constructed nerve system which connects the brain with the body’s “microphones”—its ears, eyes, tongue, etc.

The little brain is at first too tender to retain for long the impressions which are made upon it, so that few can remember, or “play back” thoughts that were registered during the first two or three years of life. But from then on, the impressions begin to remain. From about ten years old and onward, very little that has made an impression is actually “forgotten.” A person cannot instantly recall everything that is registered in his brain, but some circumstances or other will “bring to mind” from time to time thoughts of the past which an individual did not realise were in his mind at all until the “play back needle” of circumstance entered that particular groove.

As a rule, when one passes “middle age” new thoughts are not so readily retained. Things which happened years previously are remembered, but those of yesterday often are forgotten. This is simply due to the ageing brain being no longer so readily susceptible to new thought impressions. It is a physical change, even as graying hair.

What, then, is the “subconscious mind” ? Hypnotists practise what they call “age regression,” meaning that under a hypnotic spell they induce their subjects to reveal their otherwise forgotten thoughts of previous years, taking them back in many cases, as they claim, to a very tender age. But what can they learn from this except the immature thoughts of a mere infant or, a little better, an adolescent mind ?

We grant the possibility that some unhappy experience of the past may have a bearing on present thinking, and perhaps without the individual realising it. Probably through proper explanation and advice a person might be helped over the difficulties in life that to some extent arise out of past experiences. But the subconscious mind usually referred to by mind healers of various sorts means much more than this. The implication of this ‘ expression usually is that the thing which really controls an individual is a mysterious something which can be discovered only by those who use one method or, another to probe below the surface of normal thinking.

Actually, and normally, there is not a single thought recorded in the human brain except through the five

senses. Why, then, all the talk about the “subconscious” ? We think the answer to this question is contained in the last paragraph of the book, “The Search for Bridey Murphy.” In addition to the Bridey Murphy case itself, Morey Bernstein discusses at length various aspects of so-called newly discovered powers of the mind, which, as he forecasts, will shortly revolutionise life on the earth. Summing it up he says:

“There is no telling how far . . .research will lead us. The proof that there is something extraphysical, or spiritual, in human personality has momentous implications. Eventually the laboratory will answer even that all time prize winner among questions: Does any part of a human being survive the death of the physical body. Already research in extrasensory perception (through hypnotism, and otherwise) has indicated, in its freedom from the effects of time and space, the plausibility of some sort of survival. And remember that this relatively new science has barely begun.”

Here is the reason for it all! The experiments with hypnotism and probing into the “subconscious” minds of men and women are designed by Satan to confirm the conclusion that “there is no death.” The hypnotist who “age regresses” a subject gets back to the infant mind, and finds evidence of understanding that an infant does not ordinarily possess, concluding that another personality must have taken possession.

And he is right. But it is not the personality of a former human who did not die, as the doctor and the undertaker said. Rather, it is one or more of the fallen angels that talks back to the hypnotist for the purpose of deceiving him into believing that the dead are not really dead. And we believe that this danger lurks in all endeavours to probe into the so-called subconscious.

The Resurrection

Death is a terrific enemy, and the world welcomes any apparent proof that it is not what it seems to be. But how much better it is to accept the truth of God’s Word which asserts that death is the divine penalty for sin, and that it is real—that the “dead know not anything,” hence cannot talk to the living, nor enter the bodies of infants. Accepting the truth with respect to death, then we are prepared for the comforting assurances of the Bible that divine power will be utilised to restore the dead to life.

If the theory of reincarnation be true, how meaningless would be the Bible’s promises of a resurrection. And how confusing, for which of the many personalities would be restored ? Besides, there could not be a resurrection of the dead, if no one is dead. Our text sets forth God’s truth on the subject. Because of sin the human race was turned to “destruction.” Adam was the original sinner—”By man came death.” But the love of God through Christ has provided release from that condemnation. Thus through the man Christ Jesus there will be an awakening of the dead, or as Paul wrote, “By man came also the resurrection of the dead.”-1 Cor. 15:21.

Thus will be fulfilled the assurance of our text that the Lord will say to the dead world, “Return (from death) ye children of men.” This is God’s way for the dead to return. And when divine power is exercised to accomplish this loving purpose of the Creator, no one will have to go into a trance in order to talk with those who have been restored to life. Nor will those thus restored have to communicate with their friends through the hypnotised brain of another. Thank God for this definite assurance of life beyond the grave!

The Dead Will Return

The widespread interest in reincarnation and other no-death theories is due to man’s great desire to live. God created man to live. He is a dying creature only because he transgressed the divine law. As our text declares, man was turned to “destruction.” But we are assured that the Lord will ultimately say, “Return, ye children of men.”

Thus, the dead will return, not by reincarnation, but in the resurrection, and by the direct exercise of miracleworking power. Isaiah 35:10 reads, “The ransomed, of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” The dead will not return in the resurrection because this is a normal cycle in human experience; they will return because they have been “ransomed.” The “destruction” to which man turned because of sin would have been eternal, but for the grace of God which provided redemption through Christ.

In 1 Tim. 2:3-6 the Apostle Paul explains that it is God’s will for all the dead to be “saved,” or awakened from the sleep of death, in order that they might receive a knowledge of the truth. The great truth they are then to learn is, as Paul explains, the fact that “there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus who gave himself a ransom for all:” The vast majority have died without a knowledge of the “ransom for all,” but when awakened from death this information is to be “testified” to them, the apostle explains.

Isaiah says that when the “ransomed of the Lord” return they will “come to Zion with songs of everlasting joy upon their heads.” “Zion” is one of the Bible’s symbols of the Messianic Kingdom, particularly its spiritual phase, made up of the glorified Jesus and His body members, the church—those who live and reign with Him a thousand years. (Rev. 14:1; 20:4; Obad. 21.) The “ransomed of the Lord” will “come” to these in the sense of recognising the authority of the kingdom. By their acceptance of divine grace through the “ransom,” and by their obedience to the kingdom agencies then in control, “they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” What a glorious hope for the return of the dead is thus held out to us in the Word of God ! (Reprinted from “The Dawn.”)

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Egyptian Crisis

IN recent weeks the world has been stirred by events in Egypt with the Suez Canal problem, and the greatest nations have been trying to devise some plan which will meet with the approval of the former administrators of this waterway and the Egyptian authorities.

There can be no doubt that the move by the present-day leaders in Egypt to nationalise the Suez Canal is but another evidence of the awakening of the more backward nations of the world to what they feel are their rights in world affairs.

Prior to the First World War, and even up till more recent times, many of the colored nations of the world were content to allow the European races to almost control the industries of their countries, and in some cases these colored people were no doubt robbed of their just rights. However, with the increased knowledge on every subject becoming more widely known, particularly during and since the Second World War, many of these backward nations have decided that the profits from their countries should be retained by their own people instead of being collected by the large shareholders of foreign companies.

This is very understandable, but the tendency with all imperfect people is to overstep what may be their just rights, and going to extremes to make up for previous lost opportunities they are capable of creating dangerous situations which not only put pressure on the controls of other countries, but also endanger the receiving of hoped for benefits for their own people.

Students of the Scriptures clearly see in the Suez Canal crisis the fulfilment of Bible prophecy, inasmuch as numerous Biblical passages indicate that disagreement between nations, and within nations, will become more pronounced as the end of this age draws near. Since the close of the Second World. War an uncertain peace has been maintained only by the slightest margin at times in various parts of the world. And the present Suez Canal danger spot is but another festering sore, so to speak, on the world's surface, which gives abundant evidence that the corruption of the present evil world must burst forth in fury as the Lord's time arrives for the overthrow of the kingdoms of this world, to make way for the kingdom of Christ.

Further, some who claim to understand the Bible are making rather strong assertions that the present Egyptian crisis is referred to very directly in the Scriptures. While this may be partially true, it is well to remember that the term "Egypt" is quite often used in the Bible to represent the world at large. This seems to be the meaning of such passages as Isaiah 19, where we read—"The burden of Egypt. Behold, the Lord rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt; and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians; and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbor; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom." (Isa. 19:1, 2.)

Again, in some prophecies describing the operation of the kingdom of Christ in the world the term "Egypt" is used to refer to the nations of the earth, as shown by the prophet Zechariah—"And it shall be, that who so will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain, there shall be the plague, wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles." (Zech. 14:17, 18.)

While, then, the Lord's people are alert to the great importance of world events, and especially those which centre around the area of the Middle East, including Egypt, they realise that the Plan of God is one connected whole and all nations are yet to experience the greatest time of trouble this world has seen, for the express purpose of humiliating mankind in preparation for the blessings of Christ's Kingdom. While

the Egyptian crisis could “set off’ another spasm of events in the process of reducing the kingdoms of this world to the dust, so to speak, this all depends upon the Lord’s timetable, for in no way is man in control of his own destiny so far as world events are concerned, and we can be thankful for that. As the Psalmist declared—’Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee; the remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain.” (Psa. 76:10.)

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Correspondence.

Dear Brother.—It is a long time now since I heard from you, and I have often intended writing, but time passes so quickly and the cares and responsibilities of this life keep us well occupied, don’t you find ?

However, since I last wrote I have studied enough to appreciate and accept the offer of spiritual life through consecration, and although I am weak and unworthy I know Christ is able to help me to stand fast, and that His robe of righteousness will cover me. I did not realise until I made my consecration just how far short of God’s standard of perfection I am, and I did not notice how wicked and sinful my thoughts were until now when I try to “bring every thought subject.” Yet, under all the trials I really do feel a deep peace. With my large family I do not get a lot of time to study, and lately owing to sickness, etc., I have had less than usual.

I correspond regularly with Brother and Sister -- and also sometimes Brother and Sister -- write. They have all been very helpful and I do enjoy receiving their letters. Also too the “Peoples Paper” has been a great help to me, and I always feel that there is a treat in store when I see it in the mail. While I think of it; I am enclosing a postal note for £2; will you please send the full 22 of the Greeting Cards you have often advertised, as I think they sound very nice, and keep the balance for the “P.P.” subs., as I always seem to forget when it is due. Thank you so much for continuing to send them, as the sub. must be ages overdue now.

Also could you let me know where the piece of poetry quoted in March 1956 “Peoples Paper” comes from, and if there is any more of it. The first verse is:-

“These things shall be; a loftier race
Than e’er the world hath known shall rise,
With flame of freedom in their souls
And light of knowledge in their eyes.”

It is a grand piece, isn’t it? And yet, it doesn’t seem like a hymn. I would like to find out if the poet knows how this is all to come about.

I attended the last Memorial with Brother and Sister but I did not partake of the read and wine as I did not make my consecration until later; however, if God is willing I will go next year and participate. . . . Do you ever hear from ?

I know she still gets the “Peoples Paper” and enjoys them. . . . Thank you for the Convention Notes you always send, and I always enjoy them; the Brother’s talk and notes on Jerusalem I enjoyed very much.

Thanking you once again; I am, **your Sister in Christ.**

(The lines of the poem mentioned above are found in hymn 395 in "Bible Students ’ Hymnal" there being five verses which nicely portray the new order of things on the restored earth in the Kingdom of Christ.—B.B. Institute.)

Dear Friend.—It was only when I received papers from you today I realised I had not written and thanked you for the books and letter I'd received, previously. Thank you for all. I certainly have enough literature now for a while. I did at first read through, but now am on a serious study of "Divine Plan of the Ages" and what a wonderful book this is. I know I must go through it several times to grasp it all; the amazing love of God for us all is revealed from cover to cover, and I feel very humble with the Psalmist David. I say, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him."

Also a copy of "Divine Plan" was sent to me by of which I am very glad, because I have been able to lend it, and I have hopes I can pass it to several people, while still having a copy for my own study. What a helpful paper the "Peoples Paper" is; I get so much help and comfort from it, also the Dialogues, especially those received today, which I intend to pass on when I have studied them. I cannot tell you just how glad I am, that I got in touch with the Berean

Bible Institute. My Christianity is a living thing now, and I get so much happiness and peace from my Bible and studies; there is so much one can leam when one has the "key" to the Bible. I was very happy on reading letters in July's "P.P." to see not only others getting help as I am, but also new listeners and readers, and I pray that through the radio many may come to know the truth too and have the happiness that it brings.

I feel it would be so much easier for me if I had fellowship; I feel very much a pilgrim and a stranger, but this too, my Father knows and we are never alone, are we? When at times I get discouraged, that "Lo, I am with you alway" comes to me, and with me always is that glorious thought, that perhaps we shall be with Him soon. As one looks around now at the sin and misery in this beautiful world He gave us, one cannot but pray, "Thy Kingdom come."

In closing, I pray for God's blessing on your work; may there be many ears to hear and hearts seeking truth and guidance. **Yours in Christ.**

Berean Bible Institute, Dear Sirs.—Just a few lines to let you know I have received regular copies of "Peoples Paper" and Dialogues, for which I am very thankful. Please find enclosed £1; I should like it to be much more, but I had to give up my work, as I was finding it too heavy.

How sad it is that the church generally speaking has followed Calvinism (heaven and hell teaching); how it detracts from the infinite love of God. They quote our Lord's words in Matthew 5:22—in danger of hell fire and the narrow and broad way which leads to destruction as support of the doctrine. As you are now dealing with the New Testament in the Dialogues perhaps the quotations re hell fire may be placed in a clearer light; probably it has been dealt with in past Dialogues. With gratitude for such Biblical instruction and every good wish. I remain, **Yours sincerely in Christ.**

Berean Bible Institute, Dear Sirs.—I wish to thank you very sincerely indeed for the wonderful "Voice" and "Frank and Ernest" pamphlets you have sent me recently. I have read them all over and over again, and have had tremendous help from them.

Would you please send me any further pamphlets you can spare from time to time. I would also like a copy of "Christ's Return"; "Our Lord's Great Prophecy"; and "The Everlasting Gospel." I am enclosing cheque for £1 to cover costs. **Yours faithfully.**

Berean Institute, Dear Brothers.—The half dozen copies of “Plan of God in Brief’ arrived safely, and other papers, thank you very much. Since I was converted last August I have been searching the Word for truth, but found much of it mysterious. My time is limited as I am a busy housewife with three children in my care.

I have tried to keep an open mind and have listened to many types of broadcasts from all denominations and have sent for literature from several; my intense desire has been and is, for the truth, as far as God will allow. I have been afraid of becoming a victim of the deceptions spoken of in the Bible, and no doubt there is a bewildering number of interpretations of the Bible.

Your broadcasts held me from the first, although I have missed many of them for a number of reasons. I begin to feel certain that what you teach is indeed the truth, and I am anxious to tell others. My contacts are limited as we live 19 miles from , our nearest town. Funds too are limited as we do not enjoy the prosperity of our sheep farmer neighbors; I will, however, use my opportunities to the full. If you care to send any tracts to me I will pass them on.

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Dear Friend.—Your very welcome letter arrived safely, also books and tracts. I do appreciate your personal reply.

I found “The Ten Camels” delightful and the children love having the stories read to them. Thank you very much for “The Atonement”; I am reading it with great pleasure.

I posted you a letter recently with money for two more copies of “The Divine Plan” and some questions about Revelation. Will enclose here in payment for “The Atonement” which I am reading, and “The New Creation” which has not yet arrived. **Your servant in His love.**

To Frank and Ernest.—Please accept small donation to help with postage, etc. Many thanks for literature forwarded; we are still enjoying your Radio Talks and pray for their continuance. **Yours in Truth.**

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The brethren of the Melbourne Class wish to announce that their Annual Christmas Convention is to be held this year over the four days at the Christmas period D.V., in Masonic Hall, 254 Swan Street, Richmond, on December 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th. Also additional gatherings will be held in the same hall on the 29th and 36th December. A cordial invitation is extended to all able to attend this Convention, and further information is procurable from the Secretary, C/- Berean Bible Institute, Kew, E.4, Victoria.

Face to Face with Trouble.

"You are face to face with trouble,
And the skies are murk and gray;
You hardly know 'which way to turn,
You are almost dazed, you say,
And at night you wake to wonder
What the next day's news will bring;
Your pillow is brushed by phantom care
With a grim and ghastly wing.

"You are face to face with trouble;
A child has gone astray;
A ship is wrecked on the bitter sea;
There's a note you cannot pay;
Your brave right hand is feeble;
Your sight is growing blind;
Perhaps a friend is cold and stern,
Who was ever warm and kind.

"You are face to face with trouble;
No wonder you cannot sleep;
But stay, and think of the promise,
The Lord will safely keep,
And lead you out of the thicket,
And into the Pasture land;
You have only to walk straight forward,
Holding the dear Lord's hand.

"You are face to face with trouble;
And did you forget to look,
As the good old father taught you,
For help to the dear old Book ?
You have heard the Tempter whisper,
And you've had no heart to pray,
And God has dropped from your scheme of life,
For—oh, many a weary day!

"Then face to face with trouble;
It is thus He calls you back
From the land of dearth and famine
To the land that has no lack.
You would not hear in the sunshine;
You hear in the midnight gloom.
Behold, His tapers kindle
Like stars in the quiet room.

"Oh, face to face with trouble,

Friend, I have often stood,
To learn that pain has sweetness,
To know that God is good.
Arise and meet the daylight;
Be strong and do your best!
With an honest heart,
and a childlike faith
That God will do the rest."

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