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Do You Know ?

MATTERS OF INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE TO ALL
THINKING PEOPLE AND ESPECIALLY
TO CHRISTIANS.

DO YOU KNOW that the Lord more than two thousand years ago gave, through the Prophet Daniel, a clear description of the times in which we are now living ?

DO YOU KNOW that the Bible, in referring to this present time as "the time of the end," does not signify the destruction of the earth, but the end of the present dispensation, after which a new age will be introduced—the Millennium ? "The earth abideth forever."—Eccl. 1 : 4.

DO YOU KNOW, or have you specially noticed, the several propositions in Daniel's prophecy concerning "the time of the end ?" They read thus :—In the *time of the end* (1) many shall run to and fro ; (2) and knowledge shall be increased ; (3) and the wise [virgins] shall understand ; (4) but none of the wicked shall understand. (5) And at *that time* Michael [Christ] shall stand up [begin his reign] ; (6) and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation.—Dan. 12 : 9, 4, 10, 1.

DO YOU KNOW that according to the Scriptures "the time of the end" above mentioned began in A. D. 1799, and will continue until A. D. 1915 ?

DO YOU KNOW that the most rapid means of communication in 1799, the beginning of "the time of the end," was on horse-back, while now telephones and telegraphs unite cities, nations and continents?

DO YOU KNOW that the first effective steamboat was built A. D. 1806? and that the first effective locomotive, the Ironsides, was built A. D. 1831?

DO YOU KNOW that Sir Isaac Newton, the great Christian philosopher, who died A. D. 1727, studying this very prophecy said, on the strength of it, "I should not wonder if some day men will travel at the rate of fifty miles an hour?"

DO YOU KNOW that Voltaire, the great infidel philosopher, who died A. D. 1778, when much more was known of the power of steam, despising this prophecy of God's Word, declared that it had made a fool of Sir Isaac Newton when it led him to make the above statement?

DO YOU KNOW that the predicted "running to and fro" is being fulfilled by yourself and others as you travel everywhere by steamboats, steam and electric cars, etc.?

DO YOU KNOW that knowledge is greatly increased, in harmony with the prophecy?—and can you not discern such plain signs of the times in which we are now living?

DO YOU KNOW that less than four centuries ago illiteracy was so general that the English Parliament passed a law providing for those of its members who were unable to read; while *now* ability to read and write is general, even amongst the poorest classes?

DO YOU KNOW that free schools were started as Sunday Schools in 1784, and hence that knowledge began to increase greatly with "the time of the end," 1799?

DO YOU KNOW that not a single one of the now many large Bible Societies or Tract Societies was started until 1804, because only then was there much use for reading matter for the masses?

DO YOU KNOW that a *right* understanding of God's Word not only adds to the wisdom of the wise, but also "maketh wise the simple?"—Psa. 19:7.

DO YOU KNOW that God promised that in this "time of the end," in which we are living, the wise [toward God—not the worldly-wise] should understand the hitherto secret things of his plan and Word?

—And do you wish to be one of God's humble "wise virgins?"—1 Cor. 3: 18-20.

DO YOU KNOW that the present *social order* is not thoroughly satisfactory to any good men—rich or poor—although no human instrumentality is able to arrange for and introduce a better one?

DO YOU KNOW that Christ will introduce a better, a perfect, social arrangement during the Millennium; and that he taught us to expect, watch for, and pray for that Kingdom; saying, "Pray ye,—thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven?" If you have sincerely joined in that prayer, you will rejoice in the evidences that its fulfilment is at hand.

DO YOU KNOW that the blessings of the Millennial age are the theme of "all the *holy* prophets?"

DO YOU KNOW that the Millennial age was specially preached about by the Apostles as "The Day of Christ," "The Kingdom of God," etc.—and that it was the earnest faith of the early Church?—Phil. 1: 6; Mark 1: 14.

DO YOU KNOW of the Apostle Peter's reference to it, in Acts 3: 19, 21, where he calls it "*the times of restitution* of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets?"

DO YOU KNOW that St. Peter there declares that these times of blessing will not precede, but will *follow*, the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus?

DO YOU KNOW that the prophecies and signs which now herald the second advent of Christ are much more distinct than were those signs and prophecies which marked his first advent?

DO YOU KNOW that the driving of the Jews out of all nations and the resettlement of many of them in Palestine, now in progress, is another sign of the close of the Gospel age and the dawn of the Millennium?—Jer. 16: 15; Rom. 11: 25-32.

DO YOU KNOW that the Second Coming of Christ will be as different from human expectation as was his first advent? and that his day will come upon the world *unawares*—that they will be "*in his days*" and that only the wise will know it?

DO YOU KNOW that the *object* of the Second Coming of Christ, as well as its *manner*, is generally misunderstood?—that his coming, according to the Scriptures, means the blessing of all the families of the earth?

DO YOU KNOW that the Church which God is electing or selecting during this Gospel age is promised a spiritual or heavenly reward?—to be "made partakers of the divine nature" (2 Pet. 1:4), and to share with Christ the work of blessing the world during the Millennium, but that the Lord's provision for those who accept his grace during the Millennial age is a restitution or restoration of the perfections of human nature (lost by sin), in Paradise restored—the new earth?—Acts 3:19-21; Rev. 21:1-4.

DO YOU KNOW that the Day of Judgment will be a thousand-year-day, and not a twenty-four-hour-day?—and that the word *judgment* implies, not merely a sentence, but also a trial?

DO YOU KNOW that during the world's great day of trial or judgment (the Millennium) the Church now being *selected* from among men will be, with Christ, the Judges of the world? (1 Cor. 6:2)—that to prepare them for that service they themselves are now severely tried in all points, that they may be able to sympathize with those whom they will then judge?—and that they shall be kings and priests of God and, as Abraham's seed, *bless* all the families of the earth?—Rev. 20:4; Gal. 3:16, 29; Gen. 22:18.

DO YOU KNOW that not all who worship and say, "Lord, Lord," shall enter into or be members of that elect Church? (Matt. 7:21-23)—and that not all who have their names upon earthly Church rolls, but only those "whose names are written in heaven," and whose names will not be blotted out because of unfaithfulness, will constitute the *one* Church of the living God,—in all a "little flock?"—Heb. 12:23; Rev. 3:5; 1 Tim. 3:15; Luke 12:32.

DO YOU KNOW that all the members of the Church are now only *probationary members*, waiting and striving and hoping for full membership in the Church triumphant at the first resurrection?—Rev. 20:4.

DO YOU KNOW that the large majority of humanity has never had any trial, because they died in total ignorance of the only name given whereby they can be saved?

DO YOU KNOW that the Apostle Paul declares that there is *one* mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus who gave himself a ransom for all [men], to be testified [to all men] in due time?"—1 Tim. 2:6.

DO YOU KNOW that while to many of us the "*due time*" to learn of this grace of God is during the present life, yet to the vast ma-

majority this "*due time*" must be in a future life; because less than one-third of the human family have ever heard of, so that they could believe on, the *only name* "under heaven given among men, whereby we may be saved?"—Acts 4:12.

DO YOU KNOW that the Millennial age is for the very purpose of causing the *knowledge* of the Lord to fill the whole earth as the waters cover the sea, and to open the eyes of men's understanding and to unstop their ears that they may hear God's message of mercy, and see "*the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world?*"—Isa. 11:9; 35:5; John 1:9.

DO YOU KNOW that some living in civilized lands have never had a *full* knowledge of the gospel with a *full* opportunity to show whether they would choose righteousness or sin; because they have had comparatively little knowledge of righteousness, by either experience or observation, and great experience only with sin, within and without?

DO YOU KNOW that our Lord Jesus paid the great price for *all*; to secure for *all* a FULL OPPORTUNITY to gain everlasting life by faith and obedience?—1 Tim. 2:6; Acts 3:22, 23.

DO YOU KNOW that Christ "*is the propitiation* [satisfaction] for our sins, and not for ours [the Church's sins] only, but *also* for the sins of the whole world?"—1 John 2:2.

DO YOU KNOW that the Bible teaches both the doctrine of Election and the doctrine of Free Grace?—the election of the Church during this age, and free grace for the world in general in the Millennial age? and that this harmony, of these two doctrines so long supposed to be in conflict, can be clearly shown from the Scriptures?

DO YOU KNOW that 6,000 years of Earth's history is past, according to Bible Chronology?—and that the seventh thousand is the Millennium of Christ's reign?—and that the present time, from 1875 to 1915, is the lapping period styled in Scripture the "*harvest*" of the age, in which the number of the elect Church will be completed?—and that then the Millennial age will be ushered in by a "*great time of trouble*" (anarchy, etc., mentioned repeatedly in Scripture), which will *level* society, humble pride and prepare the way for Immanuel's long promised Kingdom—"under the whole heavens"?—Dan. 2:28,44; 7:13,14,18,22,27.

DO YOU KNOW that "*in that day*" [now come] there will be *wise* virgins as well as *foolish* virgins (Matt. 25:1,—*virgin* signifies *pure*), but that only the wise [the obedient] shall understand?

DO YOU KNOW that the "wise virgins" who shall enter in with the Bridegroom will have oil in their vessels [the spirit of the truth in their hearts and lives] as well as in their lamps [the Scriptures]?—and that it is declared that "none of the wicked shall understand" (Dan. 12:10; 1 Cor. 2:14), but only the humble and consecrated—the wise?—And do you wish to be one of the "wise virgins?"

DO YOU KNOW that the Apostle tells us that although the "day of the Lord" shall come as a thief and a snare upon the whole world, yet the *brethren* of Christ will not be in darkness?—1 Thes. 5:4. Note also our Lord's words in Luke 21:34, 35.

DO YOU KNOW that "the time is short" in which the consecrated may "make their calling and election sure" and "so run as to obtain" the great prize of this gospel age,—viz., joint-heirship with Christ in his Kingdom?

DO YOU KNOW that the powers of the heavens [the nominal Church] are being shaken, and that soon there will be a great *union* or "confederacy" of all denominations of nominal Christians (See Isa. 8:10-12-16), in fulfilment of the statement that "the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll"—while men's hearts are failing them for fear and for looking forward to those things coming upon the earth?—Luke 21:26; Rev. 6:14; Isa. 34:4.

DO YOU KNOW whether or not you have put on the whole armor of God, that you may be *able* to stand in this *evil day* already upon us?—Eph. 6:13.

DO YOU KNOW that to be able to stand against the wiles of the devil in this evil day you need the *whole* armor of God—the *helmet* (an *intellectual* protection from the assaults of error), as well as a substantial shield of faith and ability to wield "the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God"?

DO YOU KNOW that God has provided this armor complete and special food—"meat in due season" for the household of faith in the present time—things *new* as well as *old*? (Matt. 13:52; 24:45)—and that riches of grace and knowledge relative to the divine plan, never possible before this "harvest," may now be enjoyed by you, if you are wholly the Lord's?

DO YOU KNOW that the same prophet, Daniel, predicted that, after the running to and fro had generally increased knowledge amongst men, discontent would become general and that there would be

"a time of trouble such as was not since there was a nation?"—Dan. 12:1.

DO YOU KNOW that this trouble will be socialistic and eventually anarchistic, and, according to the Scriptures, result in the downfall of all the kingdoms of the world and thus make ready for Christ's Millennial Kingdom?—See MILLENNIAL DAWN, VOL. I., Chaps. xiii-xv.

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DO YOU KNOW that many of the most prominent ministers of the various denominations are preaching on every other subject than the gospel, while some of them are denying the fall, the redemption and a coming restitution, so clearly taught in the Bible, and teaching, instead, Evolution?—yea, and even denying the inspiration of the Bible?

DO YOU KNOW that meanwhile a *famine* prevails—not a famine for bread, nor for water, but for the hearing [understanding] of the word of the Lord?—See Amos 8:11.

DO YOU KNOW that the Lord is raising up many who are voluntarily giving their time and going from house to house to call attention to these matters and that if "one of the least of these," the Lord's "little ones,"—an angel or messenger of the truth—should at any time call upon you, and be received in a spirit of meekness and love, he will show you, *free of charge*, the *Chart of the Ages*, the examination of which will help you to rightly divide the word of truth and to apply and understand all Scriptures, and thus prove a great and lasting blessing to you?

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Overcharged, as many Christian people are, with the cares of this life, and intoxicated, as some others are, with its fleeting pleasures, it is quite possible that a very large majority fail to discern the peculiar signs of these times, which the Scriptures show to be a transition period, closing the gospel age and ushering in the Millennium.

We live in a day when many, even in the pulpit, as well as out of it, are boldly contradicting the Bible and denying its divine authorship, in whole or in part; and never in the history of the Church have so many conflicting voices confused the truths of the Gospel. We are told that the prophets and apostles, though honest, were mistaken or fanatical men who made serious errors in what they said and wrote: that even our Lord Jesus was mistaken in much that he said,—as, for instance, in his references to Jonah and the great fish, to Noah and the deluge, etc. (Matt. 12:40; 24:37-39; Luke 17:26, 27.) What is termed the higher criticism of the Bible rejects all such statements, including miracles and prophecies, as generally absurdities, unworthy of the credence of thinking men; and it accepts merely the moral precepts, whatever of the historical portions suits its convenience, etc., as from any other book. This great “falling away” was predicted for the end of this age, and it therefore becomes another sign of the times. Note carefully the following Scriptures, which indicate that a thousand will thus fall (into unbelief), to one who will stand faithful. Let all who would stand seek quickly and put on “the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day.”—Psa. 91:7, 11, 12; Luke 18:8; 2 Tim. 3:1; Eph. 6:13.

Yet, in the midst of all the confusing voices of this “evil day,” the Lord’s sheep will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, and, following him, will not be left in the outer darkness of doubt and unbelief, but will be guided into all the truth now due to the household of faith. Such was his promise; and such should be the expectation of his people, especially now, when “the whole armor of God,”—the full understanding and clear appreciation of the divine plan—is needed as never before.

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