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AMERICA IS PROTESTANT

Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify *him*: for I find no fault in him.

The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

And they took Jesus, and led *him* away.

And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called *the place* of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

Where they crucified him,

(John 19:6 *Pilate*, 7,16 *And*,17, 18 to 1st.)

The question as to religion is: Does it demonstrate its doctrines? Do religionists believe that God is One and All? Then whatever is real must proceed from God, from Mind, and is His reflection and Science. Man and the universe coexist with God in Science, and they reflect God and nothing else. In divine Science, divine Love includes and reflects all that really is, all personality and individuality. St. Paul beautifully enunciates this fundamental fact of Deity as the "Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." This scientific statement of the origin, nature, and government of all things coincides with the First Commandment of the Decalogue and leaves no opportunity for idolatry or aught besides God, good. It gives evil no origin no reality. Here note the words of our Master corroborating this as self-evident. Jesus said the opposite of God — good -- named devil — evil — "is a liar, and the father of it" — that is, its origin is a myth, a lie.

God is the author of Science — neither man nor matter can be. The Science of God must be, is, *divine*, predicated of Principle and demonstrated as divine Love; and Christianity is divine Science, else there is no Science and no Christianity. (Mary Baker Eddy: *Message to the Mother Church, 1901*, 4:12-16)

The rule for the practice of pure Christianity, as taught by Christ Jesus, is laid down in his Sermon on the Mount, recorded in the 5th, 6th and 7th chapters of the Gospel of Matthew. The prime requisite for a Christian, is given in his words:

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

(Matthew 5:48.)

The Sermon on the Mount is the authoritative pronouncement of the Son of God, for the effective guidance of all men, in the way of life. It antedates and supersedes the dicta of men, in man-made traditions, creeds, and the pronouncements of ecclesiastical councils or the bulls of popes. Its language is clear, its logic incisive, its commandments authoritative, and its religion divine. Its author was, and is the Son of God, the ever-living Christ, the Son of God, so that

The people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

(Matthew 7:28 *the* & 29)

Christ Jesus gave practical proof of the genuineness of his teaching, and its effective application in the world throughout his entire earthly life. This brought him into conflict with organized ecclesiasticism, and its priests and scribes, with whom he was forced to contend, up to the point where their hatred of his doctrine impelled them to put him on the cross, in the hope that they would thus rid themselves and their nation of his "troublesome truth." History repeats itself, until in God's own time, material history reaches its end, and will forever disappear from God's earth. The scientific truths taught in Christ Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, the foundation stone of the Protestantism of the centuries, are now once again, being urged upon the world, with the authority of scientific demonstration, by the same Christ at his second appearing. The same vehement opposition and implacable enmity against Christ and his pure Christianity, are evident today, by the same forces — paganism, idolatry, materiality, worldliness, and priestcraft --- that opposed and crucified Jesus two thousand years ago. But the spiritual power and authority of the marvelous truths set forth in this hillside sermon, and the conviction in the "Mind that was In Christ Jesus" of his immortality as the Son of God, will reduce to powder, in this age, the opposition of the enemy of Christ expressed through organized ecclesiasticism and priestcraft.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets:
I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot
or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

(Matthew 5:17, 18.)

The term Protestant was first used to express the open and vigorous revolt, instituted by Luther and the English and Scotch reformers, against the heresies, paganism, blasphemy and filthiness of the Roman Catholic ecclesiastical organization and its pope and hierarchy. But, in its broader sense Protestantism signifies the primitive teaching of Christ Jesus, that was never lost, but

merely hidden temporarily from the world, and that remains in the marvelous Sermon on the Mount to be once again spiritually Interpreted, and made effective through demonstration. All the reformers, from Hus down to the period of the English Reformation were possessed with the spirit of Christ. They were impelled by a power outside themselves to protest against the awful practices of a pagan institution, that beginning with open and violent opposition to the spiritual teaching of the Prophet of Galilee, Christ Jesus, up to and including his crucifixion at their hands, had grown into a monster, a political society masquerading under the cloak of religion, whose deadly purpose was to subdue the whole earth under the heel of its so-called "catholic" or universal system.

The spirit which Impelled these early Protestants was the conviction that there is no heaven without a fitness for it, no peace on earth without righteousness, no remission of sin without the abandonment of sin, and perhaps the most essential point of all, no mediator, either priest or pope, between men and God, but Christ. These were the fundamental principles for which these noble men and women struggled and suffered persecution.

The primitive Christianity of Christ Jesus, as given to the world in the Sermon on the Mount would, if practised universally, quickly transform this earth into a home of marvelous light, since it would reveal that which God has already created, that exists NOW but is "hidden" by a so-called "mist," or mental hypnotism. God pronounced His creation "very good," and He proclaimed, in clear language that it was "FINISHED."

When Luther nailed his theses on the door of the church at Wittenberg he inaugurated a revolt throughout Europe, against the pagan and blasphemous practices of the Roman Catholic system, especially regarding the condoning or forgiving of sin by Indulgences, sold for money. The beginnings of the struggle in England came when Wyclif, impressed with the gaunt necessity of giving the Holy Bible to the people in a tongue which they could understand, translated the Scriptures into English, circulated them, and was persecuted by the Roman Catholic pope and hierarchy for so doing. Our own Benjamin Franklin tells of one his ancestors, of the period of the Reformation, who resorted to the subterfuge of fastening the family Bible with tapes on the underside of the stool. When the coast was clear, the stool would be turned upside down so the Bible could be read; but when the church censor appeared, which would be announced by a watcher, the stool was quickly replaced on its feet. Today, thanks to the activity of American and British Bible societies, the Scriptures have been circulated, not only in America and Britain, but throughout the whole world, by the millions.

The struggle between pure religion, which is true spirituality, and its opposite, called throughout the early Scriptures the "darkness of this world," and in the New Testament, "the carnal mind," is not the phenomenon of a single period, but extends over centuries, and millenniums. Christ Jesus spoke in terms of immense periods of time, even according to the world's

concept of time. He said to the Jews, "Abraham saw my day, and was glad." They answered him, "Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?" He said, "Before Abraham was, I am." Peering into the future, he said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." In his great Sermon on the Mount, he said, thus laying down an axiomatic law: "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." The foundation which he laid, and of which Paul said, "Other foundation can no man lay than that which is Jesus Christ," was spiritually sufficiently broad and impregnable, to sustain his spiritual super-structure, to be erected upon it in the coming centuries, and which, when complete, will reveal, what, in fact, has always been, namely, the Kingdom of God "on earth as it is in heaven," the marvelous spiritual vision which the beloved disciple, John, saw.

In considering the question of the struggle between Protestantism --- that is, primitive Christianity as taught by Christ Jesus --- and Roman Catholicism, the essential point must be constantly and continuously borne in mind, that the spiritual Christ, the eternal Son of God, invisible to material or mortal sight, directs the forces of righteousness in person, that is, in his own spiritual individuality, that ever liveth. He said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matthew 28:20). The spiritual world, or earth, has no ending, since it had no beginning, having co-existed with God; but the evil and wickedness of the world, which have seemingly transformed it into a hell of sin, disease and death, of which the Roman Catholic system is the repository and the active agent in its dissemination through Jesuit hypnotic mental manipulation — this evil world must come to an end, and the real, spiritual earth and universe, which God pronounced "very good," must be revealed.

Christ Jesus, two thousand years ago, broke the adamant crust of evil, and inaugurated a war, foretold by the prophets, against the mammon of unrighteousness. He gave the dragon of his day, a "deadly wound," which, John tells us, was afterwards healed; and all the world wondered at the beast. In the two millenniums which have passed, — a period of mortal history which reeks with the record of persecution and martyrdom heaped upon the followers of Christ, as foretold by Jesus — the outstanding events have had to do with the revealing of that portion of the earth's surface, which, as regards Roman Catholicism, was "virgin" soil. Here, in the Western Hemisphere, the presence of the dragon was wholly lacking. Here, the great PROTESTANT against the evil of the world, he who drove out the money-changers from the temple (which was a type) and said, "it is written, My house shall be called a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves," — this mighty Protestant, Christ, directed his followers to come, and find a haven, where, in security, they should develop his spiritual system, and so enlarge and magnify it to the comprehension of his spiritual disciples, that the final wound should be delivered to the dragon, and his place be found no more on earth. The century-old boast of the Roman Catholic organization is, that Rome never changes. The emphatic spiritual pronouncement of the Scripture is, "Jesus

Christ the same yesterday, today, and for ever." (Hebrews 13:8). This titanic struggle is one of seeming centuries, yes, of millenniums, which when they are passed, are as a "watch in the night," a "dream that is told, "for Christ is always victor".

The first step which Christ directed his followers to take, was the discovery of his virgin land. This commission was given to the Norseman (Icelander) Leif Ericson, who discovered America in the year 1000. Leif was a member of a spiritually descended race, whose ruling passion was aggressive opposition to the Romish system, and whose religion was primitive Christianity handed down directly to them through the Revelation of St. John.

The next step was the colonization of America by the Pilgrim Fathers. This mighty spiritual event has left its indelible impress upon the entire Western Hemisphere, an impress which the dragon never can efface. The adventure of the Pilgrims, being instigated by the persecutions of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and the mighty pronouncement of the pilgrims in dedicating the new continent "IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN!" constitute this hemisphere as irrevocably Protestant, for all time. This fact was written into our Constitution, after prayerful consideration by the Colonial fathers, and Congress was forbidden to interfere with it.

The founding of the American Federal Republic, on the principles of Protestant Christianity, as exemplified in Free Masonry, was the third step. It is idle to assert that Washington, as well as Lincoln half a century later, was not aware of the peril of the Roman Catholic system to the newly formed Republic. He constantly warned against it; and knowing, as he did, that the European system and the Romish system were one and the same, he urgently exhorted his countrymen to remain separate and isolated from Europe. In this, he exercised the same spiritual prevision which Moses employed, when he forbade the children of Israel to have intercourse with the Egyptians.

The issue between Christ and the dragon today, is the final conquest of death. St. John, the beloved disciple, of whom Christ Jesus significantly said, "If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee," testified thus of Christ, recording Christ's own words: "I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." (John 21:23 & Revelation 1:18.)

In an article which appeared in the press of New York, in June 1926, by Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., Mrs. Stetson protested against the celebration of the death of Thomas Jefferson. Mrs. Stetson quotes from the writing of Mary Baker Eddy, her Leader and Teacher, and the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, as to the absolute unreality of death, and the allness of life and immortality. Mrs. Stetson says:

There is no death. In God's universe, there is no past, present nor future. There is eternity, in which dwell forever, the eternal individualities of God's children. America's great historic characters are not dead. Though the human

form vanish, the mental, spiritual Individual man of God lives.

I, who am a lineal descendant of Miles Standish, have defended and upheld the spiritual qualities of the Christ mind which I Inherited. Therefore, I protest against obedience to this demand to celebrate the death of Thomas Jefferson.

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