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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE U.S.A. AND SIN

Which of you convinceth me of sin. And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

He that is of God heareth God's words; ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.

(John 8:46 & 47)

There appeared recently, in the columns of the New York Herald Tribune, a question from a correspondent, as to why ministers frightened their people with denunciation of sin, and stating that such denunciation was most unwelcome, and had better be left off, in these modern times. The answer which was given, in the *Herald Tribune* columns, was, that physical scientists were much more emphatic and denunciatory in their condemnation of sin, than ministers, for they point out, as the results of their analysis, the fatal effects of sin, through its indulgence; and that, if ministers were to declaim against sin, in language only half as strong as the physical scientists employ they would not be tolerated in their pulpits.

All reformers have denounced sin, and have warned the people against its indulgence. The prophets used no uncertain language in regard to sin, and sinners. Isaiah says:

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken; I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers, children that are corrupters; they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger, they are gone away backward.

Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

Learn to do well;

(Isaiah 1:2, 4, 16, 17 to ;)

John the Baptist exhorted the people with these words;

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly
purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner;
but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

(Matthew 3:11 &12)

Christ Jesus said:

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

(Matthew 5:48)

The great Scotch reformer, John Knox, once rebuked. Mary Queen of Scots, who, in her indignation and resentment, asked him, "Sir, do you know that you are thus rebuking your Queen?" The intrepid Knox answered, "I care not, madam, whether it be Queen or peasant; I cannot withhold the rebuke of sin, which is death in the sight of God."

Our own Jonathan Edwards, the outspoken Puritan preacher of the early days of the Republic, not only denounced sin in the most emphatic Anglo-Saxon English, but he carefully analyzed his subject, and based his condemnation upon a clearly thought out and strictly Scriptural foundation, or premise, "natural men," said Jonathan Edwards, "are the enemies of God," He characterized "natural men" as the seed of Adam, born of Adams's sin, and therefore composed of the bone and flesh of the iniquity of Adam, being in a state of natural enmity against God. A characteristic denunciatory paragraph from Jonathan Edwards follows;

It is nothing but God's mere pleasure that keeps you from being this moment swallowed up in everlasting destruction. He is of purer eyes than to bear to have you in His sight. There is no other reason to be given why you have not gone to hell since you have sat here in the house of God, provoking His pure eyes by your sinful, wicked manner of attending His solemn worship. Yea, there is nothing else that is to be given as a reason why you do not at this moment drop down into hell, but that God's hand has held you up.

Jonathan Edwards was not as popular as his contemporary, Whitefield, who was less aggressive in his attitude against sinners. But the spirit of Jonathan Edwards is the spirit of Elijah, who rebuked Ahab and Jezebel, Ahab's wife, the wicked queen, whose body, in fulfilment of Elijah's denunciation, was thrown from the window, and given to the dogs. It is the spirit of John the Baptist, who called the Roman governor to account for having his brother's wife; the spirit of Knox, who stood before a queen, and denounced her to her face, for her wickedness. Yes, it is the spirit of Christ Jesus, who said (to his brethren who did not "believe in him"):

The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth,
because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.

(John 7:7)

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The Constitution of the United States is, perhaps, the most marvellous political instrument ever written. Because it is so, it is at the same time, the least understood, and the most maligned and maltreated. The Constitution is what its name implies; namely, an instrument designed to constitute a nation. The word "constitute" comes from two Latin words, meaning, to stand together. When applied to a nation, it has the significance of bringing that nation forth, or of giving it visible existence, or birth. The word "nation" comes from "*nascio*" I am born. Therefore, the Constitution of the United States of America, was written for the purpose of giving birth to the American Federal Republic. In writing it, the fathers had no other object, purpose, or aim, than this. It was written under the inspiration of God and His Christ, in the atmosphere of prayer; and it is a holy instrument. The writing of the Constitution of the United States of America, was the beginning of the pronouncement of the final Judgment of Christ against the dragon, which, in its fulfilment, includes the condemnation and doom of the dragon, and the casting out of sin, first, from America, and eventually from all the world; for "the earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof." (Psalm 24:1.)

The Constitution discovered, or uncovered and revealed, a new world. This event was disquieting to the dragon, since it was the beginning of events resulting in the culminating period of his suppositious and illegitimate reign on earth. It was, in fact, the opening of the seventh seal, spoken of by John, in his Book of Revelation:

But in the days of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

(Revelation 10:7 & 16:17.)

The Constitution of the United States of America was not written to be used as a means of providing for an interminable series of presidents, world without end, Amen; nor for the making of innumerable citizens of the American Republic, for ages to come; nor for countless other objects, attributed to it. Its purpose was not even to lay down rules for the government of a great nation. Its prime and essential motive was, to constitute, or bring forth, a nation, having the characteristic ideals and institutions embodied, through its instrumentality, in the American Federal Republic. This work accomplished, its mission was fulfilled. The machinery which it set in motion, through the unanimous election of George Washington, the God-appointed and God-anointed "father of his country," and the first — in the sense of outstanding, or leading — president of the American Federal Republic, and in the creation of the other branches of government, — this machinery projected, upon the world's consciousness, a new nation, founded upon ideals and institutions, as set forth in its Declaration of Independence, the exact opposite and antithesis of those of the old world, under the domination and despotism of popery, and Jesuitism. Here, in the free and virgin air of the Western Hemisphere, the people of God, led, through centuries of persecution by the Roman Catholic hierarchy, the enemy of Christ, to

found an ideal State upon the principles of Christian freedom, were to inaugurate a holy empire in preparation for the second appearing of Christ and his reign of righteousness on earth.

The appearance of the American Federal Republic spelled the demise of popery, first, in the Western Hemisphere, and eventually in all the world. The same words which Christ Jesus used in his day, against the organized forces of evil, sin, known then as the Jews, represented by the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the Roman pagan Empire, are applicable to-day, and will be repeated by Christ, at his second appearing, which is imminent, against the forces of evil, sin, embodied in the Roman Catholic system, the combination of Judaic ritualism and Roman paganism:

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words
shall not pass away. (Matthew 24:35)

Christ Jesus implanted, in Palestine, a subdued province of the Roman Empire, the seeds of a spiritual empire, which should eventually cover the earth, and encompass the universe. The purpose of Christ Jesus' mission was absolutely clear in his own consciousness, and the certainty of its successful fulfillment was conviction with him. The result of this mission, was the destruction of sin, or in the words or phraseology of Jonathan Edwards and of St. Paul, the putting off the natural, carnal, or old man, the flesh and blood of Adam, and the consequent elimination of death, the fruit, or wages, of sin.

The entire Roman Catholic system, whose presence on the soil of the Western Hemisphere, or "any portion of it," is prohibited by our Monroe Doctrine, is built upon the premise of death. The death of Jesus, both in his agony on the cross, at the hands of the Jews and the Romans, and as implied by the assumption of the title of "Vicar of Christ" by the pope of Rome, as though Christ himself were not here on earth, to carry on his own government, — the death of Jesus is a central dogma of Roman Catholicism, or popery. On this dogma, the whole structure of the Mass, or principal rite of popery is built. The earth belongs to God, who is the Creator of the universe, including man, in His image. God is eternal life; therefore death is a lie, and Romanism, being built upon a lie, is itself a lie, and its pope, or head, both *ex* and *in cathedra*, is a liar. Christ is Truth. Christ Jesus said:

This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the
only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast
sent.

(John 17:3)

The entire spirit of the American Federal Republic is hated by Roman Catholicism and its pope and hierarchy; who, as the representatives of the dragon, have put forth every effort, since the founding of this Republic, to destroy it. To-day, the word is, from the headquarters of this anti-Christian system in Rome, "Make America Roman Catholic;" that is, use every effort of mental hypnotism, including fear, superstition, and manipulation, to include America in the so-called catholic or universal empire, and drag her down into the miserable depths of sin and death, the direct fruit of

popery, or anti-Christ. Thus, the dragon is being forced, by Christ, whose seat is the American Federal Republic, to attempt to complete his work, outlined in Revelation, of "deceiving the nations," even this great nation which belongs wholly to Christ, and, in so doing, the dragon is hastening his inevitable doom.

Sin is what the sturdy old Puritan, Jonathan Edwards, named it, "the natural man," the outcome or fruit of the sin of Adam, or, in plain words, flesh and blood, which, Paul says, "cannot inherit the Kingdom of God." The spiritual man, made in the image and likeness of God, of whom Christ is the highest representative, or "elder brother," must have a virgin spot on earth, on which to plant his foot, at his second, and final appearing, a spot unpolluted by popery, the apotheosis of materialism, or fleshliness. That spot is the Western Hemisphere, of which the American Federal Republic is the Mount Horeb. The main aim of Romanism, to create a universal or catholic empire, on the basis of flesh and blood, can never be fulfilled, and the pope can never be the ruler of the world, as he blasphemously asserts, neither can his emissary ever sit in the president's chair of the American Federal Republic.

All who have contributed to the bringing forth of the American Federal Republic, are immortal; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against them, nor against their marvellous spiritual work. They have prepared the way, for the establishment of the Kingdom of God "on earth as it is in heaven."

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