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A Thought for Each Day

Sabbath, January 21. Arise and eat!
1 Kings 19:5.

Perhaps the prime duty of Christians today is to rise and eat—to take the living bread that alone will bring fulness of life and fitness for service.—B. T. Badley.

Monday, January 22. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. Ephesians 2:10.

My life is but a weaving
Between my God and me;
I see the seams, the tangles—
The fair design sees He.
Then let me wait in patience
And blindness, satisfied
To make the pattern lovely
Upon the upper side!

Tuesday, January 23. He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. Proverbs 29:1.

Lapse of time does not cause crime to be forgotten or condoned. There is no statute of limitations with God!—W. L. Watkinson.

Wednesday, January 24. This is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will he heareth us. 1 John 5:14.

If we are wise, we train ourselves to be susceptible to the divine intimations. These can be turned into the most successful prayers.—A. W. Robinson.

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how much of cross-bearing is represented in the administering daily in that hospital! And how much in the daily suffering in that one hospital alone? Beholding the wood, the angels veil their faces and shout, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! The whole earth is full of Thy glory."

Yet there is the danger that we may have only the wood. The cross without the Spirit of Christ. Though I speak with the tongue of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass or a clanging symbol.

D. RAYMOND TAGGART.

THIRTY COUNTS AGAINST SECRET SOCIETIES

1. Secret Societies are, for the most part, false religions, based upon and copied after old heathen idolatrous worship.

2. Secret Societies are antagonistic to Christianity and the open life as practiced and taught by Jesus Christ.

3. Secret Societies dishonor Jesus Christ—the most of them omitting His name in prayer and in the reading of the Scriptures.

4. Secret Societies dishonor the Bible, misquoting it and putting it on an equality with such books as the Mohammedan Koran.

5. Secret Societies weaken the Church and hinder the work of the Kingdom.

6. Secret Societies in our schools are antagonistic to the highest scholarship and democratic good comradeship in the whole student body.

7. Secret Societies are antagonistic to the Ideals of the Home.

8. Secret Societies hold to a brotherhood that is unscriptural.

9. Secret Societies yoke up believers with the ungodly in an unsafe union.

10. Secret Societies are antagonistic to true Democracy.

11. Secret Societies are antagonistic to true Americanism.

12. Secret Societies require an immoral and unscriptural oath of members.

13. Secret Societies require an oath of secrecy inconsistent with the liberty of a follower of Christ and a citizen of the United States.

14. Secret Societies injure moral character through their oath of secrecy and unquestioning submission to human authority.

15. Secret Societies are antagonistic to the manliness and self-respect of a true gentleman or lady.

16. Secret Societies require loyalty to themselves before God or country.

17. Secret Societies often antagonize the just execution of our laws.

18. Secret Societies are apt instruments for promoting graft and unfairness in public life.

19. Secret Societies, by their bond of secrecy, make it easier and safer for their members to go into sin.

20. Secret Societies practice initiation rites both dangerous and foolish.

21. Secret Societies have been guilty of many terrible deeds in the past, ranging from false witness to murder.

22. Secret Societies develop selfishness

in their members.

23. Secret Societies offer honors and high-sounding titles to the undeserving.

24. Secret Societies falsely claim to be Charitable Institutions.

25. Secret Societies offer unsafe Insurance Investment.

26. Secret Societies use, to little purpose, both the time and money of members.

27. Secret Societies are working their way into the Sabbath Schools. They are recommended by S. S. Associations and are feeders for the Orders.

28. Secret Societies are opposed by many organizations, churches and leaders.

29. Secret Societies draw proper suspicion on themselves by their grips, countersigns, guarded doors and painted windows.

30. Secret Societies are not even a questionable good; they are an unnecessary evil.

A sample of the titles conferred by Secret Societies: "Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Grand Council and Inspector General of the thirty third and last degree of Masonry."

A sample of the oath required by Secret Societies: "I promise and swear that I will aid and assist a companion Royal Arch Mason when engaged in any difficulty; and espouse his cause so far as to extricate him from the same, if in my power, whether he be right or wrong. Also that I will promote a Royal Arch Mason's political preferment in preference to another of equal qualification. Furthermore do I promise and swear that a companion Royal Arch Mason's secrets, given to me in charge as such, I knowing them to be such, shall remain as secret and inviolable, in my breast as in his own, murder and treason not accepted."—part of Royal Arch Degree.

"Today I stand for things OPEN; for only one FRATERNITY; the brotherhood of Christ; for one UNION, union with God through Him; for one form of PHILANTHROPY, giving ourselves to Him, to spend and be spent in His service."—Elizabeth A. Needham.

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CAN I BE SURE THAT THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD?

By Rev. Frank D. Frazer, Ph.D.

Its claim to be the Word of God, simply but positively reiterated, and established from the outset, has never been refuted nor invalidated. Admitted by uncounted myriads of men, many of the wisest and best in all ages; asserted by the Lord Jesus Christ, by all His disciples, and by His church as its first principle of organization, this claim is certified today by its Indestructible Vitality; its Organic Unity; its Scientific Truthfulness; and its Beneficent Influence.

Consider Its Indestructible Vitality

"The Word of our God shall stand forever." And here it stands!—but not because there has been no effort to overthrow it. The Bible has always had enemies; some of them in high places, whence they have directed prodigious influences to put it out of the way. The greatest World-Power concentrated its forces to destroy the Scriptures; but that proud empire of the Caesars is no more. The most powerful hierarchy, falsely called, Catholic Church, has for centuries endeavored to submerge the Bible, and keep it under, but larger editions of the Bible are being printed than of any other book. Not only have Bibles been mutilated and burnt, but those who read them have been put to death. Yet today it is being scattered in more than nine hundred languages and dialects, ranking as the world's "best

seller."

A more effective method of combating Scripture has been by learned criticism. But every line of criticism so far invented has been broken, or is being broken, and proven inept, by the facts of history and experience as related to the statements of the Bible itself. So that the effectiveness of criticism has been due, not to its inherent power, but to the ignorance, indifference, or half-heartedness of men. Ignorance, pride, and selfishness, are the Bible's worst enemies, but not one of these can stand in its light.

Books die because they have no message adapted to the changed conditions of a new generation. But every succeeding epoch finds the Bible waiting for it, with the needed truth in precisely the form that proves most useful. Ages, cultures, civilizations, have no effect upon it except to discover its present indispensable value.

Like a living thing, the Bible came to be what it is by a process of growth; and it continues to bear fruit. It broke the walls of the limited nationalism within which it attained its growth, and became a world-wide influence, living down all opposition.

Consider Its Organic Unity

The Bible is not merely a book; it is a library. Yet there is no confusion of