

THE CREED WE ALL NEED

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The Bible is Open to All—Why Not Go Directly to the Original Source and Find a Creed for Ourselves—“As a Man Thinketh, so He is.”

Text: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”—John III, 16.

While thousands of people were crowding Carnegie Hall and overflowing its spacious auditorium into the churches around, eager to hear the discussion of themes that interested the world, and the report of the triumphs of the Gospel in all lands, a bill poster was pasting a placard on the bulletin board near the entrance to the hall, announcing that a certain freethinker would speak Sunday afternoon on the “Crumbling Creeds of Christianity.”

How many people came to hear him I do not know, but it would doubtless not have been difficult to count the number of his audience.

The fact is the creeds of Christianity, instead of crumbling, are becoming more definite and compact. A creed is a definite statement of belief. Every man of sense has a creed of some kind. If he rejects all creeds, he simply holds a creed of no creed.

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the verbiage will go, but God's eternal truth will remain. There will be no diminution of the doctrine of election, for it is taught in God's word, though some objectionable phrases used in relation to it may be left out. It will be shorter and more liturgic.

But in our search for a creed we need not go to any formulated statement made by ecclesiastical councils. Why not go directly to the original source, and find a creed for ourselves? The Bible is open to all, and Jesus Christ himself the Holy Spirit as a guide into all truth.

If you believe the Bible, it is easy to find what it teaches on the great essentials. If you do not believe the Bible, you have no basis for a Biblical creed, and the honest course is to have nothing to say or do with the creed-making business.

You will find a good creed in the two ordinances of the Church. The Lord's Supper is a creed in symbol. It speaks of the blood that cleanses from all sin. Jesus said, “This cup is the New Testament in My blood.”

In every church it proclaims that Jesus died on Calvary, and without shedding of blood “there is no remission.” We read in it man's justification, sanctification and glorification through the blood of Christ. Baptism is also a creed. It proclaims the resurrection of Jesus, and our resurrection to newness of life.

In the Lord's Supper and baptism we have a creed of the death and resurrection of Christ. He who believes in the Cross of Calvary and Christ cannot go far wrong on other things. But when a man goes wrong as to the atoning merit of Jesus Christ, and as to the resurrection of our Lord, he is apt to go wrong on everything else.

He has learned his alphabet wrong, and how can he speak or read aright, much less make or master a literature? The blood of Christ, like the scarlet thread in the cordage of the British Navy, runs through all the Bible and Christian experience.

A GREAT RESULT. “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.” “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork.” In all nature we see the result of His wisdom and goodness, but Jesus Christ is the supreme manifestation of His love.

A GREAT PURPOSE. “That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Here death and life are in contrast. We are sometimes told that it is not the purpose of Christianity to save men from hell, but to better their condition in this life.

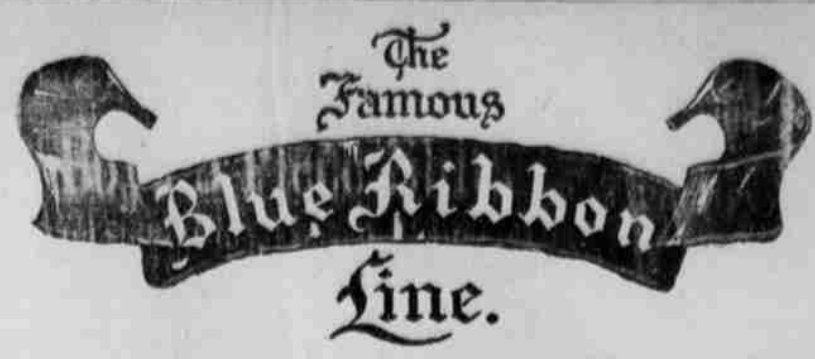
A GREAT GOD. The need of the day is a creed with a God in it great enough to worship. The Bible in its first verse reveals such a God. “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

Women as Sapphiras. Feminine ideas of truth are sometimes a little peculiar. Who has not heard a sweet angelic-faced woman at the door of a crowded concert room or even a church say to the sympathetic usher: “Please get me a seat near the front, I am a little deaf.”

A French journal says that the words and music of the Transvaal national hymn were composed by a Dutch woman, Mlle. Catherine Felicie Van Rees, in 1875, at the request of Mr. Burgess, former President of the Transvaal.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of Wall street, New York, have given to the widow of a recently deceased employe a pension of \$7,000 a year, which is the full amount of the salary he was paid when alive.

The Cumberland Valley Railroad has fixed on Thursdays July 26th, 19th, August 2d and 16th for their Annual Mid-Summer excursions to the Sea Shore, the time allowed on these excursions being sixteen days instead of ten as in former years.



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