Catholic Information
A CATHOLIC WON'T ARGUE WITH GOD.

Pouring water on a forehead while reciting certain prescribed words may seem a trivial peg upon which to hang the salvation of a soul. But Christ, who is God, so commanded—and a Catholic won't argue with God.

A bell of eternal punishment for those who defy their creator is something all of us would like to disbelieve, but Christ warned of just such a place for the accursed—and a Catholic takes God at his word.

Confessing one's sins to a priest may seem an unnecessary mortification when God may also be reached direct, but we believe that his Divine Son commanded it plainly—and a Catholic says 'Yes' to God.

Changing a substance of bread and wine into the substance of the Body and Blood of Jesus, our God, may sound like Oriental magic, but we affirm that Christ Himself did it, gave the power to His priesthood to do it and commanded its continuance—so a Catholic partakes of his God.

That a mere human being can infallibly define God's revelations is incredible only if one considers the mere human being and forgets the infinite God who so chose to preserve His truths and to guide His children. Since we are assured that God gave this power to St. Peter, a Catholic knows the will of His God.

There's nothing in Catholic doctrine that conflicts with human reason; and those mysteries which transcend our understanding are easy to accept if one bears in mind that an all powerful God can reveal His truths and His commands without asking the preacceptance of His methods but the tiny, finite minds of His creatures.

No, a Catholic won't argue with God. "Twould be useless" Twould be dangerous Twould be uproarious.

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BIBLE COMMENT

'Of Such Is The Kingdom Of Heaven'

IT was of little children that Jesus said the above (Matthew 19:14). He also said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3.)

It is the child-like whose characters can be formed by God. Those whose very poverty of spirit makes possible their enrichment by being filled with the Spirit of God are fit subjects of Christ's kingdom.

Born in declarations reveal and affirm what Jesus meant when He said, "My kingdom is not of this world." He did not mean that the kingdom was remote, somewhere else, or in a far-off future. On the contrary He said that it was here and now. It is "within you," or "in your midst," in whatever way we may translate this words.

The point with that, being here and now, and in this world, the kingdom, which He proclaimed was not of this world because its nature and principles were different from those of the kingdoms of this world, and the ideas, rules, and principles that govern earthly kingdoms.

Not poverty in spirit, but physical strength, brute force, aggressiveness, conquest, and domination, have been the historical and characteristic ends of worldly kingdoms. The principles of worldly rulers have displayed anything better, it has only been through minds akin to those proclaimed by Jesus.

The principles of the kingdom that Jesus proclaimed were love and service, not getting, but giving. "It is more blessed to give, than to receive."

To the materialistic minded it seems visionary and impractical, but picture what the world would be, if, instead of 20 centuries of unsuitiveness and aggression, we had had 20 centuries of the practice of the Golden Rule, founded in the love of God and in brotherly love.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"Christ, Jesus" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Christian Science churches throughout the world on Sunday.

The Golden Text is: "Have shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Hesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots." (Isa. 11:1)

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep . . . I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." (John 10:7, 9)

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "If we wish to follow Christ, Truth, we must be in the way of God's appointing . . . He, who would reach the source and find the divine remedy for every ill, must not try to climb the hill of Science by some other road." (P. 326).

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Superstitious Practices Survive In Game With Mysterious Forces

By Dr. Gordon Wilson

James Russell Lowell, in his masterful essay on "Witchcraft," taughts at the strange combination of modernness and superstition, as if a farmer should plant his crops according to the moon while belonging to the most modern organizations for scientific agriculture.

Lowell rightly suggests that often superstition is just for fun and does not imply a life-and-death belief in something. It be were living today, he could find innumerable illustrations of his point, for we have advanced greatly in mechanical inventions, in literacy, in transportation; but we have not outgrown all our superstitions.

Suppose we look at marriage, for example. All the beliefs that have grown up around this ancient custom have become for many people just pleasant things to contemplate. Some people would take offense at the color of a bride's dress, but most of us would be more concerned with whether it was stylish or becoming.

Maybe some scientific folklorist should make a detailed study of happy and unhappy marriages to see just which ones observed the traditions and which did not.

Nothing has intrigued me more lately than the almost phenomenal success in 1948 of the corn derby. Many a farmer has produced an acre almost as much as I grew all told in 1906, and yet my crop was supposed to be quite good in that year of four decades ago.

Now I did not plant my corn "in the moon." I planted it when the ground got dry enough to plow, according down in Beechy Fork bottom, where early planting was out of the question.

Most of my ground was fairly fresh, consequently I added nothing to it and expected nature to do the rest. According to the standards of the time my grain brought forth after its kind rather satisfactorily.

What I would like to know, as a matter of record, is whether any of these corn-derby fellows consulted an almanac before they cast their seeds into the highly fertilized and prepared soil.

I am sure that many of them thought of this old superstition, anyway, but probably went on and did what was to be done, relying for more on the condition of the soil than the phase of the moon.

Telling one's own fortune, long ago, probably, became only a pleasant diversion, not really taken seriously. Sleeping with a slice of wedding cake under one's pillow gives a fellow a sense of being poetic and romantic, whether he believes that any dreams produced by this act will come true or prosaically thinks that the cake he has eaten will have more effect on his dreams than any amount of it under a pillow.

Similarly, turning the bedposts is at least alluring and may still be tried often in a spirit of play. Looking down a well on Halloween has a primitive thrill to it, for night is still night for most people, electric lights or no electric lights.

I wish I could gather together the ones who have tried certain ones of these hallowed customs and try to determine how much hunter or thrill or possible credence entered into the prank.

All my life I have been blessed or cursed with warts and moles. Many a time I have used superstitious tricks unsuccessfully, probably never actually believing a one

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION
By W. W. Reid

Protestants of many denominations throughout the United States joined with Roman Catholics on Sunday, February 13, in prayer for the safety of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, sentenced to life imprisonment "for treason and other crimes" by a Communist dominated court in Hungary. At the request of Protestant Episcopal Bishop Charles K. Gilbert, churches in his New York Diocese used the special prayer "for those in distress," in sermons, also, the trial was referred to as a "travesty on Justice", and part of a Communist campaign against Christianity, both Catholic and Protestant. There was also reference, in this connection, to the earlier conviction on similar charges of Lutheran Bishop Lajos Ordass, and the more recent indictment for treason of fifteen Evangelical churchmen in Bulgaria. The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America issued a statement pointing out that the "crime" of these evangelicals was merely their association with American church leaders assigned to welfare and relief services in Hungary and elsewhere in Europe, and that Protestants do not interfere in political matters.

The Congregational Christian Church (itself a merger of denominations) seems about ready to unite with the Evangelical and Reformed Church (also an earlier merger) to form the "United Church of Christ." The Congregational Christian group recently voted for the union but with eight "interpretations" or "conditions", and the Evangelical and Reformed Church will meet in Cleveland, O., April 20 and 21 to consider these new points. The Congregational Christian body wants especially to be sure that "the historic autonomy of local churches" be maintained in the proposed new church. The congregational element in the church is the lineal descendant of New England, Puritanism and is strongest in that section of the country.

At the request of various governments, and under the auspices of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Dr. Frank C. Laubach, his son Robert, and an artist couple, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray, are now on a six-months tour of Siam, India, Australia, New Guinea, and Korea on a program of teaching new tribes and language groups to read and write. The Laubachs are the experts in the phonetic-picture method language instruction; the Grays are the artists who make the pictures and design phonetic charts. "The illiterates of the world are fast coming to the state where they want to read as much as a blind man wants to see," says Dr. Laubach. Its methods he has developed for more than 50 languages, about 20,000,000 illiterates are being taught each year to read.

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Cane Run—
Mrs. C. A. Hopkins C-5
Mr. and Mrs. John Pryor of Carlisle spent a few hours Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Clark.
Mrs. John Bromagen and baby spent a few hours Monday night and Tuesday night with Mrs. Charles R. Scott and sons on the Scrub Grass road.
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gilley spent Wednesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Duncan near Carlisle.
Elmer Davis of near Moorefield spent Wednesday night with Stanley and Kenneth Bromagen.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns of Locust Grove spent a few hours one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Scott.
Mrs. W. A. Glass of Pleasant Valley and Mrs. Adrian George and daughters spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Clarence Hopkins.
Albert Hopkins, Kenneth and Stanley Bromagen spent a few hours one night last week with Clarence Scott and family on Locust Grove.
Mrs. Clyde Clark spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Kash Clark of near Moorefield.
Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hunt of the Upper Jacksntown road spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Burke.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Scott and sons of the Scrub Grass road and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bromagen spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Harrison George and children at the Upper Blue Licks.
Willard Spencer and boy friend of near Moorefield spent a few hours Sunday morning with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hopkins and son. The afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Mutton of Carlisle and Mrs. John Bromagen and baby.
Mrs. W. A. Glass of Pleasant Valley stayed last week with Mr. and Mrs. Kash Clark. Mrs. Clark came home from the Mt. Sterling hospital last Monday.

Abner's Mill—
Mrs. Joe Hughes C-1
Mr. and Mrs. John' Leet have gone to Dayton, Ohio, to spend a few weeks with their children.
Mr. and Mrs. Snyder and family of Detroit, Mich., spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hamm.
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Leet and Dorthy, Herbert and Etna Mae Dwelly attended the ball game at Headquarters Friday night.
A. K. Linville and Margie Lee have been ill the past week.
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Gaunce of the Maysville road spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes.
Mr. Will Martin of Ashmael spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Leet.
Mrs. Anna Martin of Paris spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Ina Kenton.
Mr. Stanley Mattox of Millersburg and Charles C. Jones of Maysville road went to Macon, Ga., and Key West, Fla., on business last week. They were gone for five days.
Herbert Smoot bought a car last week from Frank Weaver at Moorefield.
The farmers are busy getting their ground plowed and getting ready to burn tobacco beds.
Clarence Hopkins and son, Albert, have been doing some carpenter work for Mr. W. W. Rigg on the Carlisle and Moorefield road.

Mrs. Leroy Leet and Dorothy spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Joe Hughes.
Licking River has been on a boom. Our mail carrier, Kenneth Fern, had to detour from Tuesday until Saturday. Leroy Leet didn't get across to take the children to school.
Mrs. Meredith Linville, who teaches school at Maysliick, didn't teach for a few days on account of the high water.
Dr. Ed Utkov of Dayton, Ohio, spent the weekend with Mrs. Utkov and son, Gary, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Sellers.
Mr. T. M. Sellers and daughter, Mrs. Ed Utkov, were called to Lexington Monday night due to the serious illness of Mr. Sellers' sister, Mrs. J. T. Roberson of Maysliick. Mrs. Roberson is a patient at the Good Samaritan hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Jess Crawford entertained with a birthday dinner Sunday for their daughter, Patsy. The guests were: Mrs. Sophia Jackson and family, Mrs. Ellen Dwelly, Miss Etna Mae Dwelly and Herbert Dwelly.
Mrs. J. A. Standiford and Mrs. Victor Day attended training school of Homemakers Friday in basement of Christian church in Carlisle.
Mrs. J. S. Banta and daughter, Mrs. Harold Hamm and Mr. Hamm were in Lexington Saturday for medical treatment.
Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Adams and son, Donnie, of Lexington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. True Mackey.
Mr. and Mrs. William T. Moore spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Owen Dale Dryden of Mt. Olivet.
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hughes had several friends visiting at their home Friday night. Everyone enjoyed the television. Mrs. Hughes served refreshments and cake.
Mrs. J. W. Hunter was called to Massie Memorial hospital, Paris, Tuesday evening due to the serious illness and death of her sister, Mrs. Sophia Hughes. The people of the community extend their sympathy to Mrs. Hunter.

Ellisville—
Mrs. Richard Snapp
Mrs. Frank Stevens, Mrs. Fronia Watsone and Mr. Hallie Hash all of Paris, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Hughes and family one day the past week.
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hamm entertained Rev. and Mrs. Panky of Carlisle one evening the past week with a six o'clock dinner.
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Curtis and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Curtis and family of near Blue Licks.
We are sorry to hear of Mrs. Perry McClanahan's illness. Hope she is improved at this time.

Concord—
Mrs. Sterling Jackson C-12
Mr. and Mrs. George Sosby were Thursday afternoon guests of their daughter, Mrs. Chad Whitaker and family of Moorefield.
Mr. and Mrs. John Shields, son and grandchildren were Sunday guests of their daughter, Mrs. Lucille Wall, and family of Bartersville.
Mrs. Bob Dampier and son were Friday guests of relatives in Maysville.
Mr. and Mrs. Forest Linville and children of Cynthiana were Sunday guests recently of Mr. Linville's cousin, Edgar Buckler and family.
Mr. and Mrs. James Mattox and children were weekend guests of friends in Maysville.
Mrs. Lloyd Smith and children were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant.
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jolly were weekend guests of Mr. Jolly's brother and sister, Mr. Oscar Buckner and Clay Jolly and family.
Miss Virginia Burden of Little Rock was a Friday night guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tinsley.
Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Russell and children and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Bundy, all of Paris, were Sunday guests of their father, Jesse Russell and family.
Misses Sarah Jean Chrisman and Juanita Hamm were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tinsley.
Those who are ill: Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Edward Jolly and Mrs. Arnold Reffit.
Edward Jolly and children are visiting his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Coltmire, while Mrs. Jolly is in the hospital.

Scrub Grass—
By James P. Minton
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bowles and Bobby spent a while recently with Mr. and Mrs. William Ritchie whose baby has pneumonia.
Mrs. Carrie Sadler and Mrs. Raymond Sadler spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. James P. Minton.
Mrs. Marshal Walton spent Wednesday afternoon with her sister, Mrs. Omer Hollar.
Mrs. C. I. Tipp was a Wednesday afternoon guest of Mrs. O. D. Hamilton.
Miss Martha Walton spent Sunday with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crawford. Afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crawford and children.
Miss Julie Mysnar, Mrs. Lottie Croman and son, John H., and Mr. Jess George spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Bowen and Miss Judie Hill.
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bowles and son, Bobby, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bowles.
Mr. and Mrs. Willie Tincher and baby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Holland.
Mrs. O. D. Hamilton and grandson spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. A. C. Crawford.
Mrs. Willie Hughes and children spent Monday with Mrs. James Hughes.

COLORED NOTES
Aurelia Hamilton
Mrs. Bradley Fields has returned home from St. Joseph hospital, Lexington.
Mr. and Mrs. Marion Shepherd and daughter visited here with their mother Sunday.
Miss Katie Mark, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Gertrude Mark, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Della Young, Cincinnati, and Miss Charity Mark are daily visitors at St. Joseph hospital, Lexington, to see their brother, Mr. Ed Strawder, who is critically ill.
Mr. and Mrs. Ab Sharp of Lexington spent the weekend with their parents.
Among those ill are: Mr. William Carlisle Sr., Mrs. Celia Hodge and Mrs. Mary Johnson.
Seventy homemakers in Rowan county last month wired kerosene lamps for electricity.

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