

The OUTLOOK

By Pastor Stephens, Sr.

"THE VENERABLE CHALLENGE"

An author monopolizing the conversation with talk of his accomplishments, was suddenly conscience-stricken. "A thousand pardons!" he exclaimed to a fellow guest. "Here I am talking of nobody but my self. Now let's talk about YOU. What do you think of my new book?". There is no one so blind as he who has two good eyes and just won't see.

The movement of this intellectual world to capture the minds of men will not succeed. The new concepts of men concerning the eternal things shall not deplant the living Word. Our hospital for the mentally ill will continue to be filled and over filled as men seek life among dead things.

I will admit that there are those who profit by the cunning wit of their ability to deceive men. And this is found in organized christianity and what we call the world. But The Living Word of God which "is the power of God unto salvation to those who believe".

The power of the Living Word in the lives of men; The living testimony of the believers; the pages of history captures the minds of men with facts of the power; and the culture it produces is undeniably better, is the venerable challenge to man. I believe a man should search for truth but there is a danger of searching too long in the wrong places. You can profit by the errors of men who searched in the area of the information you seek. You can profit by the admitted mistakes of men of history, and go forward. But remember the old prospector who died and by him was written these words, "just looking." The living Word reveals to us who is the true God. We called this revealed knowledge. All we see around us is evident that there is a Creator and we must agree with the Psalmist who says, "The fool hath said in his heart that there is no God" His power to give to his creatures faith which comes from the hearing of His Word, brings peace, joy, love, and hope to the believer so much so that He can say; "I know of Whom I have believed." Is not this the vener-

able challenge. Now may the peace of God which passeth all understandin keep your heart and mind through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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