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Question No. 33.

We wish that our correspondents would write, and ask others to write, especially Ministers, and tell us who the "beast was, and is not, and yet is?" (Rev. 17-8.)

—Maudy Dawson.

We wish the following Questions to be answered by any one:

Question No. 37.

Explain please, if CREATION and FORMATION are the same, who "the (beast was and is not and yet is Rev. 17-8) last clause.

Question No 38.

And who those two witnesses of God are; spoken of in (Rev. 11-3.?

Question No. 39.

Also who are the two characters spoken of in (Zech. 11-7?)

Question No. 40.

Also who are the two anointed ones spoken of in (Zech. 4-14?)

Question No 41.

Was Moses a murderer?

QUESTIONS No. 49.

1. What is the bottomless pit that this (beast) the temporal power of the Catholic church come out of? And is the bottomless pit spoken of here the same as spoken in (Rev. 20—1?)

2. You say "The two witnesses described in (Rev. 11-3) are the old and new testaments, clothed in the sackcloth of dead languages for 1260 years."

How did the old and new testaments have power over water to turn it into blood and to smite the earth with plagues as often as they would? And what was their dead bodies that laid in the streets of the Great City where our Lord was crucified?—Mrs. Cinda Merritt

QUESTION NO. 52.

Bro. Garrett and Ed. of the CRESSET, through the Columns of your paper I would like to ask the ministers or any one that is able to answer a question.

In 2nd Timothy 2nd ch. and 15ver. I find a positive command which readsthus.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God. a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. rightly dividing the word of truth."

I find the word of truth to be the dividend we the pupils (or workman) that is commanded to do the dividing.

Now, please tell me what to use for a divisor, and how should the quotient be written.

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Continued from last week.

And when this gospel has searched out every nook and corner of the dark recesses of time—And every creature has heard the sound of it—Then none will say "know ye the Lord, for all shall know Him from the least of them unto the greatest." And then no one will be scrambling for self supremecies; or squabbling over words of no profit.

We have learned in our last article that the earth had no form until on the third day after it had been created—We also learn that after the third day's work the earth has become vegetable the herb comes forth, the fruit tree yielding fruit with the seed within itself—Showing us that it is no longer void, like it was when it was created on the first day.

Those grand elucidations of the scriptures certainly cannot help but drive from the dark continent of the mind, the clouds of superstition. And that the beautiful seed of light and wisdom may take root in the brain, and send out its branches of joy and gladness into every fiber of man—Which will raise the soul high over the lofty mountain peaks of prejudiceness, and plant it forever in the sweet summer land, of the sweet by and by.

So after we have been taught so plain by the Word of God that we have not two creations of earth as brother Perkins would have it appear; But have one creation of the earth and afterwards, a work of forming it into a body—We again shall pass into the field of labor in which we live. And that is, the two men theory, or in other words, Adamites and preadamites. And in looking over its vast acreages of golden treasures, we pluck there from the precious truths of the TWO WITNESSES as recorded in Rev. in this language:

"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth." (Rev. 11—3.)

"CLOTHED IN SACKCLOTH." Bro. Perkins in his article written in CRESSET'S No. 50 and 51 said that this had reference to the 1260 years that the Bible lay clothed in the dead languages: and this idea was sanctioned by Mrs. Cooper and others through the CRESSET.

Now to begin with, we wish to ask our readers to remember the article refered to above, so as to learn the truths of this all important subject. And the reason why we ask them to do so, is because, Bro. Perkin's article, is as able as can be given on that side of the question. And as we shall endeavor to prove up a different line of thought.

Therefore, we think that it is absolutely necessary for the readers to investigate thoroughly both sides of the question, so as to know the truth. Now for the investigation.

The first thing that we are not able to understand in regard to believing that the old and new Testament being the two witnesses, and that their time of sackcloth was while they lay in the dead languages. For if we understand the idea of laying dead means lifeless, unconcious of all surroundings. And we must reason that if the testaments lay in dead languages for 1260 years during that time, they were of no benefit to any one, they were dead to all living. And we are unable to see any power they had to prophesy during that period of time—To prophesy is to speak whether it be in a known or unknown tongue it is to speak, so as the ear may hear whether it makes the distinction in sound or not.

Yes God said that He would give them power, and that they should prophesy and that He would give them power in the days of their prophesy to shut heaven that it rained not Bro. Perkins says: "He did not mean it had been a literal drouth for 1260 years." He says: "John ment hear, that while the Word of the Lord is lying in its dark dress, unused as a measure, the earth was in this barren famine ** that there was none of those refreshing showers of God's upon a ruined world that would have been if the witnesses had not been cast down."

Now we do not look at it in this light—So the best thing for us to do, is to tell how we do look at it, and why we look at it in the manner we say. And for this reason, we tell you that we believe that when God said that he would give power to his two witnesses, that He ment that He would give them power, not to lay dead in dead languages but to be alive and prophesy and we believe that God gave them power to shut heaven that it could not rain, if they had need of doing so. Just the same as Elias had, as recorded in this language:

"Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit" (James 5—17—18.)

And the same power to turn waters to blood, as Moses and Aaron had, as you can read in this language:

"And the Lord spake unto Moses Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.

And Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood." (Exodus 7—19—20.)

Now these Bible facts prove to me that the declaration of God by John the Revelator can be fulfilled by man in the hand of God.

Hence, we shall endeavor to show the reader what these two witnesses are, and who they are —Now God says:

"These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth." (Rev. 11—4.)

Now God says two olive trees and two candle-sticks, and not only two trees but also two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. Now we believe these two olive trees to be just what God said they are and just who He says they are.

To Be Continued.

WASHINGTON LETTER

(From Our Regular Correspondent)

Reluctant as has been the Postmaster General to inaugurate an investigation in the bureaus of the Second and Third Assistant Postmasters General, it is now, believed that he will be unable to escape it. Some very surprising facts have just been revealed in connection with the impression or duplication paper used extensively by the Postoffice and probably by others executive department. It appears that the kind used is a patented article manufactured only by the General Manufacturing Company of Franklin, Pa. It farther appears that Ex-Representative Load, then chairman of the committee on Postoffice and Post Road first brought the duplicating paper to the attention of the Department and it was immediately adopted by Third Assistant Postmaster General Medden. Further investigation discloses the fact that General Charley Miller, president of the company, is a brother-in-law of Representive Joseph Sibley of of Pennsylvania and that Mr. Miller, a son-in-law of Sibley, is the company's representative in Washington. It is also found that under a special provision in the Sundry Civil bill approved July 2, 1902, the Public Printer is instructed to purchase the blanks, forms books, etc., of this company whenever they are asked for by the head of an executive department or other Government establishment,

There have been also made many charges against the administration of the office of Second Assistant Postmaster General Shallenberger, under whose supervision comes the payment of the railroads for the transportation of the mails. It is claimed that the price charged by the railroad, this year upwards of $40, 000, 000 is excessive and that there is no proper method of ascertaining the weight of the mail carried Under the present system the mails are weighed during one week, at certain stated periods, and the average for the year computed from these weighings. It is well known that it is the custom on many roads to solicit all the extra mail possible during the weighing week and it is claimed that members of Congress contribute to the fraud by sending through the mails at such times all the public documents they find available. Captain Castle, auditor for the Postoffice Dept. has on several instances called the attention of Congress to the inadequacy of the present methods and

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