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- The Bible -

The Opening of Thy Words
Giveth Light. Ps 119:130.

Our word Bible comes
from a Greek word Biblos
which originally was
used to designate, even
as late as Chaucer's time,
any book. It is now
applied exclusively to the
Scriptures of the Old and
New Testaments.

The Bible gives us
a faithful record of
the revelation of God
to man, as man was
progressively able

to understand, It was
a progressive revelation
from half light to full
light - not as some think
from error to truth. It
began with signs and
symbols during the
centuries when man was
unable to read but could
understand ^{such} signs and
symbols. It ended as an
authoritative written rev-
elation of God in Jesus
Christ - and the establish-
ment of the improved
order of worship in
His church.

This written revelation
is being better understood

as knowledge in the
 fear and love of God in-
 creases. This was
 my hope in establishing
 this institution — to get
 the knowledge of God into
 the understanding of the
 educated man. Not
 the theological theories
 nor the scientific theories.
 Long established ideas
 about the Bible ^{often are not} ~~and~~ what
 the Bible really ^{teaches.} ~~is,~~ ^{this distinction} ~~must~~
 be clearly understood. For
 example, until only
 one generation ago
 loyal and sincere ^{men} taught

That the world was made
in six days of 24 hours
each. ~~The~~ Scientists
tried to show that these
men were wrong. In great
many ^{people} concluded im-
mediately that the Bible
was wrong. Then a calm
settled the debate and
men began to study
to see what the Bible
really ^{did} say. The result
was that the Bible stated
the truth of creation
according to the facts
discovered by the scientists.
There ^{can be} ~~is~~ no conflict between
^{True} religion and ^{True} science. The
Theories of the men about the

Bible and ^{the theories of men} about science
 after ~~to~~ ^{are} and will be at
 war. But God's work re-
 vealed in the written
 page of the Bible and His
 work revealed in the
 natural world will
 always, when both are
 understood, be found
 in harmony.

The Bible reveals that
 God whom the natural
 world requires. You
 cannot understand the
 knowledge gained in
 school unless you
 understand the hand-

book of ^{all} knowledge, the Bible.
If you understand English literature
that is the literature of the English
language, it has been said
that a knowledge of the Bible
is necessary. John Tennison.

"Like Hezekiah's, backward runs
The shadow of my day." or
"Perhaps like Him of Paus in Holy Writ,
Our Arthur kept his best until the last."
These are Bible references. You
cannot read Tennison, Browning,
nor Carlyle, nor Macaulay
nor Huxley nor Shakespeare
with entire intelligence
if you do not know ~~the~~ your
greater facts and spirit
of the Bible. The opening
of Thy Word gives light even in literature

I love to see a well
equipt laboratory under
the direction of a Christian
teacher. The more we
learn of science and
art and literature, the
better we ought to understand
God and His word, the Bible.

Botany gives us an in-
sight to the beauties of the
vegetable kingdom. It
asks ^{us} to see God's love
to us expressed in
green grass beneath our
feet, ⁱⁿ the great arms
of trees that protect
our path from the

sun,ⁱⁿ the flowers that
cheer us with their laughing
glad colors, and sweeten
our lives by their fragrance;
A well rounded, educated
man will see through his
botany, the loving hand
of a Heavenly Father. Botany
is a ~~part~~ ^{reference book in the natural world} of God's word. ^{is to be}
used as a side light to the understanding of
the Opening of His word with light.

The study of zoology is
still more astounding in
the revelation of God's work.
It reveals the greater mystery of
animal life leading up to
man, of whom the Psalmist
said, "~~He~~ ^{He} ~~is~~ ^{is} fearfully and
wonderfully made."

Geology introduces us

to the mineral kingdom
which shows us the
^{ages upon ages}
antiquity of our world.

Chemistry tears apart
and bring together in
new combinations certain
elements for the advance-
ment of man. Its wonders
have not yet been fathomed.

Physics is helping
us to solve our doubts
about the possibility
of certain Bible statements,
such as, "Every eye shall
^{see} Jesus when He returns
in glory. How can such
a thing be? Impossible,

was the conclusion? ^{of the radio waves} Now we
are sending through or by or in
these unknown wavelengths
not only ~~a photo~~ ^{his voice} of ~~him~~ ^{him} ~~speaking~~ ^{near}
but his ~~voice~~ ^{photo}.

In an instant the wave lengths
carry around the world. We
listen in now and hear the
bells in Westminster Abbey
strike the midnight hour
or hear the weather report

for the day from Melbourne

^{On his time from London all day yesterday in}
Australia. ^{21.5 sent} Physicists
^{did in working things} have opened God's word
and given us the light.

God's word is being
opened to us daily
by the work of the archaeologists
Cities entombed for centuries

are bringing forth their testimony in favor of the statements of the Bible. The Babylonian, Syrian and Egyptian ruins preserved for us by the sands of time are now substantiating what the Bible has always stated as true. Sir Wm. Rousey says: "The spade of the excavator is digging the grave of many enemies of the Bible".

This renewed interest in ancient languages went along with the

The pick and spade.
The uniform character
of ancient people have
helped to open our
understanding of God's
word. In Joshua
it is stated that the
"sun stood still," that
is what the translators
thought the Hebrew word
meant. It was certainly
what the Hebrew word
^{does}~~did~~ literally mean. Dr.
Robert D. Wilson of Princeton
after 30 years of study
of fully 30 different
languages and dialects
found that the word
translated "Stood Still"

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in the Hebrew had
a root meaning, in
several older dialects,
"to eclipse, to cover",
which information
clears up this matter
for us, of the "sun standing still"

The standards of morality
in the Bible, in certain
portions of the Bible, they
tell us, are not to ^{be} com-
mended. Remember
this, they are not standards
of morality of the Bible
~~standards in the Bible and~~
but of the men of
that day. ^{recorded in the Bible} The Bible
does not approve of

those standards. It distinctly disapproves of such low standards. Remember also that the Bible is a series of short biographies of men who lived over a period of many centuries. The Bible, in recounting the lives of these men, stated the bad as well as the good. We don't have to approve nor accept all the standards of those men. When has it ever been even in our day that we accept ^{all} the standards of any man? The Bible is a faithful record of the acts of men, of

both the good and bad sides of his character, of his mistakes as well as his virtues. The Bible has greatly suffered from the over zealous support of those who feel they have to accept and to approve all things the Bible ~~says~~ records. And sure^{ly}, those who oppose the Bible and throw it all over board because these wrong standards of men are recorded in the Bible

There has been ~~so much~~ ^{enough}
foolly committed by both
sides to make us go
slow in our judgments.
We must acknowledge
the difficulties, the
problems. It would not
be a book worthy the study
of centuries nor would it
serve the race as a standard
of our highest aspirations
could we understand and
explain all there is in it.

In higher mathematics,
the purest of all sciences,
we have a sign representing
a known, incomprehensible

quantity which we call
infinity. where parallel lines meet, unexplainable
and beyond our comprehension. Explain to

me a mango - In the

inside a kernel, protected
by a hard covering, ^{around the} with
^{covering} ~~is~~ inch or more of luscious
meat, over which is a skin.

How and why is it that
the sap of the tree produces
~~leaves~~ ^{the leaves}, the trunk, and also
the fruit? ~~How~~ cannot I
explain to you why the
mango tree does not
produce apples. I
only know it does
not.

The best things in
life cannot be ex-
plained. We accept
them as facts. We

act on them by faith.
From experience we know
they are true. This ac-
ceptance of the unex-
plainable does not
however exclude
our continued study
of them at present unat-
tainable knowledge.

I commend thorough
systematic study of the
Bible to you. Out of this
fountain of knowledge,
wisdom and inspiration
the poets have drawn
for their elevated thoughts
from its pages ~~much~~
has ^{been} drawn for his famous
painting of the Crucifixion.

and ^{Leonardo} da Vinci his "last
Supper" ^{at} and Michelangelo
^{his} Moses".

Read the Bible not for
the direction of other men's
faith but for your own
faith and practice.
Keep an open mind
and an open heart
as the Holy Spirit
leads you on through
to higher visions
and deeper appreciation
of its truths. This
book is the most practical
the most valuable and
the most substantial in

its teachings. It is
the only book the under-
standing of which will
make you religiously
broad minded with
sincere, deep conviction
of your faith in Jesus Christ.
No one can understand
the Bible and be a fanatic.
No one can understand
the Bible and be indifferent,
spineless in his religious
life. Opening up and
understanding God's word
you will become generous
of your time, of your possessions,
of yourself in service
to others. It will in-
spire you, It will give

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a vision of what you should become. Try to read your Bible through once each year. It is related that Daniel Webster laid his hand on a copy of the Bible and said with great emphasis: This is the Book! I have read through the Bible many times, I now make it a practice to go through it once a year. It is a book of all others for lawyers as well as preachers. It fits

a man for life, and
prepared him for death."
Do you know your Bible?
asks, Amos R. Wells.

Do You Know Your Bible?

"I supposed I knew my Bible,
Reading piecemeal, hit or miss,
Now a bit of John or Matthew,
Now a snatch of Genesis,
Certain chapters of Isaiah,
Certain Psalms (the twenty-third!),
Twelfth of Romans, First of Proverbs,—
Yes, I thought I knew the Word!
But I found that thorough reading
Was a different thing to do,
And the way was unfamiliar
When I read the Bible through.

"You who like to play at Bible,
Dip and dabble, here and there,
Just before you kneel, weary,
And yawn through a hurried prayer,
You who treat the Crown of Writings
As you treat no other book—
Just a paragraph disjointed,
Just a crude, impatient look—
Try a worthier procedure,
Try a broad and steady view;
You will kneel in very rapture
When you read the Bible through!"

—Amos R. Wells

You have not realized
its value if you have
not read it all, and
understand
know what you read.

Years ago an old lady in Europe
living alone in her home
was found dead. Her only
son was in America. He

had sent his widowed mother
his savings monthly for
years. She had carefully
kept all his letters. They
searched all the house
and found not a grain
of food of any kind. She
had died of starvation.
As they opened his letters
they found in each one
the monthly check. It
amounted to several
thousands of dollars. She
did not know the value
of those colored papers,
and died in poverty
possessing wealth.

How very much like Christian
people. God has sent ~~you~~
this letter, the Bible. You lay
it aside content in the
mere possession of it. The
recording angel will some
day return answer to
Him who sent you that
letter. It will be, "Starved
to death."

Do you realize what the
treasures are found in
the Bible? Joy, peace,
hope, faith and love.
In the form of privileges
you have direct communi-
cation with Him who
made the worlds and all
that in them is. The treasure

of a life ~~book~~ made especially for you by your Father in Heaven, ^{is mentioned here} with an outline of its duties, of how to solve its problems. The Opening of Thy Word Giveth Light.

This book, the Bible, is the library of the university of God. In all libraries there are books some on evil on wrongs of society, some on the virtues of man. Some to be commended, others to be detested. Just so with This book, the Bible, It is all profitable but not

all to be commended. It
takes more than casual
reading to find the good.

You will find God's standard,
of right, which ~~is~~ to be commended
as ~~often times~~ all through
the Bible. You will find
lifted up ~~as~~ ^{other} standards
of men who have tried
to follow God's path. These
are on the opposite side
from the right. They are
to be detested and avoided.

Let me close with Dr
Talmage's Vision of the King
through the Bible with
some changes -

A Vision of the King Through the Bible

many library
"Twenty-two years ago, with the Holy Spirit as my guide, I entered this wonderful temple called Christianity. I entered at the portico of Genesis, walked down through the Old Testament art gallery where the pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, Jacob, and Daniel hang on the wall. I passed into the music room of Psalms, where the spirit swept the keyboard of nature and brought forth the dirge-like wail of the weeping prophet Jeremiah to the grand impassioned strain of Isaiah, until it seemed that every reed and pipe in God's great organ of nature responded to the tuneful harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel. I entered the chapel of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher was heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley's sweet-scented spices filled and perfumed my life. I entered the business office of Proverbs, then into the observatory room of the prophets, where I saw telescopes of various sizes, some pointing to far-off events, but all concentrated upon the bright and Morning Star, which was to rise above the moonlit hills of Judea for our salvation. I entered the audience room of the King of Kings, and caught a vision of His glory from the standpoint of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; passed into the Acts of the Apostles, where the Holy Spirit was doing His work in the formation of the infant Church. Then into the correspondence room, where sat Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, James, and Jude, penning their epistles. I stepped into the throne room of Revelation, where all towered into glittering peaks, and I got a vision of the King sitting upon His throne in all His glory, and I cried:

"All hail the power of Jesus' Name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all."

Let us study the Bible
God's Holy Book of Truth.
The blessed staff of hoary age
The guide of early youth,
O'er many a dreary road
It's sun sheds its glorious light
The voice that speaks a Saviour's love
And calls us home to God.