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
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PREFACE.

This book is the very cream of years of gleaning and research; a vast mine of valuable information; a great store-house of overwhelming evidences; a regular arsenal of astounding facts; a magazine of unanswerable testimony; a wonderful symposium of public opinion; a tidal wave of expression of surprising magnitude; a whirlwind of independent thought; a perfect cyclone of radical criticism; a complete documentary compilation, powerful and convincing; an all-round exposition of an organized, aggressive and widespread movement; every item a text, and every chapter the outline for a powerful sermon, speech or lecture. The compiler surrounds himself with public opinion as with a wall of adamant. Cumulative proofs show up the blackest and foulest conspiracy ever in America, to startle the nation like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. It embraces the opinion of more than 100 papers, as found before the public, and men and women high in church and state are thrown on the witness stand. The attitude and expression alone of such an array of powerful newspapers, eminent statesmen, learned divines and noted reformers as are introduced to the reader, would herald any publication and insure a wide hearing on any national theme. Ministers, editors, teachers, lecturers, writers, and students of the American system are not posted until they have studied thoroughly this remarkable book; they will read its startling chapters again and again. It is especially by the encouragement and co-operation of that public spirited patriot and Christian, Elder Rufus Smith, of Wheaton, Ill., that this timely volume is sent on its mission of enlightenment. Influential journals, whole churches, and strong organizations are interested in its successful career and extended circulation. Any chapter is worth many times the price of the book and every citizen should have a copy for constant use and ready reference. Over 200 pages of close print—more matter than many works of twice or thrice the size with larger type, pictures and broad margins. Every book sold will call for a dozen for friends and neighbors; will sell ten to one over any costly dollar print. Live agents wanted in every congregation, public school, college, town and neighborhood. Enquire for the book of your local news dealer, at the book stores, of any train boy, or to receive a copy, paper cover, postpaid, remit forty cents to

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CHAPTER I.

THE BIBLE AND SECRETISM.

"And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me write." Rev. xiv. 13.

Judgment must begin at the house of God, but it don't end there. The Church will carry a fearful responsibility to the final judgment. The Christian citizen and praying voter will give a strict account of his stewardship, and answer alike for sins of omission and commission. For the benefit of religious people and the edification of the professed followers of Christ we have arranged some Scripture that will bear reading and re-reading.

CENTRAL THOUGHT: "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

COMPETENT TESTIMONY: "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. If any man speak let him speak as the oracles of God."

SECRECY CONDEMNED: "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are re-

vealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law. Thus then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light to all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestations of the truth commend-

ing ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the house-tops. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united."

ALL WORLDLY BROTHERHOOD FORBIDDEN: "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not into the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it and pass away. For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the council of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils; ye cannot be partaker of the Lord's table and the table of devils. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure. Ab-