

birth; no incarnation; no Christ; no atonement; no Scriptures—no God!

Having started, they cannot stop. They have already reached Unitarianism. The toboggan rushes irresistibly on.

### Bodily Resurrection Scientifically Sound

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THE modernistic denial of a bodily resurrection is based on half-truths. It is due, so far as it is sincere, to partial knowledge and one-sided emphasis. (In many cases, however, it is only a proclivity for unbelief.) There have been materialistic philosophies and idealistic philosophies, and both have had their day. The one-sided emphasis has always wrought confusion of thought and consequent failure in morals and religion. Hobbes and Spinoza have been equally disastrous to moral order and to spiritual development. The world has discarded these philosophies and ought to discard their corollaries.

The modernistic denial of a bodily resurrection is part and parcel of the same fallacious one-sidedness—the minimizing rationalism that empties God's plans of half their meaning.

The resurrection of the body is founded on the nature of things. The glorification of the material is as much the purpose of God as the sanctification of the spiritual. "The whole creation (*klisis*, inanimate nature) groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now." "For the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." The material creation is not insignificant; it is not unimportant. It is not non-entity, as some philosophies suppose. It is not the source of evil, as Manichaeism assumed. Material substance is the creation of God as truly as soul substance. Material forms are God-made and God-given. Material forms and functions enter into life's activities, enable us to express our personality and extend the kingdom of God. Without material forms and functions, we could not talk, nor sing, nor proclaim the gospel, nor become recognizable to our friends.

We love the material in nature, and more than all in the forms and faces of those dear to us. Who would dare to stand at the open grave and say: There will be no resurrection of the body; the dead shall never rise again! It would outrage every holy affection. If the body is God's workmanship, and functions in his plan for the world, we may be sure that he will honor it duly.

The universe is neither wholly material nor wholly spiritual. We cannot under-value either. They are hemispheres of one whole; and the material must be reckoned with as well as the spiritual as a part of God's universe. Materialistic monism, and idealistic monism, have not proved successful philosophies of the universe; while ethical monism is scarcely related to the matter at issue. A dualistic universe is the obvious presentment to our minds. And this is as God would have it, and therefore the material is God's fiat as well as the spiritual. We are promised a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness—not the one minus the other. The material and the spiritual are hemispheres of one great whole in the universe of God, as seen in science and taught in revelation. The resurrection is founded on this great fact, and it is out of harmony with philosophic

and scientific consistency to deny the doctrine of a bodily resurrection. God hath joined the material and the spiritual. Even he, in his immanence, inhabits the universe. And what God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

### Observed: Things Wise and Otherwise

1. That the pacifist votes with the liberal, and thus extends modernism.
2. That nothing is constitutional that rebukes heresy.
3. That denial of Biblical doctrine is just a "method of interpretation."
4. That it makes no difference whether Jonah lived or not, since the Bible can be understood "allegorically."
5. That to define truth as half-truth is a good way to cause a sensation.
6. That the modernist reads the Scriptures with one eye shut.
7. That the Bible may be defined as a record of human experience, just as water may be defined as the element hydrogen.
8. That Bishop William M. Brown, who holds that the story of Jesus is a version of the sun myth and doubts if the divine Jesus ever lived, holds that his alleged errors of doctrine are "simply an interpretation of Scriptures symbolically instead of literally."
9. That the Bible may be held false in history, science, and doctrine, and yet an infallible rule of faith and practice.
10. That the Auburn negationists have really come to see that Charles Hodge was an authority after all.
11. That what the Bible teaches about the atonement is only a theory anyway, and any other theory is just as good.
12. That the United States Government is not under the General Assembly, and therefore what constitutional right has the latter to entertain an overture on war?
13. That the General Assembly has no right to express an opinion on the book of a theological professor!
14. That modernism is not pacific—but that the liberal will go far, spend time, money, and fight desperately to dilute and destroy Christianity.
15. That the wicked conservatives started all this rumpus.
16. That Bishop Berry thinks that a fundamentalist must necessarily be a premillennialist. *Sic!*
17. That constitutional objections are frequently a smoke screen for doctrinal defection.
18. That the liberals like to try to turn the head of a conservative by offering him an office.
19. That if Dr. Coffin insists on secession, he will probably not meet with serious objection.
20. That to spend one's life for a negation is a waste of good time, even for a modernist.

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In His Name we battle,  
Striving for the right;  
Foes are all around us,  
Danger is in sight.

In His strength we conquer,  
Routing every foe;  
Sing our song of triumph  
As we onward go!