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SUBJECT: The Promised
Coming

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THE PROMISED COMING

Never, "is second coming"
always, "the coming" $\eta\lambda\lambda\omicron\upsilon\sigma\iota\alpha$ (presence) event by itself, in great

I. The Place The Coming Held in NT Xy.

1. Teachings of Jesus
 - (1) apocalyptic discourse Matt 24, 25, Mark 13, 21-24
 - (2) The great parables - rich & poor
 - talents, pounds
 - sheep, goats
 - (3) words of strength, comfort - prayer, "Thy R. come"
 - John 14
 - Luke 24:44 "Wait for come"

2. Vigorous Faith 2nd apocalyptic
 - (1) Paul unity in Rom 1:10, "
 - (2) Peter in sermon - Epistle, at text
 - (3) Paul. Thessalonians I cor. 15
 - (4) John, The Apocalypse Text Rev. 1:7

3. Background of early NT sermon, doctrine, & restoration
 - Men of NT, many books of words, books found in NT
 - Beasts & is (o), not a fossil account of truth
 - entire preservation, affliction
 - his good, makes less
 - sources of other world age

Among 1 in
1st evy 20 years of the NT.

II. (1) Skeptical (2) Rationalization.

^{1. 3: 4}
The question then; 3: 4
How much more, do questions now, after 2000 years.
mistaken. us wrong at all.

2. Rationalization.

(1) The modern copy was: better. Plato's Republic
more's Utopia
modern Shakespeare
James Hilton - Lost Horizon

(2) Furthered by Darwinian evolution
The copy is the type in man will die out. In drag of animal
all both disappear. This is time - age, and age.

(3) The copy is identified with inevitable progress

(a) Spenser Matthews

(b) H. B. Fackler

III. Observations About the Doctrine of Immortal Progress

1. Increasingly has given way to cynical despair
 we do not move toward perfection
 achievement, & human race give way to worse with
 8. piracy - the submarine, Russian navy.
 6. slavery - race problems, together now together.
 7. poverty - begging ^{begs} by? Inroads, Brazil, Dope
 4. women's ^{laboring} rights - ^{from children, divorce} lowered standards
 7. world neighborhood - Russian bomb? cities
 nuclear

2. If moral rot is what of imperfect world?
 when that perfect man & his?
 natural enemies, no control. Eastman, Dreyfus.
 6. Salary desert, 70 mil a year. 25 million ..

3. Evolution, progress and death.
 us?
 One below dead: leave when ^{inhabited} cemetery keeper?

4. What of the promises of God?
 was said to "I will come again."
 the same year?

No fairies? remembrance? Qjdar?
 Satan, dead but forms?

IV The X's Hope

1. New heaven, new earth
2. Abolition / death
- There shall be no more death
- For he must reign ... the last ... death
3. Resurrection of the dead
I Cor 15
1 Thes 4
4. Bind, cast out, Satan

The mighty intervention of X's
(as form)

Acts 1:1-11
2:1-11

What of the Parousia & his Coming?

The Bible nowhere speaks of a 'second coming'. There, it is always the "coming" or the "presence" ($\tau\rho\alpha\pi\omicron\upsilon\sigma\iota\delta$) of the Lord. The most use of so great significance that it stands by itself is meaning and is glory.

I. THE PLACE IT HELD IN N.T. CHRISTIANITY.

1. The teachings of Jesus.

The mighty apocalyptic discourses. Matt. 24, 25. (Mk. 13, 24-27)

The great parables.

- The wicked servant Mt. 24: 45-51
- The wise and foolish virgins 25: 1-13
- The talents 25: 14-30
- The pounds Mt. 13: 11-27
- The sheep and the goats Mt. 25: 31-46

However it is in regard to the final judgment and the resurrection, there, all that is that the great lesson, the resurrection, judgment, glorification of the Lord.

The context of John 14: 19; Acts 1: 10, 11
" coming of John 21: 22
The Lord's Supper: "fill ye up"
The final supper: "my blood is new wine."

2. The vigorous faith of the first disciples.

Luke writing Acts 1: 10-11

Peter is running and Epistles. (see II Peter 3)

Paul. First letters to the Thessalonians. Act about the return of the Lord. I Th. 4. His great conviction Epistles. I Cor. 15. I Th. 4.

John. The Apocalypses. The prayer the answer to which shall be his and the ages. "I am, and I was, and I am to come."

Evba of that promise heard in every sermon, back ground of every book, many times in every sermon.

The NT were very much aware of the world in which they were to live. They were not to be taken to the world in which they were to live. They were to be taken to the world in which they were to live. They were to be taken to the world in which they were to live. They were to be taken to the world in which they were to live.

One has counted as many as 318 passages in the NT which declare or reflect the hope of the Lord's coming. Strongly, inevitably felt. Take the general and the hope of the life of the world, then facing her, mighty & triumphant.

RECEPTION

II. THE MODERN EXPLANATION OF THIS DOCTRINE
1. The position

The picture of a great and good end to the long process of history has been born in the mind and thinking of men. It fits cogitatively in the Ages and aspirations of the race. Tomorrow will be better than today. So Plato's "Republic" or his Thomas More's "Utopia" and a thousand others. This philosophy of life was really furthered by the academic acceptance of the principle and process of evolution expounded by Darwin in the last century, and by the astounding achievements of science during the same period. Not only the professors and the scientists accepted the dogma but through a process of natural evolution the world will eventually come to perfection, but the editors, the writers, the teachers, the statesmen, the man-in-the-street, and finally the preacher came to assume the same position. By and by, the age and the dogma will die out of mass nature. All evils will disappear, the lion will lie down with the lamb, and righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. All this through social evolution, gradual betterment, amelioration, ^{with a process of migration.} We are not to expect great convulsions or catastrophes, and nations of a great falling away or recession in the trials of progress, the K. of God will come gradually until at length the world reaches that "one for all" event towards which the whole creation moves.

Thus Dr. Bailey Matthews says: "To bring Jesus into the control of human affairs is the real coming of the A. of God upon earth. This is what the pictures and the apocalyptic symbols used by the early Christians really meant. This is the real coming of X."

In like manner, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick: "... when they say X is coming, mean that slowly it may be, but surely, His will and principles will be worked out by God's grace in human life and institutions, until He shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied."

(1) The Darwin people have made some progress towards perfection is not nearly so strong as it once was, and that very confidence has, in many quarters, given way to cynical despair. Even from the standpoint of scientific men are not so sure that we move us towards a goal of perfection. Some of the great accomplishments of the race:
 - driven people from the sea - the rule
 - abolished slavery - the race problems
 - the rising of standards
 - the coming of science
 - the coming of peace
 - the coming of art
 - the coming of literature
 - the coming of philosophy
 - the coming of religion
 - the coming of law
 - the coming of order
 - the coming of civilization
 - the coming of progress
 - the coming of hope
 - the coming of love
 - the coming of life
 - the coming of death
 - the coming of resurrection
 - the coming of eternal life
 - the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth
 - the coming of the new heaven and the new earth
 - the coming of the new Jerusalem
 - the coming of the new creation
 - the coming of the new world
 - the coming of the new day
 - the coming of the new age
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(2) But granting perfection, that is a process of evolution, the moral nature of human nature should in some way be transformed - what about the imperfect moral in nature the perfect creature would be left?
 Natural enemies of man, ^{plus battle} which moral forces have no control: the earthquakes, the drought, the lightning, the pestilence of a nature indifferent to the lot of man.
 As for then away? ^{of Solomon discourse 25 million to die?}
^{31 million a year}

(3) What about sorrow, suffering, ^{OUR DEATH} regret, death? Is long life so in will, can progress, evolution, conquer death, its terror, its agony, its dread of the living? Does the evolutionist suggest that death will be ^{out} out of existence?

(4) What of our beloved dead? ^{THOSE ALREADY DEAD?} ^{the question, the resurrection} Leave them there - where the embalming houses, the scientific, the evolutionist, the philosopher, the cemetery keeper. We ourselves seem to join the heaped, heaped, piled up. Does the progressivist suggest that evolution will bring us a resurrection?

(5) What of the promise of God?
 who want her?
 "I will come again"
 "I will come quickly"
 "I will come with you"

Is this to be the millennial kingdom toward which God has ever been moving? You dead - and dead - our children - our parents. True, sorrows, temptations, disputes, ^{no Christ, no resurrection, no God, no new heaven, no Kingdom} ^{without a King} without a King. It is impossible, premature, unethical, impractical. We need someone - a savior - who is able to death itself - resurrect those who have fallen into the final darkness - revive us - resurrect our fathers - give us a new home and a new earth which is just what we most desire of all.

III. THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE - THE GLORIOUS APPEARING OF OUR LORD

Instead of the process of natural evolution which can lead humanity to no goal of happiness, but only through the endless and senseless cycles of the past, ~~the~~ the revelation of the coming of the Lord fulfills every dream, every hope, every longing of our hearts, and fulfills every promise of God.

- (1) "God, I make all things new" - A new heaven and a new earth, the first heaven and the first earth passing away.
- (2) Abolition of death. "There shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, for the former things are passed away." "For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."

(3) The resurrection of the dead.
I Thes. 4: 14-17
I Cor.

(4) The blessing of Satan.
with a great chain, or the bottomless pit under the breast and the false prophet as, ^{these will not} ~~these will not~~
close the mouths of men.

All of the things natural, inevitable growth, progress, evolution? None. But by the mighty instrument, X, the suppression of the present order.

In preparation for this change, X = teaching, preaching, reformation, preparing a people for His Name. The good wheat, by the ^{of} tares, growing until the harvest. But the harvest is coming, the great and terrible and mighty day of the Lord. O my soul, be prepared! and rejoice!

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"Redemption Draweth Nigh" Lk. 21:28

My soul crieth out for a jubilee song!
There is joy in my heart, let me praise with my tongue;
For I know, though the darkness of Egypt still lowers,
That the time ere release is not ages, but hours.

As sailors, not yet within sight of the strand,
Know well their approach by the "loom of the land,"
So they, who will heed but a listening ear,
Can now catch the whisper that tells He is near.

He is near - the stars in their courses prepare
To utter the sign He hath bid them declare!
The world in its guilt waxeth hazy and grim,
And its cup of iniquity fills to the brim!

The curse so long camped on Bosphorus' side -
And she that sits queen upon Iberia's fowl tide -
And famine and pestilence stalk in the band
Of witness, attending the Lord is at hand.

And thither to gather the tribes have begun
From the East and the West, from the climes of the sun,
In the land, still disguised, but preparing to show
For the feet that shall stand upon Olivet's brow.

The world as of yore, naught of all doth divine -
Faith again that believers are filled with new wine -
Suffers warning to pass all unseen, and unheard,
And, like Herod, fulfilleth while opposing this word.

Then welcome, thrice welcome, ye tokens of God!
What else but His coming can comfort afford?
What presence but His set this prisoned earth free?
O Star of the Morning, our hope is in Thee!

- Jesus is Coming p. 216