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SUBJECT: The Sanitary  
Revival

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Acts 8: 9-13, 18-24

SIMONY IN THE SANCTUARY

The story of Simon (8:9 λέγεται ὁ μαγὸς) has  
his story in post-apostolic X<sup>m</sup> literature.

I. Simon's Eclipse in the Preaching of the Gospel

1. Philip took no notice of him.  
No need, send missionaries to Samaria, to argue <sup>the inf. do</sup> <sup>with Simon</sup> <sup>magus</sup>  
by no necessity, to Samaria, to get <sup>the</sup> <sup>truth</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>gospel</sup>  
(a) Deacon - Peter and Matthias, Mary & Lois

2. Philip just preached X  
Simon had been preaching himself.  
The gospel of Philip just surprised him.  
of the men not argue with antipied left full, let  
see he who ought to seek the world. "Just Simon  
so Simon. left just went out.

## II Simon's Attempt to Come Back

1. Peter and John's amazing power  
 not more magic wand from left to right, muscular strength  
 sometimes fall down from such dizzying heights  
 they prayed, laid hands, gave? Release felt.

2. Simon's new idea:  
 of the old power, make money with it  
 offered to buy the power. Simon

3. The lesson? Peter 9:30  
 what can money buy?  
 a negative value. without it talk, food, dirty, shelter  
 But nothing else.

money can buy	buying of -	but not spiritual powers
influence, power		recognition of the
sympathy		respect
favoring		partic. favor, weight, wisdom
likeness		love
gratitude		lighting 2 the eye
diamonds		passion
pleasure		health
a suit		home
medicines		
houses		

## II Simony in the Church

The even attendance course  
in Constantine, state church. Bishop's office sold  
BENEFICE (ecclesiastical living) etc

offering in spiritual things  
1. St. Peter's keys, indulgence  
2. Sounded the Reformation.

Swearing God for pay: what get out of it  
presently because paid to be  
wals

always called to church, main pay, bigger  
as father's, neighborly, prayer  
mother's, by their father

8:21 "Heart not right"  
baptized, men for the church, kings, but ...

(2) A. Thomy Rander, before the Diet, 1051, ...  
... to ... at the church. ...  
... in his  
...!

## SIMON MAGUS

In post-apostolic Christian literature, in the Apocrypha of the New Testament and in the writings of the Fathers, the Simon plays an unbelievably important part. He appears in Justin Martyr's Apology; in Irenaeus' great work, Against Heresies where he is supposed to be the founder of Gnosticism; in the Acts of Peter; and especially in the pseudo-Clementine Recognitions and Homilies.

Here is some of this class of fantastic fables:

Born at GITTON, in Samaria.  
Educated at Alexandria where he picked up the language of a mystic Gnosticism from DOSITHEUS.

He was for a short time a disciple of John the Baptist. He murdered a boy that the soul of his victim might become his familiar spirit, and give him insight into the future.

He carried about with him a prostitute of great beauty by the name of Helena, whom he represented as the incarnation of the wisdom and thought of God, and the mother of all angels etc.

He identified himself as the promised Paradise and the Christ, and took the name of "He who stands," indicating his divine power.

He boasted that he could turn himself and others into brute beasts.

He boasted that he could cause statues to speak.

His life was one of ostentatious luxury.

He was accompanied by the two sons of the

Syris - Phoenician woman of Mark 7:26.

After this episode in Acts 8, he went down

to Caesarea, and Peter was sent there by

James, pastor of the church in Jerusalem, to

support him and to quell dissensions

with him on various forms of doctrine.

From Caesarea he made his way to Tyre

and Tripolis and thence to Rome, and there was

worshipped by his followers. Justin Martyr

writes that he saw Peter as abbot

dedicated to him.

Peter followed him to Rome, and in the reign

of Claudius the two <sup>engaged</sup> doctrinal

disputations in the imperial city.

Hippolytus and Epiphanius write of the

4th century claims of Simon, and Jerome

quotes him as saying: "I am the wood

of God, I am the compass, I am the

almighty, I am all there is of God."

Simon evolved his own trinitarian formula. He revealed himself in Samaria as the Father, Jehovah Almighty; among the Jews he revealed himself as the Son; and among the Gentiles he revealed himself as the Holy Spirit.

Withal, Simon is portrayed in post-apostolic literature as the heretic of all heretics. Eusebius in his great ecclesiastical history sums it up by declaring Simon to be the author of all heresy.

His death? <sup>"THE APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTIONS"</sup> One account says that he offered to prove his divinity by flying in the air, trusting that the demons would support him; but that, through the power of the prayers of Peter, the demons he employed failed him, he fell down, all his bones broke, and therefore committed suicide.

Another account <sup>IRANAEUS</sup> says that he was buried alive at his own request in order that he might show forth his power by rising on the third day from the dead, as he met his death.

picture of him in wind tunnel of St. Peters in Rome.

Acts 8: 5-25

## The Samaritan Revival

The persecution of the church at Jerusalem; the X's scattered abroad. Philip goes down to Samaria.

Samaria was diseased, possessed, deluded. The world is different today than when Philip went down to Samaria.

1. Diseased. 8: 7b. Lam, palsied, w/d, aged, dying.

The whole world, a dying race.

(a) Billy Graham. 1 out of 4 dead in 10 years. I want thru the statistics of our church. Everett. 1-2-3-4 the 4th dead in 10 yrs.

We may completely well. Today? They tomorrow will appear. Ache of the heart, throbbing of the heart, sharp shooting, pump.

2. Possessed.

Demons, unclean spirits, false ideas. Why just look the idea some 20 centuries? Today. Devil-riding. Out of Christ, out of the cross, out of God's will, self-interest, self-subj. Spirit of evil, lust, worldliness. . . Only those made who are shut up in confinement?

3. Deluded. Bewitched.

A man has plunged his harrow over his mind. Not followers of God - rejected worship - but a source within.

Today - deluded, bewitched - Hollywood, Miami, Broadway, Dallas.

How encounter a delusion? pull it out of the mind? Restore spiritual, vision, health?



Philip (8:5) preached Christ unto them. Held up Christ to the lost sinners of Samaria.

What of Simon? Philip took no notice of him. No need to send missionaries to argue down the infidels. No necessity to go down to Samaria to fight a pitched battle with Simon Magus. What did Philip do? Preached Christ. Simon has been preaching himself. The gospel of Philip just says what he is. The sun does not argue with a little artificial light bulb "let us see who is best to rule the world." Sun does nothing but shine. There are smudges, just the light out.

So Simon's light went out.

Simon's second attempt to come back. Peter, John sent down to see the workings of God. No longer praying for to come down from heaven to burn the Samaritans up. Not even in personal pride of place and authority waving a wand over the astonished Samaritans from a high throne. wonder-struck villages falling down before such dazzling display... no, they prayed for the H.S. to fall upon them, they laid their hands upon them... the fire of heaven fell  
[Some of you - "Peter and I saved?" "Born again?" others what you want is the fire of God, the baptism of the H.S.]

This gave Simon Magus a new idea. He had seen Philip work miracles. Now he sees Peter and John able to communicate the miracle. ready power there a ceremony. Suggested a new thought - an exceedingly lucrative power, could make much by it.

Offered money. "Simony!" His background, knowledge. just like us, are the words before us.  
- the great estates of the church. money, money to the church, <sup>paraphrase?</sup> <sup>able</sup>  
- sale of indulgences. St. Peter's.  
The gift, the trust with money!

Many buy influence, position - buy recognition before time?  
 " " diamonds - buy lighting of the eye?  
 " " libraries - " public fire? insight? wisdom?  
 " " learning up - " spiritual power?

Many are poverty. Have nothing, nothing material.  
 A man will do for a credit - if the Saviour, the man  
 Coarsen him with as he then guide will do  
 for parents, - if Jesus the Bp. is wearing it.  
 A will will do for a lesson - if a Saviour, and is not  
 a tobacco will do for a subject - if a Jesus is present  
 on it.

The reaction of the spirit.

S. 21 " thy heart is not right in the sight of God?  
 member of the church baptize - but heart not right.

Out the heart the issues of life.  
 Words from heart are blessed with right answers.

what can I get out of it?  
 is there in it for me?  
 For the many, for a few, if not all, for nearly / none.

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