WHAT IS TRUTH?

Editorial by John Paul, President of Taylor University.

It is coming to be recognized that if one is right in his faith in the person of Christ he will not be far wrong in any of the essential tenets of religious faith.

To date from the Son of Man and to date back to him will supply our scholarship with measurements on which they may rely. He is the touchstone of all truth.

"What are your teachings," asks a visitor, "with regard to the Old Testament?" Consult the attitude and teachings of Christ on the authority and value of those documents and have our answer. Where he speaks we can afford to speak. Where he is silent we can afford at least to be reserved in our judgment.

They were right regarding him and his word, and, therefore, they were pledged his backing in the church at Philadelphia (Rev. 3:8). The true fundamentalist is one who sticks to Jesus and his word. He will be vindicated in life's competitions and become a pillar in God's temple.

The early Christian church made Christ the center of its faith; and a sound belief in his person, his advent, his cross, his resurrection, was the only test. He was "God manifest in the flesh." It was before the days of great theological books and systems explaining the philosophy of the atonement and of divine inspiration.

The believing world is in three classes; the lowest intelligence, the highest, and the middle or mediocre. Only the middle class hope to analyze Christ and expound the mystery of his person and works. The higher and the lower intelligences receive him by faith.

The origin of Christ and his past eternities are clothed in sublime mystery. His future is equally veiled in imagery and figures; but they teach us that he lives and therefore we shall live.

Campus Notes
Of General Interest

Dr. John F. Owen, on the lecture staff of Taylor University, has recently conducted a series of sermon-lectures on the campus. In addition to the regular chapel hours, he conducted evening meetings under the auspices of a federation of the young people's religious organizations.

President John Paul this year has conducted evangelistic series under the name of spiritual retreats, for the young people of Park Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, and for the M. E. Church at Flushing, Michigan. He has made special Monday addresses for the Ministerial Associations of Kokomo, Indiana, and Flint, Michigan.

Rev. Joseph H. Smith, of California, the well known and well poised expositor of Scriptural holiness, will conduct a “school of the prophets” on Taylor’s campus this spring.

The Fruits of the evangelistic revival conducted by Dr. Robert Lee Stuart (begun by the President and Professor George Dixon Greer) last fall are still obvious in the halls of Taylor. The students and faculty have recently entered into an evangelistic campaign in the Upland M. E. Church with the pastor, Rev. E. E. Franklin and our own Professor Kenneth Wells, the “sweet singer of Israel.”

June Is Coming. Arrangements are being made for an uplifting commencement season on the campus of Taylor. Leave the date open on your slate. Commencement exercises, climaxing the season, come June 10. Baccalaureate Sunday is June 7. Full particulars will appear in next issue of the Bulletin.

The call for Catalogues of Taylor University and inquiries from students planning to enter the coming fall exceed anything remembered in the president’s office during the opening weeks of the calendar year. The friends of Taylor are invited to send in the names of young people who ought to come, and they are invited to write us. Taylor should be full this fall.

The Class of 1931, the largest graduating class in Taylor’s history, has in it some preachers of ability and promise. It is giving a large share of its number to ministerial, missionary and educational work, while other useful professions and industries will claim a share of its talent.

Among the Competent Professors of Taylor University, the head of its Biblical department, Dr. A. Lincoln Shute, is maintaining the school’s

A Frank Talk
on the Junior Bond

It is a bond now authorized to be issued by the Taylor University and Legal Hundred Board.

It pays interest of 7% per annum.

It is not “first mortgage,” but is secured by a $100,000 equity which Taylor holds in certain valuable city property, and $216,000 in notes and subscriptions now being paid, though much of this is in estate note form.

Its security is the nearest liquid of any resources Taylor has outside of sustentation and student fees.

The institution is pledged to make a sinking fund for the retirement of these bonds, of 50% of all returns on the collateral.

The bonds are callable at 2%.

It is intended that they shall be called and retired as soon as possible.

The legal maturity of the bonds is five years. The total issue must not exceed $150,000.

They will range in denominations as follows: $1,000, $500, $100, $50, $25. They are sold by Taylor at par.

Taylor has a 6% regular bond issue whose collateral is in no way overlapped or complicated by the collateral pledged for the “Junior Bonds.” But the institution has general indebtedness outside its regular bonded indebtedness, largely occasioned by the world-wide financial depression, which it must provide a means of financing. Its creditors are accepting these Junior Bonds.

Like any private school bond there must be an element of faith and a spirit of philanthropy actuating its purchase, and we sincerely hope that those friends of Taylor who cannot afford outright gifts to help the institution over the depression will send their checks for some Junior Bonds. The security has already been pledged. The check will be receipted and the bonds will be sent when ready. Address W. V. Bishop, the Bursar of Taylor University, Upland, Indiana.

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Taylor's Day of Humiliation, Prayer, Thanksgiving

IT IS FRIDAY, MARCH 20.
THAT GOD MAY RENEW ITS LIFE,
MAKE IT AN INSTRUMENT IN WORLD REDEMPTION,
AN OPEN DOOR TO STRUGGLING YOUTH.

The forces of fate in the present economic situation have combined to rob Taylor University of its seven years of glorious progress, to break its hold upon its world mission, and to make it sell its soul. It has stood true. With unbending loyalty its sun-crowned faculty and students have endured the test, and have kept their faith. The fire was never more definitely burning upon its altars; and it holds the torch of knowledge as high as any college in the land.

But Taylor was ill prepared for the economic tragedy which has befallen some of its best supporters, the fall in the value of its own securities and the weight of the added burden of its own sons and daughters. It is the counsel of its leaders that prayer is the way to healing. We have been praying, of course; but a day is now set on which special prayer is requested by every patron, former patron, alumnus, official and contributor. It is Friday, March 20.

Please join us early and late in your secret prayers on that appointed day, and if possible call a circle of prayer where two or more shall agree as touching this matter.

We confide to you that it has been a killing strain. The losses of the college in depressed revenues, in closing banks, in the inability of others to meet their obligations to the school, are estimated roughly above $100,000. Somebody has had to stand the strain, some one has had to bleed. While you pray, will you send an offering in amount anywhere from $5.00 to $1,000? If it can reach us by the day of prayer or if it can start to us on the day of prayer, it will count.

A Day of Humiliation
It is to be a day when we shall definitely humble ourselves because of any failures as individuals to do our part by this agency of the Master; or to adorn or maintain its time honored standards as "the college that cares for the soul"; or to cherish its watchword of "holiness unto the Lord."

A Day of Prayer
The day is set apart to ask our heavenly Father, in behalf of consecrated boys and girls preparing for his service, to bless the means employed and in his own way grant to us the needed funds to carry on his work. We shall not fail to pray for the outpouring of his Spirit.

A Day of Thanksgiving
Our prayers must not descend to whining or to finding fault or accusing our brethren. We must thank God——
For every friend who has helped.
For every friend who is helping.
For Taylor, Reade, Campbell, and the saints who loved and helped in former years.
For a consecrated, toiling faculty.
For the present student body, second to none in the past, in loyalty and consecration.
For an alumni with a heart of gold.
For the present equipment and standards and the growing respect for Taylor's credits by State Boards and Universities.
For souls that have been saved this year, and for all the spiritual visitations and divine blessings of the past.

Write to the president or any professor or member of the organization, pledging that you will meet us that day in prayer.
The Cash Is Kept For You

TAYLOR'S NEW ANNUITY BOND

Is illustrated in its liquid value by the following letter representing a form which every cash annuity investor is now receiving. Leaving out the name, it is an actual letter which was recently written and signed by the cashier of the bank, intended to be clipped to the Annuity Bond and preserved:

Mrs. ,

Dear Mrs. ,

Taylor University has deposited the amount of $2,000, corresponding with the attached Annuity Bond. A sufficient amount of this fund will be reserved, as estimated by reliable actuary figures, to fulfill the interest contracts, and checks will be drawn upon this reserve for the Annuitant only.

Interest, 8%, payable semi-annually, $80. Feb. 1, and $80 July 1.

Very truly yours,

Fort Wayne, Indiana
Citizens Trust Company,

Back of your investment is the honor and strength of Taylor University, plus that of one of the most conservative and one of the strongest banks in Indiana.

Your Investment

Yields you a generous income through life. Relieves you of care, frees you of taxes. Becomes permanent at your death, To train Christian young people for the callings of life.

Make your check payable to Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, giving your age; or write to the President of Taylor University for particulars.