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# **Hot Shot**

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# PRINCIPAL DEVILS OF AMERICA

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## **BOOKLET INTRODUCTION**

We have no apology for offering this short message to the public. Its stern truths may provoke criticism-its poor rhetoric deserves it. If some take warning and flee from the destructive influences of the age through which we are passing, we shall feel content even though others take offense. May heaven's blessings attend its circulation!

The Author

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#### TEXT AND SERMON INTRODUCTION

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death." -- Rev. 21:8.

Every age has its predominating evils; every community its sins. With Sodom it was immorality; with Israel at Kadesh Barnea, it was unbelief; while at the crucifixion of Christ, it was murder. Edom was noted for its idolatry, Babylon was cursed with debauchery, tyranny ruled in Rome, Egypt bore the fruit of infidelity; Greece deified beauty; Persia coveted material wealth.

These evils are the fruit of fallen spirits which throng the air and correlate their strength in possessing the masses. Because of this, some evils prevail at certain times and localities. Some of the leading devils which possess the American people at this time, controlling issues and coloring society, are described" in the text quoted above. Let us examine these evils in detail:

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#### 01 -- FEAR

One of the principal evils of this age is that of fearfulness. I do not mean that we are less chivalrous than in days of yore, or that we cower in the presence of physical danger; but it is apparent that there is a weakening of moral stamina, and we are becoming moral cowards. Its stamp is upon everything. There is a lack of confidence in each other and in conditions. We have more money per capita than we have ever had, but we are afraid to turn it loose and business is stagnated. Men are swerved by public sentiment and popular opinion, even when principle is involved, preferring to sacrifice the latter rather than incur the displeasure of the former: Politicians have long since discarded the gospel of, "I had rather be right than to be president." Possessed with a fear of criticism, they become experts at scenting popular opinion, seeking the route of least resistance, whether that route is created by right or wrong. It seems to be more difficult now to move men and women to seek God in the pardon of their sins and cleansing of their nature, even when the Holy Spirit has wrought upon them with conviction. A man-fearing spirit is often in control until it is impossible to get them to move, even though they are conscious that eternal destiny is involved. Religious leaders, in many instances, are cursed with the same malady, consenting to measures and proceedings contrary to God's will and law, and destructive to

the cause on whose walls they stand as watchmen, rather than provoke the criticism that might arise from an attempt to correct the evils. Passivity rather than activity, is in evidence everywhere.

No matter what field you enter, nor where you may choose to roam, you meet a situation in which it appears that men are afraid to make a move. Fearing the result of anything which approaches radical action, "Pussy-footing" has become a popular study, and "sidestepping" an art. The popular mind seems to have forgotten that the Christian armor provides not only those things needed for protection, but a sword for attack.

A minister of the gospel, especially, is a "watchman on the walls," of the holy Jerusalem. His business is not to take care of a reputation, but to "cry out" against approaching danger. His orders read, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." Movements go into spiritual eclipse as its promoters become ecclesiastical diplomats, side-stepping duty and compromising integrity, through fear of meeting opposition which faithfulness would provoke, in the hearts of unprincipled men. This devil has succeeded in entrenching himself in the hearts of the present generation to such an extent that we fear the army is not large who can say with Paul: "Neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus." "Perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." -- 1 John 4:18.

He who seeks to increase his popularity, hesitating to take any course involving principle or espousing any cause or question of righteousness because of opposition or unrighteous indignation, has deserted duty, hung a dark curtain in heaven's window, caused a jubilee in hell and taken steps toward everlasting ruin.

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#### 02 -- UNBELIEF

The second evil of prominence, mentioned in this Scripture, is that of unbelief. Like the frogs which came upon Egypt, in such abundance that they overflowed public buildings, places of business, filling every part of the homes, even to the bread trays so this evil has broken upon us like a flood, inundating everything. Not only has the Bible been excluded from our public. schools, but its teachings and authority are assailed and ridiculed in church, schools and colleges, until it is difficult for us to educate our children without having them made infidels right before us. Beginning in the fourth and fifth grades, unbelief in the teaching of the Holy Scriptures, is poured into their tender minds day after day and year after year, as long as any effort at seeking knowledge is pursued. It has been said, "Knowledge without love deifies reason and banishes faith." This is the chief aim of the demon of unbelief and he is succeeding remarkably well.

The situation is not confined to the schools; the churches, in many cases, becoming hot beds of infidelity. Bishop Brown, of the Protestant Episcopal church, who had been a minister for forty years, was tried for heresy before his church at Cleveland, Ohio, during the week ò ending May 31, 1924. He stated that he believed the Bible as he believed Aesop's Fables. The story of Jesus Christ, to him, was like the story of Santa Claus. He thought it was well to keep the story of Santa

Claus alive as it inspired generosity and good cheer, and that we should preach Jesus Christ in the same spirit. He not only rejected the story that God made the world, but did not believe that God ever was except in symbol, like Uncle Sam. He believed in Uncle Sam, but in symbol, and that God existed in the same way, only. His chief defense was that the leading bishops and educators in the church held the same opinions he did, and asked for subpoenas or depositions from a hundred bishops and leaders in the church touching the divinity of Christ, the creation of Adam and Eve, ages of Adam and Methuselah, the building of the ark, Lot's wife, Jesus walking on the water, the miracle at the marriage in Cana, raising to life of Dorcas, etc. His contention seemed to be that none of them believed these things, therefore he was not a heretic.

Is it not alarming to consider that a condition has developed that will permit a man to stand as a representative Of the church of Jesus Christ who does not believe He ever existed? To pose as a teacher of God's word when he places the personality of God on the same level with the personality of Uncle Sam?

There was a time when Ingersol found difficulty in securing a creditable hall in which to exploit his infidelity; but today the things he believed and taught are proclaimed from many of the leading pulpits and taught in the leading schools of the country. Moses is held up to ridicule and his story of the creation scouted. Nothing, they contend, of a miraculous character, ever did happen; and every statement in the Bible that would indicate Supernatural operation, is looked upon as so much mythology -- something to create wonder but not to be believed in this age of advanced intelligence.

Canon Wilson, of Worcester Cathedral, England, who graduated at Cambridge 65 years ago, since he took his degree notes, "The practically universal belief in the verbal inerrancy of the Bible has been all but universally abandoned; the view held of miracles related in the Old Testament has been tacitly dropped, and of those in the New Testament very seriously modified," while "the transactional theories of the atonement are not taught as they then were." Commenting upon these words, a writer in the Literary Digest of July 5, 1924, says, "The creeds may remain the same as a symbol for centuries to come; but the things to be believed are changing."

William Jennings Bryan, speaking in Ryman Auditorium, Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 24, 1924, to about 6,000 people said:

"Out of fifty-five hundred noted scientists of this country, not one of them believes in a personal God, or the immortality of the soul. A questionnaire was sent out to nine leading institutions of our country relative to their position on fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion and every one of them believes in the teachings advocated by the Modernists. --

"Fifty per cent of the students in the Freshman class of a leading university accepted the teachings of Modernism, thirty per cent accepted this teaching by the time they had reached their Junior year and forty-five per cent believed this teaching by the time they reached their Senior year."

Mr. Bryan declared that practically every Protestant church was infected with this teaching and nearly all our higher institutions are now a great menace to the Christian religion. "The unbelieving shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone."

If the Pentateuch is not to be relied upon, then Jesus depended upon a myth for material with which to refute the attacks of Satan during his temptation in the wilderness. To each of the three temptations, he answered, "It is written," then quoted from the writings of Moses.

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#### 03 -- THE ABOMINABLE

Another devil of prominence is the Abominable. This is something odious, detestable, loathsome, or offensive to the senses. We read in Prov. 16:5: "Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord." Pride exalts the human and minimizes Divinity. Its desire for honor, attention and worship is odious to the Divine mind. "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall."

If there is anything that is more loathsome and detestable to God than pride, I suppose it is hypocrisy. In Prov. 15:8: "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord."

Obedience is the first requirement of love. It is more than whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. The kiss of Judas was more detestable to Jesus than the crown of thorns. To act the part of a lover while following in the ways of one's rival is offensive enough. This is what vast numbers in America are doing today, who profess to be Christians, have attached themselves to some religious organization, but continue to walk in the ways of evil and to love the things of the world. The churches are being filled with those who have never forsaken sin. Many preachers do not rebuke sin nor emphasize its blighting influence; their chief aim is to influence people to join the church rather than leading them to repentance. Hence they have a form of godliness, but are ignorant of the power that saves from sin. They follow a system of worship, but it is an abomination to God.

"He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." -- Prov. 28:9.

Repentance is the first step in the religion of Jesus Christ. To pretend, in any way, that we are worshipping Him until we have given up sin, is hypocrisy, the most loathsome form of evil. If there are different regions in perdition, the hypocrite, doubtless, will reach the lowest and hottest region. They not only permit Satan to deceive themselves, but they become deceivers. Others, who are without enlightenment, take them as examples, follow their pernicious ways and are damned. Their crime is worse than that of a murderer, for they become murderers of souls.

No one wants to be damned, hence they take up some form of religion, pray and submit to other rites and engage in ceremonies, with the vain hope that these things will in some way appease the wrath of God, against whom they continue to sin. But their hopes will end in sad disappointment unless they repent. Their sacrifices and prayers are loathsome and offensive to

God. "Wickedness is an abomination to my lips." -- Prov. 7:7. Add to this the hollow pretension of love and worship Him, and the cup of iniquity is near being full.

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## 04 -- MURDER

In 1921, Cook County, Ill., had 190 murders. In 1922, they had 228, in 1923, this was increased to 270, and in the first six months of the present year, 1924, they had 175, almost an average of one a day.

To hate seems to be in the air. We have national hatred, race hatred, regional hatred, color hatred, state hatred, political hatred, commercial hatred, class hatred, social hatred, professional hatred, religious hatred, domestic hatred, personal hatred, etc., etc. Nations are pitted against each other, and nations, themselves, are torn with internal strife, hatred and jealousy. It is impossible to find a municipality, or organization, and scarcely a family that is not weakened and threatened with ruin by internal envy and hatred.

Many, very many, who have known and are still professing advanced states of grace are cursed with this malady and sweeping to perdition. Somewhere in the past they have had trouble with some one, through which Satan has planted a grudge in their hearts. They have made an effort to push it aside, and have in a measure; but the lack of burning love for that particular individual betrays the presence of malice, the seed of murder.

"Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." -- 1 John 3:15.

There is another class of murderers of whom it is difficult to speak in this connection, but their number is increasing so rapidly and the harvest of eternal ruin becoming correspondingly great, duty requires a word of warning. Suffice it to say that we fear the family physician will stand in the judgment by the side of the father and should-be-mother, and be faced with unborn innocence, who will point to them and hiss "murderers!"

What would the farmer think of a hen that he had set on fifteen eggs, and which he met later on the barnyard with just one chicken. Suppose he should say, "Hello, old hen, did I not put fifteen eggs under you? Where are the fourteen?" And she should turn her head to one side, look innocent and cute as she replied, "O, it is not fashionable to have more than one chick now; so I ran a needle through fourteen of the eggs."

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#### 05 -- WHOREMONGERS

No one with any degree of intelligence or moral acumen will contend for a moment that we are not facing a moral crisis. The situation has changed so rapidly within the last few years that decent, virtue loving people are dazed with astonishment. The well clothed social standard of a

few years ago has been discarded by the present-day flapper wearing less than a pound of cloth. The feminine modesty of yesterday which blushed when faced unexpectedly, without shoes, by a young man, now blatantly clothes herself in a one-piece bathing suit, which, in addition to betraying her form in minute detail, bares all the upper part of the body together with the lower limbs fifteen inches above the knee, and lies on the beach with a young man clothed in the same manner. The virtuous girl who does dare to stand against the spirit of the age, refusing to bob her hair and to allow the familiarities of young men which debauch youth, wreck souls and destroy nations, is called a "flat," held up to ridicule, and often ostracized by her community.

We are informed that Gonorrhea sent more people to the insane asylum in 1921 than entered college. Five out of every eight boys reaching the age of 21 are infected with it. The cost of venereal diseases to the United States is about \$3,000,000 annually.

The automobile with its convenient roadhouse, the movie with its indecent screen, the modern dance with its impure wriggling motions, are the result of a demand for the lowering of standards. Back of all this there is an arch fiend of night, striving for the destruction of human souls. The things which cultivate, foster and inspire lust in the hearts of mankind, are engaging the attention of the masses.

All these things are striking at the American home; the foundation of society. During the thirty years between 1886-1916, the population of the United States increased 73%, while divorces increased 524%, more than seven times the population. The first year of this thirty year period there was one divorce for every twenty-seven marriages. The last year of this period there was one divorce for every nine marriages.

Some of these, no doubt, had Scriptural grounds for divorce, but God's word says, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." -- Matt. 5:22. A girl without honor is "rottenness in a man's bones," (Prov. 12:4) even though he is tied to her by the laws of the land. If the young men of this generation insist on debauching the womanhood of the age, if they yield to his arch fiend of night, which is turned loose in the closing scenes of the Gentile drama, they may expect to reap the fruit of their doings, wallowing in the rottenness of perdition as they sweep on down the stream of time.

Fearful destruction awaits this nation if we pursue the course of present events. No nation has ever withstood the ravages of the demon of debauchery. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you," must be practiced by a nation as well as individuals, if safety is enjoyed. No important nation has been destroyed that did not first debauch its womanhood, and the strength of a nation is the purity of its home and womanhood.

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## 06 -- SORCERY

Sorcery, abounding everywhere, and rapidly increasing, is spiritual deception. This demon plays upon the religious sensibilities of the people, attracting them to and influencing them to

follow a human leader instead of God. In the 8th chapter of Acts of the Apostles is found the account of Peter and John coming in contact with one of these sorcerers. "But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people, giving out that himself was some great one: to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This is the great power of God."

Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, had no fellowship with this impostor, discerning that he was "in the gall of bitterness and the bond of iniquity." He exhorted him to repent and pray God to forgive the very thoughts of his heart.

Although this fellow was influential in the community and was looked upon as a great man of God, he was doing nothing to lead the people out of sin. He was in a position to bless and lift them if he had been saved himself, but was content to let them remain in sin, while fattening himself by making merchandise of their confidence, and satisfying his pride with the eulogies heaped upon him by his dupes.

Paul came upon one of these fellows at Paphos in Cyprus. He is designated as a "sorcerer," and "false prophet." Sergius, a deputy, who is spoken of as a prudent man, called for Paul and Barnabas, desiring to hear the word of God. This sorcerer was evidently the deputy's pastor, and when he saw that one of his members was liable to receive the word of God and gain eternal life, he sought to "turn away the deputy from the faith." Then Paul, filled with the Holy Ghost, fastened his eyes upon him and said, "O full of all subtility and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?" Then he pronounced a curse upon the deceiver and he went away blind.

A preacher who does not have revivals is a dangerous person. He who does not have souls at the altar, praying through to victory, is to be studied carefully. Eloquence and literary culture, theological acumen and pious airs do not constitute a minister of the gospel. These things may be and often are instruments of the sorcerer. These are often the things by which the false prophet ingratiates himself into the confidence of unsuspecting souls, leading them to believe that he is a great power for God, while he does nothing to lead them to the fountain of grace that delivers from the bondage of sin; and strives to turn them from the way of truth when some humble follower of Christ does appear.

This is one of the leading devils of this country. His agents are legion. They are to be found in every community. Men posing as representatives of the grace of God, who are sinners themselves, and doing nothing to cause those to repent to whom they minister. They seek to turn away the people from the gospel of salvation from all sin, contending that such a state is impossible in this life. If you value your soul, flee from them, because they shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death.

When unholy people begin to speak of a minister as "wonderful," "great," etc., it is high time for those who value their soul's eternal welfare to flee. Men are not to be cursed because they are gifted, but gifted men who do not possess sufficient holy fire to save them from the desire to be worshipped, and to crucify the world unto them (Gal. 6:14) may be cursed. Their gifts may be

prostituted to bewitching the people and leading them astray. Blinded by the gods of this world, they may be found leading the blind and all falling into the ditch together.

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# 07 -- IDOLATRY

The spirit of Idolatry, always an abomination in God's sight, is sweeping the American nation, leaving death and destruction in its wake. Its unsuspecting dupes are as ignorant of its dangerous operations, and as surely deceived as are those of the nations to whom we are sending missionaries.

What is Idolatry? One has answered, "Loving something better than we love God." Another said it is bowing to Fashion, and still another that it is bondage to money. But these are only the elements of Idolatry

They are attachments to a great system. Idolatry is a "system of worship. Idolatry builds temples, erects altars and provides-priests. It has regalia and ceremony, even more elaborate than that connected with the worship of the true God. Its forms and creeds are clearly defined and its arrangements tangible.

What is the difference, then, and how may we distinguish it from the true worship of God? Two things always have, do now and always will differentiate the two systems of worship. One saves from sin; the other leaves its devotees in sin. The one puts worshipers in touch with a Supreme Being who answers their prayers, giving them a personal knowledge that He is and cares, while the other leaves its devotees in a maze of uncertainty with formal prayers that they hope are heard by a Supreme Being.

When the angel announced to Mary, the birth of Jesus, he said, "He shall save His people from their sins." John, the beloved, said, "He that is born of God doth not commit sin, for His seed remaineth in him and he cannot sin because he is born of God." In the preceding verse he states just as emphatically, "He that committeth sin is of the devil." Therefore, any system of religion which does not save worshipers from the nature and practice of sin, is not the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ; it is Idolatry. Satan used great strategy when he started Idolatry under the name of Christianity. It is not any cleaner in God's sight nor more pleasing to Him under this nom-de-plume than it is in the name of Confucius or Buddha. Jesus died to deliver those who were bound by sin. Idolatrous worshipers do not expect to be delivered from sin in this world, but hope that their system of worship will, in some way, procure relief in the world to come; therefore they have worship mixed with sin. Pure Christianity is worship without any of the abominations, which are mixed with Idolatry.

In the second place, the worship of God has the Supernatural for a background. Those who worship at His altar get in touch with a Supreme Being and have direct answers to prayer. And when I say, "Answers to prayer," I do not mean the working out of the laws of nature in a way to favor one, but I mean dispensations of Divine intervention which, in many cases, suspend the laws

of nature, granting petitions which could not have been known without the action of the Supernatural.

The contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal was in reality an illustration of the workings of Idolatry and the true worship of Jehovah. Baal's prophets prayed all day. They hoped that some supernatural being heard them and would in some mysterious manner answer; but their worship passed, as all Idolatrous worship does, in a maze of uncertainty. Elijah built the altar of Jehovah, placed the wood and sacrifice in order and then told them to pour on water. Barrel after barrel of water was poured on until the place round about was overflowing. The laws of nature would have forbidden anything like combustion; but Elijah was worshipping Jehovah, nature's Creator, who suspends the laws of nature, if necessary, to answer the prayers of His children, Elijah touched a Supreme Being who answers by fire, giving him a certain knowledge of Divine operation.

Jesus asked Peter, "Whom do ye say that I am?" Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee but my Father which art in heaven. And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Peter had come in touch with a Supreme Being. He had reached a revelation from God. He possessed knowledge that did not come from man (flesh and blood) but from God; and upon this rock, God revealed to the human heart, Christ built His church.

This popular cry, "Accept Christ," is often the voice of deception leading people into Idolatry. One may "accept Christ," as a mere dogma, without a clear conception of Christ's kingdom, including repentance, confession, restitution, etc., just as a Japanese accepts Shinto or a Chinese accepts Confucius, and with practically the same results. They will have a religion that carries no fire, gives no consciousness of the existence of a Supreme Being, brings no deliverance from sin, and witnesses no direct, Supernatural answers to prayer: churchanity instead of Christianity; formality instead of spirituality; profession instead of possession. Whatever name it may assume, this is Idolatry, and abomination to God, deceptive to human souls and leads to ruin.

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#### 08 -- LIARS

All liars are bound for perdition. White liars, black liars, social liars, commercial liars, political liars, religious liars, ecclesiastical liars, plain liars, camouflaged liars, talking liars, winking liars, writing liars, acting liars, cultured liars, uncouth liars, smiling liars, frowning liars, fighting liars, kissing liars, cursing liars, blessing liars, ugly liars, good liars, intentional liars, habitual liars, American liars, foreign-born liars -- "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death."

This is an age of sham and show; the genuine is hard to find. Furniture is veneered. Foodstuffs are adulterated. Jewelry is made of alloy, washed in gold and sold for solid gold, and fabrics are made of inferior thread with sufficient wool or silk artfully woven to give it finish and

sold for "all wool and a yard wide." Those of meager means are found riding in large cars with a show of wealth. Men and women of small mental caliber and practically no culture are often found making a pretension of great learning, vainly trying to cover their deficiency.

Some there are who tell you that they are not Christians because there are so many hypocrites. They talk as if all the hypocrites are in the church and making a profession of religion, and they are too pure to be contaminated by yoking up with them. They do not seem to recognize the fact that hypocrisy is sweeping through every phase of human society. Hypocrisy, according to Webster, is "playing a part," or "outward show." A hypocrite is one who plays a part, or pretends to be other than he is. In other words it is one who lies in word or act or look. The heaven-bound pilgrim is he who "speaketh the truth in his heart."

There is an old adage that "A lie can travel a league while truth is getting its boots on." The nimbleness of a lie, even. when it is small and white, can be attested by anyone who has ever engaged in the exciting sport, or rather the effort to run one down. In certain communities this game of "running down a lie" is a popular pastime.

One reason that a lie travels so fast is because it meets so many friends who are willing to give it a ride. Truth has got to get up in the cold, gray dawn of the early morning and make a hard day's journey, and knock a dozen times before he can even get a door open. But a lie is taken in at once, petted, fed and laughed at, and then sent hurrying on its way on the swiftest horse or newest automobile on the place. Truth has just one advantage in the long run; it can stand being let alone.

You can plant the truth and not come in sight of it for five years, and then when you come back it will still be in a good state of preservation. But a lie cannot bear being lonesome. The minute it is let alone it begins to shrivel, and if it has to stand twenty-four hours it is pretty sure to contract a fatal cold.

There are just two safe ways to deal with a lie: keep it shut up if you can; and, if you can't, let it run itself to death. There is nothing gained by chasing or kicking it, for that often doubles its speed.

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#### CONCLUSION

In conclusion, my dear reader, allow me to exhort you to flee from the wrath to come. Flee all these things. The world is saturated with the virus of damnation. Its sulfuric breath is being blown persistently in the face of the church of Jesus Christ, causing her to faint and cease her activities. Many of her mightiest guns are silent, the gunners stretched about in slumber and suffocation. In many instances sin has lost its horror. It is not as detestable as once it was. Many forms of worldliness that once called forth the condemnation of the church, are now condoned as harmless pleasures. Sin has not changed. Sin is just as sinful, loathsome and damning as it was in days of yore. It is the church that is changing. Those who once stood in the clear light of the gospel and breathed the heavenly atmosphere of purity have stood in such proximity to the world that they have succumbed to the seductive atmosphere of worldliness and have been overcome. They are

now blinded by the gods of this world -- lost to the church triumphant, lost to God, lost to evangelism, lost to heaven -- lost to all eternity. O, God, send a mighty revival through some channel, that will arouse the national conscience and check the awful tide of iniquity that is rising everywhere with alarming rapidity!

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