

Excitement Over Scrolls Said To Be Unwarranted

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (RNS) — Rabbi Samuel Sandmel, president of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis and a leading biblical scholar, asserted here that the excitement generated by the Dead Sea Scrolls since they were found in 1947 has not been warranted by the facts.

He told the society's 96th annual meeting that the scrolls have given rise to the "greatest exaggeration in the history of biblical scholarship."

"The stuff that could have made them as exciting as alleged wasn't there," he said. Noting the absence from the scrolls of direct mention of known people and events, Dr. Sandmel declared:

"That is why there has been no limit on the various dates proposed for the scrolls. I regard the Scriptural books and fragments as of much more value than the 'sectarian documents' and the 'hymns.' Hence, respecting the scrolls and Christian origins, I for one would gladly swap all the sectarian documents

and the hymns for one tiny Qumran fragment that would contain the name of Jesus, or Cephas, or James or Paul.

"FEW MORE DROPS" "Until such a fragment is found, I shall persist in regarding the scrolls as adding a few more drops to the bucket that was already half full, a bucket enabling us to know no more than perhaps 50 per cent about Christian origins."

Pointing out that Edmund Wilson, who wrote a book about the scrolls, had accused New Testament scholars of "shying away" from the scrolls "because they do not want their theological premises shattered," Dr. Sandmel said:

"Since I am a rabbi, I assume that no one would suggest that my skepticism about the scrolls and their supposed direct relationship to Christianity rests on any fears that my personal theology will be damaged.

"The trouble for me on going into the scrolls was not that my theology was offended, but only my academic training."

Dr. Sandmel is provost and a professor of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, Ohio. He addressed some 500 biblical experts. The society comprises about 2,000 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish scholars, most of whom are professors in seminaries, colleges and universities in this country and Canada.

In a paper read at the meeting Dr. Bruce M. Metzger, professor of New Testament at Princeton (N.J.) Theological Seminary, described the newly discovered Greek papyrus manuscript of St. Luke as the earliest known copy of St. Luke's Gospel.

He said the manuscript contains on 27 leaves and several small fragments most of the Gospel of St. Luke and several chapters of the Gospel of St. John.

The find, acquired by the Swiss bibliophile, Martin Bodmer of Geneva is the "most important papyrus manuscript of Luke known to exist," Dr. Metzger declared.

He said it was written in Egypt probably about 200 A.D. and antedates the famous Chester Beatty papyrus of the Gospels by at least a generation and the earliest known parchment manuscripts of the New Testament by a century and a half.

In describing the nature of the Greek text contained in the papyrus, Dr. Metzger said it agrees most frequently with the Codex Vaticanus of the fourth century, which, he noted, is often regarded as one of the most important copies of the New Testament in the original Greek.



GERMAN EVANGELIST TEAM COMING

The Janz evangelistic team which has been drawing huge crowds in European capitals will appear April 22 to May 6 in Winnipeg civic auditorium. Leo Janz (left) and his brother Hildor (right) are on a tour of Canada sponsored by the Greater Winnipeg Crusade for Christ Organization which represents close to 100 churches in the area. Leo Janz is the speaker, Hildor the soloist. Organist Harding Braaten will accompany the pair. The team has been concentrating its efforts for the past five years in the industrial areas of West Germany. One recent tour they made was with Billy Graham, the evangelist, in Switzerland.

Church Statement On Christian Unity

The following is a statement on church unity issued by the Canadian Council of Evangelical Protestant Churches, Toronto, Ont. The statement is signed by George M. Bowman, chairman of the council's publications committee.

The unity which is being sought by the World Council of Churches and by Pope John XXIII is not the Christian unity of the Bible. The Christian, according to the Bible, is one who has spiritual unity with God in Heaven and with all others who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the unique Saviour from sin.

Many sincere people are being fooled at present into thinking that the World Council of Churches (which includes the Canadian Council of Churches) and the recent bid from the Pope for an ecumenical council are going to work wonders at bringing about a world-wide unity of all peoples called Christian. As a matter of fact, some are working to unite Christians with pagans, and Protestants with Roman Catholics.

Most of the church leaders quoted in a recent Toronto newspaper article who said they would welcome the pope's church unity council, conform to the liberal theological position. To take the ecumenical stand that these men have taken is to deny the basic fundamental doctrines of historic Christianity. Their statements also reveal mixed-up ideas concerning tolerance and toleration.

One can be perfectly intolerant toward what he believes to be false religions and still tolerate the existence of those religions. That is true freedom.

The unity sought by the World Council of Churches and by the Roman Catholic Church, however, is a unity that breeds intolerance toward any who disagree with it. This has shown up repeatedly in the attitude of the big denominations toward the religious minority groups of this country. Evangelical Christianity champions religious freedom for everyone—even those with whom they disagree.

Religious freedom gives any group the right to propagate its own message, and in the course of so doing, even criticize contrary teaching. This principle applies in every department of Canadian life, and should apply in religion as well.

Men and women being what they are, it is only natural that there will be many differences of opinion on all subjects. Why should we accept this apparent fact in every other realm but religion?

It's all right to differ with others on politics, on business, on sociology, on penology, on methods of education, on history, and on international affairs, but when it comes to religion you go the hue and cry that "we must have unity at any price!"

Paul the Apostle once made this observation: "There must be heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you."

It is too bad that the religious leaders in Canada spend so much energy and time and money in their wild search for a phantom unity. Churches could no more get together on a national or international scale than could newspapers, politicians, or industries. The ecumenical movement was doomed to fail before it began, because the basis upon which the modern church leaders want to build church unity is one of sinking sand. They are trying to unite truth with error.

The Bible says, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" The only basis for genuine unity among the churches is the basis of eternal truth. This truth can be found in clear, unmistakable terms in the Biblical, fundamental doctrines of true, historic Christianity. This is not

the Christianity of Roman Catholicism, or liberal modernism. Until men and women learn this simple fact, they will never find the true unity for which Jesus Christ prayed in John, chapter 17.

"Holy Father," He prayed, "keep through thine own name those whom Thou has given Me, that they may be one, as we are." A little later on in that same prayer, Jesus said, "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth." Here it is clearly stated that the truth of the Word of God (The Bible) is the only acceptable basis for genuine Christian unity.

Horoscopes, OK For Fun, Can Be Sin

VATICAN CITY (RNS) — Noting that a recent poll of newspaper readers showed that only 20 per cent of them ignored horoscope columns, Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, reminded Catholics that to believe in this practice is to commit a sin.

Stars were meant to be looked at, not believed in, Osservatore Romano editorialized here in a strong attack on belief in horoscopes.

"To read horoscopes for your amusement is perfectly harmless," the publication said, "but to believe in the inevitability of what they might tell is not only a sin, it borders on heresy."

The editorial also listed other superstitions which are sins for Catholics, such as the belief it is unlucky to travel on Fridays and attempts to read the future in a crystal ball.

It warned horoscope writers that if they believed what they wrote, they were committing a mortal sin "because you are encouraging those who read your forecast to indulge in sin."

Be Expendable For Jesus, Says Billy Graham

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham called on more than 5,000 delegates to the sixth International Student Missionary Convention here to be willing to be "expendable" for the cause of Jesus Christ.

Students are being obliged to "count the cost" of true Christian service, he said, declaring that it means the renouncing of selfish personal ambitions and may even mean the surrender of life itself.

NORWOOD UNITED

St. Mary's Road & Tache
Rev. Walter J. Spence, B.A.
7 p.m.
Dramatic Presentation of "THE ROBE" by Lloyd Douglas

HOME ST. UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

318 Home St. at Portage
Rev. C. H. Williams
B.A., B.D. — Minister
Mr. C. A. Davis — Organist
11:00 a.m.
"OUR CREATION FOR 1962" Reception of New Members
7:00 p.m.
"LIGHT UNLIMITED" Fellowship Hour — Introduction of New Members

WESTMINSTER CHURCH

Maryland and Westminster
Ministers: Rev. Nelson R. Mervin, Rev. Donald R. Keating
11:00 a.m.
THE CHRISTIAN HOPE
7:00 p.m.
SIGNS OF RENEWAL
Mr. Mervin at both services
Choirmaster — G. Glen Harrison, A.M.M.
Organist — Barry Anderson, ARCT. LTCL. AMM

THE SALVATION ARMY

Lieut. Colonel A. Moulton
Divisional Commander
400 Colony Street
Winnipeg Citadel
400 Colony Street
Captains and Mrs. C. Ivany
SP 4-7547
Sunday Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Friday 8 p.m.
United Holiness Meeting
ELLICE AVI. CORPS
1st Home Church
St. Captain and Mrs. E. Read
Sunday Service 11 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Sunday School 2:30 p.m.

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

221 Hampton St.
Captain and Mrs. J. Tackaberry
Sunday
11:00 Holiness Meeting
2:30 Sunday School
7:00 Evangelistic Meeting
FORT ROUGE CORPS
Osborne and Arnold St.
Captain D. Bursley
Sunday
11:00 Holiness Meetings
2:00 Sunday School
7:00 Evangelistic Meeting
NORTH WINNIPEG CORPS
226 Atlantic Ave.
Captain and Mrs. R. Rooks
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Holiness Meeting
7:00 p.m. Evangelistic Meeting
WESTON CORPS
1485 Alexander Ave.
Captain and Mrs. M. Bond
11:00 a.m. Holiness Meetings
2:30 Sunday School
7:00 p.m. Evangelistic Meeting
ELMWOOD CORPS
Captain and Mrs. C. Jones
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Holiness Meeting
7:00 p.m. Salvation Meeting

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hannerman Ave. and Charles St.
Public Worship 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Church School 9:45 and 11 a.m.



REV. H. H. EPP will conduct a series of revival meetings Jan. 21-31 in Fort Rouge Mennonite Brethren Church, McMillan Avenue. Mr. Epp, a full-time conference evangelist from Saskatoon, has been actively engaged in preaching in Canada and the United States for the past 20 years.

GRANT PARK OPENS

Grant Park Baptist Church will officially open its newly constructed education unit Sunday. The building is the first unit of the church and cost \$80,000 to erect. Rev. Richard Grabke is pastor.

CRESCENT FORT ROUGE CHURCH

Wardlaw and Nassau
Rev. George F. Dyker, B.D., D.D.
Minister:
11 a.m.
CAPTIVES CHRIST USES
7 p.m.
MAKING GOD REAL
O. Drauzach — Choir Master
Ella M. Alford — Organist

AUGUSTINE

United Church
River Ave. at Osborne St.
Ministers:
Rev. N. R. Clifford, Ph.D.
Rev. W. D. Titus, B.A., B.D.
11 a.m.
"THE INCURABLE WOUND"
Nursery for infants and children to 4 years. Morning Sunday School.

"THE CLIFFHOUSING OF GOD"

Dr. Clifford preaching at both services.
Director of Music — Sydney Bryans

KNOX

Edmonton & Qu'Appelle
2 blocks North of Portage Ave.
Ministers:
Dr. Donald Bruce Macdonald
Dr. Gerald F. Rogers
11 a.m.
A NEW BEGINNING
Nursery and all departments of the Church School available. Bring the whole family to church with you.

A LIVELY FAITH

A song service featuring the old Gospel Hymns
8:30 p.m. — Young People's Union and Hi-C Group
Organist and Choir Director — Jack E. Sutton

ST. ANDREW'S RIVER HEIGHTS

Corner Oak and Kingsway
Minister:
Rev. C. Earle Gordon, B.A., S.T.M.
Assistant Ministers — Rev. Robert S. Leferman, Rev. William M. Grant, M.A., D.D.
9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Public Worship
"TO YOUR COMFORT"
Rev. C. Earle Gordon
Sacrament of Holy Communion at both services

"ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Director of Music: James C. Duncan
Organist: Helen F. Young, A.C.C.O., L.R.S.M.
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

YOUNG UNITED CHURCH

Corner Broadway and Furby
Minister: Rev. Rex R. Dolan, B.A., B.D., Ph.D.
Organist and Choir Leader: John Leaman
9:45 and 11 a.m.
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Communion at 9:45 a.m.
(Early Communion in the church lounge)
7 p.m.
THE TOWER OF HABBAKKUK
Dr. Dolan preaching at both services

Senior Citizen's Day Centre in Young Church

Open Mon. through Fri. 2-5 p.m. A WELCOME TO ALL.
Enter. Refreshments ground entrance and down only eight shallow steps.

THE PRESBYTERIAN Church in Canada

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Portage Ave. at Canora St.
11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
PREPARATORY SERVICES
Very Rev. W. Gordon Maclean, M.A., B.D., D.D.
Rev. Fraser J. Dunbar, B.A.
YOU ARE WELCOME

ST. DAVID'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

217 Wallace St. off Portage Ave. The Rev. N. W. B. Phillips, B.A., B.D.
11 a.m. Divine Worship and Church School. "Building the House of God"

Regeneration, Softening Of Mankind Due To Christ

By Dr. E. M. HOWSE
Great historians, like great poets and novelists seem to have alternating periods of popularity and of neglect. And certainly in our time W. E. H. Lecky, the great English historian, seems to have been pushed aside and forgotten amid a host of later writers, compared with whom Lecky would be as a giant among pygmies.

Among many virtues, Lecky has one in particular which marks him apart from the great majority of his successors. He knows how to write. He has immense erudition, but he is also able to marshal his vast array of facts in sentences that say what he means simply and clearly, and that follow one another with the dazzling precision of a military parade.

Just recently, having to turn up Lecky's famous "History of European Morals," I happened to note some passages which I had marked many years ago, when I was studying Lecky in history classes at university.

Lecky was commenting upon a curious schizophrenia — to use a modern word — in later Roman civilization, the distressing contrast between acknowledgement of noble ideas and performance of base deeds.

In theory, morality in the Roman Empire had reached a noble height. It was the culmination of a long tradition. The founder of the Stoics had written words that today we might place in the UN Declaration of Human Rights — "All men are by nature equal . . . and virtue alone establishes a difference between them."

A succession of great writers and political leaders, Seneca, Epicurus, Plutarch and the Emperor Marcus Aurelius — one of the noblest and gentlest of men who ever held the reins of government, infinitely superior in almost every way to most of the Christian leaders of the 20th Century — had expounded moral ideals that still command the admiration of the world.

ECHOED ST. PAUL
Seneca wrote in words that echoed St. Paul (or was St. Paul echoing Seneca): "We are all members of one body. Nature made us relatives when it beget us from the same materials, and for the same destiny." Small wonder that in the Middle Ages Seneca was regarded as Christian.

Cicero, who died 50 years before Christ was born, taught the "brotherhood of man" almost as distinctively as it was later taught in the Christian Church. Lucan, a contemporary of St. Paul, wrote of the time when the human race would cast aside its weapons and all nations would learn not to hate, but to love.

Perhaps no other time since the twilight of that ancient civilization has produced so large a number of extraordinary men, whose moral teaching reached so lofty a tone. Nevertheless, says Lecky — by no means a Churchman — as we look back upon that period, when high ideals were so nobly expressed, we confront an astonishing paradox. At the time that ethical ideals reached a summit of ex-

cellence, moral action sank to an abyss of depravity. REDDENED WITH BLOOD "The very man who made the theatre ring with applause when Terrence proclaimed the universality of men, looked down with delight when the sands of the arena reddened with human blood."

Intellectual acquiescence to high ideals, said Lecky, remained impotent to transform base conduct. The most notable feature of the Christian religion which sprang up as the depravity of human civilization was reaching its depth, was not a striking difference in ethical teaching. Much of Christian ethics had been foreshadowed. The fundamental difference of the Christian religion was not that it taught noble ideals, but that it regenerated base men. This is a revealing observation.

Romance Of Hymns

By K.B.
William Hiley Bathurst was born in 1796, at the beautiful Clive Dale, near Bristol, England.
His father was known far and wide in that part of the world as Charles Bragg, member of parliament for Bristol. On the death of his uncle, his father took the name of Bathurst on succeeding as next of kin to the family estate, of which beautiful Sydney Park, Gloucestershire, was the seat.
William went to Winchester thence to Christ Church, Oxford. On graduation he entered the church (1818).
William Bathurst was afflicted with extreme shyness. He shunned busy cities and towns and was appointed to a country parish outside the big city of Leeds, where he stayed for 33 years.
His parishioners came to love their quiet, sincere, earnest vicar, for he never spared himself or his substance on their behalf. At the age of 55, Bathurst resigned his cure, and went to live in the lovely surroundings of Matlock, Derbyshire. He lived in retirement from clerical work, devoting himself to literary pursuits.
It was when he was at the parish near Leeds that he wrote the following hymn and published his Psalms and Hymns for Public and Private Use.
— William Bathurst died at the age of 81.
O for a faith that will not shrink
That will not tremble on the brink
Of poverty or woe,
That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chastening rod,
But, in the hour of grief or pain,
Can lean upon its God.
A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without,
That when in danger knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt:
A faith that keeps the narrow way
Till life's last spark is fled,
And with a pure and heavenly ray
Lights up the dying bed!
Lord, give me such a faith as this,
And then, while'er may come,
I laste even now the halloved bliss
Of an eternal home.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

1111 St. James St.
11 a.m. — Morning Worship
7 p.m. — The Steinbach Carol Choir
All Welcome at Emmanuel

TRINITY BAPTIST

Nassau St. and Gertrude Ave.
11 a.m. — "Can We Be Equal To Christ's Demands?"
7 p.m. — "The Father — His Majesty And His Mercy"

Bethany Baptist

Portage Ave. at Ingersoll St.
9:30 a.m. — Family Bible School
11 a.m. — "Watch and Remember"
7 p.m. — "The Time of Your Sojourning"

BROADWAY-FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Broadway at Walnut
11:00 a.m. — THE COMMISSIONED FELLOWSHIP
7:00 p.m. — LIVING CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE
1. "Life's Great Themes"
Genesis I
The Baptist Federation of Canada

ST. STEPHEN'S-BROADWAY

Broadway and Kennedy
11 a.m. — "AN ANCIENT INVITATION"
Nursery for tiny tots
Sunday School for all ages
Mr. Matthews preaching at both services
7 p.m. — "THE SINS WHICH JESUS DENOUNCED"
Fisher E. Hubble, Organist and Choir Director

GRANT PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Grant & Wilton
Pastor: Rev. R. Grabke
January 7th
Official Opening of New Church
10 a.m. — Sunday School
11 a.m. — REV. WM. STURHAHN — District Secretary
3 p.m. — OFFICIAL OPENING
Morris Band — Church Choir
Speaker — Rev. M. Waltereit
7 p.m. — SACRED CONCERT
by 30-voice Church Choir.
Director — Fred Thorne
Organist — Thelma Walters

ST. JOHN'S

Anglican Cathedral
135 Anderson Ave.
Dean and Rector — The Very Rev. W. E. Harrison, M.B.E., B.A., D.D.
1st Sunday After Epiphany
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion and Sermon
The Right Rev. J. J. Anderson Bishop Suffragan of Ruperts Land (Broadcast CKRC)
7:00 p.m. Evensong with Sermon
Preacher — The Rector
Organist and Choirmaster — Fred Walker

ST. MATTHEW'S

(Anglican)
Maryland Street
(1 block North of Portage)
The Rev. Canon J. N. Doucette
The Rev. J. E. Marriott
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Bible Classes
11:00 a.m. Nursery & Sun. School
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion and Sermon
Preacher — The Rector
The Right Rev. J. J. Anderson Bishop Suffragan of Ruperts Land (Broadcast CKRC)
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GRANT MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

261 COLONY STREET
"THE FRIENDLY EVANGELICAL CHURCH"
9:45 a.m. — Bible School
There's a Class for You!
11:00 a.m.
"EARTH TEACHING HEAVEN"
4:30 p.m. — Youth Fellowship
7:00 P.M.
"THE GOSPEL BLIMP"

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

400 Minto St. at Portage Ave.
C. M. Chelmsford, Pastor
B.A., Ph.D.
11 a.m. "GETTING FIT TO LIVE"
7 p.m. "WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS"
Church School 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEMER

Academy Rd. & Wellington Green
L. W. Sawhill, Pastor
DIVINE SERVICE 9 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class 10 a.m.
Church of the Lutheran Hour

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN

The Friendly Downtown Church
Maryland and Ellice Ave.
Rev. H. W. Ester, Pastor
Church School 4:30-5:30 Home
SPRUC 2-7635
Sunday School — 10 a.m.
Worship Service — 11 a.m.
Sermon Topic:
CHILDREN IN CHURCH
Come and Worship with Us

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hannerman Ave. and Charles St.
Public Worship 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Church School 9:45 and 11 a.m.