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One of the Lower Critics Reviewed.

The ruling head of this Republic is the President. The territory over which he rules, extends from Punta Arenas to Puerto Limon. Over that vast region dwell men of various nationalities, besides the native Costa Ricans. In order that he might keep his subjects together and successfullly govern them, it is of greatest importance that he establishes laws (orders or rules) wherewith they may be ruled. The absence of law would mean misrule, anarchy, confusion made confused, and the speedy death of the Republic. To avoid all such chaos, laws in every government is a great necessity. Now in the face of such an undeniable truth, ought any one to think it "false and extravagant" because one puts forth the claim that the President of this Republic has subjects from Punta Arenas to Puerto Limon; that he has laws, and that men over all his dominions are amenable to them? That his laws affects all alike, both Germans, Jamaicans, Americans, Italians, etc.? Well, by parity of reasoning, would it be "false and extravagant" for one to affirm that the King of the Universe, heaven and earth, is Jehovah God; that His territory is the Universe; that He has subjects throughout His incomparable and unlimited dominion; that to govern them He has a Law (rule or order established by one of authority), and that all His loyal subjects are governed by His Law, and that all, loyal or rebellious, *are amenable* to it? The inhabitants of heaven are angels. That they yield obedidience to God's Law is an irrefutable truth stated in His Word. And so we read: "Ye angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening to the voice of His Word . . . . in all places of His dominion" Psl. 103: 20–22. Of His loyal subjects on the earth it is written: "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me," "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." John 14: 21. Revelations 14: 22. Thus it is clear that God's will—His Law, Psalm 40: 7, 8 is "done on earth, as it is in heaven."

Now, our critic has undertaken the most unenviable task of writing a "series of articles for the good of Christians and those who love the truth of God" to inform them of the "false and extravagant claims" of "Seventh Day Adventists," because they maintain the "claims" of Jehovah, that is, Law is His rule of governing all subjects throughout His vast dominion, in the past, now, yea, and "to all eternity" Hosea 8: 12. It is indeed "strange" for our critic to believe that Jehovah's Law governs all His obedient children.

Another point that we wish to notice is that which he cites in the narrative of Jesus and the lawyer, as is recorded in Matt. 22: 35–40. It is surprising, yet amusing to hear our friend stating that "When the lawyer asked Jesus which is the great Commandment in the Law, Jesus did not point to the decalogue." If our friend had known that the substance and essence of the Law of God—the Ten Commandments, is love, he could easily have seen that the Lord had pointed to all the precepts of the Decalogue, when He said to the lawyer, "Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great Commandment." The Law was written on two tables of stone, and the first contained the first four Commandments—man's duty to God. Then He adds: "And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." The second table contains the other six which points out man's duty to man. The first is love to God, the second is love to our fellowmen. Hence "Love is the fulfilling of the Law." He that hath My Commandments and keepeth them he it is that loveth Me." For this is the love of God, that we keep His Commandments, and His Commandments are not grievous. Rom. 13: 10; John 14: 21; 15; I John 5: 3. We are astonished at the vague interpretation of Matt. 22: 35–40; by the phenomenal critic. "How readest thou?" "Ye do greatly err not knowing the Scriptures."

Again, our friend said that "the Law was given by Moses," and that was after "2,500 years of the world's history" had passed. From his point of reasoning, the following fact would have to be adduced: That, from the days of Adam till the time of Moses, the Law of God was unknown, and that sin was not in the world from Adam till the time of Moses. Such would be the logical conclusion adduced from his hypothesis.

But to prove that this proposition is untenable, we shall bring it to the test. "Where no Law is, there is no transgression." Romans 4: 15. Were there transgressors and sinners before the days of Moses? If there were, there was also a Law, "for sin is the transgression of the Law" I John 3: 4, for "where no Law is, there is no transgression."

The fall of Adam, the murder of Abel, the destruction of Noachin world, the terrible punishment which overtook the cities of the plains in the days of Lot, all form an array of facts undeniable, and more stubborn than the rocky fortresses of the impregnable Gibraltar, and which neither the higher nor the lower critics can assail; and which prove beyond the shadow of a doubt, that God's Law was in existence before the time of Moses.

The Law was first given *in written form* on tables of stone, at Sinai; but 2,500 years before, Adam was made up with it. It was his character. It was in his heart, but it was defaced by his transgressiou; but the Lord by His Holy Spirit writes it anew in the hearts of the faithful. II Cor. 3: 3, 17, 18; Ezz. 36: 26, 27.

God is the Lawgiver Isa. 33: 22; not Moses. The Lord, with an audible voice spoke His Law—the Ten Commandments, to the hearing of all the people. Deut. 22: 4: 13; and afterwards wrote them upon two tables of stone Ex. 24: 12; 31: 18; 32: 15, 16. The ceremonial Law was not spoken to the people by God, but was dictated by Him to Moses, who, in turn communicated it to the people. Ex. 24: 1-7; Deut. 4: 14. Hence the expression: "The Law was given by Moses."

Thus far the words of

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(Concluded.)

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The National pier presented a lively appearance on Monday prior to the departure of "Prinz August Wilhelm." Long before the good ship weighed her anchor a fashionable crowd besieged the deck to bid farewell to friends and relations. She carried a large number of first-class passengers and deckers. Before going to New York she will call at Colon and Jamaica. She took away the following passengers:—Mr. J. M. Keith, Miss Emily Keith, Mr. Roset Keith, Masters J. M. Keith, Henry Keith, Rafael Keith, Miss Emilia Quiros, Mr. Luis Filipe Gonsalez, Ernesto Gonsales, Ricardo Morales, Alfredo Barton, Miss Julia Jemenez, Miss Isabel Calderon, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Seibe, Marta Seibe, Master Robert Michaud, Mrs. Fred Verdet, Mr. and Mrs. Dora and child, Mr. and Mrs. Constantino Castalon, Mrs. Enrique Solorzano, Master Edmundo Solorzano, Miss Lulu Artega, Mrs. Hilda Mazon, Anibald Gomez, Dennis F. Stoliker E. Eaton and child, Mrs. B. Brown, L. A. Petgrave, H. Dawkins, Miss Irene Rose, Miss Lilian McKenzie and 121 deckers. Her cargo consisted of 28,000 bunches bananas, 957 sacks coffee, 60 sacks of cocoa, 121 bundles hides, 21 cases rubber and 2 cases live plants.

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Current News.

The s. s. "Taunton" and "Heredia" will de depatched to-day by the United Fruit Company, the former for Mobile and the latter for Colon, taking mails and passengers.

The s. s. "Manistee" of the U. F. Co,'s line of steamers is expected to arrive to-day from Manchester with passengers and mails.

An accident occurred to a native named Indalecio Ordoñey which necessitated his removal yesterday to the United Fruit Company's hospital for attendance. The unfortunate man resided at Bananita and while workinh in a farm a tree fell on him, fracturing his right collar bone. We learn that his condition is not serious and that he will soon be allowed to quit the ward.

A countryman decently dressed in a black suite of clothes was seen in front of Alfano's building passing off a brass ring for gold. He was arrested by a policeman who tried to carry him to the cuartel, but the man proved too much for him. He blew his whistle and five others arrived on the scene, and even this number appeared unequal for the occasion. After several attempts without success the men had to apply a pair of *esposas* to his wrist to subdue him.

The s. s. "Heredia" of the United Fruit Company line of steamers arrived here yesterday morning bringing the following passengers:—From New Orleans J. A. Pillant and Mrs. R. A. Wilson.; from Barrios: Dr. R. C. Munoz, J. C. Reyes, Josper Buni, Andres Archila, Jose M. Allana, Enrique Valdez, Miss Eliza Yela Benjamin B. Montell, S. Parinello, 9 deckers, and 14 cabin passengers in transit.

The largest trading ship that ever visited the harbour of Limon was the "California" of the Leyland Line of which Maduro and Sons are agent here. This floating city came into port on Monday last and created no small a noun it of spectators. The vessel has accomodation for 260 cabin passengers. She is 475 feet long and 58 feet wide, and 36 feet deep, when loded draws 31 feet and in ballast 21 feet; her tonnage is 6,222, and was built at Glasgow 11 years ago. The advantage persons have traveling on these line of steamers which leave here once a month is that the voyage from here to London will take 22 days, which is a decided advantage over other line of steamers.

It is rumoured that the Educational Board has declined to recognise the public school in connection with the Wesleyan Church in Limon. The cause assigned is through the disorder of the former teacher, whose conduct was such that he had to leave the republic secretly. Mr. William Powell who had been appointed for the position by the minister of the church conducted the school for the last three weeks without any remuneration. The Inspector of Schools was pleased with the work he did and assured him that he was not responsible for his non-payment as the Board made no provision for it. He promised to recommend him to the Board as teacher at Matina as soon as the building that is being built is completed. Mr. Powell is the possessor of valuable testimonials which he showed the Inspector.

Ban on Divorced Persons

London.—The King has revived Queen Victoria's regulation, excluding from Court persons who have been divorced. The Victorian rule was somewhat relaxed during the reign of the late King.

Chinaman Murdered

The "Independent" of the 9 inst. says that Chinaman named Lac Tic killed his countryman Jose Maria Rosa at Panama.

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Tack has been arrested.

A Correcion.

To the Elitor of the Times.

Sir.—In the fifth paragraph of my article in your issue of the 20th inst. sweateen words were left out, which, of course, made the said paragraph unintelligible. That typographical error occurred, I presume, unintentionally. I have written the paragraph and ask that you publish it. It stands as follows:—

Another point we wish to notice in his article is the following.—"The Seventh Day Adventists point the people to the Decalogue as God's eternal Law, superior to all else, that which governed angels in heaven, governed Adam in Eden, and will govern the teeming millions of redemed "ones to all eternity." Yes, of a truth, "the teeming millions of redeemed" will pass through the heavenly gates, because they have kept the truth—the commandments of God. Isa. 26 2, Rev. 22 14; and in the Kingdom of God they will observe the Seventh Day Sabbath "to all eternity Isa. 65 22 23.

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