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## SUPERSTITION

All religions have carried with them, more or less, a cloud of superstition. Christianity, we hope, is less contaminated than any other system of thought. Superstition strays among signs, charms, and omens. It is born in fear, cradled in incredulity, and in the last analysis is irrational.

Superstition defiles and adulterates religion. It has done more to retard the advance of the Kingdom of God than any other enemy. The reason is that superstition operates within. It is a ghost, a fraud, a lie, but man on his upward climb has been unable to free himself from the impostor, namely, Superstition. So superstition has accompanied many of the world's great minds. Fe, superstition, goes right along and is condoned, tolerated, and finds companionship with multitudes of Church folk of today.

Among many prevalent superstitions I mention four:

First: The superstition of Death. I hear it said, "Poor man, he was killed while crossing the highway. No doubt his time was up and so God called him Home." Strange a loving Father would be so exacting as to strike His children a blow and mangle their poor bodies on the great highways of traffic. That doesn't appear kind or necessary. It's not like God. It is superstition.

Second: The superstition of Nature. Missionaries in foreign lands have experienced trouble in quieting natives when a comet or eclipse would pass by. Great fear

would possess the people. In our own land rain is a grave problem, too much or not enough. So, folk cut bodies, tear hair, and petition Heaven for a change, whereas, the Almighty's laws are fixed laws, and have been from the beginning. Men believe that wickedness causes famine, pestilence, earthquakes, floods, volcanoes, droughts, epidemics, tidal waves, and what not. All these pests are real, but they are not levied on the race because of their evil deeds. A thoughtful mind would cease to respect a God who would everlastingly punish his own children. I would rather believe God would start a school, encourage and inspire right doing, that for His own glory. No, God is not a monster, but man is superstitious.

Third: The superstition of Birth. Born under a certain star, so they read your horoscope. They make it out that one is ruled by a far off star. You can't wiggle loose, you are fast. Born in October, so all your life you are under the spell of the Zodiacal Scorpio. If a black cat crosses the road in front of you that is a forerunner of disaster, if the same cat chooses to cross the road behind you all is well. If the housewife drops the table cloth company is coming. Friday is an unlucky day. For thirteen to dine at the same table is unfortunate. I say this is all hocus pokus, it is a cloud that floats in the human mind, it is superstition.

Fourth: The superstition of Religion. Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind? was the question of the

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Jews. Away with your superstition, Jesus would say. Go wash in the pool of Siloam and receive your sight, there is no background at all for superstition. Sight is what you want and God will be glorified, so be it. Superstition in religion causes men to worship idols, to destroy their offsprings, to refuse medical aid, to believe disease is carried by evil spirit. It argues and quarrels over rites and ceremonies, it causes divisions, starts wars and would have the children of men believe that demons, tyrants, and monsters are instruments in the hands of Deity to chastize the human race.

Away with superstition, let us have an unclouded day. Let man refuse to be shackled by the su-

perstition of long ago.

GEO. M. HULME

### BIBLE STUDY LESSON August 10

Golden Text—Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. James 1:27.

James gives some rules for Christian living that are akin to those Christ gave in the Sermon on the Mount. He points out that all Christians who have come into the fellowship of Christ should pay homage to His sovereignty by conducting themselves so that the world can see a difference between them and non-Christians. Briefly, some marks of a Christian are as follows:

1. He should not desire, or attempt to acquire by violence, what does not belong to him. James 4:1-3.

2. He should be humble, taking the place God assigns for him



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without grumbling and complaint. 4:4-10.

3. He should neither condemn his brother nor repeat to others the details of his brother's evil doings—lest in so doing he set himself up as a judge and tale-bearer. 4:11-12.

4 He should not plan anything or undertake anything without consulting the Lord. 4:13-16.

5 He should never do the things which he is enlightened enough to know he ought not do. 4:17.

6. He should not swear. 5:12.

7. He should not fail to pray—especially in illness. He should have confidence in God's power to help him when all the wisdom of man has failed. 5:13-18.

8. He should not become discouraged, depressed, or disgusted with present conditions, trusting in God's promises and knowing that all things work together for good to those who love the Lord. 5:7-20.

HAZEL GILLAM

**COMMITTEE DESERVES CREDIT**

The Sunday School picnic held last Saturday at the park near Solon we would say was a huge

success. Omitting the one who purchased prizes the committee headed by Mr. Albert Hall deserved much credit for the way things were handled. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

**PICNIC**

On Saturday, six P. M. Mrs. Hazel Gillam's Bible Class will meet at the church and adjourn to Munroe Falls Park where they will hold a roast (wieners, steak, or what have you.)

**MARRIED**

Friday, August 1st, at the parsonage Rev. Hulme solemnized the marriage of Mr. Gilbert E. Beorn and Miss Opal E. Lee. The Beorn family formerly lived in Stow.

**FISH CREEK**

Last Saturday Norma Jean France was fourteen. Ruth and Mary Justice of East Graham Road spent the forenoon with her and Shirley Taylor of Cuyahoga Falls was a dinner and overnight guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Homer and children came from Boston, Mass.

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**IN STOW**

to visit with his father, Wm. Homer, Sr. and over the last weekend all went to Detroit, Mich. to visit with the latter's sister.

The Geo. Kutinskys are vacationing down Georgia way, their daughter, Mildred and family, looking after the Kutinsky estate in their absence.

Last Friday Mrs. Frank Chapman's guests were her mother, Mrs. Kehner of Ravenna and her aunt, Mrs. Sabin from Rootstown.

Recent callers at Ted Brittans were Mrs. Geo. Wince and brother-in-law Chris Nihousen of Cuyhoga Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jenkins of Macedonia, Mrs. Kate Price of Roseville, Mrs. J. H. Boden of Akron besides Kent folks, Mrs. B. E. Scott, the Cluffs, Mrs. Gilson, Mrs. Dickert, Mrs. Gilcrest, Mr. Schragg and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Somers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stahl of Marsh Road have had their niece and husband Mr. and Mrs. John Fulcher of Lockport, N. Y. as their guests the past couple weeks. From the same city Jim-

my Murphy is spending the summer with his uncle Wm. Stahl and family.

Tuesday evening dinner guest of Miss Phyllis Blocksom was Miss Lois Maitley of Ravenna. A swimming party took place later in the evening, the girls undecided where to swim may have investigated several nearby lakes and pools.

A former local girl who before her marriage was Miss Juanita Blocksom with her husband Wm. Boyd and son Jerry have located on King Drive in Stow, coming

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Mrs. Arthur Poe and son Arthur II from Brady Lake, the Gordon Sabins from the city of Stow, Fish Creek's western suburb. Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Brittain from Ravenna, Carter Irwin from Akron; a fleeting glimpse of someone who looks like Arthur Gougler, Sr., assures us that Mr. Gougler is evidently getting along nicely since "camping" at St. Thomas hospital, their son Carl waves a cheery "Hello" as he passes. Of course glad gardeners Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Holmes gladden the hearts of old time neighbors by honoring them with their cheery presence occasionally.

Coming the longest distance back to his former neighborhood was Harry Stein, Sr., now of N. Hollywood, Cal. Harry's health greatly improved since living in perpetual (?) sunshine. Last but not least was the calling

done by friends who moved east last March Mr. David L. Riggs with half of his harem, his oldest daughter, Martha, and Mrs. Riggs' mother, Mrs. Peterson. They report that Pittsburgh's smoky air is as horrid as its reputation and they were glad to be able to inhale good old Fish Creek ozone.

NEWS ITEMS

It would help the Editor of this sheet considerable if all news items were on hand by Monday evening of the week of publication. It so happened that on this week many items were received on Tuesday and since that is the evening we try to collect advertising—which is very necessary if the paper is to continue), if your item came in on Tuesday and does not appear just as you wish, you will know the reason why.

Furthermore it is possible that on account of the vacation season upon us, (our pressman has gone to Texas), the size of the paper during the remainder of August may be somewhat reduced.

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### PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mitten are visiting in the country this week.

Romaine Kuhner returned recently from a visit in New York.

Dr. Ray Bohl is vacationing in parts unknown this week.

Miss Gladys Weyrick of West Arndale Rd. is making a ten day visit at Conneautville, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fortune and Mrs. Ruth Steele of Stow visited in Coshocton last Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mrs. Fortune's mother.

Frances Littell is home for the summer. She has completed her second year in University of Iowa.

**Boats. From \$17.00 to \$35.00.**  
F. A. Coffeen, 227 North River st., Kent, Ohio. (Adv.)

Note from the ladies class: Where is Mrs. Cross? Where is Mrs. Littell?

Billy Morris is reported in the Children's Hospital suffering with an infected face.

Mrs. Harry Cobb with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Conlon of Cumberland, Md., were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gillam last Wednesday.

Mrs. Neil Peltoma and Miss Helen and Frances Hurst of Painesville, Ohio, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stein.

**Special. The Readers Digest. Seven months for \$1.00. W. V. Smith Magazine Agency, Stow, Ohio. Tel. OV-8582. (Adv.)**

Karl Henry and wife are starting to build a new home on Gorge Park Blvd., while brother Bill Henry will build a house on North River Rd., Munroe Falls.

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Clark Custer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Custer of Munroe Falls on a five day leave of absence from Jefferson Barracks, Mo., visited his folks over the last weekend.

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**For Sale:** Dapple gray pony, five years old-gentle, reasonably priced. Lees, 215 Ritchie Rd., Stow. (Adv.)

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The sale of the old Town Hall site at auction in July has been called off by township trustees, and it is reported that a second public auction has been set for Aug. 23rd.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Page of Kansas City, Mo., and daughters Jean and Harriet and the latter's husband are visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity. Mrs. Harry Page used to be director of music in Stow Community Church.

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Miss Carol Zimmerman of Oak Road returned home last Saturday after spending the week with her grandmother at Ashland, O.

How come? Albert Hall who owns a Ford and professedly has little confidence in Chevrolets drove to the Sunday School picnic in a Chevrolet last Saturday. Ho Hum—

James Ballis, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ballis, North Marcella Ave., fell and broke his right arm in two places last Friday night. He had it set at the Children's Hospital but is now at home.

**Keep the flies out. Screens of all sizes and kinds made to order. Trellises and garden fences. Segelhorst, 734 Hudson Road, Stow. (Adv.)**

Frances Littell who was visiting for a few days in West Virginia with her grandmother Mrs. Hinesman returned to Stow last Saturday with her grandmother who is now visiting with her daughter Mrs. M. A. Littell on Marcella ave.

**For Sale—White Rock Broilers, dressed free. Wm. Huston, 2nd house Lillian road, Stow or call WA-9647. (Adv.)**

Birthdays celebrated at Bible School last Sunday were those of Esther Shakespeare, Mrs. Marvin Round, Joan Round, Dale Vogel, Betty Vogel, Mary Jane Headley

and Mrs. Headley. August is a great month for birthdays.

Mrs. Mable Schafer of Ravenna, son Jack, E. E. Shafer of Kent, Mrs. Headlee and daughter Mary Jane spent two days recently in Mr. and Mrs. Headlee's camp at New Martinsville, West Va. All report the time of their lives.

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Here is something we received through the mail today:

Here I am! My name is Roger Forrest, I weigh nine pounds, I arrived on July 27, 1941, My parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harris Wyatt. Editor's note: Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt who now live in Wadsworth formerly lived in Stow.

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 (Adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Henderson, Baumberger Rd., and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carl of Williamson Rd., were in Toledo, O., over the last week end where they attended the wedding of Wilbur V. Etter, formerly of Cuyahoga Falls and Miss Viola Lucile Lang of Toledo. Mr. Etter is in the Signal Corps. Bowman Field, Louisville, Ky.

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Marvin Lambert of Nobelsville, Ind., formerly of Stow, about two weeks ago while playing baseball broke both bones in his right leg and fractured his ankle. The doctor says it will be necessary for

him to remain in the hospital two months and it will probably be about five months before he can remove the cast.

A birthday party was given in honor of Mrs. Henry Headlee last Saturday evening. Guests included all of her brothers with the exception of the oldest brother who lives at Medical Lake, Washington. Including close neighbors and friends the guest list numbered nearly forty. Many beautiful flowers and gifts received did much to make the event an enjoyable affair.

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#### THE MAXWELLS PARTY

Well, we had another party on Thorndale last Thursday. This time it was for the Maxwells, who expect to move away from our community. The Maxwells are old residents of this street, and we are going to miss them—miss Mr. Maxwell's evening violin concerts, miss Mrs. Maxwell's kindly interest in us all, miss June and her bicycle, miss Junior and Donnie's spirited games of ball and badminton. The Maxwells are a friendly family—friendly with the neighbors and friendly among themselves. Some day we'll have to get their recipe

for staying young with their children.

And so we wanted to do something to show our old neighbors how we felt, and our jovial friends, the Woodrings, invited us to a six o'clock party in their back yard. The food was magnificent both in quantity and quality, as each lady had outdone herself to prepare her favorite dish. We ate and we talked, and before we left the table we presented the Maxwells with a beautiful bathroom set.

Then the young and ambitious went with Patricia Meeks to play badminton in their back yard; while the lazy and weary, the full and the fat leaned back in their chairs and visited. It seemed like our old group again to have the Stouts with us (minus father Jim, whose work has kept him away from home for two months. (After dark all gathered round to see Mr. Lockwood's movies.

Those present beside the Maxwells included Mr. and Mrs. Woodring, Mary Jo, Mrs. Shakespeare, Mrs. Riley and Lois and Mr. Riley's mother; Mr. and Mrs. Meeks, Patricia and Mrs. Walden; Mr. and Mrs. Beckley and Bob; Mr. and Mrs. Stein and Helen; Mrs. Stout, Jimmie and Mary Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood and David; Mrs. Henault, Charles and friend; and Mr. and Mrs. Mitten, David and Martha.

Personally we guess that they'll find an excuse for another such party soon, and we're hoping that the Woodrings ask us to hold it in their cool, shady back yard.

And, by the way, I found another person who had read one of these articles. Joe Fisher told me that he read the one about Mrs. Johnson last week.

JOE A. MITTEN