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The Evidence of Christianity.

BY LYMAN ABBOT.

The *evidence*: not the evidences. The one evidence of Christianity—that is, the historical evidence—is the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In this article I propose very briefly to indicate the nature of this evidence of Christianity—that is, the reasons which have led the great majority of historical students to believe that Jesus of Nazareth suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, and the third day rose from the dead."

Paul wrote his first Epistle to the Corinthians about A.D. 60. Its authorship and authenticity even German criticism does not question. The fifteenth chapter of that Epistle settles it that Christ's resurrection was then accepted as a fact throughout the Christian church. That was about thirty years after its supposed occurrence. A still more invincible consideration shows the universality of this belief—the change of the rest day of the church from the seventh to the first day of the week. This change was not commanded by God; there is no direct authority for it in the New Testament. It was changed because the universal church could not consent to celebrate as a festival the day on which Christ lay in the tomb, nor pass by without a memorial festivity that on which he arose from the dead. There is, then, just as strong a reason for believing that before the end of the first century the resurrection of Christ was universally accepted in the rapidly growing Christian church as there is for believing that it is now universally supposed that the Declaration of Independence was agreed upon on the fourth day of July, 1776. This universality of Christian opinion in the early church, insisted on by Gibbon, is not only admitted, but it is strenuously maintained by modern rationalistic writers. "Only this much need be acknowledged, that the disciples firmly believed that Jesus had arisen; this is perfectly sufficient to make their further progress and operations intelligible." (*Strauss.*) "It is an indisputable fact that in the early morning of the first day of the week following the crucifixion the grave of Jesus was found empty. . . . It is a second fact that the disciples and other members of the apostolic communion were convinced that Jesus was seen after his crucifixion." (*Schenkel.*)

This admitted fact, this wide-spread opinion must be accounted for. How?

I. Can we consider it a myth? A myth, Webster tells us, is a "tale of some extraordinary personage or country that has been gradually formed by or has grown out of the admiration and veneration of successive generations." This is so universally the genesis of the myth that he rightly incorporates it in his definition. The myth requires time for its development. Its origin is unhistorical. It comes out of a mysterious fact, no one knows exactly how or whence. Who, for instance, can give us the birthplace of Hercules, or the date of any one of his marvellous exploits? If the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a myth, it grew up in thirty years. Moreover no event was ever before submitted to such scrutiny, to such hostile criticism. We can readily understand that the Swiss would be ready to accept without much questioning the marvellous story of their own Tell, and the Greeks the legends of their Hercules, and the Jews the biography of their Samson. But the only willing believers in the resurrection of Jesus at the outset were his few disciples. The prejudices of the entire Jewish nation fought against it; the skepticism of the entire Greek and Roman scoffed it. As it was received at Athens (Acts vii. 32), so it was at first received everywhere. There was neither time sufficient nor soil and climate favorable for the growth of a myth.

II. Was it founded on a mistake? It has been suggested—I believe the suggestion first came from some of the old Gnostics—that Christ did not die; that he simply fainted; that he was taken down for dead; and that he afterwards recovered; and that this recovery gave rise to the story of his resurrection.

This hypothesis needs to be stated only to show the curious straits to which men have been put to afford a rational (!) explanation of the resurrection. It requires us to suppose that the Roman centurion who, under Roman law, answered with his own life for that of the criminal, was deceived; that the disciples, keen-eyed as was their love, were deceived; that the priests, whose hatred kept them watching by the cross till all was over, were deceived; that Pilate was deceived; that John's account of the spear-thrust and the blood *and water*—the latter a certain proof of death—was added to strengthen the deception; and finally, that Jesus lent himself to the deception, and on it founded a religious system whose irresistible might is that of simple truth.

III. Was it the product of a fraud?

This, Matthew tells us, was the Pharisees' explanation at the time. They asserted that the disciples came by night and stole the body away. But this theory never gained respectable credence; it is now universally abandoned, not only, as we have seen, by rationalistic writers, but also by the Jews themselves. For it they have substituted the late legend, that some of the Jews, disguising themselves as disciples, and mourning with them, remained after they had departed, rifled the tomb of the body of Christ, subsequently exhibited it to the people, and then buried it in Golgotha, the ground of which they thoroughly plowed, that the corpse might never be discovered.

IV. Was it founded on a self-deception?

This is the latest and perhaps most specious theory, that of which Renan is the most eloquent exponent. He undertakes to account for the universality of the early belief in the resurrection by regarding it as the production of an enthusiastic imagination and ardent hope in the disciples—in other words, as a spiritual fantasy.

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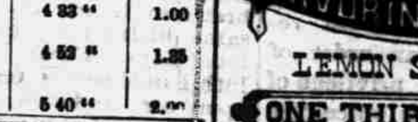

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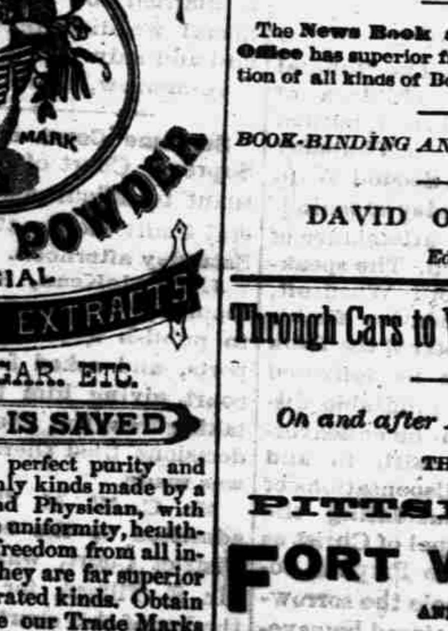

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Centreville, James Jordan.
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Deep Creek, Edwin Tadlock.
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Charleston, John Watkins.
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2d " James Leach.
3d " Jacob Weiler.
4th " Thomas Jenkins.
5th & 6th, W. H. Hickenlooper.
7th " Wm. Thorn.
8th " R. F. Sheets.
9th " S. A. Woolley.
10th " A Speirs.
11th " Alex. McRae.
12th " L. W. Hardy.
13th " E. D. Woolley.
14th " Thomas Taylor.
15th " R. T. Burton.
16th " Frederick Kesler.
17th " Nathan Davis.
18th " L. D. Young.
19th " A. H. Raleigh.
20th " John Sharp.
Sugar House Ward, W. C. A. Smoot.
Brighton, A. H. Raleigh.
Big Cottonwood, Wm G Young.
Mill Creek, Reuben Miller.
South Cottonwood, J. S. Rawlins.
West Jordan, Archibald Gardner.
South Willow Creek, I. M. Stewart.

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Lehi, David Evans.
Cedar Fort, H. F. Cook.
Fairfield, John Carson.

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Spanish Fork, Geo D Snell.
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Annabelle Springs, H D Lisonbee.
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Kanosh, Culbert King.

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Minersville, James McKnight.

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Harmony, W. D. Pace.
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Johnson, Sextus E Johnson.
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