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Through searching the word of God, they may find the hidden treasure of truth that has long been buried beneath the rubbish of error, human tradition, and opinions of men. {CE 102.2}

Those who have the sanctifying power of the truth upon their hearts will exert a persuasive influence. Knowing that the advocates of error cannot create or destroy truth, they can afford to be calm and considerate... {GW 281.3}

“Regarding the testimonies, nothing is ignored; nothing is cast aside; **but time and place must be considered**. Nothing must be done untimely. **Some matters must be withheld because some persons would make an improper use of the light given**. Every jot and tittle is essential and **must appear at an opportune time**. In the past, the testimonies were carefully prepared before they were sent out for publication. And all matter is still carefully studied after the first writing. {PH116 25a.1} *(See Lt390-1904.2 below)*

FOLLOWING ARE ALL THE QUOTES THAT I HAVE FOUND REGARDING THE ROUND/ FLAT EARTH. PLEASE LOOK UP THESE QUOTES & READ IN CONTEXT AND CONSIDER PLACE AND TIME AS WELL. THEN STUDY FOR YOURSELF, USING THE BIBLE, AS TO HOW THE LORD IS TEACHING YOU REGARDING HIS CREATION.

Remove the cross from the Christian and it is like blotting out the sun which illumines the day, and dropping the moon and the stars out of the **firmament** of the heavens at night. {OHC 46.2}

### A PLAIN

I then looked and saw the fire which had consumed the wicked, burning up the rubbish and purifying the earth. Again I looked and saw the earth purified. There was not a single sign of the curse. The broken, uneven surface of the **earth now looked like a level, extensive plain**. {EW 295.1}

I looked and saw the earth purified. There was not a single sign of the curse. **The broken up, and uneven surface of the earth now looked like a level, extensive plain**. God's entire universe was clean, and the great controversy was forever ended. {SG 218.1}

When God had formed the earth, there were mountains, hills, and plains, and interspersed among them were rivers and bodies of water. **The earth was not one extensive plain, but the monotony of the scenery was broken by hills and mountains, not high and ragged as they now are, but regular and beautiful in shape**. The bare, high rocks were never seen upon them, but lay beneath the surface, answering as bones to the earth. The waters were regularly dispersed. The hills, mountains, and very beautiful plains, were adorned with plants and flowers, and tall, majestic trees of every description, which were many times larger, and much more beautiful, than trees now are. {3SG 33.1}

### Dome

The home of our first parents was to be a pattern for other homes as their children should go forth to occupy the earth. That home, beautified by the hand of God Himself, was not a gorgeous palace. Men, in their pride, delight in magnificent and costly edifices and glory in the works of their own hands; but God placed Adam in a garden. This was his dwelling. **The blue heavens were its dome; the earth, with its delicate flowers and carpet of living green, was its floor; and the leafy branches of the goodly trees were its canopy**. Its walls were hung with the most magnificent adornings—the handiwork of the great Master Artist. {PP 49.3}

A flat disc and a globular sphere are both round (circular). However, a disk and a sphere are not the same.

### Round World

#### 1898-

But you and A. R. Henry and others united in appropriating means that should come to this field, means which was the Lord's, not yours to appropriate as you please—a surplus of means that you supposed sometime would be called for in America, but you did not see afar off. **The whole round world is God's vineyard**, and the surplus means was not yours to appropriate and hold and hold in America, burying in a napkin, hiding in

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the earth, that means which was not yours, or A. R. Henry's and your associates', to misappropriate as you pleased. {Lt194-1898.3}

**1900-**

In every place [are] God's memorials of His Sabbath and of His glory in creating the heavens and the earth. God rested on the seventh day, and set it apart for man to observe in honor of His creation of the heavens and the earth in six literal days. He blessed and sanctified and made holy the day of rest. When men are so careful to search and dig to see in regard to the precise period of time, **we are to say, God made His Sabbath for a round world; and when the seventh day comes to us in that round world, controlled by the sun that rules the day, it is the time, in all countries and lands, to observe the Sabbath.** In the countries where there is no sunset for months, and again no sunrise for months, the period of time will be calculated by records kept. But God has a world large enough and proper and right for the human beings He has created to inhabit it, without finding homes in those lands so objectionable in very many, many ways. {Lt167-1900.3}...**The Sabbath was made for a round world, and therefore obedience is required of the people that are in perfect consistency with the Lord's created world.** {Lt167-1900.6}

### **1904 Round or Flat we have nought to do with**

I speak to the people that shall assemble in the tent-meeting in Melrose. My mind is deeply exercised this morning. I have had matters presented to me to give to our people. **An urgent request came to me from a man who desired to discuss with me in regard to the round world,** to him a very important matter. **My answer was, I have a message to this people in regard to the life they must live in this world, to prepare them for future life which measures with the life of God. We have nought to do with the question whether this world is round or flat.** [The important thing] is to serve God with full purpose of a renewed heart, sanctified and made holy by the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. {Ms145-1904.3}

I am pleased to tell you the Lord strengthened me on Sabbath to bear a decided message. To His name be all the glory. I know the impression was made by His Holy Spirit. On Sunday afternoon I urged the truth with more decided firmness and power. **A man was present who had expressed a desire to see me and talk with me in regard to the round and flat world.** I sent him a message that when Christ gave my commission to do the work He had placed upon me, **the flat or round world was not included in the message;** the Lord had taken care of His house, His world here below, better than any human agency could care for it; and **until the message came from the Lord, silence was eloquence upon that question.** {Lt390-1904.2}

**I had one come up to me and want me to give information about a round or flat world. Said I, I have no such burden on my soul at all. I have nothing to say to you or to anybody else about a round or a flat world. What we want is a round character. We have altogether too much of a flat character, and we want now to think of building a character that shall be round and perfect, as our Father which is in heaven is perfect, and we want that every talent that you have should be in exercise. Grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth, that you may go forth, and—what says Christ? Teach them all things about a round world? No. That I have commanded you. That is what we are to teach. Teach the lessons that Christ gave in His life practice.** {Ms155-1904.79}

Melrose, Mass., Sunday, August 28, 1904—I speak to the people that shall assemble in the tent meeting in Melrose. My mind is deeply exercised this morning. I have had matters presented to me to give to our people. **An urgent request came to me from a man who desired to discuss with me in regard to the round world—to him a very important matter.**

My answer was, **"I have a message to this people in regard to the life they must live in this world to prepare them for future life which measures with the life of God. We have nought to do with the question whether this world is round or flat.** [The important thing] is to serve God with full purpose of a renewed heart, sanctified and made holy by the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ."

Every issue will be brought in in various places by some persons who are not worked by the Spirit of God. Last night the Lord gave me words to speak to the people. Satan has a multitude of questions to bring in through various minds and ingenuity as all-important. Take the Word, plainly stating the truth for 1904; and the messenger that was sent of God had a message the same as the people need now. He was John the Baptist. 21MR 421.3-421.5

**Brethren on the Round World**

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### Date?

The cultivation of certain faculties to the neglect of others makes Bro. Andrews a one-sided man. When on the subject of the round world, Bro. Andrews could scarcely think or talk without dwelling upon this subject. He carried this matter to extremes. He wearied the readers and listeners to his lengthy arguments upon that subject. Precious time was used up in talking and writing upon that subject, which needed to be canvassed, but did not require so great thoroughness. Bro. Andrews was wearying himself and others, and at the same time was leaving undone the weightier matters. And more recently, months of precious time have been used up in wearisome labor, chasing after the dishonest quibbles of a man who once kept the Bible Sabbath, but afterward rejected it. His opposition is so great upon the Sabbath question that he is insane upon the subject. The time spent in following Preble so closely and thoroughly has been a mistake. The readers of the *Review* have become wearied with the subject. A set of quibbles have been furnished the readers of the *Review* of no special weight only to deceive and darken minds. In these things, Bro. Andrews could not see his failings. He has pursued the subject with the greatest satisfaction to his own mind. Bro. Andrews has needed the help of his brethren. He should have had their counsel. They should have supplied his deficiency by their more equally balanced minds. When Bro. Andrews gets upon a train of thought following a subject, he knows nothing about leaving off when all has been said that is required, and that is profitable. The people of God are suffering for the truth which he should bring out at once upon the history of the Sabbath. {PH159 188.1}

### 1872-

I was shown that, although Brother [M. G.] Kellogg has not the experience in addressing the people, or the tact in discussion as Brother Cornell, yet his labors taken as a whole are more valuable than the labors of Brother Cornell, for his spirit is kind and tender, he is benevolent and self-denying, and his exemplary deportment wins the hearts of all. His influence is constantly to build up, while Brother Cornell will build up, and then tear down. Brother Kellogg stumbled over the question of the round world, yet God would not leave him in confusion because he was honest of heart. His hand upheld him, and swept back the cloud of unbelief which had confused his mind. The whole transaction was the work of the enemy to destroy Brother Kellogg. But the Lord overruled the matter to disappoint the enemy and get glory to His own name. {Lt29a-1872.62}

### Focus on character formation rather than a flat or round world

### 1887-

I learn by letters from New York that Brother Brown has accepted and is now preaching the flat world theory. Is it possible that this theory has been brought by Brother Wilcox from England and that you have accepted it and are teaching it? My brother, our work is to teach the third angel's message. Stick to the message. It is a weakness of Elder Wilcox to get hold of hobbies and to stick to some things that he had better let alone. {21MR 412}

It is better to pray and humble the soul before God and let the world, round or flat, be just as God has made it. Try most earnestly by faithful continuance in well doing to seek for a clear title in the inheritance in the earth made new. Better lead the flock of God to drink at the higher streams; better by precept and example seek God while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near. There is a revival needed in the church. When the teachers are drinking fresh draughts from the well of Bethlehem, then they can lead the people to the living stream. My soul is weighed down with the burden of the condition of things in New York. May the Lord raise up helpers, men whom He can teach, humble men whom He can lead to bear a clear, sharp testimony in faith. God help you to seek His face, to walk carefully, to put self out of sight, and exalt Jesus. {21MR 413.2}

### 1904-

The mysteries of redemption are not presented to the students in our schools as they should be. The themes of redemption will employ the minds and tongues of the redeemed through everlasting ages. The reflection of the glory of God will shine forth forever and ever from the Saviour's face. {21MR 419.5}

Let those who are presenting theories as to whether the earth is round or flat, leave this question, for God has not given it to them to solve, and earnestly inquire, "What shall I do that I may have everlasting life?" Let them heed the answer, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." {21MR 419.6}

Nonessential questions will be brought in by those who do not purify their souls by obeying the truth. They fall far short of the standard of loving God supremely and their neighbor as themselves. I am bidden to say

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that sophistries will be brought in to take the place of the pure gospel of Jesus Christ. The message is given, "Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." This word has been fulfilling among our people. {21MR 420.1}

The Lord calls upon every member of the church to be on guard. The Voice said, Be on guard. The Lord Jesus has warned us in His Word of what shall be. Will anyone say of this warning, This does not agree with our ideas, and pay no attention to the warning? The Lord has lifted the danger signal that all may hear and take heed to the warnings. The great danger is in exalting man. Human beings cannot bear exaltation. Jesus invites us, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."—[Letter 280a, 1904](#). {21MR 420.2}

I am pleased to tell you the Lord strengthened me on Sabbath to bear a decided message. To His name be all the glory. I know the impression was made by His Holy Spirit. On Sunday afternoon I urged the truth with more decided firmness and power. A man was present who had expressed a desire to see me and talk with me in regard to the round and flat world. I sent him a message that when Christ gave my commission to do the work He had placed upon me, the flat or round world was not included in the message; the Lord had taken care of His house, His world here below, better than any human agency could care for it, and until the message came from the Lord, silence was eloquence upon that question. {21MR 414.2}

I then said to the congregation that I had to present to them the science of higher education. [Luke 10:17-24](#). Now all listen, "And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted Him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ([verse 25](#)). Here is a question of highest science. {21MR 414.3}

The Lord Jesus turned over the question to the lawyer himself. "He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." Christ said unto him, "Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?" ([verses 26-29](#)). Then Christ gave a parable of the Good Samaritan. This is the true science of Christianity. {21MR 414.4}

The great question is, What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? This is the science of what constitutes the higher education, and when this question is properly adjusted, the capabilities of the whole man are called into full exercise. There will be no agitation of the question whether the world is round or flat, but the whole burden of the soul is: What shall I do to inherit eternal life? We need now to make every talent that God has given us to be employed to His name's glory. {21MR 414.5}

I had a very solemn message and it made a decided impression on the many assembled. Several followed me out to the carriage to speak a word with me. Professor Ramsey came to the carriage and spoke with me. Seemed very glad he heard me again. He has fullness of flesh but his countenance is greatly changed in expression. There was not that intelligence and refinement that had once been there, and I felt sorry.—[Letter 390, 1904](#). {21MR 415.1}

### 1905-

There is to be an avoidance of controversy. We are to speak the truth in love. False doctrines of every kind will be brought in to divert the mind from a plain "Thus saith the Lord." Wherever we go, we shall find men ready with some side issue. While I was at Melrose, a man came with a message that the world is flat. I was instructed to present the commission that Christ gave His disciples just before His ascension, as recorded in [Matthew 28:16-20](#). "Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." {Ms10-1905.3}

We are not to allow our minds to be occupied by subjects such as that presented by this man. In regard to such subjects, God says to every soul, "What is that to thee? Follow thou Me." [John 21:22.] I have given you your commission. Dwell upon the great testing truths for this time, not upon matters that have no bearing upon our work. {Ms10-1905.4}

### 1915-

Those who in their preaching pass by the great truths of God's word to speak of minor matters, are not preaching the gospel, but are dealing in idle sophistry. Let not our ministers spend time in the discussion of such matters. Let those who have any question as to what they should teach, any question as to the subjects upon which they should dwell, go to the discourses of the great Teacher, and follow His lines of

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thought. The subjects that Jesus regarded as essential are the subjects that we are to urge home today. We are to encourage our hearers to dwell upon those subjects which are of eternal moment. {GW 313.3}

When at one time a brother came to me with the message that the world is flat, I was instructed to present the commission that Christ gave His disciples, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations: ...and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end." [Matthew 28:19, 20.] In regard to such subjects as the flat-world theory, God says to every soul, "What is that to thee? follow thou Me. I have given you your commission. Dwell upon the great testing truths for this time, not upon matters that have no bearing upon our work." {GW 314.1}

Workers for God should not spend time speculating as to what conditions will prevail in the new earth. It is presumption to indulge in suppositions and theories regarding matters that the Lord has not revealed. He has made every provision for our happiness in the future life, and we are not to speculate regarding His plans for us. Neither are we to measure the conditions of the future life by the conditions of this life. {GW 314.2}

### 1875 Focusing on round world (as well as flat world) can lead folks from the truth

We can but reflect what a venture you are making in having your own way. It is a terrible thing for a man to have his own way. Oh, what an example the shepherds will dare to give the poor sheep! What a record the angels will make in heaven of these fitful, spasmodic movements! It will be seen in the day of God, when we shall see as we are seen and known as we are known, that these fitful, impulsive movements are disastrous to the cause of God. To gratify self in acting out our feeling, costs too much. Such moves open a door for temptation to the naturally unbelieving, the weak and trembling souls, [so] that when the effort is made to close the door it is not an easy matter to accomplish. {Lt16-1875.26}

Merritt Kellogg's freak on the round world turned a number from the truth who were the very best ones, apparently, in the cause of God. But he has, since he became again settled in the truth, tried to bring back these he had [caused to] stumble. But this could not be done. They stand as living witnesses of the fearful results of a man having his own way and serving the enemy while feeling fully confident he is right and doing God service. Oh, men who have filled responsible positions, men who have a knowledge of the truth and divine will, ought not to act like unreasonable children, fractious and petulant. Satan seizes every instance of weakness manifested by God's servants and presents them in the worse light to inexperienced, faltering souls and they are thrown into doubt and discouragement. {Lt16-1875.27}

You, with other ministers who take such unreasonable freaks as you have done under reproof, are venturing much and are making yourself responsible for grave results. You are opening a door and inviting Satan in to weaken and darken your mind and the minds of others. You are tempting the enemy to tempt you. You are turning from clear light to questioning, uncertainty, and unbelief. {Lt16-1875.28}

I entreat of you to come out of this position which you have voluntarily taken. Die to self. I warn you not to twist the Testimonies to make out a case in order to justify your present course, for excuses will not [avail] in the balances of the sanctuary. You are deceived, deluded by the enemy. You are on the wrong track. But if you fortify yourself and take a position that you are excusable to do as you have done, you gather darkness about your soul, please the enemy, and grieve the Spirit of God. You may come to the light if you will, but it is at your own option whether you walk in the light or wander longer in darkness. You are not right with God. How solemn is the period in which we live! Oh, how important that we be hid in God, sanctified and elevated and thoroughly furnished unto all good works! {Lt16-1875.29}

### James White

The honest deacon who believes the world flat and immovable may be just as good a Christian, as devotional in all his exercises, and as godly in his walk, as one that believes otherwise. Such a faith, or such an error, has little or nothing to do with religion or practical godliness, because it neither denies the necessity nor worth of the atonement. {January 28, 1862 JWe, ARSH 68.14}

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### AT Jones teaches globe world

January 11, 1899

"Columbus' Wise and Worthy Example" *The Signs of the Times* 25, 2 , pp. 1, 2 .

FOR a good while Cuba has been the chief subject before the minds of the people of the United States. And since President McKinley, Cardinal Gibbons, and Archbishop Ireland, after "numerous conferences," have reached the determination that "sufficient money will be advanced by this government to support the Catholic Church" in Cuba, it is quite certain that Cuba will occupy a place in the experience of the American people that they hadn't expected. {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 1.1}

But how comes it that the President of the United States determines that money shall be advanced by this government to support the Catholic Church? Thereby hangs a tale. {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 1.2}

**It was by believing that the earth is round, against the dogma of the Catholic Church that it is flat, that Columbus ever discovered Cuba and the western continent.** {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 1.3}

Of course every American schoolboy knows that before Columbia discovered America the **Catholic Church insisted that the earth was flat**. But it is too sadly true that along with this the impression is left, if not actually inculcated, upon the minds of the school-children that at that time all the world supposed the **earth to be flat**. But that is a great mistake. **All except the Catholic world knew then that the earth is round.** {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 1.4}

**The ancients knew that the earth is round. The Jews knew it always. Aristotle taught it; so did Ptolemy the Geographer.** Indeed, this was a familiar truth among the people of those times. {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 1.5}

**It was the church fathers who, with the many other falsehoods of the great apostasy, brought in the dogma that the earth should be flat.** The chief of the church fathers, and the chief author of the dogma that the earth was flat, was **Augustine—the father also of the Inquisition—**tho in point of time **Lactantius** preceded him in advocating the dogma. {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 1.6}

**Lactantius lived in the time of Constantine,** and was one of the important factors in forming the union of Church and State, having so much of the favor of Constantine that Constantine gave him a place in the imperial family as tutor to the emperor's eldest son. Augustine lived from 354 to 430. He became a churchman in 386. {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 1.7}

**Thus the period in which lived Lactantius and Augustine was the very period in which the church of the apostasy got full control of the power of the State, and used that power to compel all, even to the penalty of death, to conform to her dogmas,** Augustine consecrating the whole scheme by his final proposition that it is "by the rod of temporal suffering," that dissenting parties "attain the highest grade of religious development." {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 1.8}

**The apostasy having full control of the imperial power, and compelling all to conform to her teaching, and two of the chief factors in the creation of this Church-and-State combination being the chief authors of the dogma that the earth is flat; thus in that time and onward through the consequent Dark Ages, the truth that the earth is round was forced out of all the realm which the church controlled.** {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 1.9}

**Yet outside of the region of papal influence the truth that the earth is round still prevailed.** There, from Central Asia through all North Africa and Spain to the southern border of France, the **Mohammedans** ruled. In all this vast domain, schools flourished and enlightenment and civilization reigned. And in **all this realm it was known that the earth is round.** While Constantinople and Rome were "asserting in all its absurdity the flatness of the earth, the Spanish Moors and the Saracens in Africa and Asia were teaching geography in their common schools from globes." {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 1.10}

In spite of all the opposition of the Papacy, some of this knowledge crept into her dark domains. Gerbert, who became pope in 999, when a boy studied in the Mohammedan schools of Spain, and there learned that **the earth is round,** and afterwards established a school at Rheims, and **used in it a geographical globe** which he brought from Cordova, the Mohammedan capital of Spain. And the Moorish State of Grenada, in Spain, continued until the very year that Columbus discovered America. {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 1.11}

**Columbus** had been a sailor from the age of fourteen, and had spent many years especially in the Syrian trade from all parts of the Mediterranean, as well as having made several voyages to Guinea; and as **he had thus been in almost daily contact with the Mohammedan nations, from this sketch it is easy to understand how he caught the truth that the earth is round.** "Tho the state of public opinion at the time did not permit such doctrine to be openly avowed in Catholic countries, yet Columbus was thoroughly convinced of its truth." {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 1.12}

Being so thoroughly convinced, he at last decided to brave public opinion and present his views to those in power who might help him put them to the test. "After many wearisome delays, his suit was referred to a council at Salamanca, before which, however, his doctrines were confuted" from the saints and fathers of the church; and from "reason," since, even if he should depart from Spain, "**the rotundity of the earth would**

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present a kind of mountain up which it was impossible for him to sail, even with the fairest wind, and so he could never get back. The Grand Cardinal of Spain had also indicated their irreligious nature; and Columbus began to fear that instead of receiving aid as a discoverer, he should fall into trouble as a heretic. However, after many years of mortification and procrastination, he at length prevailed with Queen Isabella; and April 17, 1492, in the field before Granada, then just wrenched from the Mohammedans, by the arms of Ferdinand and Isabella, he received his commission." {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 1.13}

The island of Cuba was discovered on the first voyage, October 28, 1492. The first settlement of Spaniards was in 1511, and from that year until 1898 the Church of Rome, by means of the Spanish power, has held complete possession of the island. The natives, tho under the complete control of the clergy, have been always "deprived of all political, civil, and religious liberty; have been excluded from all public stations," and yet "have been heavily taxed to maintain their Spanish rulers" and the Church of Rome. {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 34.1}

And, tho the Church of Rome has had sole control of the people educationally these three hundred and eighty-eight years, and tho, further, she has there "a vast number of priests and high church dignitaries," yet, true to her original character, she has kept them in densest ignorance. {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 34.2}

The Spanish Government has all these years made annual appropriations for the support of the Catholic Church and its clergy in Cuba. As the consequence, of course, "the people of Cuba have never been taught to support their church and clergy by direct voluntary contribution." {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 34.3}

Yet at the same time these same people have been obliged to pay to the church such fees as she demanded for christenings, marriages, confirmations, exorcisms, extreme unctions, burials, masses, etc., etc. And now, upon all this, she sets up the plea that "so dire is the poverty on the island that it is doubtful if the Cubans could by any possibility raise sufficient money to keep their churches open and their priests from starving."\*

1 Therefore, since the Spanish Government, with her appropriations to the Catholic Church, is cut off from Cuba, the Catholic Church demands that the United States Government shall take the place of the Spanish Government and make governmental appropriations for the support of the Catholic Church and clergy in Cuba. {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 34.4}

And that is not the worst. It would be bad enough for the church only to make such demands; yet not only does she make the demand, but "President McKinley has held numerous conferences with Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ireland on the subject," with the result that "it is the determination of President McKinley that the Catholic Churches shall be kept open, and that public worship shall be provided for. To this end sufficient money will be advanced by this government to support the Catholic Church." {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 34.5}

In thus "determining to support the Catholic priests in Cuba," it is declared that "President McKinley has acted wisely from other points of view than mere humanity." {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 34.6}

"Mere humanity," indeed! Of course "mere humanity" must needs be supplemented by some more important consideration, to make such action entirely worthy of approbation. And so it is. And here is the consideration upon which, as it is published, President McKinley "wisely" supplements that of "mere humanity":— {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 34.7}

President McKinley has acted wisely from other points of view than mere humanity. The Cuban priests, as in all countries whose population is densely ignorant, exercise complete control over their parishioners. Apart from the cruelty of withdrawing all aid from these priests, it is easy to believe that the new American Government in Cuba would have at its very inception built up a dangerous set of enemies, if the priesthood of Cuba were given reason to regret the presence of the American flag on the island. The Spanish Government at Madrid could easily give the American Government some dearly-bought information as to the malign influence that is in the power of a hostile clergy to exercise. Ever since the first Carlist uprising in 1833, every movement directed against the government of Spain has found its principal support in the clergy of Spain, who almost to a man are Carlists. {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 34.8}

That is to say: The Government of Spain has always supported the Catholic clergy and the Catholic Churches in Cuba. And now, the United States having supplanted the Government of Spain in Cuba, if this government does not undertake "the entire responsibility for their support," "the priesthood of Cuba" will be "given reason to regret the presence of the American flag on the island." Then, having such "reason to regret the presence of the American flag on the island," and having "complete control" of their "densely ignorant" parishioners, "the new American Government in Cuba would have at its very inception built up a dangerous set of enemies." Therefore, to placate this "dangerous set of enemies," the Government of the United States must undertake the entire responsibility for their support. And if anybody does not believe it wise thus to placate these "dangerous enemies," then the Spanish Government at Madrid could easily give him pointers in "some dearly-bought information as to the malign influence that is in the power of a hostile clergy to exercise." {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 34.9}

But when such consideration as that is counted as "wisely" supplemental to that of mere humanity, we are led to query whether the people of the United States are ready to accept either this supplemental or the original consideration as sufficient justification of the President of the United States in advancing the money

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of all the people of the United States for the support of the Catholic clergy in Cuba. {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 34.10}

Yet more than this: Why should the President of the United States follow the counsels of Catholic cardinals and archbishops, any more than did Columbus? If Columbus had conformed to the views of the cardinals and archbishops of his day, he would have agreed that the earth is flat. And if all others had done so, the world would have perished in just such ignorance and despotism as have ruined Cuba. But by thinking for himself, and following wiser counsels, he repudiated Catholic ignorance, and so was successful in giving to mankind a new world. {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 34.11}

Why should not now the President of the United States follow the example of Columbus, in repudiating Catholic ignorance, and the wise counsels of the noble men who made this nation, in the repudiation of the Catholic principles of governmental support of the church? Why should not the President of the United States thus look out and on new worlds of light and liberty, rather than turn back to the principles and practises [sic.] of the Dark Ages, and put the United States Government in the lost position of Spain in supporting the Catholic Church and clergy in Cuba, whose record of three hundred and eighty-eight verses is written in the dense ignorance and desolation of Cuba as it was two months ago? Why?

ALONZO T. JONES. {January 11, 1899 ATJ, SITI 34.12}