THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MESSENGER.

"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." —Jude 3.

"THE MARK, THE NAME OF THE BEAST, OR THE NUMBER OF HIS NAME."

It is so common for people, in referring to the coming of the beast power spoken of in the 13th chapter of Revelation, to refer to such as the "mark of the beast." This reference is correct, in a general sense, yet there are two other identifications also mentioned, which are just as dangerous as the identical mark, whatever it shall be. They are, "the name of the beast," and "the number of his name," as recorded in verse 17.

Now in these few remarks, it shall be our endeavor, if the Lord will, and by His help, bring out a few thoughts for your consideration, concerning the "mark," and the "number of the name," of this beast which is to arise, the signs of which are unmistakeable in the earth today—the turning of the nations to rule by dictatorship, which in fact is what the beast in person will be—a world-wide dictator, whose authority and power will not be confined to the control of commerce alone, but who will reach out into the religious field, sitting himself up as the one to be worshipped; and it yet remains to be seen just how terrible will be the persecutions heaped upon the saints during the three and a half year's reign of this wicked person, save that the Bible tells us that he will put to death during that time. And some forms of death would be pleasant—just a quick, merciful, one, instead of a long, torturous, heinous death, which has in days gone by—in the days of martyrdom in the early church—been heaped upon God's people, and that no doubt by those who were prompted by the spirit of the beast who is going to sooner or later burst forth upon the world in all the fury and power of Satan (Rev. 13:2.), for we hear the apostle Paul say in 2 Thess. 2:7, concerning the anti-christ, or this beast, that even in his (Paul's) day, "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work."

Concerning the "name of the beast," there might be less evidence in existence today pointing in this direction, possibly, than might be assumed as pointing to the "mark," or to the "number of his name." And as concerning the "mark," we are unable to positively say whether or not such will be a literal "brand" indelibly stamped in the right hand, or in the forehead, of the individual. Now we know that lodges, or secret societies, have a "mark," or means of identification, through their "signs" and "grips," which is not a literal brand—the "sign" being located in the forehead, the seat of knowledge; and the "grip" in the right hand, executed in the hand. shake, their "right hand of fellowship! Now since such means of identification so effectively works in such Christless things as the secret organizations, why would not such means be practical in a further and greater Christless realm—that of the kingdom of the beast? (And let none take offense, for do you happen to know of any lodge, or secret organization, in whose ritualistic work the name of Jesus is mentioned?) But we get a thought at this time which we had never noticed before in just this manner: and that is as expressed in verse 16, wherein it says, concerning the "mark," that they receive "a mark in their right hand, OR in their forehead." The word "or," here seems to establish the fact that this "mark" does not have to be in BOTH the forehead, and in the right hand, as in the case of the lodge brother's means of identification, which combination would be necessary in the event of a secret system of the beast's mark, which then gives us more to believe in a literal "branding" upon either their foreheads, or in their right hand. It must not be questioned that the people who will be behind this beast power with their whole-hearted endorsement—being persuaded that such moves is the very thing for the preservation of the "peace" and prosperity of the

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world—will be contrary to receiving a literal mark of some kind upon their body if they deemed such as being necessary. They would do such readily, and possibly get a "kick" out of such ornamentation! To display signs and badges is "all the go" with some people.

But herein lies another thought, and that is, It's the RIGHT hand that is mentioned as being the one that is to contain the mark, if the hand is to receive it instead of the forehead. We might wonder why the right hand, unless it be on account of the right hand being the one commonly used in writing, hand-shaking, or in saluting. In the ranks of Fascism, under Mussolini, dictator of Italy, they have a special salute that is given—the "fascist salute," honoring that movement. Might be possible that in that time it will be required of one to give a proper salute before being allowed to buy or sell. Then again, in favour of an identical mark, it seems that such might be possible, since such mark would, if made in the flesh, mar the looks of that part of the body to some extent, hence the choice given the individual, it seems, of having the mark "in their right hand, OR in their forehead." The mark in the hand might be less noticeable than one would be in the forehead. In either place it could be quickly displayed.

The "Mark."  

If the "mark" referred to will be a literal insignia of some kind, we are of the opinion that such will be an emblem pretty closely connected with Rome. And there

is today in use a Roman emblem—an insignia of Mussolini's fascist party. It is a Roman battle-axe tied up in the midst of a bundle of sticks, with only the head of the axe protruding. This emblem is displayed on the new coinage of dimes in our country. It is called "Fasces," and was in olden times borne before Roman magistrates as a badge of authority, the image of which has again been brought into use by Mussolini as an emblem of authority in the ranks of fascism, the "new deal!" in Italy. It is reported as being used by different concerns as an emblem here in the United States, and who knows but what it will be emblematic of power throughout the entire world! You know that Rome one time ruled the entire world, being called the "Mistress of the world;" and originally being built on seven hills, corresponding with the description of that wicked Babylon, so closely associated with the beast, according to Revelation 17:1-9, etc.

"And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth." (Rev. 18:24.)

And if such description as this, and when we speak of Rome, it is to be understood that in general terms, one is referring to Roman Catholicism and other descriptions given in chapters 17 and 18, do not apply to Rome, then just what do you think they could possibly refer to? Amen.

The "Name of the Beast."  

Since titles change, and also new titles come into use through creation of new official duties, etc., it would be impossible for us to know very much concerning what title would be given this beast that is to arise, if such is what is meant by the assertion, "the name of the beast." And it would be more so if the assertion is to be taken as referring to his identical name, and not to whatever title he might be known by. The Bible calls him a "beast," by way of description concerning his disposition; and also, "antichrist," by reason of his spiritual nature. In view of the Bible description of his ruling power, in the light of some present day rulers, he will, in that capacity, be rightfully referred to as a "dictator." And according to what you might call "circumstantial evidence" in the case, judging from prophesies in comparison with purported historical facts, it looks very favourable that a pope of Rome will be that person! When we think of Rome's past history concerning the persecution of the early Christians, and later on Catholicism's persecution of the Protestants—when we view this in the light of Rev. 18:24, (mentioned above) it is any doubt that our suspicions begin to be aroused, when we also further can see a resemblance between that domineering spirit of Catholicism and the authority and power that is to be exercised by the beast as he ascends his throne! And further still, do we get a picture of comparison between a Romanish pope and the beast in the matter of worship. You understand how this beast, or antichrist, is going to use a compelling force that people worship him (Rev. 13:4, 8, 12, 15; 2 Thess. 2:4.). Then think of procedure in Catholicism right TODAY! how that the Pope's subjects actually bow, or kneel, before him—worshipping him, referring to him as, Holy Father! If these comparisons are not sufficient to arouse suspicions as to the possibilities of the head of the Roman

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Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. —Prov. 8:32.
Catholic church being that man of sin—the beast, then what will it take to arouse suspicion, and especially when we look at the next thought, which we are passing on to you for your consideration? At least, there have possibly been people convicted for crimes before the courts of our land upon no greater circumstantial evidence than that which through suspicion seems to point toward Catholicism as having a connection with the forthcoming beast power.

The “NUMBER OF HIS NAME.”

In verse 18, of the 13th. chapter of Revelation, we read the following:

“Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred thirty-three-score and six.”

Now, beloved, let us first notice that the “number” of the beast is the number “of a man”—that some man person will be designated by a number, and that this number will be, “Six hundred three-score and six,” or numerically illustrated as 666, as a score means twenty, then “three score” would give us 3 x 20, or 60; this, together with the “Six hundred,” and the “six,” makes the total, “666.”

Next, let us notice that it says, “Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding COUNT the number of the beast.” Now we understand from the assertion, “count the number,” that this number is not outstanding in so many figures—666, but something of a numerical value totaling this number must be in evidence somewhere, hence, the assertion, “Here is wisdom.” Let him that hath UNDERSTANDING count the number.” So we see it is going to take wisdom to count the number, which will necessitate an “understanding” of the situation. If this number was worn in plain figures—666—by the individual it shall represent, then any school child that could enumerate the first three points in mathematical calculations, could easily discern such. But the Bible says the number is to be “counted,” which means it will have to be added, and that it will take some understanding to do so—hence the assertion, “Here is wisdom.”

Now to begin with, beloved, it is an established fact that the pope of the Roman Catholic church wears upon special occasions, a triple crown, or tiara, which is an official insignia of his office, which bears in jeweled letters the Latin inscription, “Vicarius Filii Dei,” which translated into English, means, “Vicar of the Son of God.” Then since the word “Vicar” means, according to Webster, “One deputed or authorized to perform the functions of another; a substitute in office; a deputy,” it is easy to see the position the Pope pretends to assume—that of the acting agent of Christ upon earth. Then as Christ is the mediator between God and man, the Pope by virtue of his office pretends to that capacity—that of a mediator between God and man.

Now to get to our thought concerning the possible connection of the beast power with the head of the Roman Catholic church, we are brought to the place where we shall, by the Lord’s help, do a little “counting” concerning that number given us above as having to do with that person—the beast.

Let us take the Latin inscription, “Vicarius Filii Dei,” which is found on the official crown of the Pope, and reduce the same to Roman numerals, then “count,” or add them, and find it gives a sum total of 666! When you get the person’s “number,” you are getting pretty close to that person, are you not, beloved?

Here is the example, and you accept it for just what it seems to be worth. Amen. The letters having no numerical value as represented by the proper sign, “zero,” or “e.” And in the case of the letter “U,” which some might question as its having any valuation in the Roman system of numeration, the explanatory note following the example will prove that formerly it and the letter “V” were closely connected in writing and printing, therefore each carrying one and the same numerical value, “5.”

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My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. Ps. 49:3.
Editorial.

A Timely Thought.

Pardon us a suggestion, beloved, but some time ago, in conversation with an elderly Methodist preacher who is now retired from active pastoral duties, he dropped a thought which attracts our attention concerning the carrying on of the Lord's business in the ranks of holiness I had asked him if he knew of a certain Methodist minister whom we had seen when we was just a boy. He remembered a young preacher of the same name, having examined him for ordination to the Methodist ministry years ago. Now the thought in our conversation that appeals so forcibly to us is the remark that he had "examined" this young preacher for the ministry. By "examining" him of course meant that he questioned him concerning doctrine, faith, etc., to determine if the young brother really qualified in every respect for ordination as a minister of the gospel in that faith. So from the remark, "examined," we get our thought, and which also prompts our suggestion, that right in our own ranks such procedure ought to be observed! Too often is the candidate for ordination to the ministry, and possibly those to the office of deacon or elder, accepted on just the recommendation of one or more of the brethren, giving assurance of such an one's character, and of their being straight on doctrine, etc. And right here is the chance for a serious mistake to be made, which only can be avoided, possibly, through the Methodist plan in this instance—and that is determine through a close examination whether such candidate IS really qualified on ALL points of doctrine before ordaining such an one for the ministry among us.

Just to merely be straight on the three-fold plan of salvation is no evidence of being straight on other essential parts of the Gospel. And for just a few examples, there are those who profess belief in the three-fold plan of salvation, but who are in error on water baptism, teaching for ceremony which is used by the "One God," or "Jesus Only," people, (I believe they style themselves as "Oneness" people) who baptize "in the name of Jesus," instead of "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," as commanded us by the Saviour according to the commission given us in Matthew 28:19-20: then there are others who teach a Bible justification for a divorce and remarriage while the first companion lives, under certain conditions; some teaching that the individual can backslide from the baptism of the Holy Ghost and then come back and get the blessings again; others teaching against paying tithes; (maybe some believing, but not practicing!) and some upholding for the wearing of jewelry, ornaments in dress, etc., and on down the line there are other teachings that are going forth by these professing to be of us which is contrary to the faith. So we feel the Methodist plan is right—that we know something about how the candidate stands on doctrine all the way through, as well as know he or she is a good person, and standing for the three-fold plan of salvation! Paul's instruction to Timothy was, "Lay hands suddenly on no man" (1 Tim. 5:22.) Evidently the spirit of this command was, that something be known about the individual.

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Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the head of the wicked. — Prov. 10:6.
ual's qualifications before ordaining such person for any part of the Lord's work. Sometimes there will be those who will present themselves for ordination as a minister, when it is plainly evident to spiritually minded saints that such parties are not called to preach the Gospel. They may be good Christians in every sense of the word; but if they are not called of God to the ministry, their efforts will be a failure, which in turn might serve to so disappoint them as to weaken them in the Christian life, or possibly tend to bring reproach upon the cause. And for those desiring the office of deacon or elder—if they are not Biblically qualified in every respect, it is missing the Bible line to ordain such to these respective offices. Something more than merely being a good man is required of the one to be ordained to these places. In one respect, both the deacon and the elder's family must be in subjection unto them; and in case of the elder especially, he MUST be qualified to both teach, and to exhort and convince the gainsayer. (Note carefully, 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:9.) He must, therefore, be able to preach the Gospel. And without doubt, there are many today who are acting as elders—having been ordained as such—who are far from being a Bible elder by reason of their inability to teach, or to exhort, or failing to have their family in subjection. So all in all, it is rather disgusting for some preacher, in his self-inspired zeal, to start out across the country, and when he finds nothing else to do, possibly, for him to "set a church in order," ordaining for deacons and elders, those who are possibly otherwise good men (exceptions sometimes to this rule!), but who are decided- unfit for the place—unqualified in other Biblical requirements. Such preachers ought to stop somewhere, and brush up on 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." If they don't know a Bible elder from a Biblical standpoint, they ought to stay clear of such matters. God's good cause ought not to be made the subject of child's play, you might say, in matters pertaining to the welfare of the souls of men and women. Amen.

Now this may seem a bit plain, and to the point, but nevertheless, our sentence would be that those applying for ordination to the ministry among us, as well as to the office of an elder, be first examined closely to ascertain if they are sound in faith, that they assuredly have a calling from God, and that they are straight on those points of doctrine which are essential to the ultimate salvation of the souls of those whom they come in contact with, and which are necessary to avoid bringing a spiritual cross in the ranks of the saints, for common sense ought to teach us that God would not call one person to preach one point of doctrine, and call some one else to preach it another way. And so to ordain for the ministry, or to the office of an elder, those of whom we are unacquainted and unassured of their doctrine, especially in the vital points, together with that which is necessary to keep out any breach in the spirit, is only to invite confusion and division into the ranks. If we want Bible results to follow our efforts, let's get on Bible lines! What do you think? Amen.

Sin alone is to blame for the world's condition today.

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Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; Selah: --Psalms 68:32.

SEEMINGLY NO FEAR.

Many no doubt—both in pulpit and pew—realize the world is moving toward rule by dictatorship; but such move does not seem to cause any consternation in their lives. They seem to think such is just the thing. With multitudes, just anything, most, is going to be alright if it will bring prosperity! the spiritual results do not worry them.

People who have nothing but a form of worship, can easily adjust their form to fit any worldly condition. They will line right up with that spirit which leads to the beast power, outwardly manifesting a "no harm" spirit in doing so. But it is going to pay men and women who are actually living for God—not just going on with a "profession"—to keep themselves unspted from the world; and to be lined up with any spirit of the beast power, is to be out of line with the Spirit of God!

POPULARITY.

When a religious movement begins to get popular with the world, you can just figure that they have lost their real spirituality—if they had any in the beginning to lose! We read in Luke 16:15, "for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God."

STARTING RIGHT.

A Christian young lady, visiting in our home, set the following thought to type:

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;" (Ecc. 12:1.)
Again has God seen fit to remove from our midst, one of our dear brethren—

Brother Theodore Kupsick was born in Austria, on March 18, 1886; passed from this life to be with his Lord, about 5 o'clock, on the afternoon of Friday, October 20, 1933, following a painful affliction of about two month's duration, which he bore so patiently, being reconciled to God and His will. Age, 47 years, 7 months, and 2 days.

When about twenty years of age, Bro. "Ted," as he was so familiarly known, migrated to the United States, labouring for a while in the state of Pennsylvania, then later on to Indiana, where he again found employment, and attended a night school in the city of Valparaiso, that he might better equip himself to meet the conditions in his new home. Later on, he went to the state of Minnesota, and for a time he was employed as a locomotive fireman for a rail road company. In 1914, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Boheneck. To this union nine children were born—four boys, and five girls, all of whom, with their widowed mother, remain to mourn the passing of a loving father, and a devoted husband.

From Minnesota, Bro. and Sr. Kupsick moved to near Leonard, Okla., where, up until that time, occurred the most wonderful and blessed event of all their lives—they gave their hearts to God—found Jesus sweet to their souls. Later on they moved to the present farm home near Tahlequah, which they have acquired through much hard toil and labour, and have resided here since that time, except

for about one and one-half years in Hulbert, and a few months in Skiatook, Okla.

At the time of his death, Bro. Kupsick was proprietor of the North End Shoe Shop here in Tahlequah, a trade he had learned before leaving his home in Europe. And in addition to his labouring at his trade, and looking after his farm, let us not forget to mention that such activities were at times interspersed with labouring in the Master's cause. Saints of God at different places will remember his earnestness in testimony and in declaring the Gospel among them.

We hate to see him go. May God bless his memory to us throughout the days to come, and that some act of his life may serve as an inspiration to lead us on in this battle against sin, until that we shall some day also reach the end of a Christian race.

Bro. Kupsick did not fear death. He loved his Saviour. He gave instructions concerning his funeral and burial some days before the end came. Among the last things we heard him say while visiting him the day before his departure, as he briefly lay upon his back, suffering in his body, his hands folded across his breast, was, "God's will be done."

Besides his faithful and devoted wife and his children, Brother Kupsick leaves one brother, Peter Kupsick, and family, of Chester, Pennsylvania, a large number of friends and acquaintances, and many brethren in the Lord, to mourn his seemingly untimely death. But we realize that our loss is Heaven's gain--that Bro. Ted has not left us forever, but that he has only outstripped us in this earthly race, and has made a safe landing on the sunny banks of sweet deliverance. It is left for you and I to follow on.

Funeral services were conducted by the editor of this paper, assisted by Bro. J. W. Phillips, of Stilwell, Okla., and Bro. Lee Latta, of near Cane Hill, Ark., with Bro. R C. Oneal, of near Stilwell, Okla., in charge of the song service, at 2:30 P. M. Sunday, October 22, at the Nazarene church in Tahlequah, in the presence of a large crowd of friends and admirers. Interment was made on a sunny slope of the City cemetery, the Lane Funeral Home in charge.

In remembering Bro. Kupsick, let us be reminded of the words of the apostle Paul, written to the Galatians, "Since ye are born again, let not Sin reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but as instruments of righteousness unto God. For the works of darkness are confidential; but all things that reek light, let them be revealed. Let us not be reactivate, brethren, to sensual lusts: for our warfare is not against flesh and blood, but against the powers of this world. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your girdle about your waist staked with truth, and the word of God in your heart; and having prayer and supplication with standing of your hands. And be ye strong in the Lord, and in the mighty power of his arm."—Eph. 6:12-18.

May God bless and comfort the hearts of Sr. Kupsick and the children in this their sad hour; and in the great day of the Judgment that they will again be united with their loved one, where they might forever be an unbroken family around the shining Throne of God.

Saints from Stilwell, Okla., from the Oakgrove community of near Stilwell, and from near Cane Hill, Ark., were in attendance.

Bro. Kupsick possessed the blessings of sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost in his life.
A CORRECTION.

Concerning those who assisted in Brother Kupsiek's funeral service, in the obituary appearing on the opposite page we referred to Bro. Latta as Bro. "Lee" Latta. It should have read, "Bro. Jim Latta." It's our mistake, and we apologize to Bro. Latta.

SOME MORE "SCIENCE."

"Scientist Says Ants Set Poor Example For Man.

LONDON (AP)--Solomon, with all his wisdom, was wrong, says Prof. Julian Huxley in a report to the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Solomon said, 'Go to the ant, thou sluggard,' Professor Huxley pointed out.

'If man went to the ants,' the scientist reported, 'he would find a rather vicious state of affairs. Ants, like men, have many vices. They are addicted to drink. Some of them are also slave traders. Others are nomad freebooters and carry on the lives of privateers.

He stated that ants would never overcome mankind because 'the evolution of the ant ended tens of millions of years ago, but the evolution of man has only just started.' (From Tulsa World.)

IF the "evolution" of this one scientist in particular, has only just "started," the poor fellow has a LONG way to go before he reaches much of an understanding of the truth of God's Bible! Looks as if he must be headed in the wrong direction in his first steps in the process of "evolution." For shame on such rot! Such as this only gives grounds for proof that certain branches of science are only open doors, leading into the realms of infidelity. It proves the Bible assertion found in 1 Cor. 1:21, that "the world by wisdom knew not God." If this "scientist" in question, really knew God, he wouldn't be disputing God's word, but would be in position to understand that Solomon was not commanding any of the personal habits of any particular tribe of ants to mankind in general, but that he is pointing the one class of individuals--the "sluggard," to the general "ways" of the ant. Here is Solomon's proverb in question:

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise." (Proverbs 6:6.)

But let's go a little farther and find out what respect should the sluggard--and not mankind generally--consider the "ways" of the ant. In the two verses immediately following the one mentioned above from which the "scientist" takes his "text," we read the following:

"Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

So the thought here implied is, that the sluggard arise out of his lethargy, and get a lesson from the little ant's activities in a general way of providing necessary things in due season, and NOT to pattern after its bad habits, if the wise little creature had any such habits! The ant is possessed of a wisdom in certain respects, which God, through Solomon, is pointing out to the sluggard.

Such scientific applications of the great truths given us in God's precious Word is disgusting, indeed. And it is little wonder that the world is in the condition in which it is today, when possibly thousands of intelligent men and women who pose as representatives of Christian nations, adhere to such contributing causes of infidelity as this one mentioned above, instead of to the simplicity of the great truth of God's Bible.

One of the important messages to the world since the out pouring of the latter rain Gospel has been that Jesus is coming soon. And today, beloved, every sign spoken of relative to His coming, has either been fulfilled, or is now under process of fulfillment. Are you ready?

SAPULPA, OKLA.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond:

All the while I am so thankful for God's goodness and mercies. He has been so good to us; and I know that His mercies extend to every child of His.

He has been with me through sickness, and trials. He has been a friend to me in all troubles. I love Him more and more each day. I am glad I learned to trust Him. I love to live for the Lord, and I want to do His will above every thing in this world. The imposing powers of darkness is so great, and the enemy is on every hand, it pays to watch and pray all the while.

People are deceiving, and being deceived. The devil is dragging down every soul that he can. The love of many is waxing cold, surely the time is close at hand. The Bible says, "for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first," (2 Thess 2:3) and we can see the "falling away" is here.

Oh! I want to live more closer to Him each day, and pray and live a clean life, so I will be able to go through. I am glad this salvation is free. I am glad that it's a salvation that will help one to clean up and straighten out, walk right, talk right, dress right, and treat everybody right.

I want to go on with the Lord. I want to see Him for myself. I want to meet Him face to face. So I desire the prayers of all praying people that we might be able to stand in the evil days, and be a perfect overcome in everything.

Mrs. Winnie Toliver,
611 South Water St.,
Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

It's going to take a clean life to gain Heaven. Sin can't enter there.
"The Mark, The Name of the Beast, or the Number of His Name."

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value as "Y" The letter U is, according to Webster, a modification of a Greek letter resembling our letter V, and of such he says, "it has a close affinity for the consonant V, and hence the two letters were formerly confounded in writing and printing, the discrimination between them being of comparatively recent date." And of the letter V, he says, "It's form is only a variety of the character by which the vowel "U" is denoted, the latter being in its origin the cursive character employed with soft materials, while V is better adapted for writing on stone. The two letters were formerly used in indiscriminately, the one for the other," etc. For an example of this, notice some time in modern architecture how the letter "V" is used instead of "U" in the stone engraving over door of a court house somewhere—it will appear like this: "COVRT HOUSE," the old Roman style.

Now, beloved, it isn't a question that we should be perfectly informed beforehand as to all the particulars in connection with the beast power—whether we shall know if he shall be called "Father," "Dictator," or what; nor what that exact mark, if it shall be an insignia, shall be, nor whether it shall be a literal brand or not—the main thing for you and I to do is to keep ourselves in the love and fear of God, that we may be able to resist such power when it manifests itself in fulfillment of Revelation 13. That the spirit of such power is now at work in the earth today, is beyond question, especially to the understanding of spiritually minded men and women. And when the time comes that we be compelled to "line up," so-to-speak, before we can buy or sell, and the decree goes forth establishing the one form of worship, then will the grace of God in our lives to resist such power as did Daniel and the three Hebrew children of old, be worth more to us than a perfect understanding of the order of events in connection with such power, and possibly not grace sufficient to say "No," to such power. Don't forget the admonition Jesus gave us in Matthew 24:44: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Beloved, if we are ready for the coming of Jesus, surely then we are ready for ANY emergency! And of that day and hour no one—not even the angels in Heaven, nor the Saviour himself—knows when it shall be. (Mark 13:32.) But we are given signs whereby we might know the time is nigh at hand. And so with the beast power—there are too many things transpiring in the world today that we should be ignorant of the coming of such. It had begun working in Paul's day. And as the important thing concerning the Lord's coming was preparedness, even so the most important thing, since we are assured of the coming of this event, is to be ready. So in the meanwhile it will pay God's people to be very careful in what they align themselves with, for if we give over a little at a time now, we might not be able to resist when the real test comes. Amen.

"If thou hast run with the feetmen, and they have wareied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wareied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?" (Jeremiah 12:5.)

Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. —1 Thessalonians 5:6.