

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

....*"This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success"....*
Joshua 1:8 NASB

October 3rd

THE GREAT SPIRITUAL FORCES IN THE WORLD

[part 3 of 10]

* Hebrews 11:3 tells us that this Love God is also a Faith God. This fact is new to most of us. We have become used to the thought that God was Love, but we have never thought of Him as the Faith God. "Now faith is giving substance to things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen."

In other words, faith gives reality and substance to the thing that we had only wished for, hoped for. Hope is always future. Faith is now. We hope for Christ's return. We hope for heaven. It is our heavenly hope, our Messianic hope. But hope is not faith. "He that believeth hath" : believing is possessive. Hope is always future.

Faith has given substance, reality to the thing that we had longed for, hoped for, but had no evidence that we would ever get.

It is a conviction of the things not seen. It is actually thanking God for money that has not yet come. It is thanking God for healing that has not been manifested, but that we are as sure of as if it were manifested. Faith gives substance to the things that we wanted. It gives reality to things that have never been seen. We have not seen the money, but we know it is here.

The third verse says : "By faith we understand that the worlds have been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen hath not been made out of things which appear." This staggers reason. Here is the declarative statement that the worlds, the stellar heavens, have been created by the Word of God; that they were not made out of anything that is seen.

They are a distinct and positive creation. They came into being by the Word

of God.

Genesis 1 :14-16: "And God said, let there be light in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night: and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years : and let them be for lights upon the earth: and it was so. And God made the two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, (that was the sun) and the lesser light to rule the night : (that was the moon) he made the stars also." He spoke into being the whole universe.

Man says that it is not credible. Sense Knowledge cannot grasp it. It is above Sense Knowledge. All that Sense Knowledge can do is to guess. Hypothesis after hypothesis have been exploited and exploded. Here is a Being great enough to speak into being a universe, and to govern it.