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The Earth is the Lord's.

Psa. xxiv. 1.

Hymns. 1. "O worship the King"
24 "Praise ye the Lord, immortal choir"
532. "Before Jehovah's awful throne"

Chant 77

Scripture Job xxxviii. 3-38.

Hymns. 712 "To Thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise"
709 "Sing to the Lord of harvest"
43 — 27. "For the beauty of the earth"

Chant 57.

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Cong Hymns
20. "Come, O come in pious lays"
628 "Come ye thankful people, come"
43 "For the beauty of the earth"
27 "Round the Lord in glory seated"

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Scripture. Job XXXVIII. 3-38.
OR – PS. LXXII.

Psalm XXIV.

"The Earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof;
The World, and they that dwell therein."

Introduction.

The Psalm attributed to David. Evidently written for a great religious festival. Probably for the bringing of the Ark from the house of Obed-Edom to Mount Sion. It was appropriated by the Jews for its first day of the week. And naturally therefore, by the Church for the same day.

The Triptych Psalms XXII. XXIII. XXIV.

In this opening stanza we have the Christian view of the World.

The Hebrew Conception of Creation.
The Christian Conception of New Creation.

It is of far greater import than the local circumstances which called it forth.

No people can monopolize it.
No age can exhaust it.
It is as much ours, as our fathers'.
It is our children's heritage.

It is clear, concise, inclusive.

To accept it is to be set in right relation to the Earth, its fulness, and its people.

Let us Examine it

A. As a Statement of Fact
B. As a Philosophy of Life.

A. The Statement.

NOTE. Imaginatively, we take up a position from whence we can view the Earth; listen to the Statements; and make Deductions.

I. "The Earth is Jehovah's".

i Inclusive and Extensive.
Continents and Oceans.

ii Particular and Intensive.
Every Atom.
The forces which operate.
The laws that govern.
The forms that result.

iii. Immediate and personal.
Your Estate – Garden – House – – – –

Deduction.

There is one – Land-owner.
All human possession is leasehold. NOT freehold.

II. "The Fulness thereof".

i Its hidden wealth. Minerals. Precious Stones.
ii Its fruitful properties.
iii Its ministers; Air. Light. Heat.
iv Every multiplication; and reproduction.

Deduction.

There is one – Capitalist.
All human wealth is on Trust.
There is no Creation of wealth.

III. →

III. "The World - and - -
"They that dwell therein".
i Not a race.
ii Not a nation.
iii Not a Selection.
iv "All Souls are mine".

Deduction.
There is one - King.
All human government is Deputed.

Descending from the height of our imaginative viewpoint; we stand on the Earth
All our relations to it are conditioned by these facts.
Of the Earth - I am Tenant.
Of the wealth - I am Trustee.
Of the people - I am one.

B. Let us apply the statement as a philosophy.

From the character of Jehovah we argue certain Truths, and apply them to the Earth, its fulness, and its people.

I. The Assurance of Righteousness.
i God is Righteous.
Therefore { Its inherent force
{ Its final triumph.
ii He has neither sold nor lost His right.
{ There is no other assurance of righteousness
AND - No other is needed.

II. The Certainty of Love
i This God is the God of the Cross.
ii We are perplexed by Evil.
We look at it and are troubled
We look into it and find the Cross.
iii This God is the God of Renewal.

III. The Inspiration of Hope.
i When Love and Righteousness work together the result is assured.
ii Therefore
All false owners will be ejected.
All robbers made to disgorge.
All tyrannies broken.

Application.

The facts create the Philosophy.
The Philosophy demands a response.

- The Leaseholder must obey the terms of the lease.
- The Steward must be true to the administration of the Trust.
- The Subject must yield to, and support the Sovereign.

The Light and Glory of all this to those who believe and work.

On Personal life.

Strength & Comfort.

"He will perfect that which concerneth me".

On Home, and Commercial life.

Every atom His

We ~~You~~ are Stewards only.

On Service.

Every face is that of one who belongs to God.

Every interest, civic, national, racial, is His.

You are His.

Augustus Hare in his Walks in London (7th edition) Volume I page 202 writes as under:

" The inscription on the pedestal of the
" figure of Commerce on the front of the
" building (i.e. the Royal Exchange) 'The
" Earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof'
" was selected by Dean Milman on hearing
" the suggestion of the Prince Consort to
" Mr Westmacott that the space should be
" used for some inscription recognising
" a Superior Power".