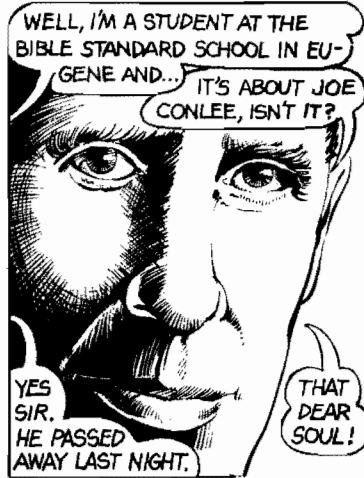


THE LONELY CABIN ON THE 40-MILE



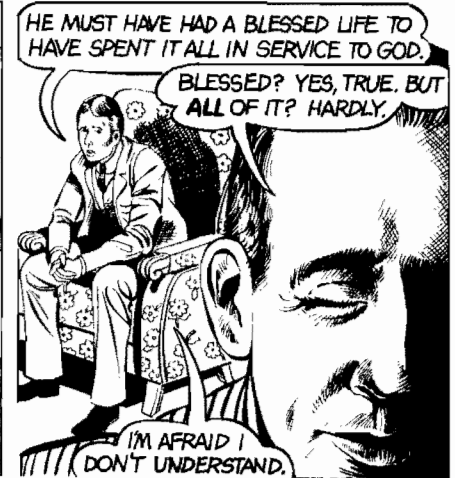
JOE CONLEE WAS
ONE OF THE MOST
LOGICAL MEN YOU'D
EVER MEET...

...UNTIL HIS LOGIC
NEARLY KILLED HIM.
A TRUE STORY AS RELATED
BY DR. CHARLES S. PRICE.



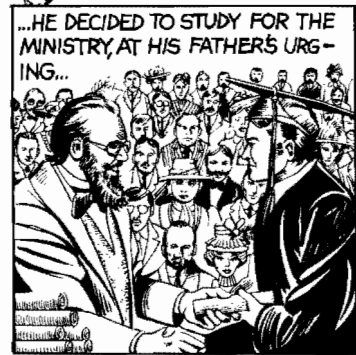
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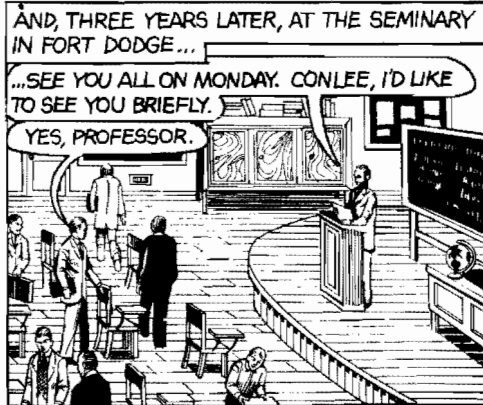




IT ALL BEGAN WHEN JOE WAS ABOUT YOUR AGE. HE INITIALLY WANTED TO BE A CIVIL ENGINEER. BUT AFTER A TIME OF SOUL-SEARCHING...



...HE DECIDED TO STUDY FOR THE MINISTRY, AT HIS FATHER'S URGING...
FOUR YEARS LATER HE RECEIVED HIS B.A. AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.



AND, THREE YEARS LATER, AT THE SEMINARY IN FORT DODGE...

...SEE YOU ALL ON MONDAY. CONLEE, I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU BRIEFLY.

YES, PROFESSOR.



CONLEE, I'LL BE BLUNT. YOU ARE A BRILLIANT FELLOW. ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT WE HAVE STUDYING FOR THE MINISTRY.

VIRGIN BIRTH?

-DARWIN
-GRIFFIN
-HERBERT
-ARAD

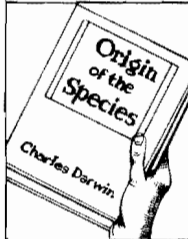
I WANT YOU TO WEIGH EVERYTHING CAREFULLY.

YOU KNOW, THERE IS MUCH SUPERSTITION MIXED UP IN WHAT WE ORIGINALLY BELIEVED.



I WANT YOU TO READ THIS BOOK, ALONG WITH RENAN AND HUXLEY.

“...EVERY ONE OF THEM PHILOSOPHERS.”

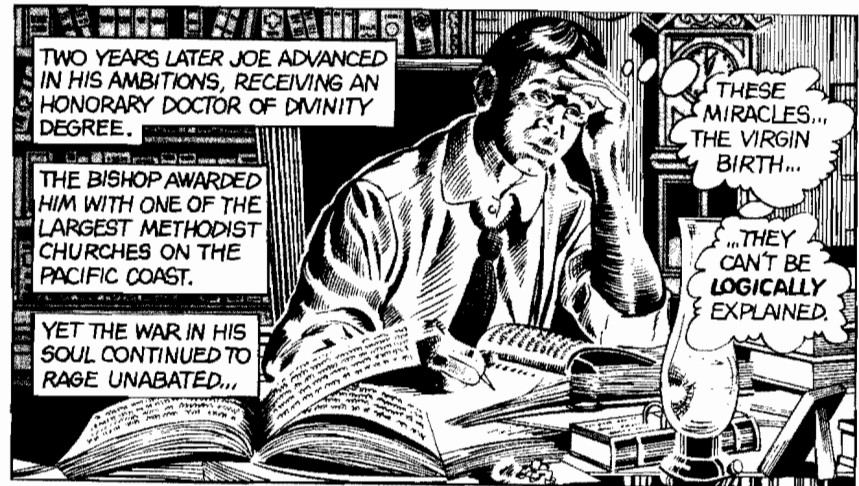


THUS BEGAN JOE'S BATTLE BETWEEN FAITH AND DOUBT, AND DOUBT WAS WINNING.

NONETHELESS, HE ACCEPTED A SMALL PASTORATE UPON GRADUATION, AND MARRIED A PREACHER'S DAUGHTER.



AFTER THREE YEARS HIS FRIEND, THE BISHOP, TRANSFERRED HIM TO CALIFORNIA.



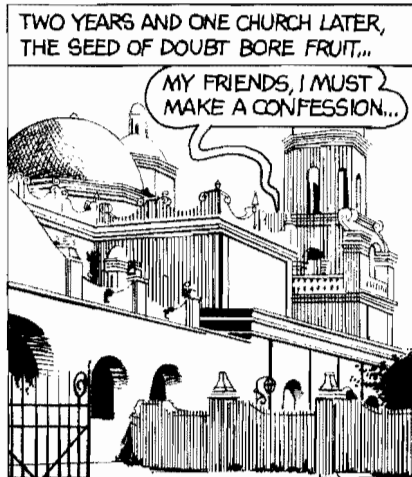
TWO YEARS LATER JOE ADVANCED IN HIS AMBITIONS, RECEIVING AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF DIVINITY DEGREE.

THE BISHOP AWARDED HIM WITH ONE OF THE LARGEST METHODIST CHURCHES ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

YET THE WAR IN HIS SOUL CONTINUED TO RAGE UNABATED...

THESE MIRACLES... THE VIRGIN BIRTH...

...THEY CAN'T BE LOGICALLY EXPLAINED.



TWO YEARS AND ONE CHURCH LATER,
THE SEED OF DOUBT BORE FRUIT...

MY FRIENDS, I MUST
MAKE A CONFESSION...



I CANNOT
BELIEVE IN
THE BIBLE.

THERE HAS
BEEN A
BATTLE IN
MY HEART
FOR YEARS.



TO REGAIN SOME SELF-
RESPECT, THIS IS THE
LAST TIME I WILL
PREACH.



A GIFTED
WRITER, JOE
SOON BECAME
EDITOR OF THE
SANTA ANA
HERALD.

CHANGES BE-
GAN TO CREEP
INTO HIS LIFE
STYLE.



NOTHING TOO DRAMATIC
AT FIRST. A LITTLE SMOK-
ING, SOME DRINKING AND
GAMBLING.



THEN THINGS BEGAN
TO HAPPEN AT A
FASTER PACE.

MOVING TO LOS ANGE-
LES, HIS NEW POSITION
AS EDITOR OF THE EAST
LOS ANGELES EXPO-
NENT SERVED AS
A SPRINGBOARD TO
COVINA AND HIS OWN
PAPER, THE ARGUS
INDEPENDENT.



WITH NEW RESPONSIBILITIES CAME NEW REASONS TO DRINK. HE SOON SOLD HIS PAPER.

A FLURRY OF JOBS FOLLOWED IN RAPID SUCCESSION: THE L.A. TIMES, THE EXAMINER, AND THE EXPRESS.

ALL FELL VICTIM TO HIS DOWNWARD SPIRAL OF DRINK.

THAT SAME SPIRAL LED JOE CONLEE TO A MOST UNLIKELY POSITION... THAT OF A LECTURER.



I, JOE CONLEE, DEFY YOU, GOD!

I DARE YOU TO STRIKE ME DEAD!



YOU SEE MY FRIENDS... NO RESPONSE.

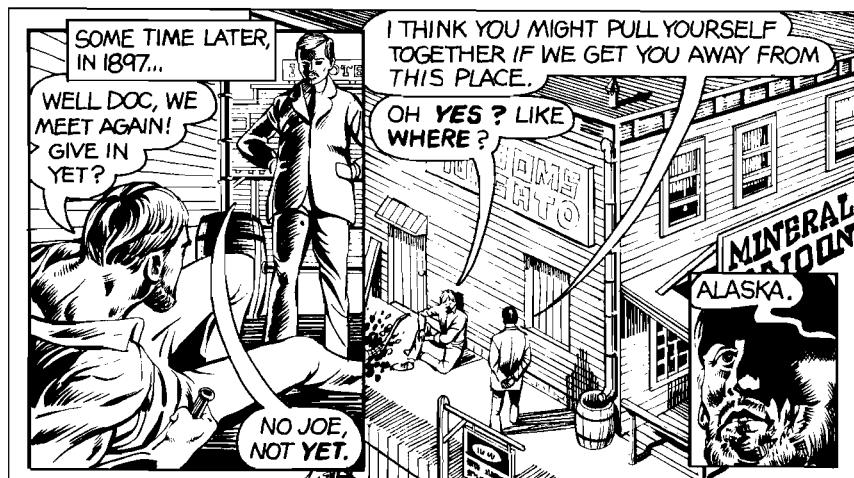
NONE.



FOR TWELVE YEARS, EVERY NIGHT, I'VE SHOWN UP TO CHALLENGE MY OPPONENT, WITH NO RESPONSE.

HAW! AND HE'S NEVER FAILED TO STAGGER HOME DRUNK, EITHER!







FITTED ONCE AGAIN WITH A NEW SUIT, JOE PREPARES TO STRIKE OUT ANEW.

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, DOC.

WELL, I GUESS THIS IS IT.

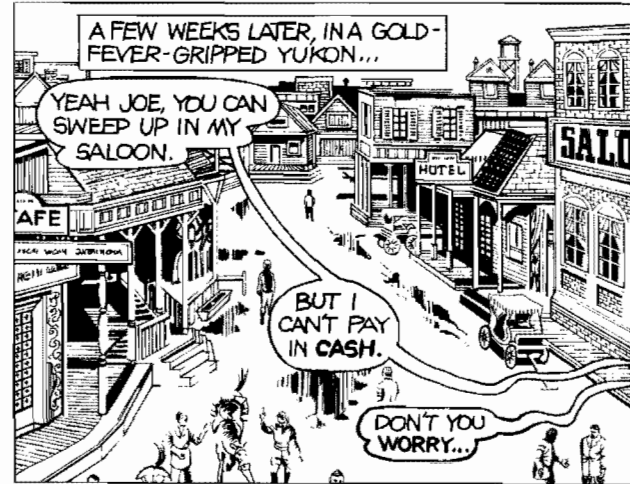
GOD BE WITH YOU, JOE



DADDY, MOMMA PUT A MEDICINE CHEST IN YOUR BAG. AND I PUT MY LITTLE **BOOK** IN IT, TOO.

YOU READ IT!

I WILL FLORENCE... G-GOODBYE!



A FEW WEEKS LATER, IN A GOLD-FEVER-GRIPPED YUKON...

YEAH JOE, YOU CAN SWEEP UP IN MY SALOON.

BUT I CAN'T PAY IN CASH.

DON'T YOU WORRY...



...ALL I CAN DRINK IS PAYMENT ENOUGH.



JIMMIE MILLER WAS ALSO QUITE THIRSTY. SO...



...HE AND JOE QUICKLY BECAME DRINKING BUDDIES.



TWO WEEKS INTO THEIR BINGE, AND THEY ARE JOINED BY A THIRD OUTCAST...



SPIRITUALIST WALLY FLEIT FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

ON INTO THE WINTER THE CAROUSING CONTINUED, INTERRUPTED ONLY BY WALLY'S DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE OCCULT.



THREE TRIPS WERE MADE INTO TOWN, PRIMARILY FOR WHISKEY, AS NOVEMBER PASSED INTO DECEMBER...



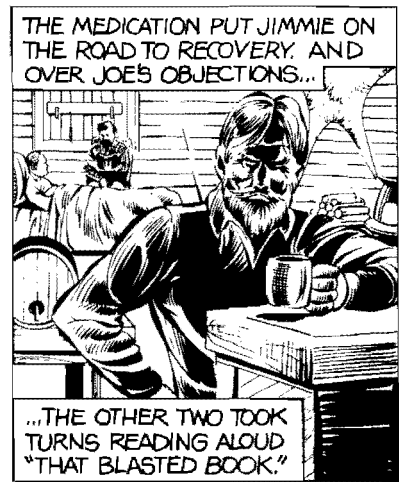
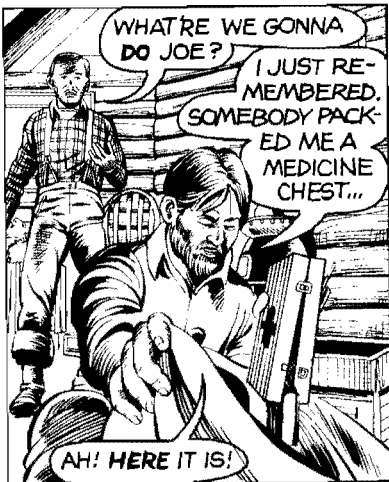
THE RESULTS WERE TO HIT WITH TELLING EFFECT...

JIMMIE, WE CAN'T GO OUT! WE'RE SNOWED IN!



YA JUST CAN'T LET ME DIE!!





BY CHRISTMAS, JOE WAS READING WITH THEM. SLOWLY, BUT SURELY, CHANGES HAD OCCURRED IN THIS INTENSE READING GROUP.



"...AND YOU SHALL FIND HIM IN A MANGER..." SAY JOE! YOU OKAY?

YES, YES! I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT LITTLE FLORRIE.


IT'S CHRISTMAS Y'KNOW!




YEAH, IT'S JUST THAT I'VE NOTICED THAT NONE OF US HAVE DRUNK OR CUSSED FOR AWHILE, AND...

SHUT UP!!

I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT MY GIRL! IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT BOOK!



DECEMBER PASSED AND JANUARY GAVE WAY TO FEBRUARY...



'LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED...

...YE BELIEVE IN GOD, BELIEVE ALSO IN ME. IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE THERE ARE MANY MANSIONS:



IF IT WERE NOT SO I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU.

I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU."

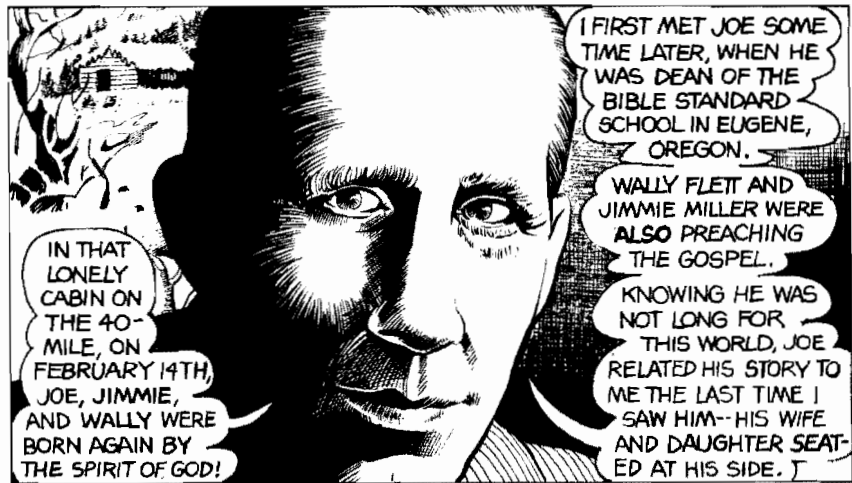


I'M TIRED OF BEING SCARED OF RIDICULE.

THE LAST FIVE DAYS I'VE WANTED... TO PRAY.





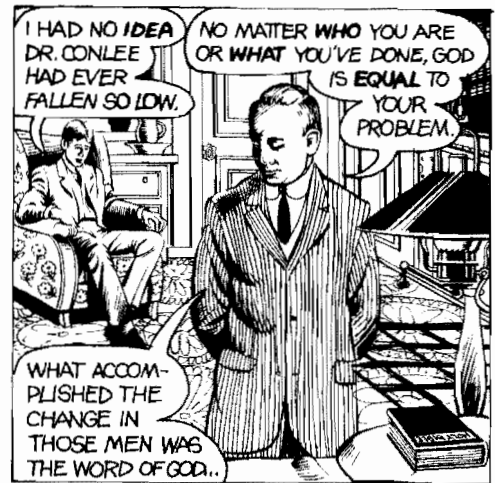


IN THAT LONELY CABIN ON THE 40-MILE, ON FEBRUARY 14TH, JOE, JIMMIE, AND WALLY WERE BORN AGAIN BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD!

I FIRST MET JOE SOME TIME LATER, WHEN HE WAS DEAN OF THE BIBLE STANDARD SCHOOL IN EUGENE, OREGON.

WALLY FLEIT AND JIMMIE MILLER WERE ALSO PREACHING THE GOSPEL.

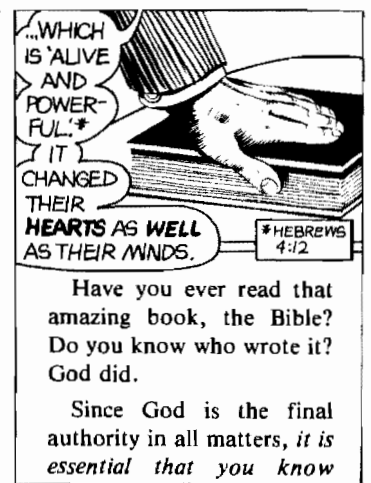
KNOWING HE WAS NOT LONG FOR THIS WORLD, JOE RELATED HIS STORY TO ME THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM-- HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER SEATED AT HIS SIDE. J



I HAD NO IDEA DR. CONLEE HAD EVER FALLEN SO LOW.

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHAT YOU'VE DONE, GOD IS EQUAL TO YOUR PROBLEM.

WHAT ACCOMPLISHED THE CHANGE IN THOSE MEN WAS THE WORD OF GOD...



..WHICH IS 'ALIVE AND POWERFUL.'* IT CHANGED THEIR HEARTS AS WELL AS THEIR MINDS.

* HEBREWS 4:12

Have you ever read that amazing book, the Bible? Do you know who wrote it? God did.
Since God is the final authority in all matters, it is essential that you know

what He has to say to you. So, do yourself a favor, your life depends on it! Go to a bookstore and buy a Bible with good print. Find out what God, your Creator, has to say to you. I suggest that you start reading with the book by Luke in the New Testament.

* * *

The Bible tells us that since we are all sinners, it's hell for us, for sure—a place of endless torture and pain—unless we receive God's forgiveness and everlasting life.

You see, God has provided a Way by which He can offer you a pardon. That Way is through Jesus Christ. Jesus died

on the cross as a sin offering to God for your sins and mine. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

You can be born again and receive God's forgiveness and eternal life by these few truths from God's Word, if you are willing to see the truth that you are a lost sinner, facing God's judgment—but that Christ died to save you.

Will you believe God and surrender your life to Him and make the following YOUR prayer?

"Dear God! Have mercy on me, a sinner. I realize I am hopelessly lost in my present condition. I believe that Jesus Christ is your Son, whom you sent to be my Savior. I here and now accept Him as my Savior and surrender to Him as my Lord.

"Forgive my sins, and lead me by your Holy Spirit that I may know and do your will."

Signed _____

Date _____ 19 _____

The peace of God will fill your life if you make this prayer your very own prayer to God, and mean it from the very bottom of your heart. "If we confess our sins (to Him) He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

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