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man belongs wholly to himself or has the absolute right to do as he pleases either with himself or his property unless he pleases to do right. Wasson says the easiest way to make any town county or state dull is to shut up the saloons and go back to prohibition. He says prohibition or dry towns are dull towns for anybody to go to. He asks if one would go to a dry town to have a good time, and answers by saying "Not much." I notice that liquor advocates often contradict themselves, what they say one time contradicts what they say some other time. When Wasson is talking at a liquor convention he says a prohibition town is dull because it is dry. I noticed last year where he claimed there was more liquor sold in prohibition towns than there was in towns where they had licensed saloons—or in other words claimed that at that time the prohibition towns, counties or States were wetter than when they were licensed towns, counties or states. Wasson is like all other saloon advocates, what he says one time often contradicts what he says some other time. He makes a great ado about the government of this country getting 230,000,000 dollars in taxes out of the liquor manufacturers. That much is correct but what does it amount to when you compare it to ten times that amount that is spent for liquor in this country every year. Please tell me how any man can make money by pouring down his neck $10 worth of liquor for the sake of the government getting one dollar in revenue.

All the revenue comes out of the liquor drinkers and thousands and millions of poor women and children have to do without food and clothes on account of liquor bills. What does the revenue amount to when you compare it to 100,000 boys and young men that are runied in this country every year on account of strong drink? What does it amount to when you compare it to 100,000 persons that go down to ever lasting ruin every year on account of strong drink? What does it amount to when you compare it to millions of heart broken women and children on account of fathers and husbands being led astray by strong drink? What does it amount to when you compare it to millions of heart broken fathers and mothers on account of boys and young man being ruined on account of strong drink? I ask Wasson what right has any State legislature to bargain away the public health and the public morals—vice should never be taxed—government should not for revenue mortgage the morals and health of the people—what right has the goverment of the United States or the government of any state to lay a tax upon a breach of the ten commandments. The Good Book says: "Thou shalt not kill." I ask Wasson how can any man engage in a business that causes more murders than all other causes put together, without breaking God's commandments. Christ said: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." I ask Wasson how can a liquor seller love his neighbor as himself when he is engaged in a business that ruins his neighbor's boys and sends his neighbor down to everlasting ruin.

Wasson is like a great many other liquor advocates that try to twist the scriptures to prove that the Bible sanctions and advocates the sale and use of strong drink as a beverage.

Some time ago I received a letter from Mr. Morris Feuerlicht, a Jewish Rabbi. He quotted two passages of scripture to prove that the scriptures sanction and advocate the sale and use af intoxicating drink as a beverage. I was surprised at the passages he referred to as neither one of them had any reference to intoxicating drink. Mr. Feurlicht said that the very Sabbath and holiest festivals of Judaism are consecrated with the use of wine and to this very day the pious Jew lifts his cup with the benediction: Praise be Thou, O Lord, our God, who creates the fruit of the vine. Mr. Feurlicht's argument is like Wassons and all other liquor men's argument. It won't bear inspection. Please notice how it reads: "Praise be Thou, O Lord, our God, who creates the fruit of the vine." What does the word 'create' mean? It means to bring into being out of nothing. God created the vine. The fruit of the vine and the sweet unfermented juice that is in the vine comes out of the fruit on the vine. There is no alcohol in the fruit of the vine. God never created and alochol. I want you to bear in mind what the word 'create' means or what is the meaning of the word create—it means to bring into being out of nothing—or to make something out of nothing—God created the heaven and the earth and everything that was created. But he never made or created any alcohol or intoxicating drink—all intoxicating drinks are made of something and I want you to bear in mind that intoxicating drink is never made out of pure, first-class goods—it is always made out of something that is in a spoiled state, something

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hat is worked or fermented—anything that has any sugar in it, if you let it work, stand or ferment, will make alcohol if you put it in a still and distill it. If Messrs. Wasson and Feuerlicht or any other liquor advocate never drinks anything stronger than the fruit of the vine, they will never get drunk. The fruit of the vine is the kind of wine that Christ used when he instituted the Lord's Supper—God created the fruit of the vine. But that is no reason why men should let it spoil, work or ferment and use it for a beverage after it has fermented. God created corn and other grain—but that is no reason why man should let grain ferment and make it into intoxicating drink and use it as a beverage. Some people say that whiskey and other alcoholic drink is good medicine. If it is a good medicine that is a good reason why it should not be used as a beverage. Common sense teaches me that medicine should never be used as a beverage.

God created Irish potatoes and sweet potatoes, but that is no reason why men should let Irish or sweet potatoes spoil, rot or ferment and make people drunk with the same. God created the crude lead ore that men dig out of the earth. But that is no reason why men should make the lead into bullets to kill people with.

God created the crude iron ore but that is no reason why men should make the iron into pistols or revolvers to shoot people. The other passage of scripture that Mr. Feuerlicht quoted me don't mean any kind of wine as what we call wine (see Isaiah 65-8), "Thus saith the Lord: as the new wine is found in the cluster and one saith destroy it not." I explained that in my last letter. The new wine in the cluster is not wine of any kind. It means wine in the fruit in clusters hanging on the vines. I think it ought to be as plain as daylight to any fairminded person that the two passages that the Jewish Rabbi quoted me did not have any reference to fermented wine or strong drink of any kind. Mr. Wasson and Mr. Feuerlicht both are well educated men and botn know, or ought to know, that there is no alcohol in the fruit of the vine, and I don't see how they can help knowing that the wine in the cluster means wine growing in the grapes in clusters on the vine. If the liquor advocates never drink any kind of wine onlr what they find in the cluster they will not drink wine of any kind. They have to gather the grapes and press the juice out before they will have what we call wine then it will only be a sweet wine until it is fermented. Whenever the liquor advocates quote scripture about wine they take care never to quote scripture where it means fermented wine—if you believe that the Bible sanctions and advocates the sale and use of fermented wine and strong drink as a beverage, please answer the following questions:

Why does the Good Book says that strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it?

Why does the Bible say that he that loveth wine shall not be rich?

Why does it say wine and new wine take away the heart?

Why does it say that a bishop must be blameless not given to wine?

Why does it say be not among wine bibbers? Why does it say look not thou upon the wine when it is red? Why does it say wine is a mocker strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise?

Why did our Lord prohibit or forbid Aaron, his sons and the priests to use strong drink when they were ministering before men. I want Mr. Wasson, Mr. Feuerlicht, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Rose, Mr. Meller, Mr. Colquitt, Mr. Plaisted, or some other liquor advocate to answer the last eight questions or never thereafter claim that the Bible sanctions and advocates the sale of intoxicating drink and the use of intoxicating drink as a beverage.

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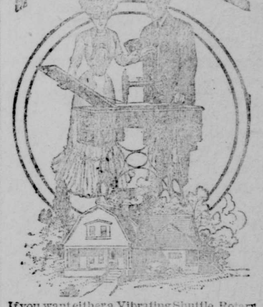

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