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More About Our Cover:

This issue completes one year of publication for TOMORROW'S WORLD. For those who received last September's issue the cover picture will be familiar, but since that time 185,000 new subscribers have been added. This historic photograph, taken by American astronauts from deep space, seems symbolic to the staff of this magazine. The whole world is seen at a glimpse! A beautiful blue jewel of life set in the blackness of empty space. The immense earth, as it seems to those of us walking on its surface, shrunk to such a pitiful smallness by the Godlike view from outer space!

The Good Earth, so inviting to the astronaut, especially if he is in distress as happened so recently. Yet, woefully, that womb of life when viewed closely makes the heart sick with what mankind has done to make it sterile. On the one hand so beautiful, with the potential for abundance, joy, peace, the good life — on the other hand, so small, confined, limited to a life-support system just like a spacecraft, and in much more jeopardy of perishing with its passengers than Apollo 13!!!

Thanks to the God who created this magnificent machine called Earth, the dark predictions of scientists, educators, politicians who foresee a lifeless cinder before the turn of the century will not come to pass. That Great Creator God plans a return to this small ball to teach men how to reap the benefits He planted when He created the Good Earth — and the abundant, affluent, peaceful life of TOMORROW'S WORLD will be here before the turn of the century. Next time you see a picture like our cover, think about God's Good News and be thankful man's prophecies of doom will not be allowed to come to pass!

By the way, we've added 16 new pages and a number of new features to this anniversary issue — and plan to keep them in succeeding issues — to help you know more about, and to prepare for TOMORROW'S WORLD, TODAY!

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Personal from the Editor

OF COURSE you've heard the story about the three men in hell. The Catholic asked the Jew, "Why are you here?"

"Because I ate some pork," he replied; "but why are *you* here?"

"I ate roast beef on Friday." Then they turned to the Christian Scientist. "And why are *you* here?" they asked.

"Me? Oh, I'm not here," came the answer.

Some may believe that matter is illusory or nonexistent. But it's no illusion — you and I *are here* in this world of the living.

But WHY?

Do you know you were put here *for a* PURPOSE? Do you know what that purpose is? Are you sure?

Over two decades ago Queen Elizabeth gave birth to her first son. Everyone in Britain knew — and much of the world knew — that her son was born for a purpose. They knew he was born to become a king. From birth he has been receiving training to prepare him to be a king.

But if I should tell you that *YOU* were born *to be a King* — and a *ruling* King at that — you'd probably expect me to tell you also that I, myself, am Napoleon. But I am not Napoleon. And I *do* tell you on authority of the living Jesus Christ, that *you* definitely *were* born for that very purpose! Ever sing that old hymn *"I'm the Child of a King"?* Did it ever occur to you that the child of a King is *heir* to the King's throne? Read Romans 8:16-17.

WHY has the real purpose of life been hid from the world? WHY must the world remain oblivious to the real *meaning* of life?

Search, in this world, for the answers! The world does not have the answers! WHY?

Go on a quest for the truth. Ask the question: Is there any PURPOSE? Is there any *meaning* to life? Do we know why we are here — where we are going — what is THE WAY — what lies ahead?

Let's ask Science. Let's ask Education. Let's ask Government, Religion, Technology, Industry. Do any of them have the answers?

Dr. Fred Hoyle gives his answer in his book, *The Nature of the Universe.* He speaks of this wholly fantastic universe in all its incredible order and precision, yet leaving mankind with scarcely a clue as to whether there is any real significance to human existence. He wonders *why* the universe is as we find it, and not something else. Or, he wonders, *why* is it here at all? At present, he says, we are without a clue to the answers.

This scientist stands in awe of the fact that man possesses intelligence so powerful that he can penetrate deeply into the wonderful universe, yet he is left without the smallest clue to his own fate!

Did you ever hear of the grandmother who searched over the whole house for her mislaid eyeglasses, when all the while they had merely been shoved up on her own forehead? Scientists look way off in the remote regions of endless space to find the reason for their own existence, when all the while the answers are on their own bookshelves — probably covered with dust — in the one Book they never read unless in skepticism and doubt.

Let's ask the Nobel prize-winner Dr. Harold Urey. He replies: "Science gives us no purpose in living beyond having a pleasant existence in one way or another."

What, then, do scientists live for? Well, they are fascinated and inspired, he says, by the intriguing and magnificent things which they study. Yes, one can occupy his mind, for a while, with a hobby, a study, or almost any interest. But it's a *passing* interest. It doesn't answer our questions.

But if scientists may enjoy being wrapped up, for the nonce, in the fascinating things they study, what does science give the ordinary man? "But Science," answers Dr. Urey, "does not give the ordinary man, whose daily life is often drab . . . any motive that gives him a feeling of dignity. . . . One of the

great needs of this age is a great interpretation which can accept the facts of Science and at the same time give inspiration to fill this great void."

But I wonder what he really means by the *facts* of science? Science too often expresses its "facts" in terms of: "We cannot know, but we are coming to suppose thus and so. . . ." Or, "Many are of the opinion that. . . ." Or, "It is coming to be believed. . . ." Or, "We may well assume. . . ." Or, "Assuming such and such hypothesis to be true, it naturally follows that such and such is a fact." Then all these speculations, hypotheses, guesses, and imaginary fables are *assumed* to be "facts." All too often, that is so.

Of course, there *are* many established FACTS of science — facts that have been *proved* facts. And if scientists only knew, the *true* "interpretation," which can come only from God, *does* completely square with the true and proven *facts* of science. And it does, at the same time, fill that void and inspire to joy unspeakable!

So Science does not have the answers. Science turns out to be a false messiah, after all.

Let's ask Education. Thoughtful men have said that KNOWLEDGE is the one solution to all our ills. "Give us sufficient KNOWLEDGE," they say, "and all problems will be solved."

Look first at the colleges and universities where this education is being disseminated. Student enrollments are on a rapid increase — at an all-time high. But also there is a rapid rise in discontent, disillusionment, a sense of hopelessness and a "what's-the-use" attitude. And there is an accompanying rise in illicit sex, in premarital pregnancies, in mental illnesses, in drunkenness and in suicides. *Among students!* Plainly, the instruction they are receiving is not giving them the answers they need.

Then look at the product of this world's education. The world leaders — the politicians, the scientists, the industrialists, the professional people — they are the product. They have the KNOWLEDGE.

Is, then, KNOWLEDGE the solution? Will KNOWLEDGE solve all the problems, end the world's ills? The KNOWLEDGE acquired by these people has not brought world peace. It has not ended hunger and want. It has not brought health, happiness and joy.

Take a few specific examples at random. The technicians invent toothbrushes, the chemists produce toothpaste formulas, industry "educates" the public to "brush after every meal." Each toothpaste brand contains that one special ingredient, contained in no other, that will result in "fewer cavities," and end tooth decay. So the world responds. Frantically the people brush, while the manufacturers pile up huge profits. Result? Tooth decay increases.

I do not say all this brushing *causes* the decay. The point is, they either do not know, or in the interest of volume sales and mounting profits do not tell you, that the cause is faulty diet. But, then, if they crusaded against starch, sugar, and fats, *that* would threaten the profits of the flour millers, the sugar refiners, the breakfast-cereal companies, and a host of other commercial enterprises.

The more doctors we have, the more sickness and disease there is to be treated. The more psychiatrists, the more mental cases. WHY? Do the doctors *cause* the sickness, the psychiatrists the mind-slippage? No, of course not. *But,* neither do they deal with and *prevent* the causes. They treat the effect, while they let *other* commercial outlets increase the CAUSES.

So, Science cannot give the answer.

Education has gone materialistic and does not have the answers.

The world has tried about every form of government the human mind can devise — but none has brought world peace, universal prosperity and economic security, or given us the real MEANING of life.

Technology, Industry, the world of Business have never provided the answers.

And Religion? None of this world's religions know WHY mankind is here, *what* is his potential destiny, how to achieve it or to be happy along the way.

Do you know WHY none of the world's religions has the answers? It is because NOT ONE of them has for the SOURCE of its religion THE TRUE AND PURE WORD OF GOD! People *suppose* their religion came out of the Bible. I supposed that what I was taught as a boy in Sunday school came out of the Bible. Then, over 43 years ago, when I was angered and challenged into my first real STUDY of the Bible, I was shocked with amazement to see that I had been taught the diametric OPPOSITE of the teachings of the Scriptures!

The Bible teaches that man's potential is to BECOME A KING — an actual ruling KING — It teaches that he is going to rule people *right here on this earth.*

Notice the very words of the resurrected,

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Christians Have Lost Their POWER!

Probably YOU, too, are spiritually powerless! Here is the shocking TRUTH! Read WHY your prayers are not directly — miraculously — answered!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THE CHANCES are that even *you,* if you believe you are a Christian, are today on *mighty dangerous ground!*

You'd better STOP — and *check up!*

Open your Bible! Take a look at the *real Christians* back in the days of Peter, John, and Paul — AND COMPARE! Take a look at the POWER in the original true Church — in the lives of *those* Christians. See how *your* life stacks up!

. . . But Are You SURE?

You *think* you are under God's GRACE? Safe and secure for all eternity?

Well, *listen!* "Let him that *thinketh* he standeth *take heed,* lest he FALL!" So warns God's Word (I Cor. 10:12). It's time to realize you are going to be finally *judged* by the very WORD OF GOD. You need to see to *what standard* you must measure up.

Jesus told His disciples, just before He ascended to heaven, that they should receive POWER when they were converted. "Ye shall receive POWER, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you," He said (Acts 1:8).

Do *you* have that same POWER today? Did you ever study closely to see *what that power IS?* Have you ever been concerned about *HOW you may receive it?*

Have you ever checked to see *WHETHER you need it?* It's time you did, for without it YOU ARE NOT TRULY CHRIST'S!

What We DO See

Of course many of you professing Christians see that you must accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, to be saved.

You may even see that you must *repent* of transgressing God's Law — His spiritual Law, as summarized in the Ten Commandments — because sin *is* the transgression of the Law.

Perhaps you've gone far enough to realize WHY you were born — you've learned God's great PURPOSE being worked out here below.

You may *see* that today ALL NATIONS are spiritually *drunk* on the false pagan doctrines of the modern spiritual "Babylon" — that all nations are *deceived* — that the TRUTH has been turned upside down.

You may *see* that even the churches are deceived, and have turned away from the truth and embraced fables.

You may *realize* that *grace* has been turned into *license!*

You may even have progressed so far as to comprehend that God is *molding* our lives until we shall be literally BORN of Him — His character created within us — this *mortal* becoming *immortal* — this human becoming *divine* in the very Kingdom of God.

But haven't you overlooked, or *failed to "see,"* the POWER of the Holy Spirit of God within you?

You may have come to see how evil and paganized this world has become, and to be *disgusted* with its ways.

You may *recognize* that you must forsake YOUR *WAY,* and turn to and *live* GOD'S *WAY!* Yes, you may fully understand that Isaiah said: "Seek ye the ETERNAL while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked *forsake HIS WAY,* and the unrighteous man HIS THOUGHTS" (Isa. 55:6-7).

But have you *overlooked,* or neglected, verse 1: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the WATERS. . . ." Thirsty for *what?* WHAT "waters"? Why, the very "waters" Jesus spoke of:

"If any man thirst," He said, "let him come unto me and *drink.* He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, *out of his belly [innermost being] shall flow RIVERS of living water.* (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should *receive:* for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because that Jesus was not yet glorified)" (John 7:37-39).

Have you ever fully realized that the Holy Spirit is something that was not born in you? We hear a lot today about tapping your own inner hidden resources — the dormant powers *within* your mind. Modern religions are springing up calling that sleeping, dormant, latent *part* of your mind "GOD"! But the Holy Spirit is something you have *not had* — something you must RECEIVE from GOD! Something infinitely greater and more POWERFUL than any powers *within* you — something from the great God who *created* YOU — who created the entire vast universe and all that exists!

It is the essence — the very *life* — the NATURE of God. But it also is something from God, which He *gives* you *from* Himself, which is actually a *part* of Himself — and which IMPARTS *POWER!*

Do you know *what* that power *is?* Has *that* POWER come into you, so that you can *wield* it?

You, as a professing Christian, may have come to realize, to see, to comprehend, many of these things — to have accepted them — but is this POWER actually being manifested in

your life? Are you *sure* you know WHAT that power *is?*

What IS This Strange POWER?

First, let me tell you what this power is NOT.

It is *not* an emotion physically worked up through the senses. It is *not* something that *you* can generate, or work up, yourself.

It is *not* a "loosened tongue" which suddenly becomes glib and loud and forward in "spiritual"-sounding phrases. It is *not* a *bragging* tongue.

It is *not* falling over backward "*under* the power." It is *not* being *robbed* of all power, as some people who have accepted the counterfeit *emotional* religion are, while "*under* the power."

It is *not* something that makes people shout, shriek, jerk, laugh insanely and uncontrollably, or go through ridiculous and childish antics in a meeting where the preacher *generates* a fake, false "power" and a counterfeit spirit by constantly calling for loud emotional responses of "Hallelujah!" "Praise the Lord!" "Amen!" etc., in response to his oft-repeated: "All who believe it say 'AMEN!'" etc., etc.

To know what it truly IS, look into your Bible!

Jesus is our example, and we find this POWER first of all in His life. It was nothing physically inherent within Him. He said: "I can of *mine own self* do NOTHING" (John 5:30). But, He said, "the Father that *dwelleth in me,* he doeth the works" (John 14:10).

The Father dwelt IN Jesus by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit imparted POWER. What WAS that power?

The inspired Peter, bringing salvation to the first Gentiles, explained: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with POWER; who went about *doing good, and healing* all that were oppressed of the devil; for *God was with him*" (Acts 10:38).

Notice, that POWER *in* Jesus did none of those things that are done today by the very ones who most loudly profess to have the power of the Holy Spirit. He used that power, going about quietly, unobtrusively, not shouting, bragging, falling helpless "under the power," or any of those "wild-fire" things — but DOING! Yes, His was a life of DOING — but doing *what?* Doing *GOOD!* Serving, helping, OTHER PEOPLE! There was *divine* power — with it He performed MIRACLES — He HEALED all that were sick — He cast out demons, and had discernment to *know* when a person was demon-possessed.

His was the POWER of the Creator GOD! The *very same* POWER that produced all creation — when "He spake"! GOD is a *miracle-working God!* With that POWER, which came from the Father, and was *in* Jesus, He stilled the storm, He turned water into wine, He fed five thousand with only five loaves and two fishes!

The POWER of the TRUE Church!

Now notice that POWER in the original Church, before the apostasy set in, and the degeneracy of our day.

Soon after being filled with that power from God, Peter and John went up together into the temple at Jerusalem, at the 3:00 p.m. hour of prayer. They entered through the gate called "Beautiful." At the gate a beggar, crippled from birth, asked for money.

"Look on us," said Peter. "Silver and gold have I none; but *such as I have* give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk!"

Grasping the beggar's right hand in perfect faith, Peter lifted him sharply to his feet. The beggar was healed instantly. He *leaped* up, and then walked with Peter and John into the temple, leaping as he went, shouting out praises to God (Acts 3:1-8).

Jesus, powerless of His own *human self,* was filled with the divine POWER of the Creator. The very supernatural power of God did the WORK OF GOD through His human BODY. Jesus said, "the works that I do in the Father's name, they bear witness of me" (John 10:25). And again, "If I do *not* the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do . . . believe the works: *that ye may know,* and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him" (John 10:37-38).

Today that *same Spirit* — that SAME SUPERNATURAL *POWER* — utilizes the *collective body* of the true Church of God as God's human instrumentality, through which God accomplishes His WORK here on earth. In that way the true CHURCH is also the BODY OF CHRIST (I Cor. 12:27).

And Jesus said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do *shall he do also;* and greater works than these shall he do" (John 14:12).

That same POWER of God was in Peter and John. It did the WORK OF GOD in proclaiming Christ's Gospel.

God's POWER in Action!

The miraculous healing of the beggar aroused the antagonism of the priests and Sadducees until they seized Peter and John and threw them in prison for the night. The next day, these religious leaders threatened them, commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

Then these *true* Christians went immediately to their own group of believers. And here is a point I want you to get. They were human. They had none of this power inherent within themselves. They, themselves, were not the *source* of this dynamic power. It had come from God.

And the important point is this: WE DO NOT RECEIVE ENOUGH OF THIS DIVINE POWER ALL AT ONCE TO LAST FOREVER.

Remember, Jesus said this power of God SHALL FLOW OUT from our innermost being! (John 7:38.) This POWER of God is active — dynamic! It is not static. You cannot get a supply of God's Spirit, and then bottle it up within you. This power comes into you from God *daily!* It *circulates* — from God, into YOU — and then on out *from* you in love, in faith, in joy, in patience — even in performing miracles.

You might have been imbued with this power yesterday and depleted of it today!

A RE-filling of Power

The threatenings of these chief priests and elders, after a night in prison, apparently left Peter and John a little depleted of faith and the confident POWER of God. Yes, they were human!

They went to their brethren in Christ. When they reported what had happened, all their brethren were shaken. They,

too, being human, must have felt a sudden sense of spiritual inadequacy — a lack of power! But they sensed and knew their NEED. They knew the SOURCE of constant *refilling* of this POWER OF GOD within them! They didn't delay! They went immediately to the SOURCE of their divine power!

"And when they had heard that, *they lifted up their voice to* GOD *with one accord,* and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is . . . and now, Lord, behold their threatenings: *and grant unto thy servants,* that with all boldness they may speak thy Word, *by stretching forth thine hand to heal;* and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus" (Acts 4:24, 29-30).

Yes, suddenly this company realized their own human inadequacy — realized their need of renewed POWER FROM GOD. They didn't run from their difficulty! They didn't cower and tremble in fear. They didn't give up in their Great Commission. They went directly to the SOURCE of their power. They yielded themselves into God's hands, as His servants, anew. They urgently, intensively, cried to God to FILL THEM with His power — to give them boldness, faith, power of speech. They asked God fervently and believingly to heal and perform miracles.

Was there any God listening? Was there any response? Listen!

"And when they had prayed, the *PLACE* WAS SHAKEN where they were assembled together; and they were all FILLED with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness! . . . And with GREAT POWER gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 4:31, 33).

We Need It Today

Do *you,* today, have the SAME POWER the original Christians had? They were just as human as YOU! The *real* question, then, is this: Do *you* yield yourself as fully — surrender your will as unconditionally to God — pray as often, as earnestly and intensively, as they? If you *do* you will be filled with as much of the divine POWER as they — for God is no respecter of persons!

This same POWER OF GOD operated, actively, in those early original Christians continually. They actually *did* do greater works than Jesus — until even the shadow of Peter passing over the sick healed them! *THEY DID THE VERY WORK OF GOD!*

The Work of God, which God *started* in the individual body of Jesus, was carried on through the *collective* body of disciples, now becoming the BODY OF CHRIST — the true CHURCH of God!

The same POWER of God's Spirit that worked in the human body of Jesus worked in the *collective* body of God's Church in the days of the original apostles. That same power works in the collective BODY OF CHRIST — His Church — today!

The Great Commission is this: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel!" Not some *other* Gospel, as Paul prophesied would be preached (II Cor. 11). That true first century Church, empowered by GOD, carried on this true WORK OF GOD!

Then the great apostasy set in. The apostate *false church* (Rev. 17:1-5) rose up in 33 A. D., two years after Christ started His *true* Church. It *professed* to be Christian, taking on Christ's name.

This professing Christian church turned away its ears from the TRUTH, and turned to FABLES (II Tim. 4:4). Pagans flocked in, embracing what they called "Christianity" wholesale — bringing in with them their pagan beliefs and practices! The ancient Babylonian "mysteries" came to be labeled, falsely, "Christianity"! The WHOLE WORLD, TODAY, IS DECEIVED! (Rev. 17:1, 2, 5; 12:9.)

But there continued, also, God's *true* Church, pictured in Revelation 12 — persecuted by Satan and his great false church of Revelation 17. No longer was this persecuted Church able to proclaim the true Gospel to all nations — to the whole world —in great power.

But Jesus had said, prophetically, that just before the END of this world — *right NOW* — "This gospel of the KINGDOM shall be preached *in all the world* for a witness unto ALL NATIONS; and *then* shall the end come!" (Matt. 24:14.)

Today *that* prophecy is being fulfilled, right before your eyes this very second! Today the dynamic broadcast, *The* WORLD TOMORROW, is going out in the POWER OF GOD, reaching *the millions around the world!*

Today God is opening *gigantic DOORS* — the doors of radio, television, and the printing press. Doors of MASS COMMUNICATIONS. The original, true Gospel of Jesus Christ — the *same* Gospel HE brought from GOD and taught — is broadcast into EVERY CONTINENT around the world! It is hitting this world with terrific IMPACT — with tremendous POWER!

This very WORK OF GOD for our day is foretold in the prophecy of Revelation 3:7-13. But there it is revealed that we, today, are a people of but *little* strength — *little power!* (verse 8) — within ourselves — though we have faithfully KEPT GOD'S WORD! The impact of this WORK OF GOD today is going out only through the *power of God!* Are you having *your part* in this very WORK OF GOD?

But — *let's face it!* — WE DO NOT HAVE WITHIN OURSELVES, AS GOD'S INSTRUMENTS FOR HIS WORK TODAY, ANYWHERE NEAR THE POWER OF GOD THAT ACTIVATED THAT ORIGINAL FIRST-CENTURY CHURCH!

For that very reason, the living Christ says (Revelation 3:8), He has opened to us the gigantic door of MASS COMMUNICATION! The magnified power of the microphone and the printing press. Yet that is only physical mechanical power! The REAL POWER that makes God's Work *vital* and *alive* is the Holy Spirit of God!

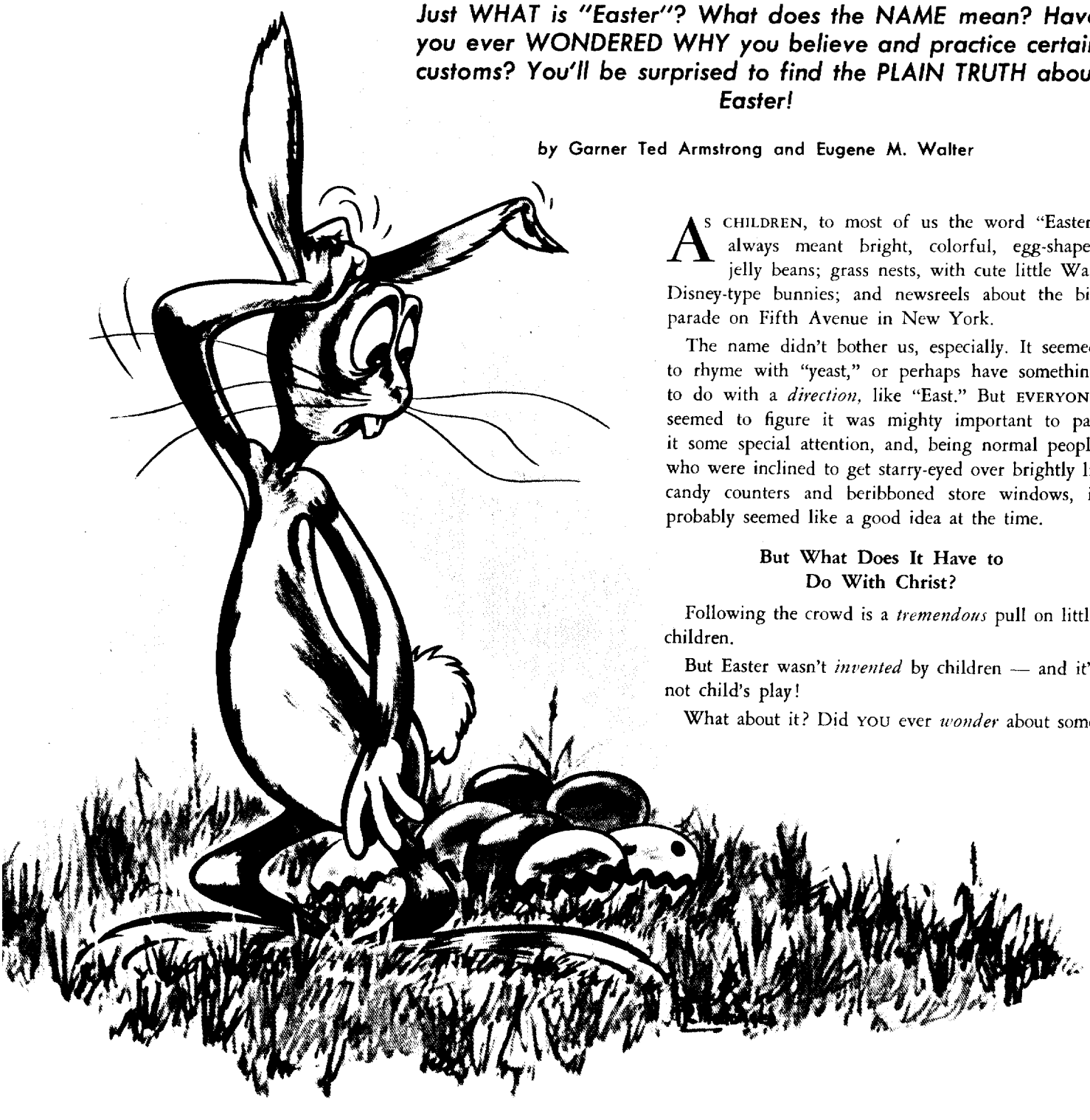
We need to present our *bodies* a living sacrifice to GOD! (Rom. 12:1.) We need to receive a greater TRANSFORMING — and to be LESS CONFORMED to this present evil world! We need to REPENT! We need to more earnestly SEEK GOD! We need to put on the WHOLE ARMOR OF *GOD,* as we are admonished in Ephesians 6:10-18! Perhaps some of us need to FAST and PRAY — as Jesus did!

Have YOU enough of the POWER OF GOD flowing dynamically into, and out from you! *YOU* need to seek a much closer contact with your GOD! □

LENT, ASHES, EASTER, RABBITS and EGGS — What's it all about?

Just WHAT is "Easter"? What does the NAME mean? Have you ever WONDERED WHY you believe and practice certain customs? You'll be surprised to find the PLAIN TRUTH about Easter!

by Garner Ted Armstrong and Eugene M. Walter



AS CHILDREN, to most of us the word "Easter" always meant bright, colorful, egg-shaped jelly beans; grass nests, with cute little Walt Disney-type bunnies; and newsreels about the big parade on Fifth Avenue in New York.

The name didn't bother us, especially. It seemed to rhyme with "yeast," or perhaps have something to do with a *direction,* like "East." But EVERYONE seemed to figure it was mighty important to pay it some special attention, and, being normal people who were inclined to get starry-eyed over brightly lit candy counters and beribboned store windows, it probably seemed like a good idea at the time.

But What Does It Have to Do With Christ?

Following the crowd is a *tremendous* pull on little children.

But Easter wasn't *invented* by children — and it's not child's play!

What about it? Did YOU ever *wonder* about some

of the strange customs being observed by "Christian" societies today?

Just what do eggs have to do with Christ, and His resurrection? What DO *rabbits and eggs* have in common? Rabbits most assuredly *do not* lay eggs — even though millions of little children are taught to assume they *do!*

And why *"hot cross buns"? Why not cold triangle ones,* or just plain bread? And what was there about Wednesday that led to putting *ashes* on one's forehead, and what *is* really *"good"* about FRIDAY? And IF Friday was the day Christ was crucified, then WHY did He keep INSISTING (Matt. 12:40) He was going to be THREE complete days, and THREE complete nights in the tomb?

He *couldn't* have been — IF He was resurrected on Sunday morning, could He?

Pagan Festivities

You would be literally SHOCKED if you read the true HISTORY of the "hot cross bun," the Easter bunny, the eggs, the practice of bowing toward the East as the sun rises! You would be still MORE shocked if you knew of the purely PAGAN festivities, the heathen orgies, the licentious rioting associated with "Lent" in many countries RIGHT NOW, TODAY!

In Germany several years ago, the usual riotous "Mardi Gras" was taking place in Cologne. People were acting as if insane — drunken revelry was taking place — hideous masks, weird costumes, idiotic dancing and noise-making were everywhere.

We asked passersby what it all meant! One man said, vaguely, "Oh, it's for the CHILDREN!" Another said it *had* no "special" meaning. Only one man out of several seemed to know it was the pre-Lenten RIOTING that accompanied the days of "fasting" prior to EASTER!

After all — who needs an excuse, people reason, to attend a party?

It's Easter — But Why?

On one Sunday morning each spring, a strange and bewildering phenomenon takes place in cities, towns, and countrysides around the world. Instead of sleeping late as usual, many thousands will get up early on this day — *very* early. They must be at their destination well before sunrise.

The occasion? A game of golf? A fishing trip? No, not on this particular morning.

Instead, they will meet with friends and, of all things, watch the sun rise! And as if this were not strange enough, this is all part of a *religious service!*

On this very same day, millions of others will be preparing to do something unusual, too. This is one of the two or three times during the year when they will darken the door of a church! Or perhaps it would be better to say *decorate* the door of a church, for they will have purchased fashionable new clothes especially for the occasion.

Some, because their forty days of partial abstinence called "Lent" are over, will once again freely indulge themselves. Others anticipate a family reunion, a big ham dinner or, perhaps, a fashion show or a parade.

And the children? They are absolutely delighted with the chocolate rabbits, the colored eggs, and the prospect of exciting egg-hunting and egg-rolling games on the lawn!

This is *Easter* — one of the big holidays of the Western year!

But what is its *purpose?* What is it supposed to commemorate? And *why* all these incongruous activities? Why watch the *sun rise* on this day? Why purchase *new clothes* for it? Why eat *ham* for dinner?

Why rabbits? Why not a puppy or a kitten? They can lay just as many eggs as a rabbit. But then, WHY *eggs?* Wouldn't oranges or onions roll just as well?

To a world steeped in tradition, these customs seem normal. But when you stop to think about it, what real *sense* do the activities of this day we call "Easter" make, anyway?

And why is Easter observed on a *Sunday?* Why not on a Tuesday, Thursday or Monday?

To this question many will immediately reply that Sunday was the day on which Christ rose from the dead and that His resurrection is the very *reason* for observing Easter.

But is it?

WAS Christ resurrected on a Sunday? Are you *sure?* Have you ever proved it *from the Bible?*

And what has the Easter rabbit to do with Christ's resurrection?

Where did the "Good Friday — Easter Sunday" tradition come from? How did it find its way into the professing Christian Church? Why is it observed throughout the entire Western world today?

Where Easter Came From

Believe it or not, Easter was observed thousands of years before the time of Christ and the beginning of the Christian era!

"Easter" is merely the slightly changed English spelling of the name of the ancient Assyrian goddess, Ishtar. It was pronounced by the Assyrians exactly as we pronounce "Easter" today.

Hislop says in *The Two Babylons* that Easter "bears its Chaldean origin on its very forehead. Easter is nothing else than Astarte, one of the titles of Beltis, the 'queen of heaven,' whose name, as pronounced by the people of Nineveh, was evidently identical with that now in common use in this country" (p. 103).

In the Bible, God condemns the worship of Astarte, the "Queen of Heaven," as the most abominable of all pagan idolatries. In connection with the Easter celebration, God specifically condemns sunrise services (Ezek. 8:13-18) and the making of "hot cross buns" (Jer. 7:18-20; 44:19).

How did this pagan celebration ever become one of the two most important holidays of the professing Christian Church?

Easter a Counterfeit of God's Passover

Now read the facts for yourself. The *Encyclopaedia Britannica,* 11th edition, article "Easter," says: "There is no indication of the observance of the Easter festival in the New Testament or in the writings of the Apostolic Fathers . . . The first Christians [the original TRUE Church of Jesus and the apostles] continued to observe the Jewish [that is GOD'S] festivals, though in a new spirit, as commemorations of events which those festivals had foreshadowed. Thus the Passover, with a

new conception added to it, of Christ as the true Paschal Lamb and the first-fruits from the dead, continued to be observed."

Of course! The Passover and all of God's Holy Days were ordained by God to picture God's PLAN of salvation.

Christ, the apostles, and the New Testament Church — both Jewish- and Gentile-born Christians — kept these festivals. Read it for yourself in Acts 2:1; 18:21; 20:6 and 27:9. Then open your Bible to these instructions of Paul to the Gentiles in I Cor. 5:7-8; 11:20-34 and 16:8.

These scriptures prove that the New Testament Church continued to observe the days God made holy, including the Passover, long after Christ had ascended into heaven.

Hislop states, "The festival, of which we read in church history, under the name of Easter, in the third and fourth centuries . . . at that time was not known by any such name as Easter. It was called . . . Passover. . . . That festival agreed originally with the time of the Jewish Passover, when Christ was crucified. . . . That festival was not idolatrous, and was preceded by no Lent" (p. 104).

God's Passover pictured Christ's *death*.

Contrast this with Easter. It falsely claims to commemorate Christ's *resurrection* — not His death.

When did this clever counterfeit creep into the professing Christian Church?

How a Pagan Easter Became "Christian"

Easter was a pagan festival long before Christianity and the New Testament Church ever existed. It anciently commemorates the Friday death and supposed Sunday resurrection of Nimrod, the false pagan saviour!

In the great apostasy which swept through the New Testament world in the latter part of the first century, this pagan "Good Friday — Easter Sunday" tradition was falsely applied to the death and resurrection of the true Saviour, Jesus Christ. It was made to appear "Christian."

This teaching became especially popular in the area around Rome. But in Asia Minor, where the Apostle Paul had established Churches, the New Testament Passover continued to be observed on Nisan 14.

The *Encyclopaedia Britannica,* article "Easter," states: "Generally speaking, the Western Churches kept Easter on the first day of the week, while the Eastern Churches [containing most of those who remained as part of the TRUE Christian Church] followed the Jewish rule [observing Passover on 14 Nisan, the first month of the Sacred Hebrew Calendar]."

This difference soon led to serious controversy. Gradually the Greek and Asian Churches began to succumb to the pagan tradition. This same article in *Britannica* states: "Polycarp, the disciple of John the Evangelist, and bishop of Smyrna, visited Rome in 159 to confer with Anicetus, the bishop of that See, on the subject, and urged the tradition *which he had received from the apostle* of observing the 14th day. Anicetus, however, declined."

The story doesn't end here! "About forty years later [A.D. 197] the question was discussed in a very different spirit between Victor, bishop of Rome, and Polycrates, metropolitan of proconsular Asia [the territory of the Churches established by the Apostle Paul]. That province was the only portion of Christendom which still adhered to the Jewish [the writer should have said "true Christian"] usage. Victor demanded that *all* should adopt the usage prevailing at Rome. This Polycrates firmly refused to agree to, and urged many weighty reasons to the contrary, whereupon Victor proceeded to excommunicate Polycrates and the Christians who continued the Eastern usage [that is, GOD'S way]. He was however, restrained [by other bishops] from actually proceeding to enforce the decree of excommunication . . . and the Asiatic Churches retained their usage unmolested. We find the Jewish [the true Christian] usage from time to time reasserting itself after this, but it never prevailed to any large extent."

It did, however, crop up from time to time as an irksome and annoying issue that caused disunity in the professing Christian Church. When the pagan Roman Emperor Constantine convoked the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D., he ordered the bishops to settle the matter once and for all. It was one of the *two big issues* of the Council.

Council Confirms Roman Usage

At the time of the Nicean Council, the Syrians and the Antiochenes were the only defenders of the observance of the 14th day. They stood little chance!

"The decision of the council was *unanimous* that Easter was to be kept on Sunday, and on the same Sunday throughout the world, and that 'none hereafter should follow the blindness of the Jews'" (*ibid.*).

In the spiritually darkened minds of those at the Council, anything that was Biblical — anything that God commanded — was "Jewish."

The bishops at Nicea so abhorred anything they thought to be Jewish that they "decided that Easter Day should always be on a Sunday, but *never at the same time as the feast of the Jews.* If the 14th Nisan fell on a Sunday, *Easter Day was transferred to the following Sunday"!* (Burns, *The Council of Nicea,* p. 46.)

"For how," explains Constantine — "could we who are Christians possibly keep the same day as those wicked Jews?" (*Arian Controversy,* Gwatkin, p. 38.)

So strong was the anti-Jewish feeling that pork or ham — an abomination to the Jews — was deliberately eaten on Easter to show utter contempt for anything "Jewish." In this case the "Jewish" way also happened to be *God's* way as revealed in the Bible. (Write for the free article, "Is All Animal Flesh Good Food?")

Thus the Nicean Council — regarded by the world as one of the great milestones of Christianity — condemned observance of the New Testament Passover, one of *God's most sacred memorials,* without even looking into the Bible! And by "violence and bloodshed" — as history shows (Hislop, p. 107) — the observance of the pagan Easter was enforced in its place.

When Was Christ Resurrected?

Shocking though it may be, either the "Good Friday-Easter Sunday" tradition is a *fable* — or you have *no Saviour!* Jesus gave only *one sign* to prove that

He was the Messiah. That sign was the *length of time He would be dead and buried.*

Notice Jesus' own words concerning this ONLY SIGN that would prove His Messiahship:

"An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matt. 12:39-40).

Did Christ *mean what He said?* Did He really *expect* to be buried in the earth for three days and three nights — a full 72 hours?

Notice Mark 8:31: "And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and AFTER *three days* rise again."

Did you grasp that? Jesus did *not* say "after a day and a half." He said *"after* THREE DAYS."

Now consider! If Jesus were crucified and buried late on "Good Friday," then one day *after* would be Saturday evening, and two days *after* would be Sunday evening, and three days *after* would be Monday evening.

But Jesus rose long *before* Monday evening! Either He was not crucified on "Good Friday," or He did not fulfill His sign and He is therefore an impostor and not the Messiah!

Did Jesus fulfill His sign? In Matthew 28:6 we read this testimony of the angel at the tomb: "He [Jesus] is not here: for he is risen, AS HE SAID"! Jesus *did* fulfill His sign! He IS the Saviour! Then He could *not* have been crucified on "Good Friday"!

What Day Was the Crucifixion?

Jesus was buried shortly *before sunset* on the day of the crucifixion (Luke 23:53-54). Since Jesus said that He would "rise the third day" after His crucifixion, it is obvious that the resurrection must have occurred precisely at the completion of the third day following His burial. That moment would be *near sunset three days later.*

When the women came to the tomb early Sunday morning, Jesus *was already risen!* The angel said, "He is risen: he is not here" (Mark 16:6). He was not at the sepulcher Sunday morning. Therefore Jesus could not have risen later than near sunset Saturday afternoon — three days after His burial.

Why shortly before sunset on a Saturday? Well, obviously, if Christ was ALREADY RISEN on Sunday morning, and WAS NOT THERE — and if He meant what He plainly *said* concerning His length of time in the tomb, and if He was, as the Bible plainly states, buried shortly BEFORE A SUNSET, then the nearest SUNSET prior to the early predawn darkness of Sunday morning was the PREVIOUS LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON!

Christ said He would be in the tomb for THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS! Can we count back in time to discover, then, WHEN He was buried?

Three days before Saturday would place the crucifixion on Wednesday! That Wednesday was a preparation day — a preparation day for what? For the annual Feast of Unleavened Bread. The first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread is always an *annual sabbath.* So Thursday that year was an annual sabbath.

So that we would know that *that sabbath* which followed the crucifixion was not the weekly sabbath, John was inspired to call it a "high day" (John 19:31). According to Jewish usage this expression means an *annual* sabbath or Holy Day which may occur *any day during the week.*

Now look at your Bible again.

Mark picks up John's account by adding that after *that* sabbath — the high day of the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread — the women *bought* sweet spices to use in anointing the body of Jesus (Mark 16:1). This purchasing of the spices could not have been on Thursday, the annual sabbath. It had to be on the following day, Friday.

Having made their purchases and *prepared* these ointments on Friday, the women then "rested the sabbath day *according to the commandment*" (Luke 23:56). This was a different day — the weekly sabbath, the seventh day of the week. Upon that day — near its close — Jesus was raised from the dead exactly three days and three nights after He was buried in the tomb.

Could anything be plainer?

Your Bible *proves* that the resurrection was not on Sunday. The crucifixion was not on Friday. Rather, Christ died near sunset on *Wednesday* and was resurrected near sunset on *Saturday,* three days and three nights later. (This is all explained in much greater detail in the booklets, *The Resurrection Was Not on Sunday* and *The Crucifixion Was Not on Friday.* Write for them. Both are free.)

Does It Make Any Difference?

Some will still say, "Yes, I know that Easter has a pagan origin, and I can plainly see that Christ was not resurrected on a Sunday. But as long as we keep Easter in a Christian spirit as a kind of remembrance of Christ's resurrection, *what difference does it make?* After all — REGARDLESS as to the *significance* of the day, or the various customs associated with it, *we're doing it to remember the resurrection of Christ, aren't we?"*

Not the Christ of the Bible, you're not!

And the answer is — it doesn't MAKE A *BIT* of difference, if Christ IS NOT alive, and if the Bible is NOT the Word of God, and if there IS no God!

Because if there is no God, and we're left free to pick and choose whatever custom most appeals to us for OUR OWN religions — *then let's have at it with great zeal! But, at least, let's call a spade a spade — and realize the TRUE significance of the symbols we use.*

But since there is a God — and since Jesus Christ REALLY DID walk from His tomb, *then it does make a tremendous difference — to CHRIST!*

There is not a single word in the Bible telling us to observe Easter. Instead, God thunders, "LEARN NOT the way of the heathen" (Jer. 10:2). And any encyclopedia will tell you that Easter is a pagan festival, long antedating Christianity. More detailed proof is available in our surprising free booklet, *The Plain Truth About Easter!*

Are *you* going to obey God? The choice is yours. □

Here's WHY

The WORD of GOD Is The Foundation Of Knowledge!

In this our first anniversary issue of Tomorrow's World we are instituting a series of new features — each one designed to uniquely fulfill the diversified requests of our vast readership.

Over the past year more thousands have begun to realize that the Bible is not an "archaic remnant of a past generation" but is vitally relevant to the contemporary issues of today's world.

And so, in this first feature — which we have consequently called "Here's Why THE WORD OF GOD is the Foundation of Knowledge" — we will present a variety of Biblical subjects every month: Some academic and some practical, some prophetic and some historical, some informative and some corrective, some instructive and some amusing. But all will be interesting. All useful. All helpful. And all vitally relevant. We would appreciate your comments.

Prophets

A Farmer From the South

YOU WORK with your hands. That's what you've always done. You're a farmer. That's what you've always been. You live in a small town in the deep South. That's where you've always lived. You've never traveled very far — you've never cared to. You enjoy a simple, uncluttered life — the *good* life. Your world moves at a comfortable pace — the tortuous tangle of city "life" never held much attraction for you. And any day you'd choose your "slow Southern drawl" over the nerve-wracking sputterings of ulcer-ridden "Northern sophisticates." You're happy. And you're content.

Sorry.

You *were* content.

Because you've just been told to go to New York City, to Wall Street, to the heart of the urbane business world, and to Washington, D.C., to the steps of the Capitol, to the center of the strongest government on earth — to New York and to Washington, to the leaders of the nation, to unflinchingly deliver a searing censure, a face-to-face, eyeball-to-eyeball indictment of wanton sin, parasitic corruption and impending doom.

Amusing story — but a bit "far out"?

Not to *Amos*.

It was his life.

Born in Tekoa, a small town on the outskirts of the wilderness in the Southern Kingdom of Judah, a herdsman (Amos 1:1) and a "fig picker" (Amos 7:14), a "peasant," a "farm boy" and a "hick" Amos was commanded to go to the "sophisticated" cities of Samaria and Bethel, to these opulent resorts of pagan vice and social oppression in the Northern Kingdom of Israel, to prophesy and to preach the Word of God.

Though indeed a "peasant," though indeed a "farm boy," though indeed a "hick," Amos submitted to God and thereby so effectively fulfilled his commission that he was accused of being a one-man conspiracy against the *whole* nation of Israel. Amos *blistered every* "sophisticated sinner" in Israel. The entire land was not able to bear this one man's words! (Amos 7:10.)

Now all you Southern farmers need not worry. God is not going to send you to Wall Street or to the Capitol. In this end-time society, God has called out more than just one lone prophet to do His Work. God's Work today is a massive operation — *worldwide* in scope. And as a result, God is building a body of multiple thousands of Co-Workers — all called out together, all united in the greatest team effort in the history of the world.

Amos dedicated his life to help his people. He cried for them (Amos 7:2, 5). He loved them. He was a great man. He was a great patriot.

But not just Amos.

You too.

No matter who you are, what you are, where you are, no matter what your educational, social, economic, racial and religious background may be, you can play a crucial role in the Work of God today. You can save your family — and your entire nation.

That's the great lesson of Amos: *Anybody — everybody* — can participate in God's Work — because God Himself has promised to help those whom He calls.

R. L. Kuhn

Joseph —

Historical Man or Hysterical Myth?

Generations of readers have been intrigued by the story of Joseph and the seven years' famine. It reads like the ultimate rags-to-riches success story:

> While still a teen-ager, Joseph was sold by his jealous brothers into slavery. He ended up as a servant in Egypt, and was thrown in jail on trumped-up charges. Finally, events suddenly took a turn for the better. Pharaoh had a dream, and Joseph was brought forth out of the dungeon to interpret it. From the position of a lowly slave and a prisoner in a strange land, Joseph was thus raised overnight to a position of responsibility and honor second only to Pharaoh himself!
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> Not only did Joseph explain Pharaoh's dream as a warning from God of an impending seven-year famine, but he went on to advise the ruler on how to prepare effectively for the calamity (Gen. 41). Pharaoh was so impressed that he immediately put Joseph in charge of all the food resources of Egypt.
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> For seven plenteous years Joseph gathered Egypt's produce into granaries. Wheat was so plentiful that efforts to keep tally on the amount stored were abandoned. Joseph prepared all Egypt to face the famine.
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> When the famine struck, the years of preparation paid off. While surrounding nations were starving, Egypt had food. Thanks to God's warning and Joseph's foresight, the nation was able to weather the disaster. Joseph emerged as the savior of Egypt — the one who had fed it and kept it alive during the famine.

A fascinating account! But is it true? So Sunday-school-like does this story appear, so simple-minded and so fabulous, that critics have not been slow in calling it into question.

Where, *outside* of the Bible, they ask, is there any proof that such a famine took place — or, for that matter, that there was ever even a Joseph?

Egyptian history provides these answers!

Toward the end of the last century an inscription was discovered on a rock on the island of Sehel, at the First Cataract of the Nile. It is in the form of a message sent by Zoser, a Pharaoh of the Third Dynasty, to the ruler of the city of Elephantine. Zoser wrote:

> I was in distress on the Great Throne, and those who are in the palace were in heart's affliction from a very great evil, since *the Nile had not come in my time for a space of seven years.* Grain was scant, fruits were dried up, and everything which they eat was short . . . The infant was wailing; the youth was waiting; the heart of the old men was in sorrow . . . The courtiers were in need. The temples were shut up; the sanctuaries held nothing but air. Everything was found empty (James B. Pritchard, ed., *Ancient Near Eastern Texts,* Princeton: 1955, p. 31).

Here is the situation as it was during the final year of the calamity, when "the land of Egypt . . . fainted by reason of the famine" (Gen. 47:13). Here is the account of the Biblical seven years' famine preserved on stone by the Egyptians themselves.

But that's not all. The inscription goes on to show how Zoser, in desperation, turned for advice to his prime minister Imhotep. Who controls the flow of the Nile, the Pharaoh wanted to know. Imhotep then described to the king the nature of the God who alone could relieve Egypt from her plight. Zoser followed the sage's advice, the famine ceased, and the "borrowing from their granaries" was no longer necessary (*ibid.,* p. 32).

Who was this Imhotep?

Ancient Egyptian documents style him as prime minister of Zoser. He had the ability to foretell the future (*ibid.,* p. 432) and had written a book on wisdom. He was also remembered as being in some way connected with the supervision of granaries. In later ages idolatrous Egyptians forgot Imhotep's true personality and deified him as a god of medicine. In Zoser's time, however, he was regarded as a worshipper or a son of Ptah, the Egyptian god of creation.

It is not hard now to deduce to which Biblical personality the qualities and deeds ascribed to Imhotep really belong. What prominent man in Egypt obeyed the Creator? Whom does the Bible identify as prime minister of Pharaoh? (Gen. 41:40, 41, 44.) Who in Egypt had "physicians" (health instructors) in his employ? (Gen. 50:2.) Who taught Pharaoh's ministers wisdom? (Psalm 105:22.) Who advised Pharaoh about the famine and distributed grain for food? Who was regarded as the savior of Egypt? (Gen. 47:25.) The personality and deeds ascribed to Imhotep belong actually to none other than *Joseph!*

But, then, how did the deeds of Joseph come to be attributed to Imhotep? Remember that when a new Pharaoh arose, he "knew not Joseph" (Ex. 1:8). That is, he preferred *not* to know of or remember Joseph. When the Egyptians began to oppress the Hebrews they also erased the memory of Joseph from their minds and from their history. They chose not to remember the service he had performed. Whatever works of Joseph's could not be forgotten or erased were falsely attributed to other individuals, such as Imhotep — who was, probably, the architect of Zoser's step pyramid and a contemporary of Joseph. In time, the Egyptians *really* "knew not Joseph." Imhotep was one of those who took his place, and was eventually deified. The cult of Imhotep, which boasted little idols or figurines of this patron god of medicine, became extremely popular in the second century B.C. Whatever had been remembered of Joseph was thus completely corrupted and transferred to an idol.

Enough material has been preserved, however, to substantiate the Biblical account of Joseph's rule in Egypt and of the seven years' famine.

G. Freibergs

Churches

Do They All Teach the Truth?

The average churchgoer assumes that what he believes is *the truth.* Or else he wouldn't believe it. But so many people believe so many things! *Different* things. *Contradictory* things. What a mess! What a far cry from "the *unity* of the Spirit" that Paul talks about in Ephesians 4:3. What a far cry from the *one* body, *one* Spirit, *one* hope, *one* Lord, *one* faith, *one* baptism and the *one* God and Father which must unequivocally STAMP God's true Church (Eph. 4:4-6).

If you are sincerely seeking the truth

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of God, if you yearn to comprehend your life and its purpose, then here is what you need to do:

FIRST: ***Prove that the Bible is the inspired Word of the Living God.*** II Timothy 3:16 claims, "*All* scripture is given by inspiration of God." II Peter 1:21 adds, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." *The inspired Word of God — the Bible — is the Truth!* And that's the truth. But you can't "believe on this paragraph." *Prove* it for yourself: Send for our free booklet *The Proof of the Bible.*

SECOND: ***Begin to live by every Word of God.*** Jesus said, "It is written, that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4). And He added in Luke 6:46, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do *not* the things which I say?" The Bible teaches that we are to *obey* God by keeping *all* His Commandments. A young man came to Jesus and asked, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" Jesus answered, "If thou wilt enter into life, *keep the commandments*" (Matt. 19:16-17). And Christ didn't change His mind and "do away with" God's Commandments either *on* the stake of crucifixion or *after* His resurrection. He told His disciples in His last real talk with them, "If ye love me, keep my commandments . . . He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is *not mine,* but *the Father's* which sent me . . . I have kept *my Father's commandments*" (John 14:15, 24; 15:10). Jesus Christ kept His Father's commands — and taught His disciples to do the same (Matt. 28:20).

THIRD: ***Find the TRUE Church of God.*** Much *confusion* exists on this point! Many *think* that Christ is divided — that He has many *different* churches, all teaching "the" Truth. Yet how can this be when *different* churches teach *opposite* things about the Bible? People just don't think.

The Apostle Paul asked, "Is Christ divided?" (I Cor. 1:13.) He reminded them that Christ is *not divided* and exhorted, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that *ye all speak the same thing,* and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (I Cor. 1:10).

Somewhere on earth today the *one* true Church of God flourishes — it could never die (Matt. 16:18).

And so it now becomes *your responsibility* to find *God's* true Church. And to prove it.

How do you do it? The Bible gives clear-cut instructions. Which Church is literally called "The Church of God," is obeying *God's* Law, is a little flock, and is preparing the way for Jesus Christ's triumphant return by preaching and publishing the GOOD NEWS of TOMORROW'S WORLD? The answer should become obvious.

We realize that *only God* can call and convert a person (John 6:44, 65) — so we are *not* a proselyting Church. But we *must also* realize that Christ *commanded* His servants to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost [Spirit]: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20).

And that is *precisely* what *we* are doing!

So, if *you* want to know more about this very Work of God, then write and ask for a personal visit by one of our Ambassador College-trained representatives. There is one in or near your city. And he knows *exactly* where God's true Church is today.

D. G. Luker

For Our Age

Modern Chariots

"Their land is also full of horses, *neither is there any end of their chariots:* Their land is also full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made" (Isaiah 2:7, 8).

Who's Isaiah talking about? The ancient house of Jacob historically — and the United States and Great Britain prophetically.

What's Isaiah talking about? Materialism generally — and perhaps *automobiles* specifically.

The 1970 A.D. idol is different from the 725 B.C. idol. A leering statue is not an American or British idol. *But a leering automobile is.* Because America's land today is literally full of "iron chariots."

The nation is loaded with two-car families. In the mid-1950's the number of automobiles passed the number of families. And still it continued to grow. Likewise the installment debt. Today 70% of new cars are bought on time. And many are traded, sold or junked *before* they're ever paid for.

In 1967, passenger car, truck and bus mileage in the U. S. amounted to 4,826 per person. Total miles driven 965,132,000,000. In that year about 400 gallons of gasoline were consumed per person.

In 1968, another 10,718,000 cars, trucks and buses rolled off the factory assembly lines. This made an unbelievable total of 101,048,000 *registered* cars, trucks and buses. For every two citizens, there was either a truck, bus or passenger car.

In 1970, we can all tragically "look forward to" over 65,000 people being killed in traffic accidents in the U. S and Canada.

Roads are clogged, parking is impossible — exhaust emission is fouling up the air. This prophecy of Isaiah couldn't be more appropriate: "Their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots!" (Isa. 2:8.)

P. W. Kroll

Archaeology

Mystery on the Mountain

"The waters mounted, and lifted the ark so that it rose above the earth. The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, so that the ark floated on the surface of the waters . . . .

"Then God remembered Noah . . . At the end of one hundred and fifty days the waters subsided, so that on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark grounded on the mountains of Ararat" (Genesis 7:17-18; 8:1-5, Goodspeed).

Is it still there? Does Noah's Ark still rest high up the slopes of Mt. Ararat? No question could excite more interest and fascination.

And so once again the search is on for the most famous water craft in human history. High aloft the snow-capped reaches of modern Mt. Ararat, freshly discovered hand-hewn timbers of white oak, dislodged from their glacial prison, have stirred some thoughtful questions and raised multidiscipline interests as to whether humanity has indeed stumbled onto the legendary Noah's Ark.

Too many hoaxes and disappointments in times past have worn thin the patience and belief of respectful onlookers — and have served to support the views of skeptics and cynics. But, in the minds of some Biblicists and scientists, this find is worthy of a thorough investigation — for *something* indeed is up there where it seemingly has no business being.

So beginning *this* summer, a scientific expedition will assault the northwestern slope of Mt. Ararat in eastern Turkey. Using the most modern scientific and archaeological methods available, the team will attempt to uncover what seems to be an "ancient artifact" hidden beneath an ice lake at almost 14,000 feet altitude.

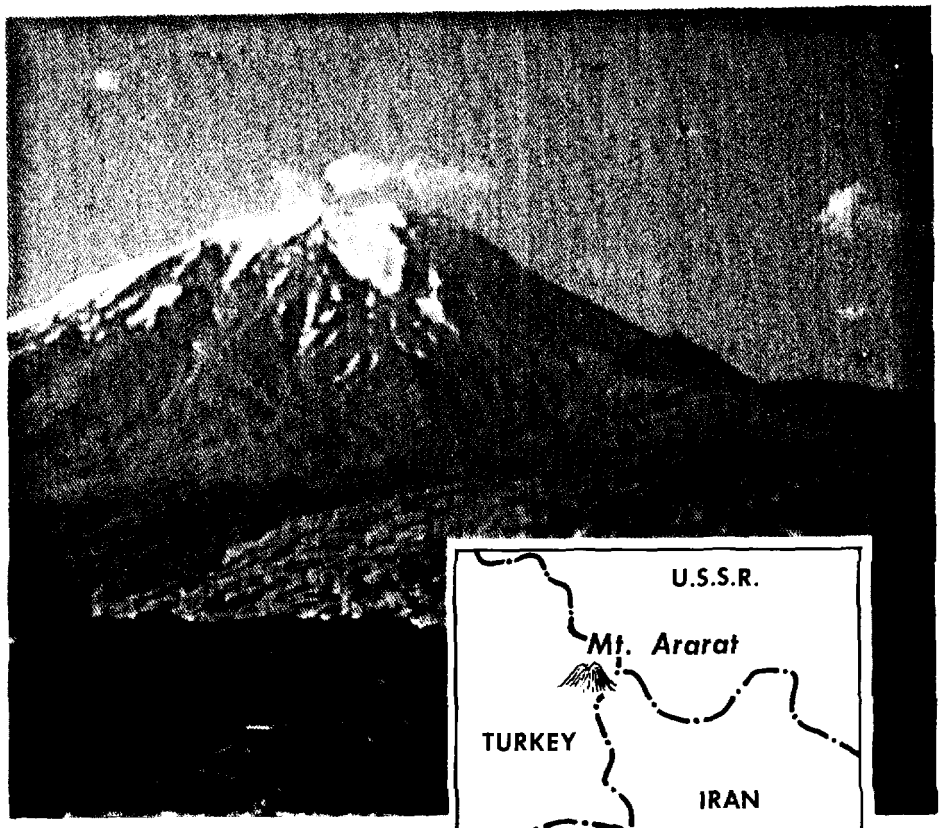
Ferdinand Navarra, a French industrialist, is among the party. He ascended the mountain in 1955 with his son and chopped a five-foot piece of hand-tooled wood from the ice pack. This wood was found *far above* the normal timber line. In fact, there is no wood like it within several *hundreds* of miles — and no indigenous woods at all grow on Ararat's slopes.

Tests in Spain and France have indicated that Navarra's timber is 4 to 5,000 years old. (However, at least three highly respected laboratories — in California, Pennsylvania and England — have disputed this claim, quoting an age of only about 1200 years.) Navarra estimates that on his 1955 expedition he saw perhaps 50 tons of timbers embedded in the frozen lake — and estimated the length of the "strange object" at up to 400 feet.

Could this be the remains of Noah's Ark? Only further investigations will determine the final answer.

There have been reports down through the centuries of a large vessel high atop Mt. Ararat. In 1840, the prow of a ship was seen jutting from an ice pack by avalanche work teams. Aviators have intermittently reported seeing a ship-like shadow in the ice near the top of the mountain. Both the Babylonian historian Berossus (250 B.C.) and the Jewish historian Josephus (70 A.D.) attest to the fact that the inhabitants of the Ararat area have had ready access to the Ark. Marco Polo wrote in his *Travels:* "In the central part of Armenia stands an exceedingly large and high mountain, upon which, it is said, the Ark of Noah rested, and for this reason it is termed the Mountain of the Ark." Are these reports factual — or do they merely reflect local superstitions, psychological suggestion, and wishful thinking? We simply do not yet know.

The current expedition to unlock the hidden secrets of Ararat is sponsored by the SEARCH foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to "Scientific Exploration and Archaeological Research." It is joined by members of the Arctic Institute of North America. Heading the expedition is British



Mount Ararat
in Eastern Turkey

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glaciologist Ralph A. Lenton, who participated in the first transantarctica crossing. Another member of the scientific team is Hugo A. C. Neuberg, a field physicist with arctic experience.

During the summers of 1970 and 1971, the SEARCH foundation expects to spend in excess of $1,000,000 to remove some 900,000 cubic meters of ice and moraine to get at the enclosed object. Complex engineering techniques and radio ice-depth measuring equipment will be used to expose the artifact. The expedition has received every courtesy from the Turkish and U. S. governments for the project.

This summer the plans are to send a 25-man team to the site — to study the glacier and determine the best method to reach the artifact. Next summer the major work of uncovering the artifact will be done. Said Robert C. Faylor, director of the Washington office of the Arctic Institute, "There never has been a glacier melted yet. What we hope we can find is a source of geothermal heat. Conceivably, one could drill into a volcanic mountain, put water in and get hot water out. That would save hauling a lot of fuel up there."

The expedition's first task, he asserted, will be to map the shape of the 150-foot-thick glacier under which the timbers are buried. "Then," he added, "we will study ways of removing them without damage, possibly by utilizing steam from apparently volcanic heat sources on the mountain."

Acknowledged experts in archaeology, geology, and Semitic languages have *disputed* the claim that Noah's Ark was found by Navarra in 1955. "Absolutely anything is possible in this world," said one — Dr. Foelich Rainey, University of Pennsylvania archaeologist. "But if there's anything that's impossible in archaeology, this is it."

Lending support to Dr. Rainey is the recent Carbon-14 dating of the wood by Dr. Rainer Berger, head of the UCLA Isotope Laboratory. "The beam came from a tree felled around 700 A.D., or roughly 3,000 years after Noah is believed to have embarked" (*Star-News* — Pasadena, Calif., April 16, 1970). Other laboratories — in England and Pennsylvania — confirm these dates, although questions still remain whether the scientists were able to remove all contaminants which might have diffused into the wood and thereby generated the illusion of a more recent origin of the sample. (If these dates are indeed accurate, obviously the wood could not possibly be from Noah's Ark. What we might then be dealing with could be wood from some ancient shrine or settlement — inhabited when Ararat's climatic conditions were not as severe as they are today.)

Dr. William F. Albright, the renowned archaeologist, has stated that the modern Mt. Ararat did not receive that name until the 16th century A.D. — the original region of Ararat being far distant in the mideastern part of Armenia. "Attempts to connect any finds of wood on Ararat with Noah's Ark are nonsense," he added. (*Los Angeles Times*, March 11, 1970.)

Yet, as James M. Lee of the SEARCH foundation said: "Something is under the ice on Mt. Ararat, where it has no logical business to be. If it's not the ark, what is it?" Declared Robert Faylor: "I can't explain how wood of that size and age could get to that height. Whatever is there, is going to be of great archaeological interest."

The name Ararat means *high ground* and refers to a mountainous district of Armenia. The name was unknown to the geographers of Greece and Rome. However, the present mountain named Ararat by the Armenians is called *Agri-Dagh* (Painful Mountain) by the Turks, and *Kuh-i-nuh* (Noah's Mountain) by the Persians (*Peloubet's Bible Dictionary*). It could well be the correct site. *Arguri,* the only village known to have been built on its slopes, was the spot where, tradition says, Noah planted his vineyard.

Is this indeed the right mountain? And are the timbers the remains of Noah's Ark? Hard evidence is still sketchy. We can only await the results of the SEARCH expedition. TOMORROW'S WORLD is keeping close watch on developments — we will keep you informed.

W. F. Dankenbring

Knowledge

It's Dangerous

Those of you reading this magazine have been receiving tremendous knowledge — knowledge which surpasses anything imaginable — knowledge for which you are now responsible.

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You have been receiving knowledge of the *Living God!* You know His Plan. You know His overall purpose for all mankind. You know the scope of God's Work. You who have been reading *The* PLAIN TRUTH and TOMORROW'S WORLD regularly, *you also know* the awesome magnitude of the cataclysmic events looming on the horizon.

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And that KNOWLEDGE IS DANGEROUS!

A. E. Carrozza

GOD'S LAW — GOOD FOR YOU!

תּוֹרָה – *Torah* – LAW

Strict. Strait. Stern. Uncompromising. Unmerciful. Ritualistic. Rigorous. Restrictive. Repressive. Hard. Harsh. Legal. Solemn. Iron-fisted. Negative. Austere.

That's God's Law.

Or so we have been taught.

Because in the English language the word "law" has come to carry the connotation of unrelenting, cruel authority. "Law" has come to mean the opposite of "fun." And this is especially true of *God's* Law. Because most people believe that *God's* Law is tougher, rougher, more confining and more debilitating than man's law.

That's what "religion" has drummed into our heads.

Interested in what God has to say? It's His Law — He should know.

The Hebrew word translated "law" is תּוֹרָה, pronounced *"torah."* And it is absolutely absurd to transform *torah* into a straitjacketing set of restrictive rules which deprive man of fun.

So let's find out just what *GOD* means by *torah.*

The noun *torah* is derived from the verb *"yarah"* (יָרָה). *Yarah* is akin to *"or"* (אוֹר), the Hebrew word for *light,* and means *to shine, to light, to see.* However the *exact* grammatical form of *yarah* from which *torah* (law) is derived — which is *"yoreh"* (יוֹרֶה) — is in a special Hebrew conjugation (called the *"Hiphil"*) which emphasizes CAUSE. In other words, *yoreh* literally means *to cause to see,* or more fully, *to cause to see the light* — and has thereby *come* to mean *to teach* and *to instruct.* (The Hebrew word for teacher or instructor — *"moreh,"* [מוֹרֶה] — is built from the same root.)

Another word which helps us understand the real meaning of *torah* is *"tor"* (תּוֹר) which can mean *turn, course, order.*

Putting all the concepts together, we find that *torah means — God's Law is* — an *"order of teaching"* or a *"course of instruction"* which causes man to see the light of God's Truth.

Order of teaching!

Course of instruction!

How radically different from the stern, harsh, unmerciful restrictions which the English word *"law"* conjures up!

The word "curriculum" expresses what *torah* — what God's Law — *really* is. A "curriculum" is the "order of teaching" or "course of instruction" which teachers use to bring their students from point A to point B. For example, the third-grade curriculum is designed to bring students from the second grade level to the fourth grade level in reading, writing, arithmetic, etc.

Likewise, God's *overall curriculum* — God's Law, God's *Torah* — is the "order of teaching" and the "course of instruction" which God designed for the express purpose of bringing man from the carnal, human level of thinking and existing up to the incredible *God* level of thinking and existing. *Because that's the purpose of human life — that's why God created all of us* — to *literally become God ourselves* (I John 3:1-2; Ps. 17:15; John 10:34, etc.). *And God's Torah is the only way to reach this awesome goal.*

In this context we note the comments of the eminent Hebraist, Samson Raphael Hirsch. He states that *torah* comes from the verb *harah* (הָרָה) — which means to receive a seed within oneself or *to conceive.* More specifically, *torah* is derived from the *causative* form of this verb (*Hiphil* conjugation) — which is *horeh* (הוֹרֶה), meaning to plant a seed in someone else or *to beget.* That's the *crux* of *torah* — *TO BEGET.* Consequently, according to Hirsch, *torah* (God's Law) is the method by which God *begets within us* the knowledge of truth, the decision to goodness, the mind of morality and the essence of God-like spirituality.

Which all together means that God's Law is *not* "a set of straitjacketing rules for limiting the human experience" as the religions of this world would have us believe.

Rather, *God's Law is the totality of God's revelation to man — God's complete Plan for reproducing Himself through human beings* (Gen. 1:26). *God's Law is the full expression of God's desire to beget, nourish and develop a future member of His eternally ruling God Family in every one of us! God's Law is holy, just and good* (Rom. 7:12).

D. J. Hill & R. L. Kuhn

The Coming Utopia

Wonderful World Tomorrow

Ever since the dawn of civilization, man has longed to live in a world where all his physical desires could be fulfilled! But even as he has longed for such a place, in his heart he has been secretly positive that such a UTOPIA could never be found ON THIS EARTH. Your Creator has planned a Utopia even beyond the dreams of men — and more important, He will soon establish that Utopia. Tomorrow's World is just around the corner — universal peace and prosperity, a world bubbling over with joy and happiness!

by Herman L. Hoeh

WHY SHOULD A UTOPIA BE IMPOSSIBLE? Why shouldn't we have a world at peace, filled with joy and prosperity, racial harmony and genuine love?

Where Mentioned in the Bible

God has allowed a six-thousand-year period for mankind to rule himself apart from God if man so chooses. During this time, God has, in a sense, kept hands off the affairs of this world. Man has pursued the course that "seems right" to him.

BUT time is now almost up! The new order — THE HAPPY WORLD TOMORROW — will soon be here. A thousand years of peace and prosperity are just around the corner.

In Micah, the fourth chapter, a graphic description is given us concerning the soon-coming Utopia. Verse one shows an end to the crisis of the 1970's and God's rulership established over the nations. Then what happens? "And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain [government] of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and *rebuke strong nations afar off;* and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

In less than 15 years all nations are going to live in this Utopia! They will — when necessary — be *forced* to learn the ways of peace. This Utopia of God's making — not man's — is fast approaching.

What's wrong with this millennial Utopia? Why don't people want it?

It is time you knew about the coming Utopia — a MILLENNIUM of abundant and happy living — free from the fears of war, sickness and poverty.

What Do We Mean "Millennium"?

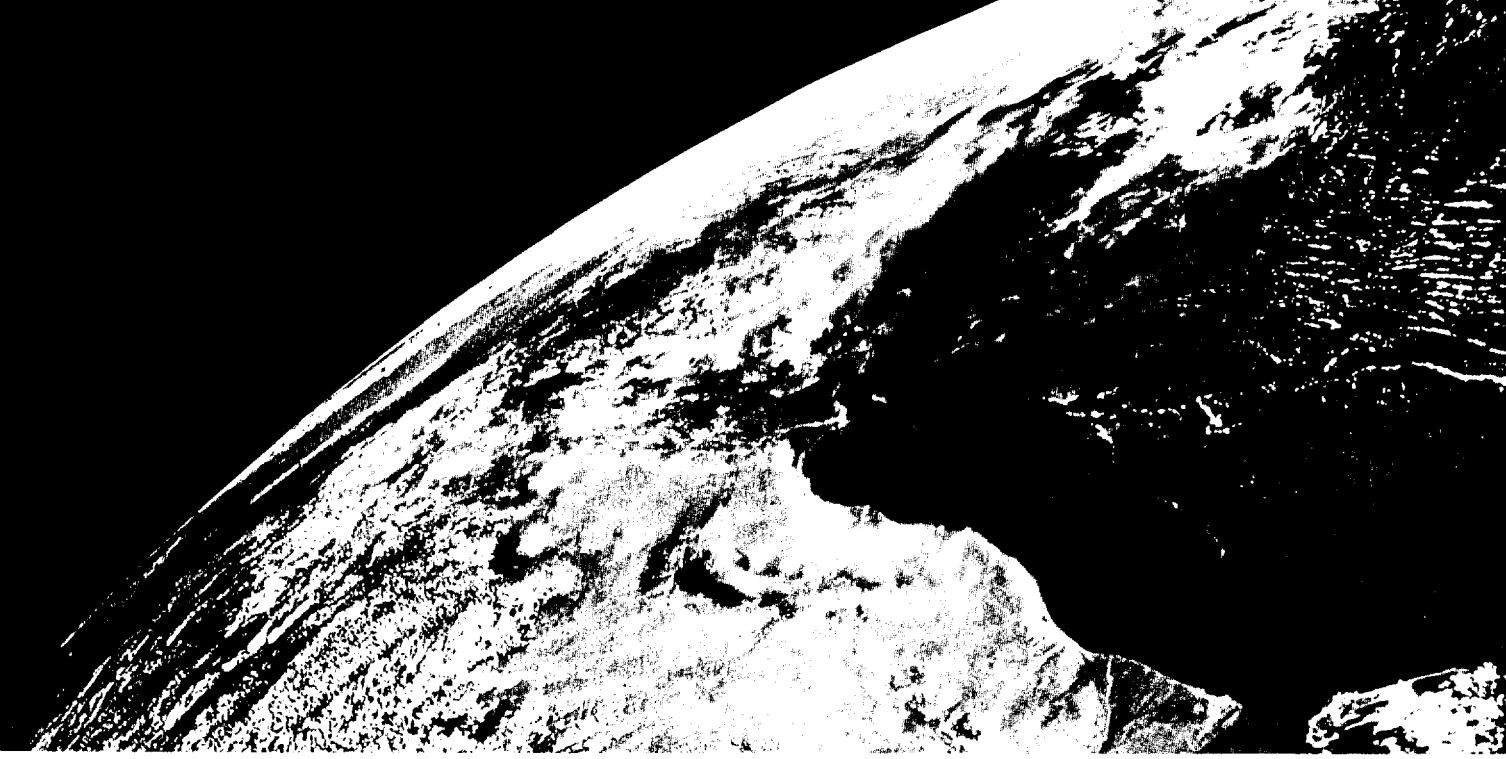
The word "millennium" is derived from the Latin which simply means *a thousand years.* Instead of finding the word "millennium" in the Scriptures, you will read of the "thousand years." The *only* scriptures in all the Bible mentioning *in specific terms this* period of time are in Revelation 20:1-9.

Here is the TIME SETTING for the coming Utopia or millennium.

The Apostle John wrote that he saw an angel who "laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years . . . and set a seal upon him, that *he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled"* (Rev. 20:2-3).

Did you notice that? During the millennium (the thousand years), the devil does not deceive the nations. This age we are now in couldn't be the millennium, because the devil IS STILL DECEIVING THE NATIONS. The millennium must still be in the future — a time when the devil will not be deceiving the whole world any longer.

Notice what else the Apostle John



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says about the thousand years.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and *shall reign* with him a thousand years" (Rev. 20:6).

So the millennium is a time when the saints reign with Christ. The saints help create the millennial Utopia. Who are the saints? Those who are qualifying now by obedience to the Law of God through faith in Christ.

Did you ever notice before that those *in the first resurrection* will reign with Christ a thousand years? (Rev. 20:4.) This means that the millennium can't begin until AFTER the first resurrection, because it is those *in the first resurrection* who do the ruling.

WHEN Will the Millennium Occur?

Now when does the first resurrection occur?

I Thessalonians 4:14-17 declares that the first resurrection occurs at the second coming of Christ. "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air."

This first resurrection occurs "*at the last trump:* for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (I Cor. 15:52).

Since the saints do not rise *until* the second coming of Christ, and since *they* rule with Christ during the millennium, then the thousand years must occur *after* the second coming of Christ, and NOT before. This is vitally important because there are some who teach that Jesus does not come until the end of the thousand years. But your Bible says Jesus comes *at the beginning* of the thousand years.

Christ is returning to bring peace and make a UTOPIA possible!

But what else occurs when the *last* trump sounds?

In Revelation 11:15-19, when the last or seventh trumpet blows, the dead are raised AND "the kingdoms *of this world* are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever."

This is when that promised time of peace and prosperity begins! Christ is beginning His reign and the saints are already resurrected to rule with Christ.

But where shall the saints rule?

WHERE Will the Millennium Be Spent?

The last phrase of I Thessalonians 4:17 tells us. After all the saints meet the Lord in the air they shall "ever be with the Lord." Since the saints shall always be with Jesus Christ, then any scripture that tells us *where Christ will be* will also explain *where* those resurrected saints *shall be* during the thousand years. Also a verse that says where the saints shall rule during the thousand years explains the place where Christ must be ruling, too!

Now consider this. In order to reign during the millennium, there must be someone for the saints to reign *over*. Over whom does Christ give the saints power and authority to rule?

Notice Revelation 2:26-27. Jesus promises: "And he that overcometh . . . to him will I give power *over the nations:* and he shall RULE them with a rod of iron." So the saints will rule *over the nations*. And these nations will be ruled with a rod of iron.

In the last days of the kings or rulers of this present civilization, "shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people [not to human beings, but to the sons of God], but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever" (Dan. 2:44).

Notice, that it is "in the days of these kings," not a thousand years later, that God sets up His kingdom under Christ — pictured by the stone that smote the image (Dan. 2:34, 35) — which "became a great mountain, and FILLED THE WHOLE EARTH." It doesn't fill

heaven, BUT IT DOES FILL THE EARTH.

To say that these nations are in heaven is absurd. Are there such sinful nations in heaven that the saints have to rule them with an iron rod? Of course not. These are the nations *of this earth.*

Now let's find scriptures telling us that Christ WILL rule on this earth. In Revelation 3:21, Jesus said: "To him that overcometh will I grant *to sit with me in my throne,* even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." So the resurrected saints will sit with Christ ON HIS THRONE while ruling the nations.

At the present moment Christ is sitting on His Father's throne in heaven (Rev. 3:21). He is NOT sitting on His own throne. But when Jesus leaves heaven (Acts 3:21) to come for the saints, they are promised a place with Him *on His throne.* Jesus does not promise them a place on the Father's throne *in heaven,* but a place *on His own throne,* from which they, with Jesus, shall rule the nations with a rod of iron.

Where will Jesus' throne be?

The Throne of David Is NOT in Heaven!

The throne of Jesus Christ could not be *in heaven.* If Jesus' throne were the Father's throne in heaven, then He would not need *His own throne* because He is already sitting on *the Father's throne.* But what throne will Jesus have?

Gabriel said, as recorded in Luke 1:32-33, that Jesus "shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him *the throne of his father David*: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

So Jesus' throne will be *the throne of David.* David's throne is on this earth! (Jer. 33:17.) The Father's throne is in heaven. During the millennium, the saints shall sit with Christ on the throne of David in Jerusalem and rule the nations of this earth.

Not only will Christ rule over the house of Jacob forever, as Gabriel said, but it is also written: "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee *the heathen* for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with *a rod of iron;* thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel" (Psalm 2:7-9).

Here the Psalmist says that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, will do the very same things that He promised those in the first resurrection shall do. Of course, the saints shall rule WITH HIM and carry out His will and authority over the nations. This is when the Kingdom will be *restored* to Israel and when Christ shall rule the house of Jacob on the throne of David (Acts 1:6).

When the Kingdom of God is established on earth, *then* we shall have peace — and not until then. Yes, a wonderful UTOPIA is coming in the WORLD TOMORROW!

If all these scriptures are not proof enough that we shall reign with Christ *on this earth,* and not in heaven, during the millennium, then turn to Revelation 5:9. The proper translation of this verse, from the original Greek, is that Christ purchased with His blood "men of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, and madest them a kingdom and priests to our God; and THEY SHALL REIGN UPON THE EARTH."

Here it is in the plainest of language. The saints shall reign, *not* in heaven, but *on the earth.* Do you believe what the Bible says?

HOW and WHEN Jesus Returns to Earth

In Acts 1:9-11 the account of Jesus' departure over nineteen hundred years ago is given. "While they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men . . . said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, *shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."*

How did Jesus leave? He ascended from the Mount of Olives and was received by the clouds of heaven. And He is going to return *in like manner.* Let's find a scripture explaining this.

In Revelation 19 we read that, at the second coming of Christ, military contingents of all nations are gathered to battle against Jerusalem. This same time, the second coming of Christ, is described in Zechariah 14:1-3. It is in the Day of the Lord when all nations are warring against Jerusalem.

"THEN shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations . . . AND HIS FEET SHALL STAND IN THAT DAY UPON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES" (Zech. 14:3, 4).

Notice it. Jesus is coming in the clouds of heaven (Rev. 1:7) and shall fight against the nations AND HIS FEET SHALL STAND IN THAT DAY UPON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, which is *on this earth.* It does *not* say that Jesus will stand on the mount a thousand years later, *but in that day* as He returns to receive the throne of David and to rule the nations with a rod of iron.

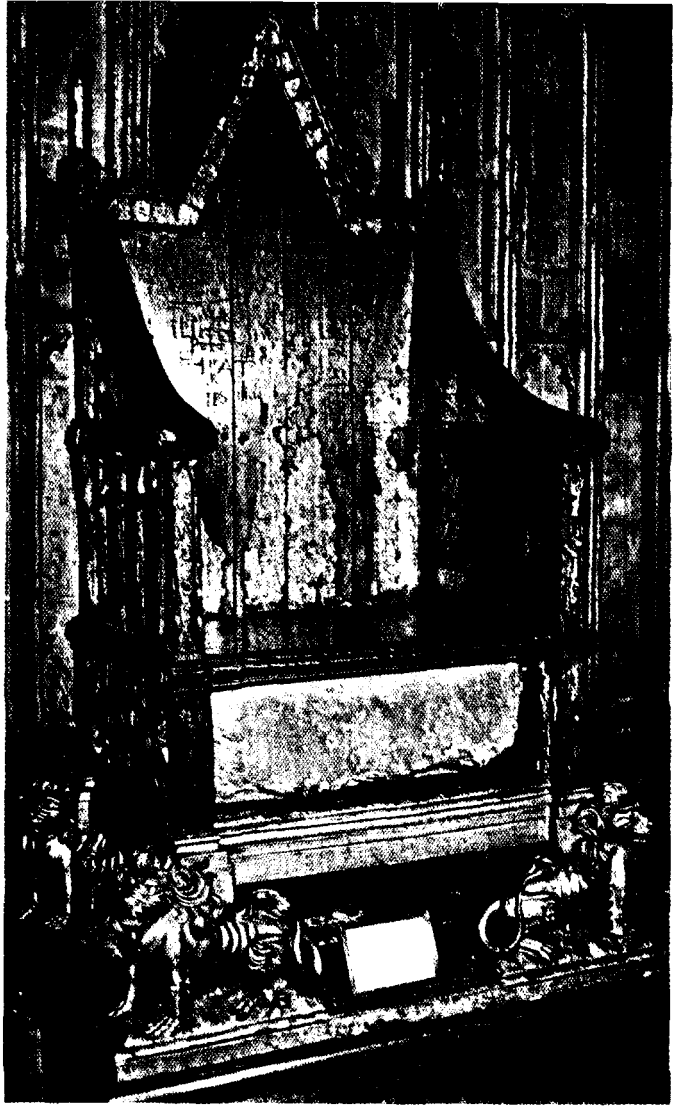
He Remains ON THE EARTH

When Jesus returns to earth, the saints will be with Him — they will "ever be with the Lord." He comes in the clouds of this earth's atmosphere wherein they meet Him and then accompany Him *to this earth.* That is where the saints *shall be.*

But some contend that Christians return to heaven immediately. The Bible nowhere teaches any such doctrine. Continue reading what Zechariah wrote.

"And it shall be *in that day* [notice, it is still the same day, not seven years or a thousand years later], that living waters [salvation] shall go out from Jerusalem . . . in summer and in winter shall it be. And the Lord shall be king over ALL THE EARTH . . . and the land shall be turned as a plain . . . AND INHABITED . . . And *men shall dwell in it,* and there shall be no more utter destruction, but Jerusalem shall be safely *inhabited"* (Zechariah 14:8-11). Here is the promise of the coming Utopia.

In the day that Christ returns, not a thousand years later, but *in that very day,* when the nations that battled against Jerusalem are subdued, the land shall be inhabited and MEN SHALL LIVE THERE. And the Gentile nations, after their *entire armies* have been destroyed (Zech. 14:12-15), shall come to serve Jesus Christ. "And it shall come to pass, that *every one that is left* of all the nations which came against Jerusalem



BRITAIN'S CORONATION CHAIR

What today appears to be merely an "ancient relic" in reality represents the throne of David. Not this literal 1296 A.D. oak chair, but the stone over which it is built, the "pillow stone" of Jacob, the stone that was "overturned, overturned, overturned" (Ezekiel 21:27) and will be moved only once more when Christ comes to claim David's throne.

Keystone Photo

shall even go up *from year to year* to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles" (Zech. 14:16).

The people *that shall be left* are going to worship the Lord year by year in Jerusalem, which is on this earth, not in heaven. The Lord shall be King over all *the earth* (Zech. 14:9). The next verses show Him punishing nations for disobedience. The saints are also going to judge and correct the nations as they sit with Jesus on His throne.

None of these events can occur *before* the thousand years, and none can occur in heaven because there are no disobedient nations there.

Neither will disobedient nations be in the New Earth *after* the millennium. Therefore these events must happen DURING THE MILLENNIUM AND ON THIS EARTH. These are the plain statements of Scripture.

The Earth Is Not to Be Desolate

In the book of Isaiah, chapter 24, are verses which some seize upon in a feeble effort to contradict the Gospel and the plain statements of Scripture. The time setting of this chapter is just prior to the *beginning* of the millennium period. The first verse is often quoted as: "Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down . . ."

Just quoting this much, one is left with the impression that there are no inhabitants on the earth, that the millennium will be a period of complete desolation. But why not quote the whole verse? What does God mean by the earth being made empty? Did He mean that there are no inhabitants?

NOT AT ALL! Let's not stop at this verse, as some denominations do, but continue reading this entire chapter.

What will God do? He "scattereth abroad *the inhabitants thereof.* And it shall be, as with *the people,* so with the priest, as with the servant, so with the master . . . The *land* shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled . . . The haughty *people of the earth* do languish . . . *They that dwell therein are desolate:* therefore *the inhabitants of the earth* are burned, and FEW MEN LEFT."

Read this *entire* twenty-fourth chapter of Isaiah. It shows the punishments to be meted out on this earth just prior to the *beginning* of the thousand years — the complete destruction of civilization and *"few men left."*

A Utopia can come only when international gangsters in high offices are removed from their seats of power, when their armies are wiped out and when the immediate problems of overpopulation are eradicated.

Remember also what Zechariah said about *those who shall be left.* They shall go up to Jerusalem from year to year and worship the Eternal who shall be King over all the earth. Isaiah says that those few who are left "shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the Lord [Isa. 24:14] . . . when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem" (verse 23). Yes, Christ will reign on earth from Jerusalem, not heaven, and there will be inhabitants who shall REPOPULATE the earth.

Again Jeremiah 4:23-31 is also lifted out of its context and misapplied to the thousand years. If you will study Jeremiah from the beginning you will notice that these verses are NOT referring to the thousand years. The prophet warns Judah that Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon is coming "to make THY LAND DESOLATE; and THY CITIES shall be laid waste without an inhabitant" (verse 7). This is speaking of Judah, not the whole earth. The "WHOLE LAND SHALL BE DESOLATE; YET WILL I NOT MAKE A FULL END" (verse 27).

The same word in the original Hebrew is often used to mean either "earth" or "land." It actually should be translated "land" in verse twenty-three, because God is speaking of the land of Judah. It shows, too, that there are Gentiles still on the earth who will *not* be allowed by God to make a full end of Judah, even though they desolate the *land* completely. Verse twenty-nine shows that not a man shall dwell in the cities. Why? Because there are no human beings on the earth? No! But because *whole cities shall flee* before the horsemen of the Gentiles.

This prophecy is NOT referring to the millennium.

Together with these two misquoted texts, people who hate God's Utopia

turn to II Thessalonians 1:8 and 2:8.

The first of these verses is speaking of angels who will take vengeance on those that know not God and obey not the Gospel. It is *assumed* that this text says that *all people* will be destroyed, but it *doesn't* say that. It is *only* those who refuse to obey that will perish. But there will be many other Gentiles who shall repent of their wrong ways and admit that their "fathers have inherited lies" (Jer. 16:19).

The other verse often mentioned (II Thess. 2:8) nowhere speaks of ALL THE WICKED. It mentions "THAT WICKED" whom Christ shall destroy, "even HIM, whose coming is after the working of Satan" (verse 9). So it is not all wicked people but one specific individual that is to be destroyed. This wicked one is that false prophet whose destruction is described in Revelation 19:20.

None of the preceding texts describes an earth without inhabitants for a thousand years. But some people just don't want to believe the plain statements in God's Word!

WHAT Will the Millennium Be Like?

Isaiah 11 tells us of the millennium. The Gentiles are going to seek God (verse 10) and Israel and Judah are going to be gathered THE SECOND TIME from the heathen nations (verse 11). This could not be speaking of any "spiritual Israel." The last verses in this chapter speak of men crossing rivers and highways as they leave the Gentile nations and return the second time to the land of promise.

This is the time spoken of by Paul. "Blindness in part is happened to Israel, *until* the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: for this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins" (Romans 11:25-27).

Here is GOOD NEWS! Here is part of the Gospel message. Blindness is happened to Israel, *not forever,* but *until* the full number of Gentiles who are to be converted in this age comes into the Kingdom. Then Israel shall be forgiven and the vast majority of Gentiles shall seek God.

Returning to Isaiah 11, verse 4: Christ "shall smite the earth with the *rod* of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked." At this very time *when* He is punishing the wicked and "reproving with equity the meek of the earth" — at this very time, notice it — "the wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid . . . and a little child shall lead them. . . . And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the *sucking child* shall play on the hole of the asp, and the *weaned child* shall put his hand on the cockatrice' [adder's] den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:6-9).

This is a real Utopia.

This can't be in heaven. There are no wicked human beings in heaven. Children are not being suckled and weaned in heaven.

AND THIS CAN'T BE IN THE NEW EARTH BECAUSE THERE WILL BE NO WICKED PERSONS THERE (Rev. 21:1-4). These events must occur *on this earth* during the millennium. It can't happen in heaven, nor in the New Earth, nor during this age before the millennium begins. Who is going to tame wild, carnivorous animals to eat straw like the ox before the 1000 years? This prophecy is for the millennium!

Isaiah 35 contains other descriptions of the reign of Christ and His saints for the thousand years. In the preceding chapter the destruction of this present world's civilization is depicted as a bloody catastrophe, but thanks to God, the world won't long be in the throes of destruction. For the wilderness shall blossom as the rose, the blind will see and the lame shall walk, because Christ is going to heal the afflicted just as He did in His ministry nineteen hundred years ago.

This is what the millennium will be like. What a wonderful world! And each of us can have a part in making the glorious age to come possible. This is the message of the Gospel which Jesus preached — the Kingdom of God.

Satan to Be Bound

The Bible teaches that the millennium is the reign of the Kingdom of God ON THIS EARTH — the millennium is not the Kingdom, it is merely the first thousand years' reign of that Kingdom on this earth. Yet some people try to tell you that during the millennium Satan will be bound by circumstances — supposedly there will be no human beings alive for him to tempt! The Bible says no such thing. Satan is taken from the people and bound LEST he should deceive the nations. If there were no nations to deceive, he would not have to be BOUND AND SHUT UP IN A PLACE OF RESTRAINT (Rev. 20:1-3).

When Satan and his demons are restrained from their work of deception, the earth shall at last have its millennial "sabbath of rest." The resurrected saints will judge the world with Christ, and all nations shall have peace because they will for the first time be following that Law which "shall go forth out of Zion."

Will the Dead Be Resurrected During the Millennium?

Some know that the millennium will occur on this earth. But they teach that there will be resurrections during the entire period. Is this true?

They have on occasion claimed that Revelation 20:5 is not a part of the Bible. This verse says: "BUT THE REST OF THE DEAD LIVED NOT AGAIN UNTIL THE THOUSAND YEARS WERE FINISHED."

This text belongs in the Bible. It is found in the overwhelming majority of Greek manuscripts. It is important that we do not reject this verse. Jesus said: "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life" (Rev. 22:19).

It is *after* the millennium (Rev. 20:11-15) that the rest of the dead are raised. If they were raised from their graves during the millennium, there would be no need of a time of resurrection after the thousand years.

Yes, a Utopia is coming — the wonderful World of Tomorrow is just around the corner. You can be there and help make it possible if you yield NOW your life to God and OBEY Him!

What a glorious age that will be! □

News OF THE WORK

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And now we respond to your call. You have "snowed" us with an avalanche of letters requesting more detailed information about "the Work." You want to know about every facet of the Work which you have been privileged to support.

That's what the "News of the Work" is all about. It's about "the Work." Everything about the Work. We are going to go behind the scenes and bring you the detailed inside story of the World Tomorrow *radio broadcast. And the newly burgeoning story of the* World Tomorrow *television program. You will read in-depth articles about how the millions of* Plain Truths, Tomorrow's Worlds, *booklets, etc., are all planned, written, laid out, composed, printed and mailed.*

You will see reports on the three Ambassador College campuses and our worldwide network of overseas offices. You will get involved in the pulsating activity of our various ultramodern departments — Radio and TV Studios, Press, Mail, Data Processing, Publications, News Bureau, Farm Program, etc.

And whenever special events come up — as has recently happened with the announcement of a nationwide series of personal appearances by Garner Ted Armstrong (see following pages) — you will get the facts FIRST.

"The Work"

Just What Is It?

Just what is back of *The* PLAIN TRUTH, TOMORROW'S WORLD, *The* WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, and Ambassador College with its three campuses in California, Texas, and England?

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Just what are our objectives, our goals, our purposes?

Those of us close to, or directly connected with this fast-expanding worldwide publishing, broadcasting, educational activity, customarily designate the multi-phased operation by the term *"the Work."*

Just WHAT, then, is *"the Work,"* and WHY?

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Many, especially among our comparatively small but growing family of Co-workers who voluntarily have desired to have a part in the support of *"the Work,"* themselves speak of the activity by that term, yet even they do not fully grasp just what IS *"the Work."*

We think our readers should know *exactly* what "the Work" is — its purpose, what is back of it, how it operates, how it is financed — just why we do things the way we do. That is the purpose of this special new feature of TOMORROW'S WORLD.

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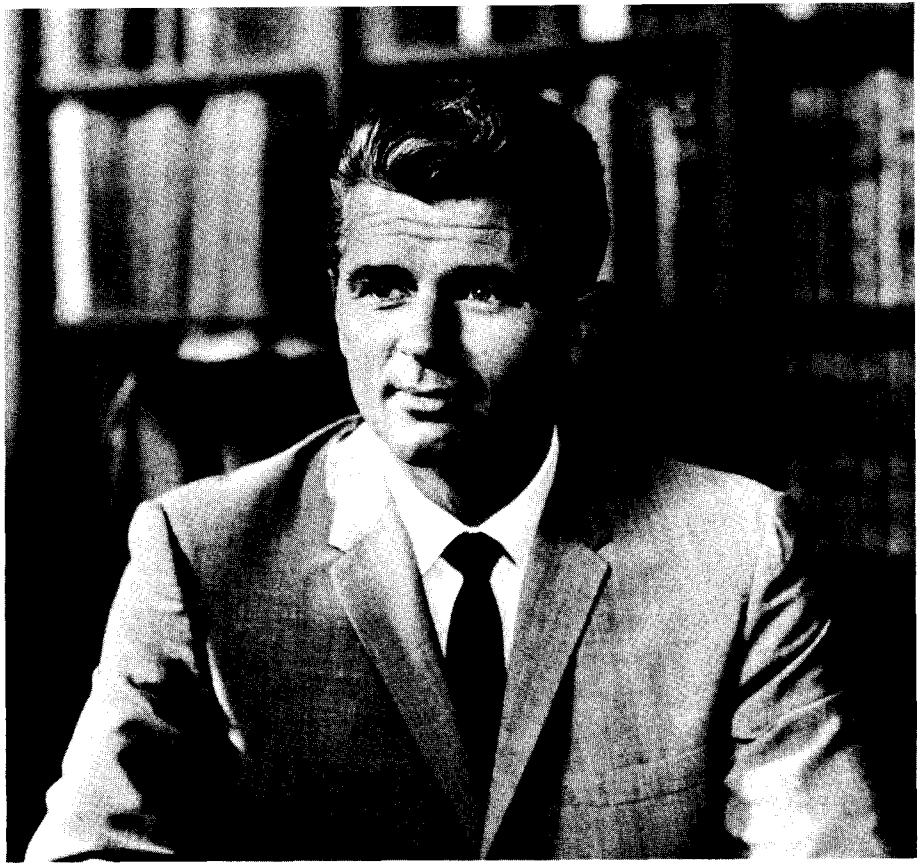

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(BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE)

Garner Ted Armstrong

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After over 36 years of ever-increasing broadcasting and magazine publication, "the Work" is now gearing up for a new thrust — a *decisive* thrust which will soon catapult the Work into national and international prominence.

Ambassador College is going TO America. More accurately, *we* — the comparatively small but dedicated body of Co-Workers — are going to transport the quality, the atmosphere, the character and the spirit of Ambassador College *to* America. We are going into city after city with an inspiring, uplifting message. We want the American populace to see, to feel, to taste, *to experience,* what Ambassador College — what *that way* — is all about.

Because THAT WAY (Acts 19:23) *must save America.* America must listen — before it's too late.

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Some of the staff assisting in this nationwide program are Joseph C. Bauer, Jim Thornhill, Ray Kosanke, Pam Merk, Ray Shelton, Gary Prather, Richard Hegna and Fred Peace. It will be their collective responsibility to direct and coordinate all the planning, preparations and logistics for *"America, Listen"* — directly under the immediate supervision of Mr. Ted Armstrong and the overall supervision of Mr. Herbert Armstrong. Most are Ambassador

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PROBLEMS IN AMERICA

POLLUTION AND CRIME — JUST TO NAME TWO

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This is the time we have all been waiting and working for. We must now all produce — and give — and sacrifice — as we never have before.

It is time. We now go to the world. This is our commission. This is our calling.

It is time to make America listen — before it *really* is too late — time to warn America — time for the *sure* voice to be heard.

It is time to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of children to the fathers (Mal. 4:5-6).

It is time to *close* the generation gap.

The time *has* come.

The STORY of MAN

for children five to one hundred five

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN

ISRAEL GOES TO WAR WITH THE JEWS

UZZIAH, KING OF JUDAH, changed by his growing attitude of self-importance, unwisely started to take over a priestly function at the temple. (II Chronicles 26:1-16.) Warned by Azariah the high priest that the king would displease God by this act, Uzziah was so angered that he was hardly aware of a sudden quivering in the floor.

A King Not Above God

"It would take more than all of you to get me out of here before I choose to leave!" Uzziah snapped. "And why should God be displeased with me?"

"None but a son of Aaron the Levite should burn incense in this sanctuary," Azariah pointed out. "You will surely bring down the wrath of God for disobeying His laws!" (II Chronicles 26:17-18.)

The priests, moving toward Uzziah, nodded in assent. This made the angry king even more upset.

Undaunted by a king, the priests continued approaching Uzziah, who indignantly held his ground. Just as the priests were about to reach him, they halted. Their expressions of determination turned to those of surprise and dread as they peered intently at him.

"A white spot has just appeared on your forehead," Azariah informed the king. "I think it's leprosy!"

Although Uzziah instantly considered the high priest's remark a trick, his free hand went to his forehead. The censer he was holding crashed to the floor. He was horrified to feel an area of soft, puffy, moist skin above his eyes. It was like pressing his fingers into something dead, cold and mushy.

"Get him out of here before something worse happens!" Azariah instructed the priests.

The foremost men seized the king and whisked him toward the door, but Uzziah was so anxious to get out of the sanctuary that he broke away from them and raced ahead. The congregation outside was amazed and bewildered to see the king rush out of the temple in such an undignified manner, and dart out of sight into a group of aides and attendants. (II Chronicles 26:19-20.)

Azariah and his priests emerged just as another rumble, this time very strong, came from the quaking ground. The earth shook violently and the temple trembled. Screams of fear went up from the congregation, which fled away. (Zechariah 14:5, Amos 1:1.) This earthquake, one of the most severe in history, was a token of God's anger because of what Uzziah had done. It did great damage to the earth's surface for many miles around, but God didn't allow a vast destruction of cities and lives because of what happened at the temple. Nevertheless, thousands of people had to race for their lives when huge fissures cracked open in the ground. The Bible compares the earthquake to a terrifying one that will occur when Christ returns to the earth only a few years from the time this present-day account is written. (Zechariah 14:4; Matthew 24:29.)

Uzziah, also called Azariah, remained leprous until his death several years later at the age of sixty-eight (II Kings 15:1-7). Until then, because of

his contagious disease, he had to live apart from others except devoted servants who chose to stay with him. Even under these conditions he continued to be regarded as the ruler of Judah, although others, including his young son Jotham, performed most of the regal functions.

Having died a leper, Uzziah wasn't entombed in a royal sepulchre, but was buried in a field near the regal tombs. Unlike some other kings of Judah who had followed God and had later fallen into idolatry, Uzziah worshipped only the one true God all his life. His deplorable downfall came from believing that he was above the Law and that he was too great a man to have to observe certain special rules God had established for deportment at the temple. (II Chronicles 26:21-23.)

Meanwhile, in Israel

For six months, during Judah's prosperity under Uzziah, Jeroboam's son Zachariah ruled the ten tribes, called the House of Israel. He continued the idol-worship his father had followed. He was so indifferent to the welfare of the people that he was very unpopular with them. He was murdered before a public gathering by a man of high rank named Shallum, who had already persuaded high officials and the guard to support him. No one tried to arrest Shallum for this brazen act. He made himself king immediately. (II Kings 15:8-12.)

Zachariah's death ended the reign of the descendants of Jehu, king of Israel over a hundred years previously. God told Jehu that because he had been obedient in destroying the family of disobedient Ahab, his descendants for four generations would rule Israel. (II Kings 9:1-10; II Kings 10:30-31.) Zachariah was of the fourth and last generation. More generations from Jehu probably would have reigned if Jehu hadn't allowed the customs of Jeroboam I to remain the established religion.

Menahem, commander of the army of Israel, had started out to the northeast to recapture towns and cities taken by the Syrians. When he heard that Shallum had become king by doing away with Zachariah, he was so angry and envious that he returned to Samaria and put an end to Shallum after that king had been in power only a month. (II Kings 15:13-15.)

Menahem proclaimed himself ruler, then set out again on his military mission. He went back to Tirzah, a former capital of northern Israel and the city he had been besieging when he returned to Samaria. Menahem took over Tirzah and other cities to the northeast. His goal was the strongly fortified city of Tiphsah on the Euphrates river. He reasoned that capturing it would be necessary for a stronghold against westward military movements by Assyria. Besides, it would be an important garrison against Syria.

When Menahem arrived at Tiphsah, he didn't surprise the inhabitants, who had been informed of the Israelites' approach hours before. The Israelite army commander demanded that heavy barricading be removed and the gates opened. He promised that he would spare the inhabitants if they would surrender, but that any who resisted would die.

Menahem Grasps Another City

Before long Menahem found that he wasn't yet in a position to make demands or carry out threats. The people of Tiphsah stubbornly refused to do anything except wait. As the hours passed the commander grew furiously impatient.

"These stupid foreigners are asking to starve or die of thirst through a siege!" Menahem stormed. "I don't have time for a siege, but I'm not leaving here until I take this city!"

Menahem's angry determination cost him many men in his wild attack on Tiphsah. There were repeated attempts to scale the walls, timed with the efforts of archers who shot their arrows from fatally short distances. Finally, after what appeared to be a fruitless struggle, a contingent of Israelites managed to get over the walls, push back the defenders, pull down the barricades and open the gates to allow the rest of the Israelite army to pour into the city.

"Make the infidels pay for our losses!" Menahem ordered his officers. "Slaughter those who hide as well as those who resist! And do away with every pregnant woman you can find!"

The king's commands were carried out. Many were slain, and Tiphsah fell to Israel. This was an example of the violence and cruelty that characterized Menahem's rule during the next ten years. Besides being murderously vengeful, the king maliciously insisted on the worship of idols, even though he had a knowledge of God. (II Kings 15:16-18.)

One day Menahem received a report that an army from distant Assyria had crossed the Jordan

The mighty earthquake in Uzziah's day heralded a time in the far future when disobedience would result in even greater destruction by terrible ground tremors.

river and was marching toward Samaria. Within hours the bristling, excited king was leading his army eastward to meet the invaders. When they came within view and he saw that their numbers extended for miles across the plain, his liking for war suddenly deserted him.

The king of Israel hastily arranged for a party of his officers to go ahead with a flag of truce to meet the Assyrians while he and his troops waited at a distance. This resulted, a little later, in his being invited by Pul, the Assyrian king, to ride forward for an exchange of words.

"I am surprised that a military man of your hostile reputation would come to meet me in peace," Pul commented dryly, critically eyeing the other ruler.

"If you come in peace, I welcome you in peace," Menahem replied.

"Peace between Assyria and Israel depends on what you do to make amends for what you did to Tiphsah," Pul bluntly stated. "Many of the murdered inhabitants were my people!"

The usually barbarous and unfriendly Menahem struggled to conceal his sudden fear and maintain diplomatic composure.

"Such a grave matter shouldn't be discussed in the middle of a desert," he observed. "If you will be my guest at my palace in Samaria, we can talk there in comfort."

The Cost of Land-Grabbing

Weeks later, while Pul and his top officers enjoyed themselves in Samaria and the nearby Assyrian army occasionally feasted on special food supplied by the Israelites, the two kings came to an agreement.

Meanwhile, the distraught Menahem, gambling on the hope that Pul could be appeased by a sum of money, decreed that those who were prosperous among the Israelites should pay a special tax. In spite of the sins of Israel, about 60,000 families still enjoyed God's blessing of prosperity. Through the hurried efforts of collectors, the tax money poured in. Equal to about two million dollars, it was promptly turned over to the king of Assyria, who

took his army back to his home nation. He saw no reason to lose any of his soldiers against the Israelites if their king chose to buy his way out of a war. (II Kings 15:19-20.)

There were Israelites who were highly critical of Menahem for taxing the people to escape trouble, but if the king had chosen to stand against the invaders, Israel probably would have been defeated. It was a matter of disaster being postponed to the time God had picked to bring the Assyrians again to Samaria.

Menahem died shortly after this event. He was succeeded by his son Pekahiah, who continued in the idolatry of his forebears. His rule was cut short, after only two years, when one of his captains burst into his palace, along with fifty men, and assassinated Pekahiah.

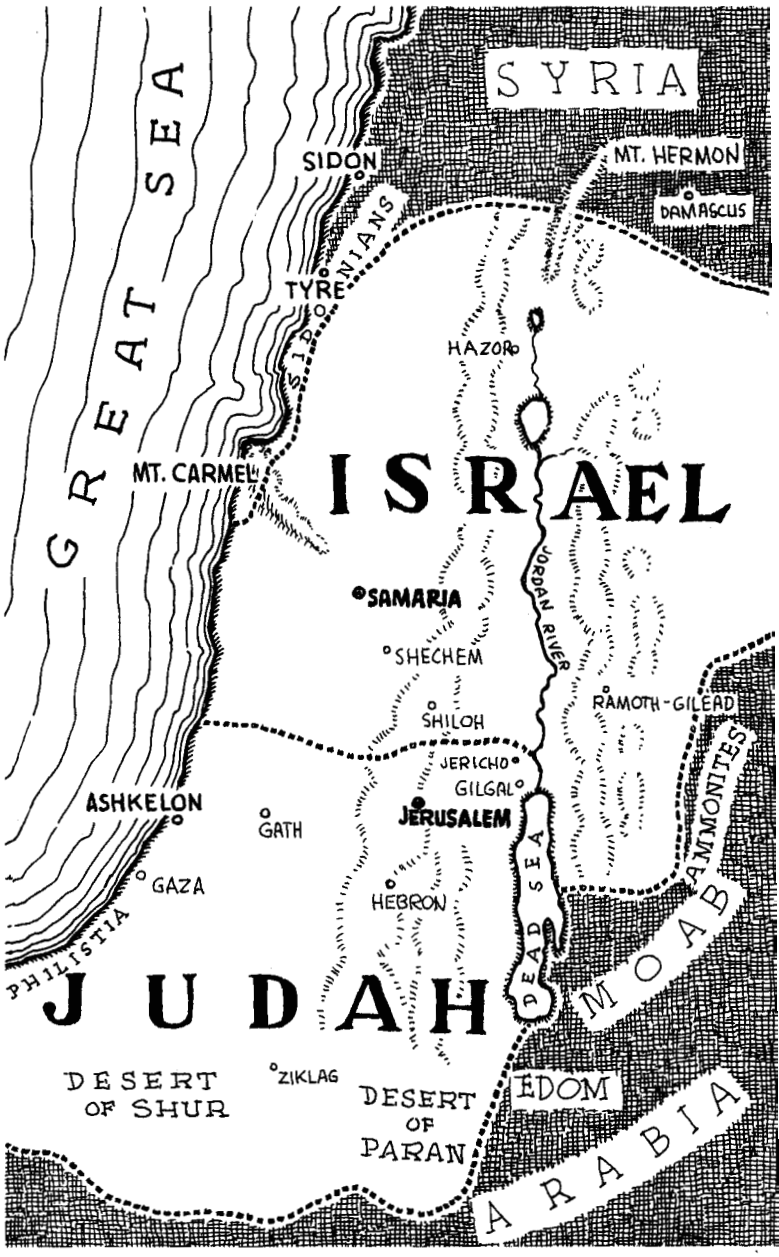
This captain, Pekah, whose name was much like that of his victim, seized the throne to hold control of the ten tribes of Israel for the next twenty years, during which he carried on in the idolatry of the rulers who had preceded him. (II Kings 15:21-28.)

But while the Israelites were having all this trouble, the Jews fared much better because they had better leaders.

In the second year of Pekah's reign over Israel in Samaria, Uzziah's son Jotham, twenty-five years of age, came into full rulership of Judah. Happily for his kingdom, he lived and ruled by God's laws during his sixteen years as king. Although he worked to clean out idolatry from Judah, it was so deeply ingrained in many of the people that he never succeeded in removing it. (II Kings 15:32-35; II Chronicles 27:1.)

Jotham remembered his father's lesson and didn't go into the temple. Like Uzziah in his better years, Jotham built fortifications and observation towers in places where they were needed. He continued to improve Jerusalem's walls, as well as part of the temple. His ambition was to maintain and improve the projects his father had started.

Because of his loyalty to God, most of the years of Jotham's reign weren't marred by war. The king's first battle was with the Ammonites, whom the army of Judah defeated. As vassals, the Ammonites paid tribute in silver equal to about $200,000 as well as over 90,000 bushels of wheat and the same amount of barley.



The kingdoms of Israel and Judah.

For three years they made the same payment to Judah. (II Chronicles 27:2-6.) After that they rebelled against bringing it. Jotham was so engrossed in a more serious matter that he didn't have time to send an army to demand the tribute. The army of Tiglath-pileser, king of Assyria, was overrunning much of the territory of the kingdom of Israel. This was no small concern to Jotham, who any day expected to learn that the Assyrians were heading toward Judah, also.

The Assyrian Threat

The unwelcome report eventually came. Jotham's soldiers prepared to defend Jerusalem. The

war machines built in Uzziah's time were set for action. What was more important, Jotham asked God to spare his nation from the Assyrians.

According to ancient Assyrian records, the invaders went almost to the northeastern border of Egypt, by-passing the towns and cities of Judah and Philistia. They returned, but the only places they spoiled were in the territory of the ten tribes of Israel. Jotham's prayers had been answered. The Jews were spared, but so were the Philistines. God possibly spared the Philistines so that they could be used to trouble Judah during the reign of the next evil king.

The Assyrians finally left Israel, but not without taking thousands of Israelites as captives and leaving Pekah with only half his territory. All the land east of the Jordan river was taken, never to be regained by any king of Israel. The Assyrians also took over many of the towns and cities of Syria. (II Kings 15:29; I Chronicles 5:25-26.) Thus Assyria became the common enemy of Israel and Syria; and Rezin, the king of Syria, and Pekah, the king of Israel, became allies in a plan to regain the wealth and strength they needed.

Israel Plots With Syria to Fight the Jews

That plan was to capture Judah's capital, Jerusalem. If that could be done, all of Judah could be theirs. But both Israel and Syria had become so weakened in manpower that the forces they sent against Judah were not strong enough to make inroads. (II Kings 15:37.) Even if the armies had been twice as large, they wouldn't have succeeded until the time God chose to allow them to succeed.

Jotham died at the relatively young age of forty-one to leave the leadership of the nation of Judah to his son Ahaz, twenty years old. (II Kings 15:38; II Chronicles 27:6-9.) From then on conditions grew worse in Judah. Ahaz, following the bad example of all the kings of Israel, believed that it was foolish to worship a God he couldn't see. He chose to worship objects that were visible, no matter how lifeless. He saw to it that images of Baal were produced and made available to his subjects to worship. He was a base example to his people by putting his children through fiery rites associated with heathen gods. (II Kings 16:1-4; II Chronicles 28:1-4.)

The armies of Israel and Syria again came against Judah, this time to successfully converge on Jerusalem. But the high, thick walls and unusual protective devices were too much for the attackers. (II Kings 16:5.) The soldiers of Israel returned to Samaria. The Syrian forces moved southward to the northeastern tip of the Red Sea, where they drove out the Jews and captured the port of Elath, which until then belonged to Judah. This is the first time the people of Judah are called Jews in the Bible. (II Kings 16:6.)

The departure of the Syrians and Pekah's army didn't mean the end of trouble for Ahaz. The Philistines had learned that the army of Judah had been weakened by recent attacks. Their army moved eastward to capture towns and villages in southwestern Judah. About the same time the Edomites invaded Judah from the southeast by bands of mounted soldiers who captured and carried away people from the small towns. (II Chronicles 28:17-19.)

This was frustrating to Ahaz, whose army couldn't be everywhere at once. He didn't want to break it up into too many parts, lest there be another siege of Jerusalem. He needed help. The only possible source was from distant Assyria, whose king had no friendly attitude toward Syria. Ahaz sent messengers to Nineveh, the Assyrian capital, to ask for military aid to ward off the Jews' enemies, the Syrians, Israelites, Philistines and Edomites. As payment for the help he hoped to receive, Ahaz stripped the temple of most of its gold and silver and special treasures and sent them to the king of Assyria. For good measure Ahaz added some of the valuable objects from his palace. (II Kings 16:7-8; II Chronicles 28:20-25.)

The next few days were wearing ones for the king of Judah. He was filled with anxiety over what the Assyrian king would decide to do. If he chose to help Judah, Ahaz desperately hoped that the help would come before the Israelites decided to return and attack again.

Finally a special messenger came to speak to the king, who impatiently demanded to know what the king of Assyria had to tell him.

"But I am not from Assyria," the messenger said. "I've come from southern Judah to report that the Syrian army is approaching from Elath!"

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Why Today's World is in revolt ...and the answers!

***Today's world** is in revolt. Hypocrisy in the older generation has led to disillusionment in the younger. Every standard, every measure, every maxim is questioned, challenged or rejected outright. In this special feature of Tomorrow's World, those associated with our staff, carefully selected from a broad spectrum of divergent backgrounds, speak out on any and every topic of current consequence. You may not agree with everything that is presented, but interest is guaranteed, response is welcomed, and we even anticipate alarmed reaction to some of these commentaries. The world we live in is dynamic. These issues and answers are dynamic. Answers are not offered for every issue, but we are not fearful of proffering answers in an age of questioning. For those with intellectual curiosity — have a feast!*

Crime

"Ancient" Solution for a Modern Problem

Statistics from the FBI show a rise in virtually every major type of violent crime. Families have to cower behind locked doors. Homes are secured with ingenious new locking devices and complex electronic warning systems. Society has to resort to trained dogs, possession of firearms and armed guards for its safety. Surveys reveal that the literal *fear of physical violence* haunts at least 54% of our population.

Yet crime *can* be 90-99% eliminated. *ELIMINATED TODAY* — in our 20th century "sophisticated society." How? By applying the only laws which have ever been realistically designed to deal with physical human beings and *human nature.*

God's Laws.

The Ten Commandments.

The Statutes and Judgments.

How would God's Government handle the crime problem in America? Just the way it *prevented* such a problem from ever getting started in ancient Israel.

The cessation of crime starts by preventing it in the *next* generation. By training the children — both by teaching and example — to have a thorough respect for law, their elders, parents, teachers, neighbors, for public office and for all persons in authority (Deut. 6:1-7, 20, 24). Yes, and this includes the Internal Revenue Service and the police officer that gives you a ticket, even though you don't think you have it coming. (Write for our free, fully illustrated booklet, *The Plain Truth about Child Rearing,* if you want to know how to teach your children in today's world.)

Equally important is the appropriate legal response when a crime is committed and the suspect is apprehended. First and foremost, the guilt or innocence of the accused person must be determined swiftly. Today it takes an average of seven months before a defendant is brought to trial to even ascertain if he is guilty or not. This is a ludicrous *mockery* of justice in and of itself.

Furthermore, once the accused is brought to trial, our wildly intricate legal system of interlocking and contradicting codes and precedents often sets the guilty *free.* The many hypertechnicalities, which have become a fetish today, should be thoroughly reviewed in the light of God's simple, uncluttered legal system.

To assure that all the facts of a case have indeed been ascertained, a compulsory statute would demand the presence and testimony of all witnesses (Lev. 5:1). And as a guarantee of absolute truthfulness, perjured testimony by a witness should result in the same penalty being inflicted on the witness as the false testimony would have wrought on the accused (Deut. 19:16-20).

Next, every case should be heard by two or three judges rather than just one (Deut. 17:6). This way their decision could be final — *with no appeal* — unless *the judges themselves* felt that the case required consideration at a higher level (Deut. 17:8-13). Today the average criminal case takes 18 months on appeal — that is *after* the accused has been found *guilty.* In one renowned case the condemned criminal had his execution delayed for *12 years* by judicial delay — which is the epitome of "cruel and unusual punishment." Truly it is written that justice delayed is justice denied. Such would never happen under God's legal system.

Judges must be dedicated, honest men — beyond reproach. Men filled with wisdom who deplore a bribe and decide each case without fear or favor. Every

judge must decide every case according to the facts, without regard to the accused's age, sex, race, religion, political convictions, economic status or social stratum (Deut. 16:18-20).

Once the offender is found guilty, punishment must follow immediately and swiftly — no later than the next day. The delay of punishment of one criminal encourages *every* criminal to conclude that he can commit his crime and enjoy its fruits without retribution (Eccl. 8:11). The sentence must be executed not in hatred but in love. Love for the criminals, love for the victims — but most important, *love for the nation as a whole.*

The punishment must truly fit the crime.

It is imperative that both the trial and the punishment should be held in public for all to see. The punishment should *not* be carried out in secret. A major thrust of the deterring effect is lost when it is done behind closed doors. God intended the public to *hear and fear!* (Deut. 21:21.) And within a few months, *all* crime would drop 90-99%.

God's logic is very simple — He knows how to keep law and order among His created beings. The tempted offender must know, without the shadow of a doubt, that should he commit a wrong, he is going to be punished — and that the punishment will *hurt far more* than whatever possible "pleasure" he hopes to derive from committing the wrong.

But with a populace that refuses to pattern its life after God's Word, but insists on doing what is right in its own eyes, the foregoing will not be achieved until the whole earth comes under the Government of God (Isa. 9:6-7; Rev. 11:15).

R. K. Helge

Modern Youth

Should You Be a Political Activist?

The day has passed when young people naïvely looked at life with starry eyes. Today's youth recognizes the overwhelming problems thrust upon it by a hypocritical older generation. And they rightly react with disgust and disillusionment. But for an increasingly large number, *that's not enough!* The cry is for *action* — *VIOLENT* ACTION if need be — to get results.

Street demonstrations, mass rallies, brick throwing, fire bombings, and most recently, dynamite explosions — these are the eagerly used tools of the political activist, the militant, who insists that democratic measures and due process of law are inadequate and much too slow to effect the changes they demand. The cry is "Revolution!" — not reform. The *bullet* and the *bomb* are fast replacing the *ballot!*

The recent student uprisings — the deaths at Kent State and Jackson State, the closing of many of our big universities — are more than just sporadic incidents. They are tragically indicative of the attitude of our age.

If you are a youth awake to the problems of our times, you want to *do* something. But should you join the *revolutionary* elements in our society? Should you turn to *violence* to hasten change?

If you have come to see that *God is alive,* and that He *speaks to modern man through His Word, read this plain answer!*

"Let every soul *be subject unto the higher powers.* For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1). This means God *allows* the "powers that be" to exist. Now this does *not* mean that He sanctions or approves of their evils — more about that side of the coin later. But notice, He does not give anyone the authority to try to overturn them by violence! "Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation [or judgment]"! (Verse 2.)

No wonder the worldwide Communist movement attacks God and the Bible. The Bible plainly *condemns* the violent overthrow of government! God is a God of "law and order," not of anarchy. *He* is the great Lawgiver (see James 4:12). *Satan* is the great deceiver and anarchist. It was he who *first resisted* the power and government of God. Violent overthrow of government is *his way* of bringing about change. He is the arch-rebel behind all rebellions and revolutions!

"Submit yourselves to *every* ordinance of man for the Lord's sake . . . For *so is the will of God"* (I Peter 2:13, 15). Or as the *Living Letters* translates verse 13: "For the LORD'S sake, *obey* [submit yourself to] *every law of your government."* Thus "civil disobedience" is directly contrary to the will of your Creator.

But what about social injustice? What about "capitalistic oppression"? Does the Bible deal with these issues? Emphatically *yes!* The Bible speaks bluntly to unscrupulous "rich men"!

"Go to now, ye *rich men,* weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten" (James 5:1-2). Yes, God knows of the graft and corruption among the rich — and He promises to *do something about it!*

God Almighty is aware of their fraud and oppression. "You have made a fine pile in these last days, haven't you?" He demands. "But look, here is the pay of the reaper you hired and whom you cheated, and it is shouting out against you! And the cries of the other labourers you have swindled are heard by the Lord of Hosts himself. Yes, you have had a magnificent time on this earth, and have indulged yourselves to the full. You have picked out just what you wanted like soldiers looting after battle. You have condemned and ruined innocent men in your career, and they have been powerless to stop you" (James 5:3-6, Williams Version).

But what can WE do about it? "Be patient therefore, brethren, *unto the coming of the Lord"!* (Verse 7.)

Can you take *God's* advice to youth? Youth is characteristically impatient and impulsive. It demands answers *here* and *NOW!* But don't be deceived into thinking that solutions that have been wanting for millenniums will be quickly ushered in by a street rally or firebomb!

Did the Communist *Revolution* rid Russia of all oppression and tyranny? Think about it. *What comes after revolution?* Peace? Freedom? Love? Happiness? Prosperity? Do new rulers rid

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themselves of all the evils of the old?

Can man bring about the Millennium? No. But God can. And He will. *Soon.*

God Almighty will soon *massively* intervene in world affairs. He will crush all oppression and forge a *just* society.

Now if you insist on becoming a street-walking political activist, espousing revolutionary violence, you will not only fail but you will also bring about *your own destruction.*

But there's a better way: You *can* become a *real* activist. *You can* LITERALLY *change the world.*

We are preparing the way for the second coming of a conquering Jesus Christ. *We* are preaching His warning Gospel message of the coming Government of God.

So throw down your weapons. Pick up your Bible. Come help humanity.

D. Albert

Business Notes

The Japanese Worker

What makes a nation a superpower? How is it that a country that only twenty-five years ago was defeated in disgrace and dishonor, being devastated and occupied by hostile forces, has now become one of the economic giants of the world? Why does it happen to some and not to others?

All these questions could be asked with validity about *Japan.*

From the radioactive rubble of Hiroshima and Nagasaki has arisen a people who now have become the third-ranking industrial power in the world behind only the United States and the Soviet Union. Ten years ago the average Japanese existed on near-subsistence-level income, but today he has passed the British (one of the victorious allies) in average income! Within another ten, he may even be level with the Americans! And beyond? Many economists predict that the 21st century will be "The Japanese Century."

As with the Germans, Japanese success lies a great deal in their willingness to *work* and *produce,* sometimes under very adverse circumstances. A country lacking in natural resources, Japan has capitalized on its greatest asset — people. The coupling of an astute business community and a cooperative government with the intrinsic Japanese character has produced a unique species of workman — one who is *willing* to sacrifice for the future welfare of his country. Does this sound too idealistic to be true? To American ears it indeed sounds unbelievable, but in most Japanese corporations, *this is the case.*

In an article in *Business Week,* Konosuke Matsushita, head of the giant Matsushita Electric Industrial Company, makers of Panasonic appliances, states that "... each man is taught that he is managing the company through his work, and that with this work is doing something for society." He proudly points to the fact that 420,000 ideas were stuffed into the company suggestion box last year, and that many employees often work late devising ideas to increase production! Japanese workers are more interested in the *team* effort than in their own personal self-satisfaction — a perfect physical application of Romans 12:1: "present your bodies a living sacrifice."

A "somewhat" different attitude from the unionized, apathetic American worker — and the *more* unionized, *more* apathetic British worker.

Another example quoted in *Business Week* talks of the employee who comes to work half an hour *early every morning* just to be more efficient on his job. This he does without any extra pay — and his boss doesn't consider him to be particularly outstanding. It is this kind of loyalty and interest that has almost "overnight" made Toyota the fifth largest automobile producer in the world!

Compare the indolent, affluent, self-seeking Americans and Britons whom we see around us (we *"see"* them because they're not working), demanding extra "goof-off time" (as it is called by the men themselves), shorter work weeks, longer weekends, and more money for every little hand's turn of work performed!

But it wasn't always this way. There was a time when the American working man was the example for the whole world. He produced more, demanded less and was willing to work for the overall benefit of his country. There was a time when Britain's industry was indeed great — when British products epitomized the very highest quality.

What has happened to the American attitude?

What has happened to the British craftsmen?

Both have been buried by affluence.

The society we see around us is the product of decades of unparalleled prosperity, the likes of which no nation in history has ever experienced!

Every great empire in history which has passed through the phases of humble beginnings, then affluence and power, has ultimately fallen and collapsed in a confusion of immorality and lawlessness. Such will *soon* happen to the United States and Great Britain, unless the trends of apathy and self-seeking are reversed and a return to God's Law — the way of giving, serving and sacrificing — is attained.

Prosperity will undoubtedly also generate the crashing thunderous collapse of the Japanese giant, unless they too turn from their own ways to follow the immutable laws which Almighty God built into His universe. The seeds of their demise are already evident in Japanese society: student riots, collapse of the strong family structure (due to Westernization), deep-seated immorality.

Every nation on earth will have to face the facts: There are two basic ways of life. One, the way of *giving, sharing,* of sacrificing and serving. The other, the way of *getting,* grasping and seek-

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vigorous activity as a regular part of their lives in order to lead a dynamic and abundant life.

Students and faculty alike here at Ambassador College recognize this need and do something about it. Students participate in strenuous activities such as running and swimming at least four times a week. Many popular sports and games are engaged in at all times of the year. Basketball games, track meets, handball matches, and swim meets are only a few of the ways that Ambassador keeps its students and faculty active.

Furthermore, in order for a person to do God's will, he must have courage and fighting perseverance. What better way to develop these qualities of tough masculinity than by rough — but *always friendly* — man-to-man "combat" (companionship) on the athletic field!

J. Petty

Race Relations

Harmony or Hegemony?

What would have happened in our riot-prone, racially tense country if John or Robert Kennedy had been killed by a Negro?

Perish the thought!

But entertain it long enough to test your emotional reaction.

Today, in America and the world, racism is rife. Tensions are mounting. Everyone is affected.

America has been called a melting pot. True. Except for the black man. He has been the most notable exception — he has not "melted" — primarily due to his color and physiognomy. Let's face the facts: Most Negroes occupy the lower stratum in our very much stratified society.

To understand the position of the American Negro, we must understand *slavery*. Because slavery here in the U. S. dealt him quite a blow.

Early in American history many politicians shuddered at the thought of emancipation for Negro slaves — and the subsequent social integration which would then have to follow. Whatever the motivations of these men were, they all caught a glimpse of the racial confrontation which would inevitably erupt.

The rest is history. The black man *was* freed from the yoke of slavery. And now more than ten decades later, the realization of across-the-board "equality" continues to be an idealistic pipe dream at best. Though fresh facts from Government sources indicate progress for black people in employment, income and education, everyone knows that when economic or social adversities strike, the black man is the first to "get it."

For almost two decades now, *integration* has been proclaimed as the "Great Solution" to the race problem. "Diffuse the Negro into Caucasian society and *his* problems will be solved." Solved? Man, they're worse than ever. Look at the record — today we have *more* racial strife than ever before.

For example, look at bussing. Eight out of nine Americans, according to a recent opinion poll, don't want their kids bussed. White parents don't. And *black* parents don't. *Black* parents don't like to see their kids riding a bus for two hours a day just to be deposited into a "culturally superior" *white* school. Which builds up further resentments, envies, hatreds — more racial conflicts.

Then the *self*-seeking exploiters take over. Feeding on the black man's legitimate grievances, everybody — from power-crazed little "Hitlers" to the steely efficient agitators of the well-oiled international Communist machine — knowingly engineers riots, gun fights, bombings, etc. (all of which take innocent *black* lives) in order to further their own revolutionary goals. The black man has been used as a *"tool"* — not for his *own* good, but for the *political* purposes of others!

Obviously, man's solution to the race problem has NOT worked.

It is only natural to feel closer to one's own racial family — to one's own "paint job." What human nature fails to see is that God created *all* men from one original set of parents — Adam and Eve. Our Creator designed *all* men to live with and love one another without racial bias — because we are all "brothers under the skin." Acts 17:26 reveals that God "hath made of one blood all nations of men" or as Phillips translates it, "From one forefather he has created every race of men to live over the face of the whole earth."

God's Law is a law of love — real, genuine, heartfelt outgoing concern for the other fellow. It is the way of respect and esteem for one's neighbor no matter what his color is. It *condemns* discrimination and bias. Notice the admonition of the Apostle James: "If you fulfil the ROYAL LAW according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well: But if ye have respect to persons, ye COMMIT SIN, and are convinced [convicted] of the law as transgressors" (James 2:8, 9).

The Bible says that honesty, justice, fair play and equality should be the "law of the land" in every nation under heaven — and especially in those nations that profess belief and adherence to Bible teaching: "ONE LAW shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you" (Exodus 12:49).

Many "liberated," "free-thinking" religions of *this* world *"use"* these scriptures to justify — and even to sanctify — interracial marriage. However, that is *not* what these scriptures are talking about at all. *Godly* love is being discussed — a sincere, simple, outgoing concern for one's neighbor.

On the other hand, many blacks claim that "white man's churchianity" has given black people nothing but sweet sentiment and "pie-in-the-sky."

They are right.

But *God's true Christianity* has

nothing to do with "white man's churchianity."

Why? Because "white man's churchianity" does *not* reflect the truth of the Bible.

Because God Himself is the Designer and Sustainer of all races.

Because God Himself will eradicate all the deep-seated, debilitating problems which have ravished black society: unstable family life, racial discrimination, inferior education, no historical roots, limited job opportunities, inadequate housing.

Because God Himself will send Jesus Christ back to this earth to throw down all human governments and to set up the Kingdom of God — in which men of *all* races will be given an equal chance and a fair shake.

Because God Himself will resolve all racial problems.

Because God Himself will tap the *real* potential of *all* the races — including the worldwide black community — for the *good* of all humanity.

I, as a black man, confidently await that day!

T. Hall

Literature

Puritanism or Pornography?

Literature is a source of power: Either a source of *rejuvenating* power, leading toward a more rewarding life, or a source of *degrading* power, creating a diseased mentality.

Is there a standard for selecting worthwhile reading materials? How can we guide our children in their choice of books? Without a lengthy discussion of what constitutes literature, let's explore a few principles.

First, we need to understand that it is the *fiction* of today that exhibits the most perverse qualities — works that spring from unhealthy imaginations run riot. Novels, short stories, plays, scenarios all fall into this category. Sometimes listed in a separate class, science fiction, too, provides material for daydreaming — for escape from reality. Few works of this kind will edify the reader. Many may result in considerable harm.

"But the Bible contains some of the most obscene and violent stories ever written!" shout the Tom Paines and the Robert Ingersolls of the world. Don't be fooled! There are differences. The accounts of David and Bathsheba, Jael and Sisera, Judah and Tamar are told simply and swiftly. Only the essentials needed to teach the lesson are expounded. The Bible does not concentrate on lurid details in gutter language. These inspired stories were written for our example — to show the *effects* of wrongdoing. Yet any story with a moral today would be dismissed immediately as Puritanical and artless.

Just read the Bible then, and nothing else? Is that the answer? Hardly! Though the Bible is all truth, not all truth is found in the Bible — and not all inspiration comes directly from the Bible. The Bible is the *foundation* of knowledge, and we are to *evaluate* what we read in terms of its principles.

The right kinds of literature can broaden our outlook and our understanding — and make us better able to help others. Literature has always been a great teacher, though sometimes a false one. Some literary works have been responsible for molding and changing society! Become familiar with such volumes. The brief list on this page will help you get started.

Historical and scientific works, biographies, travel — some of these and others can benefit anyone who has learned to *evaluate* carefully what he reads. Indeed, it is not necessarily wrong to spend time on the *major* philosophical and fictional works of a country. The Apostle Paul, as an educated man, was acquainted with many writings of note — and occasionally even quoted short passages from works other than the Scriptures (Acts 17:28, for example). Literature can be a means of "reaching" people. To read and understand the "classics" is to see again the overall lesson of the Bible. It is to see men willingly reject the truth of God — and to consequently reap the rotten fruits of their own vain reasonings.

Learn to be selective. Not everything in print is true. Learn to *question* what you read. Find out what you can about the author. What is his background? Is he obviously prejudiced? What was his purpose in writing the book? One of Benjamin Franklin's reasons for writing his *Autobiography* was to help others to be as successful as he.

Ask yourself WHY you are reading. To escape? To provide entertainment? For enjoyment? To gain knowledge and understanding?

In literature, as in all areas of life, man has been given a choice — a test of character. Don't be misled into thinking that you must experience evil in order to appreciate what is right and good. Too many today think they may miss something or may not be considered "normal" if they do not experience, either actually or vicariously (through literature, etc.), all the perverse acts which the mind of man is capable of devising.

Make no mistake. The wrong kind of literature is being used to poison minds just as surely as are pornographic "art," rock "music," and drugs. You ARE what you think! (Prov. 23:7.) Dwelling on evil thoughts leads to evil actions (James 1:14-15). Learn to choose wisely. Teach your children to question, to evaluate on the basis of Biblical principles. Concentrate on those things which are true and just and pure (Phil. 4:8).

Depravity has been around a long time, but it has never been so prevalent — or so readily accepted as today. In the WORLD TOMORROW we are promised a pure language no longer riddled with obscenities — and a literature of true knowledge and understanding!

J. Lacour

Books for Adults

The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin.
The Waste Makers, by Vance Packard.
Famine — 1975, by William and Paul Paddock.
Exodus, by Leon Uris.
My Own Story, by Bernard Baruch.
Aerobics, by Kenneth H. Cooper.
God Speaks Out on the "New Morality," by the Ambassador College Graduate School of Theology.
Charlemagne, by Harold Lamb.
The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich, by William L. Shirer.
How to Be Rich, by J. Paul Getty.
Hiroshima, by John Hersey.
Life Science Library, by the editors of LIFE.

What's the Word for TODAY?

by David Jon Hill

WHERE CAN you find words to describe Today's World? Problems bubble, seethe and then explode in every corner, in every direction. Where are the phrases to capture the feeling of the massive mega-problems that have pushed us to the brink of annihilation? Where are the principles that will guide us even to *see* in their awesome scope, if not to *solve,* the crises which cause us to consider cosmoscide?

Where in the world can we find words to express the turmoil, frustration and despair we feel as we see the black burden of the future descend on us with a crescendo of problems more prolific than the population explosion?

New-coined words are a dime a dozen. Rhetoric repeats itself with historic boredom! Political promises, the always-bright, new manna for the day, breed worms and stink even *before* the sun goes down! Parish practitioners peep and mutter inane and hypocritical soothing sayings like, "The good in human nature will prevail. Peace, brother, peace." When there is no peace! Sober scientists search for words to sound the alarm they feel when they view the devastating statistics of overkill potential in the hands of the Nuclear Club of nations, the sinister statistics of world population totally eclipsing food production, the telltale statistics of the rising threat of pandemics of diseases once thought dead, like bubonic plague!

The Crisis of Crises

That subhead above is not mine. I borrowed it from a renowned scientist, John Platt, research biophysicist and associate director of the Mental Health Research Institute at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, who was writing for *Science* magazine in its November 28, 1969 edition, page 1116. Permit me to quote a few more phrases from his article, "What We Must Do."

The principles, phrases and word choice of this seriously concerned, if not shaken and alarmed scientist are reminiscent of my favorite Book. Call this a "review" of John Platt's article, call it literary criticism, call it what you may — this man shares my alarm at apparent human lethargy in the face of present and coming catastrophic crises! And the same alarm is sounded with living, modern, up to the second — yet old in the sense that they are eternal — words, phrases and principles of my favorite Book!

"A few years ago, Leo Szilard estimated the 'half-life' of the human race with respect to nuclear escalation as being between 10 and 20 years" writes John Platt, who goes on to warn, "I think this multiplication of domestic and international crises today will shorten that short half-life. In the continued absence of better ways of heading off these multiple crises, our half-life may no longer be 10 to 20 years, but more like 5 to 10 years, or less. We may have even less than a 50-50 chance of living until 1980.... The time is short.... The time is horribly short."

The Crisis at the End

That subhead above is not mine, either. I borrowed it from the pages of my favorite Book: "And now, O Daniel, keep all this a close secret and keep the book shut as a secret, till the crisis at the end" (Daniel 12:4, the Bible, Moffatt translation). Daniel goes on to say, "I heard all this, but I did not understand it. So I asked, 'O my lord, what is to be the last phase before the end?' But he said, 'Ask no more, Daniel, for the revelation is to be kept secret and closed, TILL THE CRISIS AT THE CLOSE" (Dan. 12:8-9 *ibid*).

The whole book of Daniel deals with world government. Daniel had received information about all the world governments which would rule the earth between his time and the time when God would set up His government on earth. Naturally Daniel wanted to know how long this was going to take, and what were some of the things that were going to happen just before God's intervention so he could watch for those telltale signs indicating the imminent coming of God's Kingdom.

God knew it would be a long time yet, and not to frustrate Daniel, He told him to "forget it." But He also commanded Daniel to write down the details he had been shown, because they would be of use to people like Daniel just before and during "the crisis at the

close." So despite the fact that these words of the Bible are "ancient" they hold the key to the riddle of Today's World. They answer the seemingly unanswerable questions that plague statesmen and scientists alike in the "Crisis at the End."

The simple warnings of God's Word tell it like it is. There was no need of preserving endless place names. God didn't need to *list* the wars that would quickly culminate in *the* war to destroy all mankind that we all see on the horizon. God didn't need to perpetuate meaningless words like *Korean police action, Vietnamization, Cambodianization, Laotionization,* or whatever may be next. He didn't need to coin phrases like *Trade War, Cold War, Guerrilla War, War of Nerves, Coup d'Etat,* etc. ad infinitum. All our Creator needed to do to inform thinking and reasonable men in time to make proper preparation, was to cause to be written and preserved these simple statements: "You will hear of wars and rumours of wars . . . there will be sore misery then, such as has never been, from the beginning of the world till now — no and never shall be. Had not those days been cut short, not a soul would be saved alive!" (Matthew 24:6, 21, 22 *ibid.*)

Those words plainly tell us in beautiful, succinct form what to watch for in the form of daily headlines just before the end (that's the *end* of the present society, man's governments, by the way, and not the end of the earth, as scoffers would like to believe the Bible teaches). What's more important, these words are comforting! Comforting because they add the good news of what God has in store beyond the scope of mere human sight. They add the sure word of hope in an age of hopelessness.

Read those words!

The Word for Today: BAD

When you see all these problems exploding around you, God's advice in modern language is, "Don't get shook!" "See and do not be alarmed. These things have to come, but it is not the end yet" (Matt. 24:6, *ibid*). God knew things were going to be the way they are today. God knew mankind would not be able to find solutions to his multiple problems. God knew human beings would escalate their troubles to the point of human extinction. Now, *mankind* is beginning to see the picture. Mankind sees all the problems, but none who see the problems well are very enthusiastic about the possibility of solving them. Scientists readily admit they do not now have the answers. Politicians *certainly* don't have the answers (they are a big part of the problem!). Priests and clerics sit mumbling at the bottom of an abyss where the world has thrown them *and* their *dead* god. (Read about that in Isaiah 26:12-14.) Educators are fighting for their own lives — they have no answers, their future looks black! Industry in its greed is creating a major portion of the problems, is reluctant to reform, has no real answers. The financial world is busy digging its own grave — no answers there.

The Word for Tomorrow: GOOD

But God says things are NOT going to end the way mankind predicts! God says He knows mankind has the power to blow himself off the face of the earth, BUT GOD INSISTS BY HIS RIGHT AS CREATOR AND RULER THAT HE WILL NOT ALLOW THINGS TO GO QUITE THAT FAR — HE PLANS TO STOP THE WORLD AND GET ON!

Believe it or not, God loves us in spite of all our faults. In fact, He loves us more than we love ourselves, and He is not going to allow us to destroy ourselves! (John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Matthew 24:22.) Those are the words for Tomorrow, plus whole chapters, whole books that outline in detail God's Good News for Tomorrow's World!

The Word for Today

But back to Today. . . . that's what the article's about. The Bible can provide you advance notice about next week's headlines, next month's and next year's! It's more than modern. It's beyond up-to-date! It's *past* present!!

If you get busy and read the Book, you'll be able to anticipate world events.

And, *more* important, you'll learn how God in that same Word has provided the principles which will enable you to *live through* those events and participate actively in the good news beyond! When you pick up your daily newspaper, your weekly news magazine, when you watch TV news (or programs), you'll be able, along with the staff of *Tomorrow's World*, to say, "I read it *first* in the Bible!"

Here are some areas for you to prove the point, to practice with, to get excited about. And remember God's comforting advice about today's news: "Don't get shook!" Today's news is bound to be bad, and get worse! But as you read more of the Book you'll see more of the Good News beyond today's bad news.

Does "Don't get shook!" mean we should take today's bad news and the horrors yet to come with a shrug of the shoulder! No! Does that mean we shouldn't be alarmed into action? No!! Does that mean we should not begin to make personal changes, because God is going to do it all? NO, NO, NO!!! It simply means that as you begin to see *God's* plan for the future, you don't have to face it with all the frustration of the ignorance of the unknown that mankind alone, without God, must face! It means you can have hope *beyond* the black terror man predicts for the world's future. It means you will want to join us in getting this good message across to a dying world!

A FEW SAMPLES:

Read Isaiah chapter three. Go to your local library and read the same chapter in several modern translations of the Bible. Then read your daily newspaper and see if you can find any resemblance between the two!

God warns us in many places that in the time frame just before His return, conditions in society would be a blatant, unblushing, even proud duplication of Sodom and Gomorrah just before He wiped them out! Read Genesis 18, 19; Jeremiah 6:13-16 (verse 17 tells about *this* Work) and Luke 17:28-30. Then pick up your local paper and read through the advertisement pages for the movies, or go to the local drugstore and look at the books and magazines for sale, or just look at the people passing by on the street and see if God's Bible is the Word for Today or not!

The time is now, that time that Daniel sealed up his Book for, the time to unseal and understand with God's help

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Is there a CONSPIRACY *Against Fatherhood?*

A cancer is eating at the vitals of decent society worldwide! Its objective is the fall of fatherhood, the collapse of the family. You need to be alerted — this insidious movement IS AFFECTING YOU!

by David L. Antion

A CONSPIRACY has spread over all the globe. It operates in armies and in prisons. It has infiltrated the press, the movies, and even cabinets of governments! It all but dominates the arts, literature, theater, music and television.

What is this conspiracy? *The homosexual movement!* This movement is a sinister, mysterious and efficient international conspiracy against society!

The Unbelievable Figures

Homosexuality is worldwide, spreading into every nation. By its very nature it welds its participants together, molded by the same forbidden desires.

How widespread has homosexuality become? How many homosexuals are there *really?* No one can know for certain. Several studies have been made to determine how many homosexuals there are. Here are some of the findings.

In his book, *One in Twenty,* Bryan Magee says:

> "The idea that homosexuals can be recognized as such is a myth. *The overwhelming majority of homosexuals, of both sexes, are indistinguishable from other people in every respect except their private sex lives . . . .*
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> "The homosexual is not only the woman who wears man's clothes and an Eton crop, or the pansy boy with his mincing walk and camp gestures, it is also the man who sells you your cigarettes over the tobacconist counter, the chap with the bowler hat, the striped trousers, the briefcase and rolled umbrella, or perhaps your doctor or your member of Parliament. It is the laborer on the building site, the lorry driver, the factory worker, the white collar clerk, the clergyman.
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> "In short, homosexuals are a cross section . . . homosexuals are upper class, working class, stable, and unstable, stupid, intelligent, artistic, unartistic — everything that the communiy at large is — because they are a cross section of the community" (pages 47-48).

Mr. Magee suggests that homosexuals amount to about one in twenty persons in Great Britain.

However, a noted American journalist, Jess Stearn, says:

> "I found whole beaches and entire community areas devoted almost exclusively to homosexuals. But these obvious, open homosexuals were only a small part of the growing homosexual population.
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> *"The great uncounted masses were the unknowns . . .* and there were the others — the bisexuals who married and had children; the latent homosexuals who suppressed or sublimated their desires; the male prostitutes and the so-called normal men who made a pretense of preying on homosexuals, while actually grappling with the problem themselves.
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> "Toward the end of my research, after consulting with police, and health authorities, and just looking around, I was ready to accept [one] homosexual's own estimate of the overall homosexual population — *one out of every six adult males!"* (*The Sixth Man,* pages 15-16.)

Research reveals homosexuals can be found most anywhere. But they are more to be found in the big cities, which offer a climate more favorable to homosexuals, especially in jobs. Almost every city has its gay bars and areas where homosexuals gather to make contacts. "In Chicago, if you want exclusivity and have one hundred dollars for the initiation fee, you can join a swank homosexual club. The traveling homosexual can even buy a directory of gay saloons so he is never lacking in fun places to go" (*New York Times Magazine* by Webster Scott, November 12, 1967).

Among the Small and Great

In the spring of 1967 the New York City local police and FBI agents broke up a 70-man extortion ring. This ring had taken literally hundreds of thousands of dollars in blackmail money from at least seven hundred homosexuals throughout the U. S. Most of these homosexuals were men of accomplishment and fame. Among them were two deans of Eastern universities, several professors, business executives, a motion picture actor, a television personality, a California physician, a general and an admiral, *a member of Congress,* a British theatrical producer and two well-known singers. The night before they were to testify before a New York county grand jury investigating this blackmail racket another victim, a high-ranking military officer, committed

suicide. The blackmailers threatened to expose the homosexuals unless they paid up.

Prisons and military service are homosexual havens. Here they can carry on their activities at length and with less chance of being discovered. They have easy access to others for seduction.

But homosexuals are by no means confined to prisons and the service. Some have money and are wealthy enough to afford some of the swank resorts. These men often contact hustlers — boys who are male prostitutes and who lend their bodies to the homosexuals. These boys are bought and paid for their "service."

The terrible abomination of this type is that the young boys are perverted for life! Marilyn Arvidson of the *St. Petersburg Times* says, "It becomes worse than dope addiction once a boy goes beyond the point of no return. It is a cancer [which] if not removed, in time destroys the whole body."

Entrenched in Arts and Fashions

It is a well-known fact that homosexuals prefer such professions as interior decorating, fashion design, hair styling, the dance, the theater, and music. But they are even to be found in teaching professions and social work. They are found in medicine and in the *ministry.* As one writer put it, "I think many intelligent homosexuals feel obligated to do some good for the world and prove they're not 'wicked.'"

Time magazine reported, "On Broadway, it would be difficult to find a production without homosexuals playing important parts, either on stage or off. And in Hollywood, says Broadway Producer David Merrick, 'you have to scrape them off the ceiling' . . . In the theater, dance, and music world, deviates are so widespread that they sometimes seem to be running a kind of closed shop" (*Time,* January 21, 1966).

More and more movies and plays are dealing with this outright abomination! Twenty years ago it was something almost unheard of in the open. Now, the subject of homosexuality and lesbianism is dealt with in a number of movies and in various plays. The attitude seems to be that this perverted and filthy behavior is acceptable.

Fashions Affected

"While often hidden, the impact of the homosexual is constantly at work, influencing American thought . . . the homosexual, *with his flair for clothes,* has contributed heavily to masculine fashions.

> "Preferring tight bulging trousers, he introduced the tight-cut blue jeans, which appealed to teen-age toughs, and the Ivy League pipestem trousers, which pleased the more refined . . . He has been responsible for the popularity of leather jackets, broad leather belts, and identification bracelets. Flamboyantly colored shirts and open high-cut collars are other homosexual innovations unwittingly adopted by rugged heterosexuals" (*The Sixth Man,* pages 17-18).

If the homosexual has affected the men's fashions, he has even more dramatically affected women's.

> "Sighing over elegant clothes she can't wear, the average woman little realizes that current smart fashions are often the product of homosexuals who have no appreciation of well-rounded curves. . . .
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> "No longer is it fashionable to be rosy-cheeked and laughing-eyed, with a healthy tan and shining round face. Dramatic planes, with high cheekbones and hollow, haggard cheeks are the coveted ideal, and circles under the eyes add to the . . . mystery of it all . . .
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> *"The plot to defeminize the female face and form usually begins with the homosexual designers,* who fit their clothes for gaunt, emaciated women. It extends to . . . fashion photographers, homosexual or otherwise, who use these [boyish-looking girls] out of preference or to stay in tune" (*The Sixth Man,* by Jess Stearn, page 59).

Formula for a Homosexual

Where do homosexuals come from? What makes them? How do men come to have an attraction and sexual desire for other men? And how do women get to the point they want to become masculine and make "love" to another woman?

Here are the findings from psychological research and the examination of the private lives and childhood patterns of many homosexuals.

"There is to be one childhood pattern which is, as it were, the archetype, and everyone who goes into the subject has to remark on it before long: over and over again it is found that A HOMOSEXUAL PERSON HAS HAD AN INTENSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MOTHER AND A DEFICIENT ONE WITH THE FATHER" (from the book, *One in Twenty,* p. 30, emphasis mine).

Parental imbalance as described above contributes to the homosexual's fear of the opposite sex. This fear originates in the home life of the homosexual and comes through his parents. *Time* magazine reports:

> "The mother — either domineering and contemptuous of the father, or feeling rejected by him — makes her son a substitute for her husband, with a *close-binding, over-protective* relationship. Thus, she unconsciously demasculinizes him.
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> "If at the same time the father is weakly submissive to his wife or aloof and unconsciously competitive with his son, he reinforces the process. To attain normal sexual development . . . *a boy should be able to identify with the father's masculine role.*
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> "Fear of the opposite sex is also believed to be the cause of *lesbianism,* which is far less visible but, according to many experts, *no less widespread than male homosexuality* — and far more readily tolerated" (*Time,* January 21, 1966, emphasis mine).

Today lesbianism is altogether as prominent and widespread as male homosexuality.

> "Lesbianism is becoming an increasingly important problem, as evidenced by statistics in recently published articles . . . the late Dr. Beran Wolfe, well known psychiatrist and author . . . observed that homosexual attachments among women are far more prevalent than the public suspects . . . he is of the opinion that lesbianism is symptomatic of an underlying neurosis and as such represents *a means of evading the responsibilities of marriage and motherhood"* (from the book by Carl M. Bowman, M.D., *Female Homosexuality, a Modern Study of Lesbianism,* pages 7-8).

In his book, *Homosexuality: A Psychoanalytic Study,* Irving Bieber reports that out of 106 homosexuals studied, 73 percent of them had been discouraged by their mothers from developing masculine attitudes and behavior patterns.

The role of the father emerged even more sharply in this study. NOT ONE OF THE 106 HOMOSEXUALS HAD A NORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS FATHER. Most of the fathers had been detached, hostile, slighting, or had openly rejected their sons.

In another study of transsexuals — "men who would be women" — by Dr. Ira B. Pauly, M.D. it was stated that the stories presented by the trans-sexuals of their home life were quite similar.

Here was the pattern: "Typically, the

father is recalled as cold and aloof at best, punitive and rejecting at worst, but most often *absent* or *ineffectual* and providing no adequate model for identification. On the other hand, there is quite often a very close relationship with the mother."

This rejection by the father and over-protective treatment by the mother demasculinized these boys. They learned to copy and imitate their mothers in feminine gestures and attitudes. And since their mothers liked men in a romantic way they themselves developed a perverted attachment along these romantic lines.

In this same study it was found that the situation that really promoted homosexuality in boys was a *combination* of attitudes. The mother had to be overly protective and over-loving — making her son a substitute for her husband. At the same time the father had to be weak or hostile with little or no influence at all. This *combination* seemed to be apparent in all the homosexuals studied.

Similar combinations are evident in the lives of lesbians. Some are made afraid of the opposite sex by mothers who pounded their own fears into their daughters' minds. Men who abused their wives, sexually or otherwise, gave their wives the attitude that all men are brutes and beasts. Their wives in turn instilled this attitude into the minds of their daughters. Some daughters received their mother's teaching so well that it perverted their minds and made them ready candidates for lesbianism.

The Importance of Father

From the foregoing we can see the importance of parents. Especially the father. The father's role is the dominant one and the one charged with the greatest responsibility by God Almighty.

When a man marries he takes on the responsibility to love his wife with kindness and tenderness that will increase her love and respect for him. In the process of marriage he becomes a father and must therefore set the right example for his sons and daughters.

Notice the importance the father's image has for the son.

"For promotion of a boy's psychological growth, the ideal father should be *emotionally strong, a leader of the family, the kind of man the boy can like, admire and respect.* The father is the boy's masculine image, the man he imagines he would like to be when he grows up.

"Children are great imitators. A GREAT PART OF THE NORMAL GROWTH DURING YEARS OF CHILDHOOD IS A PROCESS OF IMITATION OF WHICH THE CHILD IS COMPLETELY UNAWARE ... *the first man in a boy's life is his father. Therefore, he feels that to be a man is to be like his father*" (by Vincent T. Lathbury, M.D., *Ladies' Home Journal,* February 1965, emphasis mine).

The Devil's Plan

God Almighty reveals Himself as a *Father,* even in the writings of the Old Testament. Read Psalms 89:26; Isaiah 63:16; Isaiah 64:8; Hosea 1:10. These are a *few* of the scriptures revealing God's Fatherhood.

When Jesus came to the earth He plainly revealed the Fatherhood of God. Those who heard Him speak should have received His message with joy and understanding, since they had been prepared by the writings of the Old Testament. However, they refused to believe Jesus' words and accused Him of blasphemy.

It was at the feast of dedication in Jerusalem one winter when Jesus told the Jews, "My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. *I and my Father are one*" (John 10:29-30).

At this saying the Jews took up stones to kill Jesus. Jesus asked them why they were going to kill Him. He mentioned that He had done many good works among them. But the Jews replied that they were not killing Him for any good works "but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God" (verse 33). They could not understand how Jesus could be the Son of God. To them this was making Himself equal with God. They knew of scriptures speaking of God's Fatherhood. But they did not acknowledge their true meaning.

It has been the devil's plan to pervert even the meaning of the word "father." Today people use that term about God but become very offended when told the plain truth of God's divine purpose. They cannot believe that men are destined to become *literally the very born sons of God — just like God — as our children are like us.* So in Jesus' day the Jews refused to hear Jesus' words about the Father.

A Fatherless Society

If the devil could get a society and make it the way he wanted it, what would it be like?

Do you know there was once a society completely ruled by the devil? He had instituted his thoughts and his morality. This society was completely destroyed from the face of the earth and the lesson of it should be a perpetual witness to all generations. The society was Sodom and Gomorrah!

The final end of any society run by the devil is the complete destruction of fatherhood. The devil himself cannot reproduce. Angels cannot reproduce nor marry (Matt. 22:30). But God can reproduce Himself. God is in the process of reproducing Himself in us — His begotten children (I John 3:1-2).

Thus the devil wants to destroy fatherhood — for in so doing he hopes to destroy God's true religion.

How does the devil go about the destruction of fatherhood?

It starts off innocently enough with a few jokes. Gags and comic situations, comedy shows and plays are used to portray father as a dolt, a stumbling, bumbling idiot. Witness such shows as *Blondie, The Life of Riley, Bewitched* and such cartoons as *Bringing Up Father,* etc. The whole point is to make fun of, ridicule and repudiate the authority of the father.

Another way the devil destroys fatherhood is through seduction. Appeals are made to the he-man type that playing around, having the "sophisticated" attitude, being the playboy is the manly thing to do.

Many men cheat on their wives — have extramarital relationships and mistresses on the side. They don't realize what they're doing. But they are destroying their very homes and making null and void their potential for true fatherhood. The devil's real aim is to

destroy the family and children. By causing the home to break up, the devil can more readily get at the children, causing the boys to imitate their mothers, thus bringing society one step closer to Sodom and Gomorrah.

Successful businessmen are a prime target. Consume their time through their various business pursuits, is the ploy. Then they have no time for their wives, for their children, to build a solid foundation and good home life. Rather they're in the busy pursuit of making the almighty dollar. In this way they are seduced from their responsibilities as fathers — the aim, of course, is the destruction of their homes.

Even in religion today the title "father" has been perverted. This title is applied to men who are unmarried and single — *with no children at all.* Of course it's supposed to be a spiritual title. But notice the subtle way in which the meaning of this word is destroyed. This term is applied to a religious leader as it would be applied to God. Implication is that even God has no real children.

Jesus forbids His ministers to be called "father" and forbids His followers to call anyone else on the earth "father" as a spiritual title (Matt. 23:9). The only persons who deserve this title are your own physical father and God Almighty, your spiritual Father. (Some may use this term with foster parents who have been the only parents they've known.)

Aimed at God's Religion

This vicious and subtle attack on fatherhood is really aimed at God Almighty. Its aim is to warp people to the point they cannot have a right relationship with their Heavenly Father.

If you have never known a proper relationship with a physical father, it will be more difficult for you to have a right relationship with your spiritual Father. You will have to learn now the things you should have learned in relationship to a physical father. Here are just a couple of examples.

In James 1:17 we read, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures."

Do you realize all good gifts come from your Heavenly Father?

Suppose a boy were reared in an orphanage or did not have a father to help him get established in life. Here is a boy who grew up mostly on his own. What he learned he learned by himself. He had to claw out his living in this world. What he got he had to "earn on his own." He is a "self-made man."

This type of man finds it very difficult to humble himself, fall on his knees, praise and thank the God of heaven for the many gifts he receives! Some of you reading this article may be in this category.

When we are in trouble God will take care of us. The Bible tells us, "... casting all your care upon him; *for he cares for you*" (I Peter 5:7). How hard it is to cast cares on our Heavenly Father when we have not learned this lesson with a physical father!

The destruction of fatherhood is one of the devil's chief tools in slowing down the spiritual progress of all peoples who are converted.

The Bible tells us that the relationship with our physical father is a direct parallel to the relationship of our spiritual Father.

Notice, "And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou are rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

"If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

"Furthermore we have had *fathers of our flesh which corrected us,* and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they [our physical fathers] verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness" (Heb. 12:5-10).

Notice that we learn vital lessons from the correction of our physical fathers. After their correction we learn to give them "reverence." We learn to yield to their authority and to be more loving and respectful to them.

We must transfer this same wonderful feeling of reverence to our Heavenly Father! Can you do it?

Do you have a hard time looking to God as *your* Father? Do you just pray to God as a great Being — distant, ominous and powerful? Or do you *know* God *intimately* as a *Father?*

Motherhood — A Part of Fatherhood

In order to destroy fatherhood completely the devil must also destroy motherhood. This he is doing just as effectively.

Today rebellious women attack and slander their husbands. The devil loves wives to ridicule their husbands. These wives are destroying fatherhood and at the same time their own motherhood.

Many women have taken the attitude "no man will tell me what to do." With this refractory attitude they drive their husbands from the home and away from them. When a husband feels intimidated, insulted and ridiculed he is not comfortable at home. And when home is not comfortable he stays away as long as he can. Thus the children are robbed of a good relationship with their father. The wife is also robbed of a loving, close, happy marriage. This frustrates her and causes her to overdo affection for her children.

Motherhood is destroyed when men make fun of their wives, ridicule and destroy their effectiveness in the home. Some men seek to keep up with the Joneses. They encourage their wives to work outside the home. The wives are, therefore, not able to effectively fulfill their responsibilities as mothers. The children suffer. The home disintegrates. And the devil is well pleased!

Can we not realize that motherhood and fatherhood blend into one? That motherhood is a part of fatherhood? Women ought to be respected, loved

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ANSWERS TO... YOUR QUESTIONS

● "On the cover of Tomorrow's World for Feb. 1970 a symbol 'Europa Unie' (EU) is reproduced. What nation or group uses it?"

This "Europa Unie" shield is today in use throughout Western Europe — symbolizing the growing groundswell of European desire for a United Europe. It is not, however, *officially* connected with the European Economic Community or "Common Market." Rather, it is an *un*official emblem used by a number of *private* groups working for European unity. Two of these are the *Mouvement Pour Les Etats Unie d'Europe* (Movement for the United States of Europe) and the *Mouvement Europeen*. Both have offices throughout Western Europe.

● "How are Ambassador College graduates making their contribution in the world? Any normal person would have a hard time adjusting to this very crazy world."

Ambassador College is disseminating tomorrow's educational values in today's world. Ambassador is forging the most modern educational system in history — a program which will finally set this world aright, banishing ignorance, poverty, disease, filth, and squalor. (See Mr. Armstrong's "Personal from the Editor" in the March 1970 PLAIN TRUTH.) Ambassador College graduates, starting from the true foundation (God's Word), *already* are engaged in correcting distorted history, reversing warped psychology, *spreading the true knowledge* of what man is, why he is, where he is going.

And *more* than that. Ambassador graduates learn *how to live*. Their marriages are happy and permanent. Their home and family life is peaceful and invigorating. Their children are well trained. What began as a happy life on the Ambassador College campus is now spreading around the world.

Actually from a mustard-seed beginning of only two Ambassador College graduates in 1951, the number has risen to over a thousand. Most of that number have found full-time employment in this great worldwide Work. And *this* Work is *God's* Work. And God's Work will never "adjust" to the world. God's Work is preparing the way for *Tomorrow's* World! (Incidentally, the *vast majority* of those *not* directly employed in the Work are financially successful and also a fine Christian example in their communities.)

Ambassador graduates, rather than having "a hard time adjusting to this very crazy world," are beginning *to help set this world right side up.* If you would like a more detailed account of the vast range of humanitarian activities in which Ambassador alumni are engaged, write for our free, fully illustrated booklet *This Is Ambassador College* and the free reprint article "A Crusade for Sanity."

● "Please give me a chapter and verse showing that Christ will reign a thousand years on earth. A good friend told me there wasn't such a scripture."

The 19th chapter of the book of Revelation explains events surrounding and enveloping the second coming of Jesus Christ to this earth. Then chapter 20 reveals that the 1,000-year reign of Christ begins shortly afterward. "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them . . . *and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years*" (Rev. 20:4). Revelation 5:10 conclusively proves they will reign on earth. And read "The Coming Utopia — Wonderful World Tomorrow" beginning on page 18.

● "We have read some of your literature and have enjoyed the presentation. However, I'm not sure what you mean by wrong music."

The arts nearly always reflect the culture and society from which they spring, and by nature tend to strengthen and stabilize trends. Studies into the psychological reactions of people to music have demonstrated its unusual *power* to *stir* the emotions. Music in the hands of a clever artist can evoke *any* desired emotional response. For example, motion picture producers are well aware of the *power* of music to command *strong* reactions in their audiences. If they want the movie-watcher to tremble in stark horror, they put suspenseful, trembling music behind the terrible scene.

The principles to follow in judgment are these: music should bring *enjoyment, right emotional response,* and should reflect *good quality.* Such characteristics bring *honor*

and *glory* to GOD, and thereby characterize *good* music. Of course, even the finest music can be put to wrong *uses,* making it wrong, not of itself, but because of its wrong context.

If for *any* reason music detracts from the perfect *way of life* God has revealed for our *good,* then it is wrong, and should be avoided.

We can all look forward to a renaissance of great music in Tomorrow's World — because then the *Creator* of music will be in charge.

"What religious booklets do you publish? May I have a list?"

None of our booklets are "religious" in the ordinary sense. But we do publish literature dealing with subjects directly out of the Bible. With new material continually being added, we have found it impractical to maintain a list for publication. However, here are three little-known — yet very important — booklets we will list as good starters:

What Do You Mean — Salvation?
What Do You Mean — Born Again?
What Do You Mean — The Kingdom of God?

Not one in a hundred knows what salvation is — or how to get it. Very few know what the Bible means by being "born again." And then there are all kinds of ideas about "the Kingdom of God." Write for these interesting, informative booklets today. All are free.

"I know God's Commandments are His Law: Exodus 20:1-17. But where do we find His statutes and judgments?"

Just read a little farther. Chapters 21, 22, and 23 are chock-full.

"Can you give me information on prehistoric man? Did God make other men before Adam?"

As used by critical historians, "prehistoric time" is said to refer to earliest antiquity nowhere documented in written records. But the Bible records, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). Here is a documented account reaching back to the *beginning of time.* "Prehistoric time," in that sense, is therefore irreconcilable with Scripture.

However, Biblical passages *do* reveal occurrences prior to the time of man. (Request our free article, "Did God Create a Devil?" for details.)

But so far as humans are concerned, the Bible states that *Adam was the first man* (I Cor. 15:45), and he named his wife "Eve because she was *the mother of all living*" (Gen. 3:20).

"Would you associate God with science and why?"

The word "science" comes from the Latin *scientia* meaning "knowledge." What we call "science" seeks to know, explain, and classify *knowledge* of the material universe. God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, is also the Creator of true science. God, in His Word, *encourages* man to study the true sciences. "For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood *by the things that are made,* even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Rom. 1:20). Scripture also says "Thy word is truth." Hence there is no conflict between true science and the true religion of the Bible. Read our special feature—SCIENCE VS. THEOLOGY? — for continual confirmation of this fact.

"How much is a tithe?"

A tithe is an old English word meaning a tenth (see *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*). It is seldom used today except in the following Scriptural connection. Read, for example, Leviticus 27:32: "And concerning *the tithe* of the herd . . . *the tenth* shall be holy unto the Lord." A "tithe" is a "tenth" — 10% — of one's gross income.

"You often refer to the exciting days that are ahead. If I believe what you have said, will that afford me a place in the 'Wonderful World Tomorrow'? Or what must I do?"

That depends on you. Having a place in that world tomorrow requires real repentance today. (Write for our article on *Real Repentance.*) We must learn to walk with God (I John 2:6). And that means having a part in His end-time Work.

Always remember, *God's Work precedes God's Kingdom.* Your personal salvation is directly related to how immersed you become in *this* Work of Almighty God. Our Editor, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, in his over forty-three years of active service in this great worldwide Work, has related the following:

"I have observed the very first need of every Christian, who is to grow and develop spiritual character, is to have his heart completely in the Work of God, which the living Christ has called His servants to do, as His instruments! . . . Those whose hearts, their active, constant, earnest, fervent *prayers,* and their tithes and offerings are in God's Work continue to *expand* spiritually — they become *happier,* they become greatly blessed — their lives become richer and fuller — and their faces beam in smiles. They radiate! They prosper!" (September 1969, Tomorrow's World, page 32.)

Exciting days are ahead for those who prepare *now* for the Wonderful World Tomorrow by actively participating in God's Work today.

Personal from the Editor

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glorified, living Jesus Christ: "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and HE SHALL RULE THEM with a rod of iron" (Rev. 2:26-27). Again: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me *in my throne,* even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne" (Rev. 3:21).

The Father's throne is in heaven (Psalm 11:4; Isa. 66:1; Matt. 5:34). But Jesus' throne is to be ON EARTH — the throne of David, at Jerusalem (Luke 1:32). Jesus says that "saved" Christians shall sit on *that* throne with Him, ruling the nations!

The "saved," in the resurrection, shall be KINGS, and priests, and shall *reign* with Christ a thousand years (Rev. 20:4, 6) and ON THIS EARTH (Rev. 5:10).

Jesus Christ preached the GOSPEL! *Which* Gospel? Always the Gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD! A kingdom is a GOVERNMENT. The twelve original apostles were commissioned to preach the Gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD (Luke 9:2). They did. Philip did (Acts 8:12). The Apostle Paul preached the Kingdom of God (Acts 19:8; 20:25; 28:23, 31).

In preaching the GOSPEL, Jesus gave, among other things, the parables of the "pounds" and the "talents." Because the disciples thought the Kingdom of God should then appear immediately (Luke 19:11), He told them the parable of a Nobleman (Christ) going to a far country (God's throne in heaven), to receive a Kingdom, and to return. So before going, He called His ten servants, giving each a pound — English money — now worth $2.40. His citizens (His own tribe — the Jews — Judah) rejected Him. The ten servants were the ten tribes. He told them, "Occupy till I come." When He returned (Second Coming of Christ), having now received the Kingdom (King of Kings as a WORLD RULER), He called His servants to account — to judge how far each had developed while He was away. One had multiplied what Christ had given him ten times over. This simply represents overcoming, and *growth* in Biblical knowledge and in spiritual character of *doing.* To him, the returned Christ says: "Have thou AUTHORITY OVER TEN CITIES." To the one who gained five pounds — that is, developed the spiritual gifts given him five times over — Christ says: "Be thou also over FIVE CITIES." The one who made no spiritual progress in his life had taken away from him the salvation he expected. He represents the millions following the "NO LAW, NO WORKS" teaching.

The parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) also shows that the "saved" become KINGS — RULERS, but that the training and preparation for that rule MUST BE DEVELOPED IN THIS LIFE — NOW! Those who gained in this life, spiritually, BECAME RULERS (verses 21 and 23). Those who did not develop and grow spiritually simply "missed the boat" altogether! They had taken away from them the salvation they believed they had!

In the prophecy of Daniel 7, the world-dominating empires of this world are to be DESTROYED. It is "the saints of the Most High" that "shall take the kingdom [from this world's governments], and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever" (verses 17-18, 21-22).

When Jesus Christ returns to earth in all the POWER and GLORY of the Eternal GOD, and takes the reins of government *from* men, setting up the WORLD-RULING KINGDOM OF GOD, David — the ancient King David of Israel — resurrected to immortal life, shall be King, under Christ, over all the nations descended from the twelve tribes of Israel (Ezekiel 37:15-25; 34:23; Jer. 30:9).

And who will be the kings over each of the twelve tribes — then, of course, actually twelve powerful nations? Jesus has promised those positions to the original twelve apostles (Matthew 19:27-28).

In the World Tomorrow — to dawn on this world within a *very few* years — we shall have WORLD PEACE. Soon there will be universal prosperity. There will be happiness — JOY!

There is, truly, a PURPOSE being worked out here below, as a former Prime Minister of Britain, Winston Churchill, said before the United States Congress.

To make POSSIBLE a perfect UTOPIAN condition, God created and set in actual living, inexorable motion, a great invisible SPIRITUAL LAW. That Law is THE WAY of LOVE. And LOVE is an outgoing concern for others. It is Love toward God — and Love toward fellowman. The BIBLE is the INSTRUCTION BOOK, for peace, happiness, prosperity, security, joy. Jesus said man should live by EVERY WORD of the BIBLE. Sin is the transgression of that great LAW. And all have sinned.

The world has rejected God's Law — GOD'S WAY. It has gone the WAY that has brought every curse on mankind. The WORLD TOMORROW will change all that. It will be RULED BY GOD'S LAW!

To QUALIFY to become a King — a RULER in the KINGDOM OF GOD — you must come to really KNOW that Law. And the WHOLE BIBLE is a magnification — an elaboration of its principles. It is ONLY those who REPENT of their transgressions of God's great spiritual Law — the Ten Commandments — and who surrender to and accept as Saviour JESUS CHRIST, who can become begotten children of GOD. No one is a true Christian until he has received THE HOLY SPIRIT of God (Rom. 8:9). That is God's gift. It imparts the very LIFE of God. It renews and opens the MIND to comprehend spiritual knowledge. It bestows the LOVE of God — divine, *spiritual* love. It imparts POWER. It instils FAITH.

Then, once really CONVERTED — the entire direction of your life CHANGED — you must continually OVERCOME. There are three very tough things to overcome — your own *self* with the pull of human nature; the WORLD, with its customs, false teachings, wrong ways, wrong fellowships; and the invisible yet very real devil. You must GROW not only in spiritual grace, but in the KNOWLEDGE of Christ — the KNOWLEDGE in God's INSTRUCTION BOOK — the Holy Bible. You must study — understand it — live henceforth by its

directions. It points THE WAY — *walk ye in it!*

You must LEARN TO RULE! But, since there is a chain of AUTHORITY, from God the Father, through Jesus Christ, and on down, you must always be UNDER authority—so learning to rule begins with SUBMISSION *TO* RULE. You must first learn to BE RULED—by Christ!

A wife says: "But how can I have any experience learning to rule? You say the Bible teaches that a wife must obey her husband. HE does the ruling. He learns how to rule *me,* but how may I learn to rule?"

I say to such a woman, God has given you, first, your own SELF to rule. Why not start on *your tongue?* Many women do not yet know how to rule their own tongues. You may rule in your kitchen, and over your children, when your husband is not home doing it.

Even a child can be taught to RULE — over his toys and playthings, being careful not to break them, to put them away neatly after use, etc., etc., etc.

God will never save any person He does not GOVERN. If we are to RULE the nations, we must RULE WITH *GOD'S* GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO *HIS* LAWS — not according to our ideas. You must learn IN THIS LIFE — and there is NOT MUCH TIME LEFT!

Yes, you were born to BE A KING!

There *IS* tremendous PURPOSE for human existence. There *IS* stupendous *meaning* to life!

In the beginning God devised, created, set in actual, invisible MOTION, a living, spiritual LAW. This LAW is a *way of* LIFE. It is THE WAY God devised to produce peace, well-being, happiness, prosperity, joy. Then God made MAN. He made man a free moral agent. Man must *choose* WHETHER to obey God, follow THE WAY that will bring him every blessing, or turn to THE WAY that may *seem* right, but that brings only curses.

God created man in His very own likeness — same form and shape. But God is A SPIRIT, and He formed man out of MATTER. Thus *if* man rejects THE WAY to every blessing for his happiness — *if* he makes a choice to go THE WAY that brings on him unhappiness, suffering, and curses — he can be destroyed.

But God provided for man's salvation. Even *if* man starts out the WRONG WAY, he can repent, turn around to go the RIGHT WAY of God's Law. The SIN of having gone contrary to that Law can be forgiven. Christ paid the death penalty *for* us. We can be reconciled to God, through Christ. And *then* God has promised to actually beget us, by His Spirit, to be BORN AGAIN — next time born OF GOD, as HIS CHILDREN, into HIS VERY DIVINE GOD FAMILY! Then we, too, shall *BE* SPIRIT. *IF* man will choose THE WAY that produces full, abundant, joyful HAPPINESS, he may enjoy it FOREVER! But he may *not* suffer self-inflicted curses forever.

God marked out a 7,000-year duration to work out HIS PURPOSE in having put humans on earth. The first 6,000 years are allotted for man to be allowed to go the way that, in his deception, looks right — contrary to God's Law.

Under Satan's sway, man has set up his human society — human forms of government, *contrary* to GOD'S government. He has set up his own world — with its Satan-influenced, human produced systems of economic, political, scientific, educational, religious life. Man has REJECTED *THE WAY* to peace, happiness, prosperity and joy.

But the few who repent, turn to God and His WAY through Jesus Christ, study and learn GOD'S WAY, *live* that way with God's help, *converted* by God's Spirit, are, in *this* life, actually learning to be KINGS whom Christ will USE, in the seventh thousand years, to RULE the world WITH GOD'S FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

For one thousand years there will be a different system of GOVERNMENT. It will be GOD'S GOVERNMENT. The governments of Russia, China, Japan — yes, also of the United States, Britain and France — will be overthrown (Daniel 2:35-36, 44). Jesus Christ will return, having received the KINGDOM from God Almighty the Father. He will set up WORLD GOVERNMENT. It will be the GOVERNMENT OF GOD. Its Laws are found in your Bible.

Christ will assign some, who have *learned* and *lived* HIS WAY — the WAY of His government, during this life — to rule over one city, or, perhaps five, ten, or a hundred cities.

But THIS LIFE is the training period. It is *only* those who are UNDER and OBEDIENT TO the authority of God's government *now* — who learn its LAWS, who overcome every other (and false) WAY — whose *real* citizenship is now reserved in heaven, who *then* will be assigned A POSITION OF RULE.

Christ is going to rule the whole world — WITH A ROD OF IRON!

The world has had 6,000 years of MAN'S governments — MAN'S education — MAN'S industrial, commercial and economic systems — MAN'S social customs — MAN'S religions (yes, even that falsely *called* "Christianity"!!!!). Man has written the lesson in human blood — in suffering, frustration, anguish — in wars, failures — in discontent and emptiness.

Soon he will BE FORCED to start a 1,000-year period under GOD'S GOVERNMENT — with GOD'S religion, GOD'S education, GOD'S social customs, GOD'S economic, industrial, and merchandising system.

MAN IS GOING TO BE *FORCED, against his will* — TO BE HAPPY!

The real and true *Christian life* is, simply, THE WAY of GOD'S GOVERNMENT. It trains the true Christian to ADMINISTER that Government. It trains him to BECOME A KING!

Yes, you were born to be a KING! □

What's the Word for Today?

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what not even Daniel in his day could understand! Try reading Daniel, chapters 7 and 8 along with Revelation 13 and 17. Then pick up your newspaper and see how the union of European nations is coming along, count and see. God says there will be ten. How many are there now? Hmmm . . . Ve-e-rry interesting!

That's enough for one day. Pleasant, or at least exciting, reading to you. If any questions come to your mind which you can't answer for yourself, just drop us a line, we'd be glad to help — we've read the Book before! We read the Book every day! And, remember: You read it FIRST in *the* BOOK, the BIBLE! — That's the Word for Today! □

Science vs. Theology?

Science versus theology.
It's the world's age-old conflict.
Materialism versus immortal souls.
Evolution versus a 6000-year-old universe.
And on and on.
With BOTH sides usually wrong.

There are just two ways to analyze the relationship between science and theology:

1) The world's way.

2) God's way.

In this regular feature of Tomorrow's World, we are going to do BOTH:

1) We are going to expose how this world's science opposes, conflicts with and diametrically contradicts this world's theology.

2) We are going to demonstrate how man's true science reinforces, harmonizes with and wholly confirms God's true theology.

Lunar Geology

What Makes the Moon Shine?

"And God made two great lights ... the lesser light to rule the night" (Gen. 1:16).

The moon is a cold hunk of rock. And yet it appears as a shining jewel in the night sky.

For many years man has known that the moon's light is just reflected sunlight. But not until the flights of Apollo 11 and 12 could man fully appreciate just how perfectly God designed the moon for its specific job.

The discovery of moon dust — *tiny glassy beads (spheres)* which cover a large part of the moon's surface — was a primary accomplishment of man's first lunar landings. Also found were glazed, mirror-like glassy surfaces of very recent origin, probably not more than 30,000 years old (Dr. T. Gold, *Science,* page 1345, Sept. 26, 1969).

Today, on earth, small glass spheres are glued to thousands of stop signs and roadside advertisements because it is known that such tiny solid glass beads are excellent reflectors of light. And a glazed glassy surface is also a good reflector.

By what better method could God have created a cold rock that would reflect sunlight and thereby illuminate the earth at night?

> According to Dr T. Gold, the only logical method by which the moon's surface could become glazed was by an intense flash of heat (far ultraviolet to far infrared) for 10 to 100 seconds. But such heating could not have originated from the surface of the sun, earth or moon *(Science, ibid).* Could the moon's reflecting surface have been generated for a purpose? And by a Supernatural Power?
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> **S. Erlander**

Mental Health

Smitten With Madness

Only 12% of the sample 1,034 children [ages 6 to 8] studied [in New York City] were found to be *mentally healthy* ..." *(Today's Child,* May 1969).

What is happening in our cities? When 88% of our children are at least somewhat *mentally ill,* is there any hope for the future?

In Deuteronomy 28:15, 16 God proclaimed, "But it shall come to pass, if you will not hearken unto the voice of the Eternal your God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command you this day; that all these curses shall come upon you, and overtake you: Cursed shall you be in the city...." In Deuteronomy 28:28 one of the specific curses mentioned is, *"The Eternal shall smite you with madness...."* It becomes very apparent that this prophecy has been powerfully fulfilled, when only one child in eight is normal — when *six* out of eight are neurotic — and when every eighth child is actually *psychotic.*

God *wants* to bless us with mental health and prosperity — yet He places the decision on us: "I call heaven and

earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: *therefore choose life,* that both you and your seed may live" (Deut. 30:19).

R. Oberlander

Anatomy

Pineal Gland — a Vestigial Organ?

Vestigial organs have long been cited as providing convincing evidence for the theory of evolution. These "useless structures" have, in fact, been called the "showpieces" of evolution. Some textbooks claim that the human body resembles an "old curiosity shop" — full of useless relics, housing more than a hundred vestigial organs.

Until recently, the pineal gland, a small, pea-sized organ located in the brain, had been regarded by some as "... a vestigial organ homologous to the pineal sense organ of the lower vertebrates" (*A Textbook of Histology,* page 324, 1957). The structure was classified as a rudimentary organ in man due to its relatively small size and because it had no ascertainable function.

These assumptions now prove to be in error. Current evidence indicates that this "vestigial" organ "is one of the most biochemically active and complicated organs in the body" (*Chemical and Engineering News,* May 1, 1967). This tiny gland is connected by nerve fibers to the retina of the eye and appears to function like a "biological clock" in the body. It secretes several substances, including a hormone, *melatonin,* that acts on the sex glands and possibly the thymus and pituitary glands also. Production of the hormone seems to be regulated by light impulses received from the eye. Rats exposed to prolonged darkness show high levels of melatonin and decreased reproductive activity. Just the opposite effect was noticed when the animals were exposed to continuous light. The entire function of the pineal gland remains to be determined, yet according to Dr. Richard J. Wurtman, a pioneer in pineal research, the idea that the organ is a "vestige . . . is rapidly being refuted" (*Hospital Practice,* January, 1969).

Evolutionists reject the idea that man's body was fashioned by a Supreme Being who placed organs in the body in a specific way and for a specific purpose. Instead they suggest that the body has accumulated unnecessary parts as it evolved. The facts don't support this conclusion. As man's knowledge about his body increases, the number of "vestigial organs" continues to decrease. This confirms what has been in the Bible for almost 2000 years! The God that designed and created man's body in His own image "is not the author of confusion" (I Cor. 14:33). He does things according to plan in an orderly fashion (I Cor. 14:40). That God didn't give man a body that resembled an "old curiosity shop," but a body that was "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).

D. Winnall

Ambassador College Photo

Dinosaurs —

How They Died

Millions see dinosaur bones each year in sites such as the Dinosaur National Monument's Visitor Center in northeast Utah. But most fail to grasp the *significance* of what they are seeing because the displays are written as if the theories of biological evolution and geological uniformity were true.

The Utah site betrays the traditional explanation. Here the scattered bones of both swamp-dwelling and dry-land dinosaurs are found buried together. Whatever wiped them all out was thorough, massive and swift. *Five thousand feet* of sandstone and shale were piled over them, creating a deep burial. (See the above picture in which the dinosaur bones, all compacted together, evince a quick burial under catastrophic conditions.)

Their remains have now been made visible because of a powerful force which thrust up the nearby mountains. What were once deeply buried and horizontally lying strata have now been set up on edge and deeply eroded, thus exposing the fossils.

Evolution? Uniformity? Hardly!

This former world came to a CATASTROPHIC end.

The fossil record proves it.

And the Bible explains why.

The Age of Reptiles was *before* the Age of Man. That's why no trace of human remains (or the life usually associated with man) is found with these extinct reptiles.

Genesis 1:1 describes God's originally perfect creation of the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:2 begins the description of God's formation of man's world. But *between* Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 is a *time lapse.* A *critical* time lapse — of unknown duration.

In Genesis 1:2 the earth appears chaotic and confused. The Hebrew words for "without form and void" are *tohu* and *bohu.* The earth — and other portions of the universe — *had become* an indistinguishable ruin. Water covered the entire earth. No sunlight pierced through the thick, poisonous atmosphere. The earth lay in total darkness.

The product of a great catastrophe. The very same destruction which had almost instantaneously obliterated all the great dinosaurs.

(For more information write for our free articles "Did God Create a Devil?" and "Dinosaurs *Before* Adam?")

R. Gentet

FATHERHOOD

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and admired by their husbands. Husbands ought to have the absolute respect and reverence of their wives in loving submission to the head of the house.

A Woman's Part

Women are vitally important to the establishment of the home. A loving, kind, attractive, clean, neat, thoughtful, and submissive wife can make all the difference in the world to her family.

Men, by their very nature, tend toward work and activities *outside* the home. A man's world is pretty much outside the home.

But a man must take part in the home! He must be the head of it.

Here's where a good wife helps. She can make home life *very desirable* for her husband. She can make home a pleasant place to be — a pleasure to come home to. By her love and encouragement she can help her husband to have a far greater part in the activities of the home, especially in dealing with the children. She can help make his fatherhood far more effective. And at the same time increase her feminine role in the right way. Write for our free booklet, *True Womanhood — Is It a "Lost Cause"?* It expounds five specific feminine characteristics which every woman should cultivate.

Nothing can take the place of a family built around a strong, solid and close marriage. This is essential to proper home life.

And those with proper family relationships tend to have the right relationships in the family of God. Notice!

"I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. I write unto you, *fathers,* because you have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, *young men,* because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, BECAUSE YE HAVE KNOWN THE FATHER.

"I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one" (I John 2:12-14).

Notice that he writes to the children of God and among these children are young men and fathers. He tells the young men that they have been strong and have overcome the wicked one.

Today young men need to be strong! They need to overcome the wicked one who is out to destroy their fatherhood! They need to request our free article *"The Plain Truth About Queer Men"* which discusses the whole problem of homosexuality and then goes on to elaborate on those truly masculine qualities which young men should cultivate and exhibit.

The styles today are geared to demasculinize young men. Many teenagers — even those from solid upstanding families — tend toward the styles of long hair and effeminate ways!

God tells us, "LOVE NOT THE WORLD, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (I John 2:15-16).

This statement follows on the heels of young men overcoming the wicked one. God tells us we must not love the world — and there is a reason! The reason is that this world and the things of the world tend toward the destruction of fatherhood! You can't love the world and love the Father too.

Look at entertainment. TV, the movies, novels, plays — even music — tend toward the destruction of right and proper development. The idea is sex — loose sex, perverted sex, weird sex. All this tends toward the destruction of the home — the destruction of fatherhood. The styles that influence men and women today tend toward the destruction of parenthood in general!

God's Solution

In the very near future Jesus Christ will intervene in this world's affairs. He will take the reign and rule away from Satan the devil and from the rulers of this world. God's Kingdom will once again establish the true meaning of fatherhood, motherhood — parenthood!

But what if you haven't had a good father? Can you have a right relationship with God? Yes! If you are willing to overcome deficiencies in your background.

God is a Father to the fatherless. He can help you to be a better father and also to be a good son of His.

"Giving thanks unto the Father, *which has made us meet* [*fit*] to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light" (Col. 1:12). Yes, God is able to make you fit to be His son.

Recognize the deficiences in your own life. Call on God as your Heavenly Father and ask Him to give you a right attitude toward Him as *your Father.*

If you have not had a good father, call on God for the help. Imitate God who is your Father. He will show you how to rear your own children and to be the kind of father they can look to for love and guidance.

And what if you are a widow trying to rear boys? Here again you must look to God for guidance. God is called "a father to the fatherless."

Point your sons to good masculine examples in your local community. Point them to the many examples in the Bible of God's great men. Have them copy these men's lives except, of course, for their sins.

Building for the Future

Won't it be wonderful when boys are reared to be real men — masculine, kind, strong, loving, forceful yet merciful? And when girls are reared to be women of femininity, beauty without and within — honorable, respectful and loving?

The tragedy of bad child rearing is that it tends to carry over to the succeeding generation. But, by the same token, the blessing of right child rearing is that it, too, tends to carry over.

Fathers and mothers, you have a duty not only to your children today — but to your childrens' children and to generations to come.

Let's not let them down! □

Letters to the Editor

What Do Churchgoers Believe? — and Why?

Your article "What Do Churchgoers Believe? — and Why?" in the February *Tomorrow's World* certainly hits the nail on the noggin, especially in my case. I found it very timely, being a lifelong member of one denomination and in the process of withdrawing because of having my "eyes opened" by The *World Tomorrow* program and all the literature I have received.

Earl W.,
Westerville, Ohio

Read the Book

In answer to your personal request in the March-April, 1970 *Tomorrow's World,* I commenced reading "THE BOOK" April 25, 1970. I can certainly see the wisdom in your asking to hear from us, because I've started several times prior to this present effort and never finished. Having gone this far, I'd be quite embarrassed if I should fail to notify you directly that I've completed the task.

Fred B.,
Edmonton, Alberta

I am so happy with your wonderful, wonderful writing in the current issue of *Tomorrow's World* — "Read the Book" — your personal request gave me the incentive of immediate action that I needed — I have laid all other things aside and am right at *it.* Yes — you surely will hear from me when I have met your goal.

Marian F.,
Coral Gables, Fla.

In the March-April *Tomorrow's World,* you state, "The Bible nowhere says, Spare the rod and spoil the child." Please read Proverbs 13:24. It says, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son." To me it's the same thing.

Mrs. Augusta S.,
Springfield, Ill.

• *You're correct, but here's our point. Thousands believe that "spare the rod and spoil the child" is in the Bible,* VERBATIM *(word for word). And the reason thousands think this is because they have not really* READ THE BOOK *— which we are exhorting all of our* TOMORROW'S WORLD *readers to do.*

What Religion Is the Best for You?

For the past year I have been investigating various religions and schools of belief, and have found that only your organization does not urge one to join any kind of religion. At the same time, I have discovered that no organization but yours preaches *all* that the Bible teaches. I would greatly appreciate being able to talk to one of your ministers. I believe that it is time to be baptized and begin to worship God completely and correctly.

Margaret R.,
Madison, Wisc.

No other publication has changed my life so much as *Tomorrow's World. In* today's mail I received a letter that my request for one of God's ministers to visit me had been received and that I would be contacted. I can hardly wait. There is so much to understand. I hope that I will be worthy of the instruction and counsel. In the interim period I shall continue to listen to Mr. Armstrong's broadcasts and help God's Work by sending in my tithes and offerings.

Mrs. Leslie F.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Last evening I was visited at my request by two Ambassador College representatives. We discussed many topics ranging from the Bible to your organization (in terms of its objectives, etc.) — and the discussion was straightforward and to the point.

I found this quite impressive indeed. These men had the guts to indicate that here was the truth, like it or not, and regardless of any personal feelings, this remained the truth. Nor did they attempt to push these ideas or scriptures down my throat. They were in fact sincere and polite, yet very effective. May I compliment you and your organization on the caliber of your local representatives.

Donald B.
Wautoma, Wis.

• *Many people do not realize that God's Work has many hundreds of dedicated personnel — actually consecrated ministers of God — ready to serve in every area of the United States and much of the rest of the English-speaking world. You need only request an appointment. They visit you* ONLY *upon your request.*

What Can Teen-agers Do?

I have read your article "Try a New Thing" [written by the Managing Editor of *Tomorrow's World* for *The Plain Truth*]. I enjoyed it completely. There is just one thing I do not understand. I am just one person (age 16) and I alone can't do much. Besides, who listens to teen-agers? If only more people would listen and do something instead of just talking, maybe our world could be changed.

Pat W.,
Jersey City, N. J.

• *Just read the next letter and comment.*

I would like to thank and commend you for your article "Read the Book" in the March-April issue of *Tomorrow's World.* It acted as a final "push" to get me to read the Bible. I am only fifteen (16 in June) but I am already sick of the hypocritical patterns of living that I am almost forced into conforming to. I am also sick of myself because at present I am little better than the masses (in actions). So, I would like to know if it is possible for a person of my age level to become a Christian. Although my mind isn't sufficiently prepared as of yet, I hope it will be soon, through study of the Bible and your literature.

Paul G.,
Asheville, N. C.

• *Both Timothy and Jeremiah were converted as teen-agers. However, it is not necessarily a matter of* WHEN *but* WHETHER *you are willing to totally commit yourself to put God and His Work first and foremost in your life. Remember there is a* CAUSE *for every effect. This is the* CAUSE *that will produce the effect you really want.*

Article on Death a Comfort

I am a university student whose father has just passed away. It was in these hours of grief and sorrow that I chanced to come across the October issue of *Tomorrow's World* in Xavier Hall. Your article entitled "What Is Death?" is indeed most comforting to a grief-stricken family and I am rather inclined to believe that it is God's will that I should have come across that particular article, whose content is so relevant to us, at such a time.

Lee S. C.,
Johore, Malaysia

Tithing

After reading the article on tithing in the February *Tomorrow's World* I had to write to tell you of further proof that God keeps His promises. I am an accountant, and keep accurate personal records of my income and expenses. I started to tithe in the fall of 1967, and each year my income has increased by approximately $1,000. I have also had two promotions, and there is another one pending. It appears that, God willing, I will show the same increase for this year. For years I worked diligently, and got nowhere. Now I know the reasons.

Marion G.,
Flat Rock, Mich.

Tither from Tasmania

Please find enclosed my tithes of $20. I haven't tithed before, and although I do not consider myself a Christian, I feel God has convicted me that I should do so. *The Plain Truth* and *Tomorrow's World* magazines have helped me to overcome my selfishness enough to realize God needs my tithe to further His Work.

C. L. E.,
Zeehan, Tasmania

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