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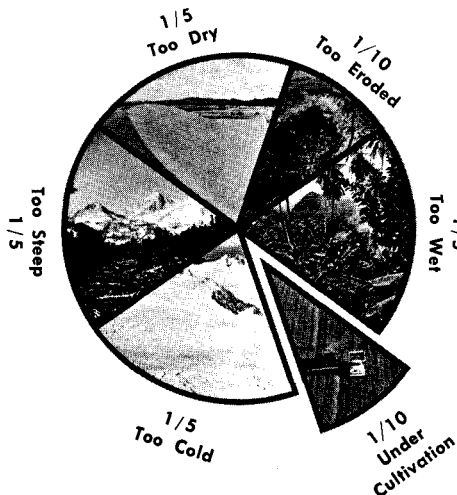
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# Personal

## FROM THE EDITOR

**H**AVE YOU tried to induce others to read *The PLAIN TRUTH, TOMORROW'S WORLD*, or listen to *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast? Perhaps your wife — your husband — one of your family — a close relative, or friend?

Have YOU tried to get others converted — “saved,” as many express it? Have YOU started to “preach”?

If you have, you have probably stirred controversy, antagonism — lost a friend — or even a wife or husband.

But if you haven't — *DON'T!!!*

I know that many of our readers — yes, *thousands* of you, out of our more than five million readers of these magazines — have been led to accept God's TRUTH. You have learned to LOVE your Creator's TRUTH which He reveals — and which we MAKE PLAIN. The TRUTH becomes the most precious thing in your life. You become excited about it. You are filled with enthusiastic ZEAL over it.

Before, like all unconverted people, you were carnal-minded — SELF-centered, selfish. But *now*, your mind is GOD-centered. *NOW*, instead of exclusive SELF-concern you have an enthusiastic OUTGOING concern for others. Especially those in your own family — your relatives — your closest friends. You want to SHARE this wonderful TRUTH. You want *them* to inherit eternal life in the Kingdom of God. You want to save them from perishing.

Your MOTIVES are well intended. Your ZEAL is splendid — but you may be like a woman I knew who had more zeal than wisdom. This woman tried by her TALK to “save” her husband and her teen-age son. But instead of arguing them into it, she turned them to hostility, resentment, embitterment against God! This woman tried to save her neighbors — almost her whole town. She only turned them all against her.

But, some will ask, didn't Jesus tell us we are the light of the world — and that we must let our light SHINE?

Oh yes! But did you notice HOW He said we must

let our light shine? LISTEN: “Ye are the light of the world . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may SEE your GOOD WORKS . . .” (Matthew 5:14, 16). NOTICE THAT CAREFULLY! He did NOT *say* “that they may HEAR your good ARGUMENTS.” He said that they may SEE your GOOD WORKS!

But now WAIT A MINUTE!

Should you never tell anyone about *The WORLD TOMORROW*, or let anyone see *The PLAIN TRUTH*? YES, by all means — but be CAREFUL *HOW* you do it. To just MENTION the broadcast to a friend, and SUGGEST that he or she might find it interesting is fine. I wish you would. BUT, don't go too far! Don't URGE, ARGUE, or try to TEACH religion.

NEVER PREACH to unconverted people. We don't on *The WORLD TOMORROW* and in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. We want to reach the unconverted on *The WORLD TOMORROW*, as well as the converted.

Did you ever notice that *The WORLD TOMORROW* program makes plain the REAL MEANING of today's world news, and that it REPORTS *tomorrow's* world news *before it happens*? Your friends may be interested in NEWS, but not in religion.

Did you ever notice that *The WORLD TOMORROW* is not at all like the RELIGIOUS broadcasts on the air? It NEVER starts out with religious hymns, and a voice in a sentimental syrupy tone saying, “Dear friends in Radioland, I trust that this broadcast will bring a blessing to your hearts — isn't it WONDERFUL to know the Lord?” Do you know what happens when such religious broadcasts start on a radio station? Well, MOST people tuned in snap the dial quickly. They either tune to a different program, or they turn it off. Only the “religious audience” — an infinitesimally small part of the whole radio audience — remains. And they probably tune in specially because they are regular listeners to that particular program.

But do you know WHY millions upon millions of people buy and read such magazines as *Reader's Digest, Life, Look, McCalls, Ladies' Home Journal,*

etc., etc.? These magazines are filled with articles about PEOPLE — about their everyday PROBLEMS — about WORLD CONDITIONS — HUMAN-INTEREST subjects. The MILLIONS are interested in THOSE things. EVERYBODY is interested in such questions. But only a very small FEW by comparison are interested in a sentimental, emotional RELIGIOUS broadcast that sounds just like a church service.

On *The WORLD TOMORROW* and in *The PLAIN TRUTH* we do not drive people away by “PREACHING AT” them. We want ALL people to hear the Good News. So we TALK ABOUT THE THINGS ALL PEOPLE WANT TO HEAR! We talk about the VERY questions, problems, conditions, and subjects that cause multiple millions to buy and read these other magazines, and the news magazines.

But we make these interest-gripping subjects far more interesting by injecting *life* and *spark* and *meaning* into them by use of Biblical material that ASTONISHES — in a nonreligious-sounding manner — giving the surprising, eye-opening, practical and authoritative ANSWERS to the many increasingly disturbing questions, problems, and happenings of OUR DAY. In this way, we open people's eyes to the real ANSWERS to the otherwise UNanswerable problems that plague governments, science, and people generally.

People are ASTONISHED to learn that such answers are in the Bible. They are being told by educators that “there are no answers. There are NO SOLUTIONS.” Then they hear the ANSWERS on *The WORLD TOMORROW* — answers that MAKE SENSE. It SURPRISES people to learn that the Bible is UP-TO-DATE, dealing with TODAY'S conditions, news, problems.

Then there's a lot in HOW it is done. It is done in the professional MANNER of a Network news analyst, or a Network documentary — not in a religious-sounding manner.

THAT'S THE REASON *The WORLD TOMORROW* has either the BIGGEST audience or the second biggest audience on most radio stations.

So, if you want to induce MORE and MORE people to listen to *The WORLD TOMORROW*, *don't* tell them it is a “religious” broadcast, because it is NOT like any religious broadcast. Tell them it is an exciting NEWS, HUMAN-INTEREST, EDUCATIONAL program that is MORE TALKED ABOUT than any on the air. But if you mention religion or the Bible, chances are they won't even start to listen.

*The PLAIN TRUTH* follows the same pattern. It's not like any church or religious paper or magazine.

It's a *WORLD-NEWS* magazine. It's a magazine about PEOPLE — their problems and interests. It's a human-experience magazine.

You might do many of your friends a great service by letting them see your copy of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Don't URGE them to read it. Don't ARGUE them into it or try to talk them into reading it. If it doesn't grab their interest, FORGET IT! If it does, tell them they may have a year's subscription, already paid — NO COST to THEM — and show them on the inside front cover the mailing address, so they may write in for it. But remember, THEY must request it *for themselves*.

We try to let our light shine by our GOOD ACTIONS, here at God's Headquarters at Ambassador College. We do the same at all three campuses — in Texas and in England. And we are gaining the respect of our communities.

I learned this lesson about letting people see your *good deeds* rather than your good ARGUMENTS many years ago. This was explained in the 18th installment of the *Autobiography*, published in the June 1959 issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Hundreds of times in the past year, people who have begun to “preach” and run into trouble have written us, and we have had to send a reproduction of this part of that 18th installment to these people. When I heard that, I decided to reprint my own experience of many years ago (over forty), in this column.

Following, then, is the reprint from *The PLAIN TRUTH* of June 1959:

### Don't You Make This Mistake!

This year 1927 was a very eventful year in my life.

As soon as I swallowed my bitterest pill of rebellion, surrendered to *obey* the Mighty God through faith in Jesus Christ, this new Christian WAY became the most happy, joyful experience of my life. Studying the Bible became a passion. I plunged into it with a fierce zeal.

The all-day sessions at the Portland Public Library did not stop with my capitulation to the truth following the six months' anger-inspired study to end my wife's “fanaticism.”

No longer was it an intensive study driven by anger and determination to have my own way. Now it was an enthusiastic study of eager anticipation,

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# *Just what is* **THE CHURCH ?**

*Jesus Christ said: "I will build my Church." What IS that Church — human organization, or spiritual organism? Of whom composed? How does one become a member? Does it have a divine Commission? — and if so, WHAT? — and HOW carried out? By organization, or by individuals acting independently?*

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**M**ANY ARE CONFUSED about the nature of the Church founded by Jesus Christ. How shall we know? WHO or WHAT is the AUTHORITY to give us the right answer?

It was Jesus Christ who said, "I will build my Church." He is the "WORD" of God (John 1:1-3) in person — the Spokesman. The Bible is the Word of God in writing — the Maker's Instruction Book for mankind. The Bible, therefore, is the Authority.

## **HOW One Becomes a Member**

The first place the word "church" is used following the inception of that Church (Pentecost, 31 A.D.) is Acts 2:47: "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

This immediately gives insight into the means by which one enters the Church as a member. *God adds each one.* It is God who *puts each one into the Church as a member.*

Again, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" (I Cor. 12:13). The word "baptized" means immersed — put into. So, again, it is GOD who *puts one into His Church.*

And how? By His Spirit! When God bestows within one His Holy Spirit, that puts the believer into the Church.

So note it well! One cannot enter the true Church by putting himself in — by "joining." One may join a social club, a sports team, or a secular group — but NOT the Church of God. Incidentally, is it not significant that so many of this world's "churches" have become, virtually, just social clubs?

Notice, too, the Church is here referred to as "one body." In several passages the Church is referred to as "the body of Christ." I Corinthians 12:12 says: "For as the body is one, and hath many members. . . ."

How is the Church "the Body of Christ"? Few understand.

Here is the explanation.

## **Jesus Started the Work of God**

God sent Jesus into the world to start the Work of God. When Jesus was twelve years old, His parents, returning to Nazareth from attending the Passover at Jerusalem, discovered the child was not among the company. Returning to Jerusalem, "they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doc-

tors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers." And when His parents saw Him, "they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? . . . And he said unto them . . . wist ye not that *I must be about my Father's business?*" (Luke 2:40-49.)

What was His Father's business — what is the Work of God?

God sent His Son Jesus into the world in the human flesh as a Messenger with a Message. He was the Messenger of the Covenant — the NEW Covenant, as foretold in Malachi 3:1.

And what was that Message? John the Baptist was to prepare the way before Him (Mal. 3:1). Also His Message was NEWS — GOOD news — *advance* good news ("gospel" means good news) of the future.

So we read: "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare the way before thee. . . . Now, after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee,

preaching the gospel of **THE KINGDOM OF GOD**" (Mark 1:1, 2, 14).

How did Jesus start the Work of God?

1) By proclaiming the Good News of the coming **KINGDOM OF GOD**.

2) By calling and teaching His disciples the same Message.

Notice: "Then Jesus called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils [demons], and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach *the kingdom of God*..." (Luke 9:1-2).

### The Divine Commission

What is the **PURPOSE** of the Church — its divine Commission? To proclaim this Gospel as a witness to the world. In other words, *to carry on* the **WORK OF GOD**, which Jesus, in person, started.

After His resurrection, He gave His disciples this Commission: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). The Commission to the Church, then, is to *carry on* the Father's business — to proclaim the Message of the **NEW Covenant** that God sent into the world by His Son and Messenger, Jesus.

Jesus gave His life for us, but He **ROSE** from the dead, and right now **TODAY** He is the *living* Jesus Christ. And His Commission for our day is: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end [of this age] come" (Matt. 24:14).

### How the "Body of Christ"

The twelve disciples became the twelve original apostles. But *HOW* did they, with the other disciples, become "the **BODY of Christ**"?

While Jesus was starting the Work of God, He said, "I can of mine own self do nothing," and again, "The Son can do nothing of himself," and again, "... but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works."

It was the power of God's Holy Spirit, dwelling in His individual human body, doing **THE WORK OF GOD**.

Without this same Spirit dwelling in

them, His disciples would be utterly impotent. The very night before His crucifixion He said to them: "As the branch [of a grapevine] cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches... without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:4, 5). It is the sap flowing from the vine into the branch that produces grapes. It is the Spirit of God and of the living Christ, flowing into the collective Body that is the Church that produces the results.

After His resurrection, just before ascending to God's throne in heaven, Jesus commanded these apostles: "... that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father..." — that is, for the Holy Spirit, the same power that did the Work of God in Jesus' human body. And again, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you" (Acts 1:4, 8).

On the day of Pentecost, 31 A.D., this **POWER** of God did come and enter into the **COLLECTIVE BODY** — the Church — that now was to carry on the Work of God.

### The Head of God's Church

When Jesus ascended to the throne of God (the Father of the divine creating-ruling-governing Family) in heaven, He became the Head of the Church. Notice Eph. 1:22, 23: "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to *the church, which is his body*."

The **CHURCH** is composed of those who are the begotten **CHILDREN OF GOD** — of the **FATHER** of the divine Family. One *becomes* a begotten **SON** of God upon receiving within him the Holy Spirit of God.

This Spirit comes from the very Person of God — it is, first of all, the impregnating **LIFE** of God — divine, eternal, ever-living **LIFE**. As the physical sperm cell from the body of a human father begets a human embryo that develops into a fetus and later is born a human child, so the Spirit of God begets us into a state by which we

are called, even now in this life, sons of God (I John 3:2).

### Of What Composed

And thus it is that the **CHURCH** is composed of those who are the children of God. That is why the **CHURCH** is the Church of **GOD**, even as the Old Testament Church was called "the congregation of Israel" — the human children of Israel.

That is why, also, one **CANNOT PUT HIMSELF** into the Church by "deciding to **JOIN**." When he becomes a son of **GOD**, by having and being led by the Spirit of God (Rom. 8:14), then God has **PUT HIM INTO** the Church by begetting him as a son of God.

"Joining" a group that calls itself a church — having one's name on the membership roll of some group calling itself a church — does not make one in true fact a member of **THE Church** Jesus founded. Here is positive proof: "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now *if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his*" (Romans 8:9).

I have shown that it is the living Christ who puts members into His Church — and it is done by the Holy Spirit. Notice, now, the conditions for receiving God's Spirit — Acts 2:38: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." This is speaking of being baptized in water — after which they shall receive the Holy Spirit, which, in turn, baptizes — puts them into — the Church.

Those who *were* so baptized on that day of Pentecost did receive God's Holy Spirit, and **DID** thereupon become the Church, and **TO THEM**, God "added to the church daily" (Acts 2:47).

### The FOUNDATION of the Church

Notice, now, the **FOUNDATION** upon which the Church is built. To the converts at Ephesus, who had been Gentiles, Paul was inspired to write: "Now therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens [of a **GOVERNMENT**] with the saints, *and* of the household [**FAMILY**] of God; and

are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone" (Eph. 2:19-20).

Thus you see how the one and only true CHURCH is NOT an ORGANIZATION OF MEN, but a SPIRITUAL ORGANISM. Yet that fact does not preclude organization.

### Is the Church Organized?

But did Christ, the HEAD of the Church, ORGANIZE that Church? Does it have a definite form of organization?

Indeed He did — and indeed it has!

First of all, the true Church of God is a spiritual organism. It is NOT a human organization. This spiritual organism is the "Body of Christ" existing for the PURPOSE of carrying on THE WORK OF GOD.

The resurrected, eternally living Jesus Christ is the HEAD of the Church. The very fact the Church has a Head implies organization. The living Christ directs, leads, inspires, and blesses the Church in doing God's Work.

But it is a BIG, WORLDWIDE WORK. If every individual in it goes out alone, independently, trying to carry out the entire divine Commission in whatever way he sees fit, we shall have confusion, a house divided against itself — and it could not stand.

### Even Nature Is Organized

God is CREATOR. Everything God has created in nature is ORGANIZED. Take a sturdy, beautiful oak tree. It has a root system in the ground. It has a main trunk. It has major branches joining to that trunk, smaller branches joined to them, still smaller branches joined to each minor branch, and finally the twigs joined to the smallest branches. But they are all joined together as a system.

Jesus used the example of the vine. He is the Vine... we the branches. Unless we are joined systematically to the Vine, we can produce NOTHING. In a grape vine, there is ORDER — SYSTEM — organization.

The whole WORK OF GOD functions toward the restoration of what has been taken away from the earth — the GOVERNMENT OF GOD. The Kingdom of God IS that government. That govern-

ment is an ORGANIZED government.

God's form of government is government from the top down. God the Father is the extreme top. Under Him is the living Christ, administering God's Government as *God directs*.

### Government in the Church

And Jesus has set ORGANIZATION — government — order — in the Church, under Him. God compares this organized Body of Christ to a BUILDING:

"Now therefore ye . . . are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building *fitly framed together* groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Eph. 2:19-22).

The living Christ, Head of the Church, has PUT the various administrators, officers, and members into the Church AS HE HIMSELF CHOSE. Not as a man chooses for himself.

### Administrators AS GOD CHOSE

"And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers" — WHY? For what PURPOSE? "For the perfecting of the saints, *for the WORK of the ministry*, for the edifying of the BODY OF CHRIST: *till* we all come in the UNITY of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ . . . speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the WHOLE BODY FITLY JOINED TOGETHER AND COMPACTED by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of EVERY PART [each individual member], maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (Eph. 4:11-16).

Christ has, indeed, ORGANIZED HIS CHURCH, so FITLY joined together as a physical building put together with the precision of every part of the most expert craftsmen.

HE chose the chief administrators, UNDER HIM. God's government is government FROM THE TOP DOWN.

All do not have the same office. And

God has given various members in His Church special TALENTS, as gifts by and through His Spirit, and aptitudes, each for his part as CHRIST *has chosen*, in the ORGANIZED EFFORT of carrying on Christ's WORK.

God gives these special talents, aptitudes for certain phases of administration in His Work, as HE wills, but also according to each one's natural aptitudes.

Notice the parables of the pounds and of the talents.

First, the parable of the talents. "For the kingdom of heaven [Matthew uses the term Kingdom of heaven, while Mark, Luke and John all use the term Kingdom of God. They are the same. Not a kingdom IN heaven, but "OF" — denoting ownership.] is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability" (Matt. 25:14-15).

Notice, there was something *given* to each. The parable pictures Jesus, of course, going to heaven to be coronated as King of kings and Lord of lords, after which He will return to RULE the earth, administering the Government of God over all nations. His own servants are His converted children of God — His Body, the Church. What He is giving them is spiritual gifts to equip each for his individual part in GOD'S WORK.

But notice, please, He gave these additional spiritual goods, gifts, or tools, "*to every man according to his several ability*" — that is, according to his natural physical aptitudes or abilities. On His return as World Ruler, He called each servant to an accounting as to HOW WELL each had done with what Christ had given him to do with.

By comparison of this parable with that of the pounds in Luke 19:11-27, you will see that God judges us according to how well we do in proportion to what we have to do with. These servants were to "occupy" or carry on the Work till He returns.

### Special Spiritual Gifts

Now notice more about the spiritual GIFTS God gives those in His Body,

doing HIS WORK, in I Corinthians 12:

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant."

Yet most people are in total ignorance of these gifts and their meaning and uses. Continue:

"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all" (verses 4-6). It is the same God WORKING in the "Body of Christ" — the Church. HE does the Work of God, by the one Spirit of God, IN the collective Body called out of the world as His instrument doing His Work.

Notice carefully, in this Work of God, which He WORKS in us by His Spirit, there are different gifts, BECAUSE there are various and *different* administrations, in administering God's Work — different offices — different kinds of jobs. There are various and different OPERATIONS in carrying on the Work. These require various and different aptitudes and abilities in various and different members in the Body.

### GOD Chooses Each Member's Job

We do not all do the same job!

These special spiritual gifts are given "to profit withal." That is, to profit THE WORK — not the individual. These gifts are aptitudes, or spiritual "tools" to use in doing the Work — not ornaments to embellish the person, as some have seemed to think — bragging about the least of the gifts.

God Himself decides which gifts to give each member: "But all these [gifts] worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as HE will" (verse 11).

Continue: "For the body [of Christ — the Church] is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?" (Verses 14-15.)

If one young man has been given special aptitude for a certain more or less routine office job that is actually a big help in the whole organized Work, he is doing HIS PART in the Work. But is each one free to decide whether he will

be the apostle, or the pastor, or a teacher, or a routine office worker making it possible for *them* to do *their* jobs?

Here is your answer: "But now hath GOD set the members every one of them in the body, *as it hath pleased HIM*" (verse 18).

But what if one is placed, by those God has set over him, in an office that this individual considers very unimportant, not honorable enough to suit his vanity?

Here's the answer: "Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem [to us] to be more feeble, *are necessary*; and those members of the body, *which we think* to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor, and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness . . . but GOD hath tempered the body together . . . THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO SCHISM [division] IN THE BODY. . . . Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And GOD hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of languages. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? . . . but covet earnestly the best gifts . . ." (verses 22-31).

We might mention at this point that in local churches during the first century, local elders were ordained. It is evident that some of these were ministers — that is, preachers — and some evidently were not preachers, but merely leaders or teachers.

### New Testament Officials in Order of Rank

In the New Testament there are three terms used for preachers or ministers — elders, bishops, overseers. All three mean the same. Yet some elders were apostles or evangelists, but most elders were NOT apostles or evangelists.

Putting all New Testament passages together, the ADMINISTRATIVE offices, in order of rank and authority under Christ, were: 1st, apostles; 2nd, evangelists (In the New Testament, prophets did not have administrative offices, but, prior to completion of writing the New Testament, prophets received direct

communication or instruction from God, which they in turn communicated to apostles. Today God's instruction to the Church is complete, in the written Scriptures.); pastors; preaching elders; and local non-preaching elders and teachers. There also were deacons and deaconesses, appointed to take care of physical duties.

Now I have shown that the true Church of God is NOT a human organization or corporation, but a spiritual organism, composed of all who have and are being led by the Holy Spirit of God abiding in them. Yet the Church is ORGANIZED.

### Is It Wrong to Incorporate?

What about incorporating according to the civil laws of man? The answer is: God instructs His Church to be subject to the powers of man's government over him.

When — in our time — the Work of God was small there was no need of being incorporated. This Work was NOT incorporated *until it became necessary* in order to deal with the world in carrying out the Commission to go to the world with Christ's Gospel. The Work has grown worldwide and very large, and human governmental laws would not allow it to function without incorporating.

But is the corporation the Church? *IT IS NOT!* The Church existed as a spiritual organism, organized as CHRIST organized it (NOT organized on any human plan), and it carried on the SAME Work of God, with the SAME divinely directed organization BEFORE it incorporated as it does today. It is organized according to GOD's pattern, not man's legal corporate pattern.

Now some questions naturally emerge.

Can one who does not know of the true organized Body doing God's Work, and therefore is outside of it, be a member of the true Church which Christ built? The answer is yes — for it is possible for one to have truly repented, believed, and received God's Spirit — and be following that Spirit as far as he sees and understands — who does not know of the organized Work Christ is using today. But surely God's

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# Churches for Sale

Dateline: London

**"I pray daily for the death of the Church."**

**"The way things are going, the Church will probably be finished in 50 years time. . ."**

These verbal bombshells — from a Surrey vicar and a Free Church leader — highlight the sorry state of Britain's churches and their total failure to lead the British people. This failure is reflected only too well in the latest statistics and polls.

The Central Board of Finance reveals only 4% of the public attend the Church of England. Roman Catholic attendance is similar. Free Churches draw a mere 2%. In short, *over 90% of the British public never darken the door of a church.* More startling, the latest Harris poll (May 1970) reveals only about half the people in Britain even believe in a literal God.

Disenchantment with organized religion is most apparent in the "now" generation. Seventy percent of the under-sixteens *never* attend church or Sunday school and another 15% go only occasionally. In the Church of England, confirmations dropped 20% in the last six years. Baptisms and church marriages follow the same downward spiral.

Small wonder one critic in *The Times Saturday Review* recently stated: "Religion has so completely lost its hold on the imagination of our society that it is possible that more people in this pagan land turn for comfort to Jimmy Young [a popular British disc jockey] than to Jesus Christ."

Established religion fails to attract either parishioners or pastors. For the Church of England, most alarming is the rapid decline in candidates for ordination. Of over 10,000 parish clergymen only 27 are under thirty.

Shortage of clergy added to the alarming drops in baptisms, confirmation candidates, church marriages and, above all, in actual attendance, indicate organized religion's lack of relevance to the Briton of today.

In an effort to brake plummeting attendance figures and attract more youth, some ecclesiastics are inviting pop groups into church. But these gimmicks — which have even included use of ventriloquists — fail to counter the attraction of Bingo, the dance hall and

TV. One Church of England vicar frankly admits cropping Sunday evening services to give the congregation time to get home for a popular TV series.

With such public disinterest in religion, it is no surprise many churches reach the real estate lists. The "converted" church building is an increasingly common sight. These durable edifices are being transformed into coffee bars, Gothic restaurants, toy shops, general-purpose warehouses (or hardware stores — see picture). Their "flocks" now dispersed, these grotesque epitaphs of a derelict religion multiply across the land, relics of a way that led nowhere.

God in heaven warns: "Woe be unto . . . the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of

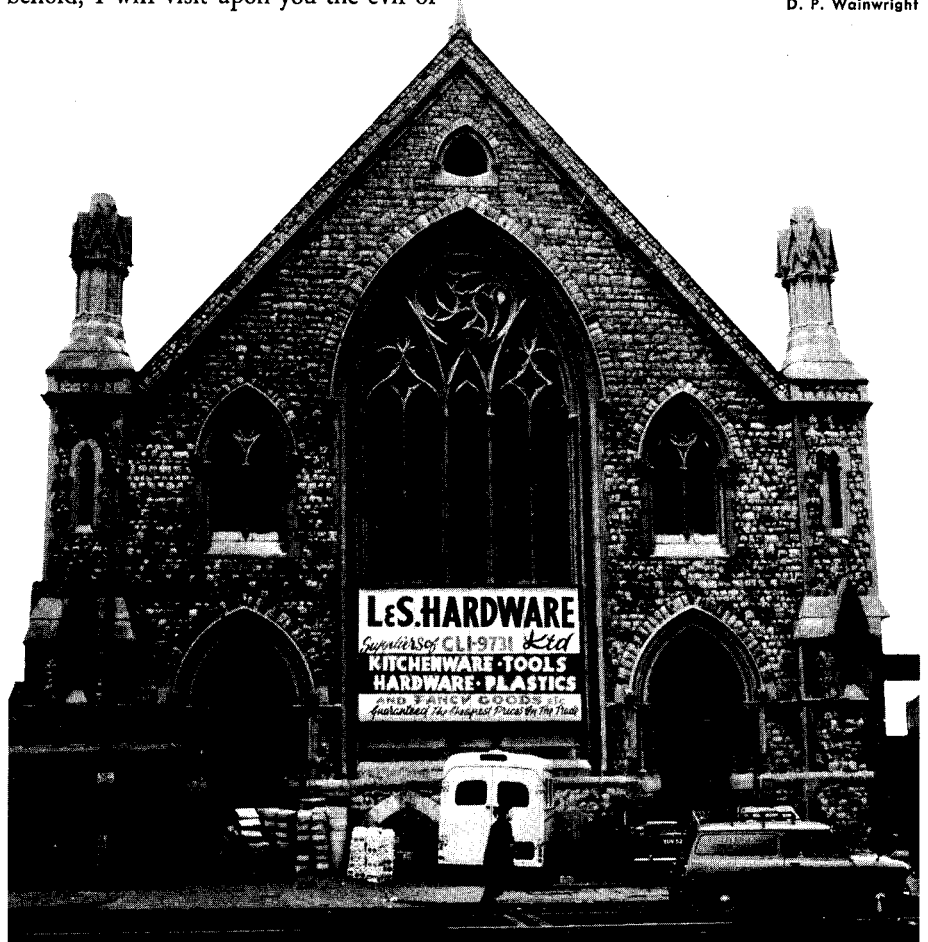
your doings . . . prophet and priest are profane" (Jer. 23:1, 2, 11).

But even if the churches were full, how well would they serve the people? The answer is given by the one area of British churchianity standing in sharp contrast to this picture of diminishing attendance. In Northern Ireland, cathedrals and chapels are crammed to bursting point. Yet strangely, this is the most explosive area in the whole United Kingdom, with increasing incidents of violence and destruction. A non-Christian reporter from the East recently stated, "In Northern Ireland you find the world's most devout Catholics and fanatic Protestants, yet the world's worst Christians!"

In Britain — empty churches. And where they're filled, violence, arson and destruction stalk the streets. God indicts the pastors of the land for their failure to feed the flock the truth of His Word.

What's the solution? God promises that *He* — and *not we* — will soon set up ministers who will give the people practical knowledge leading to peaceful, joyful, abundant living (Jer. 23:4).

D. P. Wainwright



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# THE BIBLE - how to understand it!

In a recent article in *Tomorrow's World*, you were exhorted to "Read the Book."

But perhaps you *have* tried to "read the Book" in the past. Perhaps you stumbled over chapters dealing with difficult prophecies, complicated symbols, genealogies, a great variety of subjects all mixed together. Perhaps you *lost interest* in reading the Book! Perhaps you finally gave up and said to yourself, "I just can't *understand* the Bible!"

Could that be you? It was Mrs. V. I. D. of Essex, Ontario:

After reading the article in the March-April issue of TOMORROW'S WORLD entitled "Read the Book" by David Jon Hill, I decided to write this letter. About six years ago I decided to read the Book from cover to cover for myself. When I had finished, I was quite puzzled about a lot of what I had read. Soon after I had finished reading the Bible, I happened to hear Mr. Armstrong's radio program and heard his offer of a free Bible Correspondence Course. I feel that I am finally understanding what I am reading in the Bible. I hope you have many requests for this Course because I am sure everyone who takes it *will* understand the Bible.

Did you know that your lack of understanding — that your *frustration* and *CONFUSION* — were foretold long ago? Prophesied Isaiah, "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to *understand* doctrine? . . . For precept must be upon precept, . . . line upon line; . . . here a little, and there a little, . . . that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken" (Isaiah 28:9, 10, 13).

That's the way the Bible is written. Not all the truth on any one subject is found in any one place. To properly UNDERSTAND the Word of God, you must put together ALL the scriptures on a particular subject! "Here a little, and there a little!" And only when all the

scriptures are put together can you *really* see what the Bible says.

But most people today are like the Ethiopian eunuch in Philip's day. When they read the Bible, or Bible prophecies for the future, they are at a loss to understand them. It is as if they were reading some foreign language. It's "Greek" to them!

Philip heard the eunuch reading from the book of Isaiah and asked him, "Do you really understand what you are reading?" (Acts 8:30, Moffatt.) "Why, how can I possibly understand it," said the eunuch, "unless someone puts me on the right track?" (Verse 31.)

That's why we offer the Ambassador College Correspondence Course! It is *unique*. It is designed to lead the student into an in-depth study of the Bible itself — not the words of men about it, not our words, but the BIBLE ITSELF!

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# Will YOU get to HEAVEN ?

Do Christians GO TO HEAVEN when they die? Are there really "MANSIONS IN THE SKY" waiting for you? Read the surprising PLAIN TRUTH about these vital questions in your own Bible!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

"GONE to be with the Lord," it is said of dead churchgoing people today. Is this *literally* true? Do people really GO TO HEAVEN when they die?

## An Ancient Question

Men have puzzled over the perplexing question of *what happens after death* for many, many centuries!

It has been somehow *inconceivable* to man, from his earliest beginnings, that *death* should end everything. Today, the modern world is divided into many major religions, each in its own turn being divided into many hundreds and even thousands of lesser sects and denominations.

The ancestor-worshippers of the Oriental family believe in a life after death with one's own relatives. The Moslems visualize an eternity in beautiful desert oases, surrounded by babbling

waters and dancing girls. Different schisms of Hinduism believe in attaining to a state of "great nothingness" in "Nirvana."

Professing Christianity believes in going to "heaven." Either immediately at death, during the millennium, or at some other time.

Everywhere, there is the HOPE of a life after death — of an eternal REWARD. But *nowhere*, it seems, is there any *agreement* on WHERE THAT LIFE WILL BE SPENT!

Why such CONFUSION?

Why such IGNORANCE?

## Only ONE Source

YOU don't need to be in confusion — you don't have to *guess* at the outcome of such a fantastically important question! There is an infallibly accurate, factual, thoroughly proved SOURCE to which you can go!

That source is YOUR OWN BIBLE! The Bible stands PROVED to be the inspired book of Almighty God — His written revelation to man. Paul wrote, "All scripture is given by *inspiration of God* [is *God-breathed*], and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Timothy 3:16). Peter wrote, "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" (II Pet. 1:21).

You need to *know* you can rely on the Bible! You need to know you can TRUST it. You need to know you can put your FAITH in *what it plainly says*, and reject "feelings" of your own. You need to KNOW you can trust the *Bible* instead of the teachings of MEN, the assumptions of relatives, or a death-bed vision of a dying loved one!

If you are one who has always just *assumed* the Bible is true, but have

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never seen it infallibly *demonstrated*, then write immediately for the free booklet *The Proof of the Bible!*

### False Assumptions

Every error is based upon a false premise just carelessly TAKEN FOR GRANTED. Most professing Christians have just TAKEN FOR GRANTED "heaven" is the reward of the saved! They have never gotten around to PROVING whether or not this is so from the Bible — but have *taken it for granted!*

Think for a moment! How many sermons can you recall attempting to PROVE heaven is the destiny of Christians? Probably you can recall MANY where heaven was mentioned, was contrasted to a supposed ever-burning hell, or was *described*. Probably, you have heard many *hundreds* of references to heaven as the final reward! But did you ever hear a sermon that PROVED it from God's own Word, the Bible?

No! You never did!

Do you know why?

Because IT CAN'T BE PROVED!

*This* doctrine — just like perhaps many others people "hold dear" — is merely ASSUMED by most professing Christianity. It is "par for the course," it is a common, unquestioned, *basic assumption* that is carelessly taken for granted!

You need to *quit assuming!* You need to see it PROVED, one way or the other! You need to KNOW the truth — and to KNOW that you know, not just carelessly *assume* certain points to be true.

Perhaps you feel it would be "settling" for a LESSER goal to "settle" for *earth*, instead of "heaven." Such sentiments are human ARGUMENTS which merely rationalize away, or reject a precious truth of God through RIDICULE, rather than carefully "searching the scriptures daily, WHETHER THESE THINGS BE SO"! (Acts 17:11.)

Surely you know you *can't afford* to

let preconceived ideas, the concepts of others around you, bias or prejudice, *keep you chained with bonds of ignorance.*

Remember — the TRUTH of God can be *proved* — it can stand on its own feet! God's precious TRUTH does not need clever "catch phrases" or plays upon words to sustain it. It alone stands the test of ALL searching of Scripture — of open-minded, earnest SEEKING for the truth! "SEEK, and ye shall *find*," promised your Saviour!

### A Perplexing Dilemma

Jesus talked, as recorded in the inspired Word of God, of a coming *resurrection*. He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when *the dead* shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear *shall live*" (John 5:25). He went on to talk of those who were *still in their graves* at the time of the second coming of Christ, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation ["judgment," margin]" (John 5:28-29).

Very PLAIN, isn't it? Jesus said the hour *was coming* — very plainly referring to a *yet future* GENERAL RESURRECTION. He also referred to the resurrection of Lazarus and others in the New Testament when He said, "and now *is*." Reading on into the 11th chapter, you read of this miraculous forerunner of the great resurrection at the end of the age.

Later, Jesus said, "... and every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up *at the last day*" (John 6:40). Read the exact TIME of the resurrection in your Bible! "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I WILL RAISE HIM UP AT THE LAST DAY" (John 6:44).

But what a PERPLEXING DILEMMA!

If Christians GO TO HEAVEN IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEY DIE — IF they are ALREADY in heaven, where they have been living in beautiful mansions for

hundreds or even thousands of years — WHY BOTHER WITH A RESURRECTION?

If they have been *released* from this sin-sick world, from their old, worn-out, disease-ridden, corruptible bodies, and if they have been WITH Jesus Christ IN heaven — *why* would Jesus *take them OUT* of heaven, bring them *back* to earth, plunge them BACK INTO their graves, and then go to the fantastic, laborious effort of RESURRECTING THEM?

Isn't this a little difficult to believe? Does it really make sense?

### Never Promised Heaven

SHOCKING though it may sound — the Jesus Christ of your Bible *never* promised heaven as the reward of the saved! He promised something entirely different!

Let's notice, FIRST OF ALL, the most-often-quoted scriptures used by deluded men to preach the ancient, *pagan* doctrine of "going to heaven."

Perhaps you, like hundreds of thousands of others, have supposed Jesus said *plainly*, in the "sermon on the mount" that Christians go to heaven when they die. But He didn't!

Let's *turn* to this beautiful portion of the Bible, the very heart and core of REAL Christianity — and see just what Jesus DID say.

"Blessed are the *poor in spirit*," said Jesus, "for theirs is the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN" (Matt. 5:3). "Why, doesn't that SAY He promised heaven?" you might ask. No, it doesn't!

What if Jesus had said, "for theirs is the Bank of Morgan"? DOES THIS MEAN He promised the money, and the stocks, bonds, securities, the wealth of the bank which is IN — INSIDE OF — Morgan? Why, of course, this would be ridiculous! Notice the proof right in the same section. "Blessed are the MEEK," said Jesus two verses later, "for THEY shall INHERIT THE EARTH" (Matt. 5:5).

Does this mean the "poor in spirit" (which merely means those who are truly HUMBLE) are to go to HEAVEN, while those possessing a *very similar* attribute of Christian character, that of MEEKNESS, are to stay here on earth?

No! It means just what it says — that overcomers are to *inherit the earth*

— the kingdom *OF* heaven — not the kingdom *IN* heaven!

### What About Heavenly Mansions?

But what about the time-honored songs, the hopes of millions, the cherished "Christian traditions" of the "homes above" that so many have talked about, sung about, written about, all down through these years?

Turn to this scripture. You read it in John, the 14th chapter. "In my Father's house are many mansions [margin, "abodes"]: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a *place* for you. And IF I GO and prepare a PLACE for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself, that *where I am*, there YE MAY BE ALSO" (John 14:2-3).

Notice it — NOWHERE DID JESUS SAY SAINTS GO TO HEAVEN! He said, rather, there are PLACES, HABITATIONS, ABODES, MANSIONS, RESIDENCES which HE IS PREPARING. These "places" are NOW "IN" HEAVEN. But Jesus went *on* to say, "I will COME AGAIN." Come where? To THIS EARTH, as Jesus repeated so many times. He also said, "that where I AM, there ye may be also" (verse 3).

Where will Jesus BE?

If Jesus COMES AGAIN TO THIS EARTH — then He will BE ON THIS EARTH! The EARTH, and a definite, specific location ON the earth, will be where Jesus said He is going to BE. If *we* are to BE WITH HIM where He is to BE — then we, also, are going to BE ON THIS EARTH!

What are the different "mansions" or *places* Jesus is now busily *preparing*? Read Luke 19! Jesus likened Himself to a young nobleman, who went on a long journey into a distant land to qualify to RULE A KINGDOM. At His return, He demanded an *accounting* from His servants. He then apportioned different *responsibilities* to them, according to how *much* they had overcome!

Jesus said Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will be in the Kingdom of God here on this earth, and revealed the twelve disciples will rule over the twelve tribes of Israel!

David referred to being a "door-keeper" in God's Kingdom as being

*better* than the highest offices here on this earth.

Jesus promises RULERSHIP over nations (Rev. 2:26) and offices of KINGS AND PRIESTS in His Kingdom!

There are different PLACES, different ABODES, different OFFICES and POSITIONS in God's soon-coming Kingdom, for which individuals must qualify! *That* is what Christ is doing NOW! He is, working through His Church, *preparing* individuals for official positions in God's Kingdom! He is putting certain humans through *experiences* which will better fit them for a certain PLACE in the Government of God!

How *vastly misunderstood* has been this important scripture!

Notice the plain truth of your Bible. "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee . . ." (Zech. 14:1). Then follows a graphic description of the accompanying SIGNS of the second coming of Jesus Christ! Be sure you read *every* word in your own Bible. Now notice verse four. "And his feet shall stand IN THAT DAY upon the *mount of Olives*" (Zech. 14:4).

Yes — it is called the SECOND COMING of Christ. His second *arrival*. He is COMING again! And He will arrive HERE, on this earth!

The very *first message* God ever sent back to this earth after the *departure* of Jesus to heaven is recorded in Acts the first chapter. The disciples were looking up into the skies, where they saw Jesus disappear into a cloud (verse 9). "And, while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also 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 [RETURN TO THIS EARTH] IN LIKE MANNER AS YE HAVE SEEN HIM GO INTO HEAVEN" (Acts 1:10-11).

Yes, Christ is to COME AGAIN to this EARTH!

Now, for another surprise, turn to the well-known scripture found in I Thessalonians the 4th chapter. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep [ARE DEAD — NOT OFF IN HEAVEN] in Jesus will God bring *with* him. For

this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent [*precede*] them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall DESCEND [COME DOWN OUT OF] *from* [which means "*away out of*"] heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ SHALL RISE FIRST."

*No mention* here of saints *coming from heaven* — but of DEAD saints RISING FIRST BEFORE THE LIVING ARE CHANGED!

"Then we which are alive and remain shall be CAUGHT UP together *with* them in the CLOUDS, to MEET the Lord IN THE AIR: and so shall we ever be WITH THE LORD" (I Thes. 4:14-17).

HOW PLAIN!

Jesus is returning *from* heaven. The dead and living saints are to be caught up — NOT TO HEAVEN — BUT INTO THE AIR, INTO THE CLOUDS! This earth is composed of three "spheres," according to the sciences. The "lithosphere" or the solid earth, the "hydrosphere" or all the water on earth, and the "atmosphere." Each is a PART OF THE EARTH. The AIR, or the atmosphere, is as much peculiar to THIS EARTH as is the water, the rocks, and everything else on it.

Simply *scoffing* at the *real meaning* of these plain scriptures will NOT CHANGE them. Not WANTING to believe the precious, glorious, PLAIN TRUTH of the Bible will not *do away* with it!

What you are reading in this article is directly from the sacred Word of God. Perhaps it sounds NEW — *different* to you from what you may have always assumed or taken for granted!

You may have a natural, human tendency to *want to cling* to previous convictions — or what you have always *heard*.

But *what about* it?

Are you one who really zealously desires the TRUTH of God? If you are — you'll be *looking up* these scriptures IN YOUR BIBLE. You'll be reading the passages before and after them and any other related scriptures. You'll be striving to PROVE these things — *however strange they may seem to you* — and prove them *from the Bible*. Again we say — DON'T BELIEVE MEN. Don't

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believe this article UNLESS you check up and see it proved!

This article is not written to ridicule, or try to *prejudice* your mind against a doctrine. Rather, it is written to point out to you where you may find the TRUTH of God on this very important question! May God help you to remove bias, to get *your ideas* in subjection to *God's truth* — and to BELIEVE what you see clearly PROVED!

Remember, Jesus is coming to *earth* from heaven, as we have seen so plainly. He is *returning* after being away. He is *coming back* after a long absence.

If YOU had been away on a LONG JOURNEY, of many thousands of miles, into a foreign country, and were going to return — and you wanted your family to MEET you, what would they do?

Would your ship near the harbor, and then your family jump aboard the pilot boat, board your vessel, and all of you then GO BACK TO THE FOREIGN COUNTRY FROM WHICH YOU CAME?

Ridiculous, isn't it?

We are to MEET Christ as He RETURNS! And NOWHERE DOES YOUR BIBLE SAY WE WILL THEN GO BACK TO HEAVEN WITH HIM!

Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, "...ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for his Son FROM heaven, whom he raised from the dead..." (1 Thes. 1:9-10).

He is coming *here*, and we are to go *part way* — only as high as the *clouds* — to meet Him, and then to come right down to *this earth with Him!*

"So shall we ever be WITH THE LORD," says your Bible. But where will the Lord be? ON THIS EARTH!

### What About the Thief on the Cross?

"But didn't the thief on the cross go immediately with Jesus to heaven?" some might ask.

And it's a good question! *What about* the promise Jesus apparently

made to one of the malefactors who was dying beside Him?

Notice! The very same ones who believe the thief on the cross WENT INTO PARADISE WITH JESUS IMMEDIATELY AFTER DEATH ALSO BELIEVE JESUS DID NOT GO TO PARADISE, BUT WENT IMMEDIATELY INTO HELL TO PREACH TO DEPARTED "SPIRITS"!

How could this BE?

Many assume Jesus *did not die* on the cross!

He said He was DEAD (Rev. 1:18). Unless He DIED for our sins, we cannot be reconciled to God! And yet — many assume Jesus *was alive* during the time in the tomb, but alive down in HELL, supposedly busily "preaching" to some *departed souls!*

If Jesus promised immediate entry into PARADISE to the thief, and then spent time in HELL, AFTER which He appeared again on earth, and said to Mary, "TOUCH ME NOT, for I am *not yet* ascended to my Father..." (John 20:17) and *did not have the thief with Him* — then did Jesus LIE?

No, Jesus did not lie — neither did He go into a burning HELL — but into "hades" which NEVER, by the wildest stretch of the imagination, has anything whatsoever to *do* with infernal fires, but means, simply, "the GRAVE." Check ANY reliable concordance, commentary, or lexicon for proof of this.

Jesus was DEAD for THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS (Matt. 12:40). He DID NOT GO THAT VERY DAY TO PARADISE — as He, Himself, later *said plainly!*

Then what happened?

Notice it! The Greek language never included separation of chapter, verse, or punctuation marks, as commonly used in the English language today. Rather, it was written without any paragraphing, or punctuation. It was not divided into verses and chapters, as it appears in our English Bibles today, *until many hundreds of years after the New Testament was written!*

Notice how the *whole meaning* of certain sentences in the English language can be changed by merely *changing the punctuation marks!*

John might ask, "What's that up in the road, *ahead?*" And it may sound as if he were asking if he saw a HEAD, the head of a human or an animal, in the

road. But if you put the comma in the correct location, the sentence would read thusly: "What's *that*, up in the road ahead?" and it would *make sense.*

Now turn to Luke 23:43. Read it carefully. Jesus APPEARS to have said, by the placement of the *comma* in the English version, "TODAY SHALT THOU BE WITH ME IN PARADISE." And yet Jesus KNEW He was not going to enter into Paradise ON THAT DAY — or for the next THREE OR FOUR DAYS!

Now put the comma where it BELONGS, to preserve the *sense* of this scripture as *proved by all other scriptures* on the subject (remember, the Bible *interprets itself*). "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto you today, THOU SHALT BE WITH ME IN PARADISE!" Jesus said it THAT DAY, and promised the thief WOULD BE in paradise — but He most certainly DID NOT promise paradise to the thief *that very day!*

If this could have been true, Jesus not only lied, but made an exception to all others, and became a respecter of persons. Also, He said He is the SAME through all ages (Heb. 13:8) and *does not change!*

"Paradise" is *commonly assumed* to mean "heaven"! But again simply because this is *assumed*, and carelessly *taken for granted* does not make it so! The "paradise" will be *on this earth!*

NOTICE WHAT THE THIEF ASKED!

"And he said unto Jesus, Lord remember me WHEN THOU COMEST [RETURNS TO THIS LITERAL EARTH HERE BELOW] INTO THY KINGDOM."

### God's Kingdom on Earth?

Notice some conclusive scriptures. In the mysterious vision seen by Nebuchadnezzar, and interpreted by God through Daniel, it is revealed the Kingdom of God will be ON EARTH!

Read the entire 2nd chapter of Daniel. "Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the *whole earth*" (verse 35).

Now notice the INTERPRETATION of

the dream in verse 44. "And in the days of these kings [shown by the ten toes, which were smashed by the Stone from heaven] shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."

God repeatedly uses the type of a mountain as a symbol of a nation or a kingdom. The Kingdom, or the Nation, of GOD will *consume, destroy, supersede all these worldly kingdoms — and will RULE them ON THIS EARTH!*

Describing the events surrounding Christ's return, and the setting up of His world rule, Isaiah was inspired to write, "And it shall come to pass, *in the last days*, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and *all nations* shall flow unto it.

"And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for *OUT OF ZION* [on this EARTH] shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from *JERUSALEM* [on THIS EARTH]" (Isa. 2:2-3). Micah was inspired to write the same thing in his 4th chapter.

Read each of these other vital scriptures! "...When the Lord of hosts shall reign *IN MOUNT ZION*, and *IN JERUSALEM*, and before his ancients gloriously" (Isa. 24:23). "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous *BRANCH*, and a *KING* shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice *IN THE EARTH*. In his days *JUDAH* shall be saved..." (Jer. 23:5-6). This *PROVES* this scripture is for the *future*, and refers directly to the *SECOND* coming of Christ, since it describes the salvation of the Jews — a yet future event!

"The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The Lord also shall roar *OUT OF ZION*, and utter his voice *FROM JERUSALEM*... So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God, *DWELL-*

*ING IN ZION, my holy mountain*: then shall Jerusalem be *HOLY*" (Joel 3:15-17).

"... for the Lord dwelleth *IN ZION*" (Joel 3:21).

"And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the Lord shall reign over them *IN MOUNT ZION* from henceforth, even *FOR EVER*" (Micah 4:7).

"Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for lo, I *COME*, and I will *DWELL* *IN THE MIDST OF THEE*, saith the Lord" (Zech. 2:10).

Is this enough? God says *OVER AND OVER AGAIN* that Christ is coming to *THIS EARTH!* David is to be *resurrected* (Ezek. 34:23; 37:24) to be *KING* over Israel, ruling under Christ.

Think of it! *David*, a man after God's own heart, "is *NOT ASCENDED INTO THE HEAVENS*" (Acts 2:34) but is *dead* today — *awaiting* a glorious resurrection to *RULERSHIP* with His Lord!

These are only a *few* of the plain scriptures showing Christ is to reign *on this earth!*

### Your **TREMENDOUS** Reward

Salvation is GOD'S *FREE GIFT!*

You can only be saved by the *LIFE* of Christ (Rom. 5:10) after having been reconciled to God by His *death* (same verse). But after God's loving *PARDON* for your past sins — there is something you can *EARN*, believe it or not!

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" (Rev. 3:21).

Overcoming means *GROWING* in grace and knowledge (II Peter 3:18). It means growing in *ability*, in *stature* and *character* — becoming more and more *LIKE CHRIST!* "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13).

When we have clearly demonstrated our *OBEDIENCE* to God — our *FAITHFULNESS* to His authority, His *RULE*, His *GOVERNMENT* in our lives — *HE WILL THEN APPORTION POSITIONS OF GOVERNMENT TO US!*

"Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a *very little*, have thou *AUTHORITY over ten cities*" (Luke 19:16-17).

Yes, Jesus *PROMISES A BUSY ETERNITY!* He promises *RULERSHIP* over *His world!* He guarantees an active, busy, constructive, scintillating, interesting, absorbing, satisfying, happy eternity of *RESPONSIBILITY — of WORK!*

Think of it! *INSTEAD* of a lazy, *BORING*, *INTERMINABLE*, *EMPTY ETERNITY ON A CLOUD — NOTHING TO DO —* *JESUS SAID*, "And he that overcometh and keepeth *MY WORKS* unto the end, to him will I give *POWER OVER THE NATIONS* [ON THIS EARTH]: and he shall *RULE* them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father" (Rev. 2:26-27).

The saints are to *REIGN ON THIS EARTH* (Rev. 5:10). They are to be kings and priests of God for *ONE THOUSAND YEARS — RIGHT HERE ON THIS EARTH* (Rev. 20:4).

What a *tremendous* opportunity! What a *GLORIOUS* hope! *Notice* it — *WE ARE NOT GOING TO GOD IN HEAVEN — GOD IS COMING HERE!*

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, *COMING DOWN FROM GOD OUT* of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is *WITH MEN*, and *HE WILL DWELL WITH THEM* and they shall be his people, and *God himself* shall be *WITH* them, and be their God" (Rev. 21:1-3).

How *PLAIN* it is! *NO* amount of "rationalization" or of arguing, or of merely "supposing" can change these plain, straightforward truths of *YOUR OWN BIBLE!*

You need to *KNOW* the wonderful reward God promises those truly living lives of *overcoming* — and you need to be *STRIVING* to enter into His glorious Kingdom that is going to be set up *HERE ON THIS EARTH!* □

# What is this place called HELL?

*Millions are confused about "hell." What is it? Where is it? Who goes there? And why? Is "hell" a literal place — a geographical location? Or is it merely "a state of mind"? What does the BIBLE say?*

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**I**S THERE ANY chance YOU may "go to hell"? What would you think if somebody told you that even if you were righteous, your chances of going to "hell" would be exactly ONE HUNDRED PERCENT SURE?

What about this thing or this place called "hell"? It is time the cobwebs of confusion were cleared away from this baffling, mysterious subject.

## The Day "Hell" Froze Over

A few years ago newspapers carried a tongue-in-cheek article about "Hell freezing over." There is a literal town called "Hell" in Michigan, 20 miles outside Detroit. It has a population of 150. The weather gets cold there during the winter, and "Hell" freezes over regularly.

"Hell" is about 300 miles from another town called "Paradise," with a summer population of 1,000 and a winter population of 250. You didn't know Hell was so close to Paradise, did you?

"Hell" is a very common word in the English language. Most people use it several times a day. It seems to be

in vogue. Regardless of what a person wants to say, he seems to fit this word into his phraseology.

"Hell" is also a name of several geographical areas. There is a "Hell's Canyon" in Idaho. It is a deep gorge through which the Snake River flows.

There was even a movie depicting the horrors of World War II called "To Hell and Back." The title was catchy and drew many people to see the movie.

The concept of "hell" is part and parcel of the folklore and mythology of the whole world. Most of the world's religions have some sort of a belief in a "hell" as a place of punishment and torture of the wicked.

But what is "hell," really? Or, what, really, is "hell"?

## Common Ideas

A Gallup survey in 1967 showed that 68 percent of Americans believe in heaven, but only 54 percent are persuaded of the reality of hell. Why the difference? Probably, many of those who believe in a heaven simply cannot

bring themselves to think that a loving, merciful God could consign any poor wretch to a place of eternal torment!

A survey in New Zealand indicated that six out of ten believe hell is a state of mind. Only 26 percent believed hell was a literal place.

Interviewers of passersby on the street in San Francisco obtained the following descriptions when asked: "How do you picture hell?"

First person: "Honestly, I have doubts there is such a place. I feel hell is a means of scaring people, so they will lead a better life. . . . If there is such a place, I suppose it is craggy and filled with people feeding furnaces or breaking rocks."

Second person: "When I was young I had a clear picture of what hell is like — flames and a devil with horns and a pitchfork. But a person gets over this, just as he does with Santa Claus."

Third person: "The idea of hell is one of the greatest means in the world for teaching children good. Personally, however, I think it is just a Biblical



term." (What did he mean by that?)

Fourth person: "I would rather not think about it."

Fifth person: "I have never thought of it except as I have seen it staged in operas or plays."

Sixth person: "I picture hell as a big, hot, uncomfortable desert. I think it does exist. Not down in the ground. But since Someone put us here, then He could easily have a place for us afterward."

Seventh person: "Hell is a place of unhappy confinement, like a prison. Not necessarily with flames. More a torment of the spirit. I believe it is an actual area, although not necessarily down any more than heaven must be up."

All of these were interesting comments. But what about you? Are you one of those who would rather not think about it? Is the thought of "hell" too much for your mind to stand?

### Baffled Theologians

Today even theologians are perplexed. Most do not believe in a literal "hell." Said one: "The essence of hell is separation from God — not really torture, but torment."

Another described hell as "a condition of human existence." Still another said: "I am fully convinced that Satan as an independent personality does not make sense in the 20th century. . . ." He asserted that many theologians "argue that the devil is out-of-date."

One minister claimed hell is "the loss of communication, insensitivity to spiritual values, the realization of how far short of our capacities we have fallen, the memory of some of the things we have done."

What abysmal confusion!

Isn't it time we learned the TRUTH?

There is no reason why you should remain ignorant. The Bible speaks plainly about the subject of "hell."

### The Two Extremes

There are two extremes concerning "hell" in the world. One totally denies that hell exists. It passes hell off as a mere ancient superstition which has no relevance whatsoever to modern life!

The other extreme, believed in by

most so-called Bible fundamentalists, pictures hell as a terrible place of never-ending torment. It is ruled over by the devil and his demons who gleefully "roast" sinners like millions of weiners on a barbecue spit. According to this concept, there is a constant weeping, wailing, crying, cursing, shrieking and screaming coming from the mouths of those in hell. Their torment is for all eternity. They are forever doomed!

But consider: If this concept is true, and if all sinners or nonChristians go to such a fiery place of torment, doesn't it strike you as unjust and unmerciful since MOST OF THE WORLD IS (FOR MOST OF ALL TIME) NONCHRISTIAN?

Look at the world! Most of its population of 3.6 billion inhabitants are Buddhists, Moslems, Taoists, Hindus, primitivists, atheists, animists, Communists, etc., etc. The Bible says none can be saved unless they believe — and obey — Christ (Acts 4:12).

Therefore, if only Christians can be saved, and if all others are doomed to the fires of a never-ending hell, that must mean that the VAST MAJORITY of mankind has been and is DOOMED!

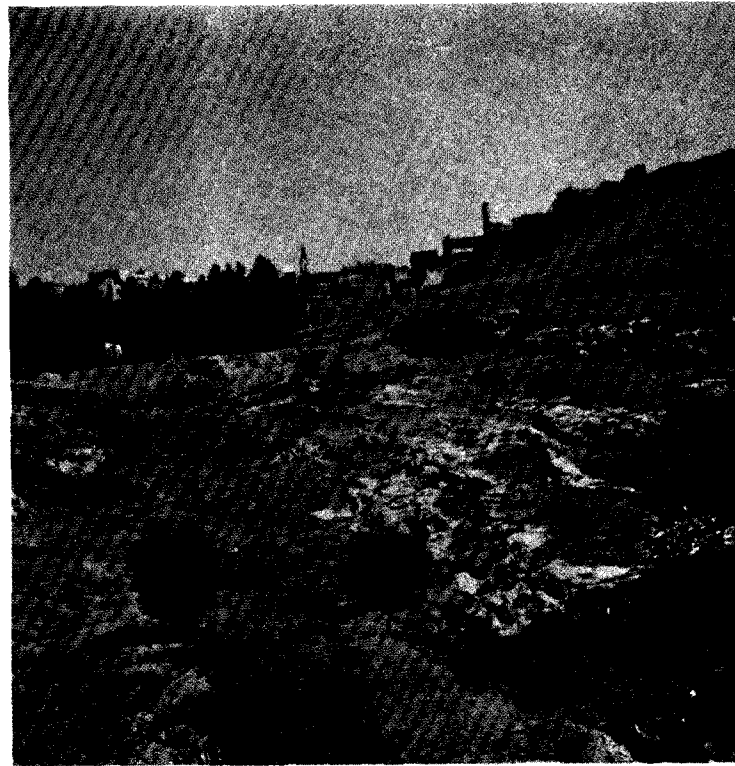
Doesn't such a concept picture Satan the devil as frightfully more powerful, successful, and intelligent than God? Doesn't it picture God as being woefully impotent and weak, incapable of doing His job?

Something is surely wrong with such a concept of hell! The Bible reveals that God is ALL POWERFUL, the ALMIGHTY God. Satan can do nothing unless God permits it (Isa. 14:12-14, Luke 10:17,

Job 1:8-12). When Christ Himself commanded the devil to leave, he immediately slunk away (Matt. 4:1-11).

God is also ALL MERCIFUL. He is a God of LOVE (I John 4:8-10). Therefore, it is totally inconceivable that such a mighty, merciful God would allow Satan to thwart His plan, that He would allow billions of human beings to be lost and doomed to hell, even though they NEVER HEARD the name of Jesus Christ even so much as *uttered* during their whole lives! Such a God would not be a God of love, but a sadistic monster, an evil fiend!

Thank God that such a concept of "hell" is totally erroneous—AND THE BIBLE PROVES IT SO.



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Photo taken near bottom of Valley of Hinnom, outside Jerusalem. Fires burning in this valley in New Testament times represented the final punishment which will burn the wicked to ashes. (Mal. 4:1; Rev. 20:14; Matt. 3:10-12.)

### The Greek Words

Actually, there are three *Greek* words used in the Bible, all of them translated "hell." They do NOT refer to the same thing. Their meanings are *totally different*.

One word is *tartaroo*. It is used only *once* in the entire Bible — II Peter 2:4

— and refers to the condition of restraint of the fallen angels. It *never* refers to men!

### “Hades”— the Grave

The second Greek word often translated “hell,” in English, is *hades*. The word *hades* comes from two roots which literally mean “unseen,” “unknown,” “unperceived,” or “unconsidered.” It always refers to the *grave*, the place the dead are buried! You can see the connection easily. When a dead person is buried, he is out of sight, unseen — no longer known or perceived. He is gone. The word *hades* is never used in the Bible to refer to *gehenna* fire, or the final hell fire! It always refers to the GRAVE! The Old Testament Hebrew word translated “hell” is *sheol*. It has the same meaning as *hades* and refers to a grave or pit or hole in the ground.

*Hades* (the grave) is the “hell” Christ was in for three days and nights (Acts 2:26-27). The Moffatt translation renders this verse: “because thou wilt not forsake my soul in the *grave*, nor let thy holy one suffer decay.” (When the King James translation of the Bible was made, Englishmen commonly spoke of putting potatoes in “hell” for the winter. They used the word to refer to a pit or hole in the ground.)

The King James translators themselves knew that *hades* meant “grave.” They so translated it in I Corinthians 15:55. It could not possibly refer to the lake of fire or *gehenna*, because we read in Revelation 20:14 that “death and hell (*hades*, the GRAVE)” will both be cast *into* “the lake of fire.” *Hades*, then, refers to the *grave* — the abode of the dead — not God’s final punishment upon the wicked!

*Hades* is the “hell” that every human being, except those who are alive and changed to meet Christ at His second coming, go to when they die! All men alike, saint and sinner, rich and poor, kings and slaves, whether white, black, brown or yellow, go to this “hell” when they die. No one escapes!

Solomon explained it clearly: “For that which befalleth the sons of men

befalleth beasts, even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. *All go unto one place* [THE GRAVE]; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again” (Eccl. 3:19-20).

Think on that a moment. *If* men go to a fiery hell when they die, then so do cats, dogs, rabbits, chipmunks, skunks, deer, elk, moose, and every kind of animal! Isn’t it ridiculous to think “good” animals go to heaven, but “bad” animals go to hell forever and ever? Animals don’t sin. But Solomon said men have the same fate as animals — one is no better than the other in death. Both go to the grave and turn to dust after they die!

Solomon understood. He declared: “For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten” (Eccl. 9:5). Solomon said in verse 10: “For there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, *in the grave*, whither thou goest.”

How clear, then. When people die, they go to the GRAVE and remain there. Their bodies turn to dust. The Bible says *nothing* about them being plunged instantaneously into a fiery “hell.”

Yet there is one more Greek word translated “hell” which we have not covered. And it does indeed refer to a fiery type of hell fire!

Let’s notice just what this “hell” is, when it occurs, and how long it lasts — and who will be sent there!

### “Gehenna” — “Hell Fire”

What is the fate of the wicked, those who reject God and despise Christ?

John the Baptist spoke about the final fate or destiny of the wicked. Seeing evil-minded, blasphemous Pharisees and their ilk coming around him as he preached the Gospel, John was moved to exclaim: “O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet [fitting] for repentance” (Matt. 3:7-8). He thundered to these



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Interior shot of Herod’s tomb. It is a “hell” (Greek: *hades*) — or HOLE in the ground. That is what the Greek word “hades” really means!

hypocrites, “And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire” (verse 10). Speaking of Jesus Christ, he said, “Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will BURN UP the chaff with unquenchable fire” (verse 12).

Here John described the fate of the wicked. Like worthless brush, thistles, or the chaff of the threshing floor, they will ultimately be cast into a fire and burned up! This fire doesn’t just “sing,” or scorch; it thoroughly CONSUMES whatever is cast into it!

What strange fire was John talking about? Let’s read on, and see what Jesus

Himself had to say about this mystery.

Jesus first mentioned hell in Matthew 5, the "Sermon on the Mount." Jesus declared, "But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say unto his brother, Raca, ["vain fellow"] shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of HELL FIRE" (verse 22).

What "hell" was Jesus talking about? And what did He mean by these strangle-sounding remarks?

The Greek word for "hell" Jesus used in these verses is *geenna* (usually spelled and pronounced *Gebenna*), and refers to the ancient dwelling place of the sons of Hinnom, a valley just outside the city of Jerusalem which came to be used as a garbage dump or rubbish pit. Filthy, dirty garbage, dead bodies, and corpses of criminals were thrown into this valley and burned up. Jesus used this figurative expression as a symbol of the final HELL FIRE which will consume the bodies of the incorrigibly wicked!

But when will the wicked perish in this fire? When will unrepentant sinners be cast into *Gebenna* fire? Turn to the Book of Revelation, where we find the answer.

### The Lake of Fire

In the 20th chapter of Revelation we find a brief summary of God's plan for the future. We learn that when Christ returns, Satan the devil will be bound, the saints will be resurrected, and will reign on the earth with Him for one thousand years (verses 1-4).

"But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished," the Apostle John writes (verse 5). Therefore, at the end of the thousand years, all those who lived and died, who were not saints, will be resurrected. This tremendous resurrection, of untold billions of people, is recounted in verse 12.

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and

the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

Notice. This is a resurrection to life. The book of LIFE was opened. Those coming up in this resurrection will be judged "according to their works"! This is not a resurrection to condemnation. Rather, these people will be the uncountable billions who lived and died in this life, who never even had a chance for salvation — those who lived and died in ignorance, those who never even heard the true Gospel of Christ during their lives! At that time they will be given a period of time in which God will open their eyes, show them His truth, and give them their *first* and *only* chance for salvation!

But now, notice what will happen AFTER this period of time. "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell [*hades*, already explained] delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell [*hades*] were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:13-15).

Here is another entirely different resurrection! This is the final resurrection to condemnation!

This "lake of fire" is the *Gebenna*-fire Jesus spoke of; it is the "fire" that John the Baptist warned the hypocritical Pharisees about; it is the hell fire of your Bible!

Notice. This fire is called the "second death" (Rev. 20:14). It is the FINAL DEATH from which there is no resurrection! This death is the penalty of sin (Rom. 6:23). It is the death Christ Jesus came to spare you from!

John writes, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

### The Tremendous Holocaust

What about this "hell fire"? Where will it be? How hot? How big? How long will it last?

Peter helps us understand. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (II Peter 3:10).

Notice verse 7: "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the *day of judgment* and perdition of ungodly men!"

How plain. This great fire is the same as the "lake of fire," mentioned in Revelation, when God judges the incorrigibly wicked. It will sweep around the entire earth! The elements themselves will be dissolved, the surface of the earth will be purged and consumed with tremendous heat. Every remnant of man's sin, every sign of iniquity, every last trace of evil will be devoured by the heat of this fire.

Then there will be new heavens and a new earth, in which the immortal, everliving sons of God will live and reign, throughout all eternity (Rev. 21:1-2).

But the incorrigibly wicked, those who deliberately persist in rebellion against God when they *know* better, will have no part in it. They will be annihilated in the lake of fire! (Mal. 4:1-3.) God will never entrust the awesome powers of the God-Family to rebellious, selfish, spiteful, perverse men who have repudiated His love and despised His government throughout their lives.

Those who refuse God's mercy, those who refuse to repent when they receive God's truths, will be blotted out of existence! Actually, this punishment will be *merciful* for them. How much better it will be for them to simply die, rather than to have to suffer the agony of living forever and SEEING what they have missed out on, forever.

God is not a cruel, harsh monster. Nor is He vindictive. He does not intend to torment the wicked for all eternity. Rather, He is going to punish them for their sins, in justice — and give them merciful *death* instead of

endless pain and eternal agony in some man-devised "hell"!

Notice more proof.

"But the wicked shall PERISH, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the *fat of lambs*: they shall *consume*; into *smoke* shall they consume away" (Ps. 37:20). This describes the true fate of the wicked.

The prophet Malachi writes of this awesome day. "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be *stubble*: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. . . . And ye shall tread down the wicked; for *they shall be ashes* under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 4:1, 3).

These are not any man's words.

These are the words of God.

### Is "Hell" Everlasting?

In the book of Matthew, Jesus Christ twice uses the expression "everlasting fire" (Matt. 18:8; 25:41). Notice 25:41 — "Then shall he say also to them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into *everlasting fire*, prepared for the devil and his angels."

What did Jesus mean by "everlasting"? The Bible does not contradict itself (John 10:35).

He used a Greek word — *aiónios* — which comes from the Greek *aion*, meaning an "AGE." The word *aion* is translated "AGES" in Ephesians 2:7 and Colossians 1:26. The *aiónios* fire Jesus spoke of refers to the age-ending fire which will occur at "the end of this world," and which will introduce the "world to come"! It is an *epochal* event!

This is why Jesus calls it *aiónios* or age-ending fire! The translation "everlasting" is misleading, since the fire itself will not burn forever. Obviously not, since God's Word clearly shows that when the present earth is purged and purified, it will be refashioned into a resplendent NEW EARTH!

Notice a Bible example which proves Jesus was *not* talking about an "ever-

lasting" fire, in the sense people assume.

Turn to Jude 7, where the identical Greek expression is used, but where it is translated "eternal fire." Read this verse carefully: "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of *eternal fire*."

Jude said the destruction of these two cities is an example for us. Their fate depicts the fate of all the wicked, at the end of the age! They suffered — notice it — the vengeance of "ETERNAL fire."

Now, *what happened* to these two ill-fated cities?

Read the answer in the book of Genesis. "Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah *brimstone and fire* [a type of the "lake of fire"!] from the Lord out of heaven; and he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. . . . And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the Lord: And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, *the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace*" (Gen. 19:24-28).

This terrible destruction is a direct type of the age-end fire which will consume and annihilate the wicked!

But did you notice? Jude calls this ancient punishment "eternal fire" — yet, the fire which devoured these cities in ancient times *is not still burning in Palestine today!* It burned itself out, long, long ago! Nevertheless, the awesome EFFECT of this tremendous fire *IS* "eternal" — and is a witness for us, today!

Now you should be able to understand what the expression "everlasting" fire or "eternal" fire means. It does not mean the fire itself will burn forever, any more than the "eternal" fire which destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah is still burning, today. Rather, this expression refers to a great AGE-ENDING FIRE, whose awesome EFFECT *will be eternal!* The fire itself will not last forever, but its *effect* is complete, total, and permanent destruction!

### "Unquenchable Fire"

Another much misunderstood scripture is Mark 9:43 where Jesus speaks of "the fire that never shall be quenched."

Does this mean the fire burns forever?

Not at all. Take a match, light it and set a piece of paper on fire. Let it burn. Don't put it out, or snuff it out. Just let the paper burn, until it burns up. Soon it will burn itself out.

Now, what do you have? A burned-up piece of paper. But did you put it out? Did you "quench" it? No. You left it unquenched. It was *not* quenched. Not at all!

Even so the final *Gebenna* fire will not be "quenched," or "put out." Nevertheless, in time it will burn itself out, when the wicked and all their wicked works are burned up!

Any fire will go out when it runs out of fuel. That's the way the final *Gebenna* fire will be. In time, it will naturally burn itself out!

[EDITOR'S NOTE: There are several other scriptures — Luke 16:19-31; Matt. 25:46; Rev. 14:11; 20:10; Mark 9:48 — that some still wrest and twist to try to "prove" that there *is* an everburning hell fire. All these scriptures are carefully and correctly explained in our free booklet *Lazarus and the Rich Man* and the article "There Is a Real Hell Fire!"]

There you have it.

The fate of the wicked, in the Bible, is death — the second death in the lake of fire. The wicked will die (Ezek. 18:4, 20). Their consciousness will be destroyed for all eternity. They will have no feelings, thoughts, emotions. They will be dust and ashes under the feet of the righteous!

### Two Choices

The wages of sin is DEATH — eternal death (Rom. 6:23). And that means death, not *life* in a different location!

Only those who obey God — true Christians — will inherit eternal *life* (John 3:16). All others will die the second death. Those are the two alternatives God places before *you*: eternal *life* on the one hand, and everlasting *death* on the other hand.

What about you?

Now that you know the truth, what are you going to do about it? □

# NOW no DIVORCE in California

Unknown to many people, California has recently abolished divorce. After January 1, 1970, it was no longer possible to obtain a divorce in California.

However, although the foregoing is absolutely true, it doesn't mean that California law will no longer terminate a marriage, break up a home and deparentize the children. Under the guise of social reform they have enacted legislation which in effect expedites divorce and merely changes some common names.

Psychiatrists, psychologists and sociologists have deemed it beneficial to the parties seeking the termination of their marriage to remove the "social stigma" from divorce. Hence, a divorce in California is no longer called "divorce" — it is now called by the euphemism "*Decree of Dissolution*." An "annulment" is now called a "Judgement of Nullity." But a lemon by any other name tastes just as sour.

Another major "innovation" in this pioneering legislation is to remove the grounds of fault. Henceforth, it is no longer required to prove that the other party has been guilty of any grounds for divorce such as desertion, adultery, habitual drunkenness, physical cruelty, etc. Now all one need do is to come into court and answer in the affirmative the question, "Have irreconcilable differences arisen between you and your spouse?" If the party can squeak through this, along with two or three other questions, he gets his divor... — excuse me — "*Decree of Dissolution*."

What is the rationale behind the simplicity in obtaining a "divorce"? In a legal class on domestic relations one judge commented, "The way we look at it, if a person wants a divorce, give it to him. Otherwise, they're going to be going out and live in adultery and suffer a guilt complex. This is just not good for society. It is better for them to be free to just get married again."

Where was the fallacy in this judge's rationale? It simply lay in not knowing the Bible. When two parties are married in God's sight they are *one flesh* (Gen. 2:24) — and literally bound until death separates them: "What there-

fore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Mark 10:9).

When you make the acquisition of a divorce *simple*, then over the years the question arises, as it has today, "Why even go through the formalities of a divorce?" Why not simply do away with the formalities and just file a paper? Then as time goes by the question becomes, as it also has today, "If there is only the formality of filing a paper for divorce, why then even get married in the first place? Why not just live together?" Such is the contention of many today. (Write for our free booklet entitled *Why Marriage! . . . Soon Obsolete?*) Even more important is the proper education and counseling of young people *before* they get married. (Education about dating and selecting the right mate is included in our free booklet *Modern Dating — Key to Success or Failure in Marriage*.)

The family is the foundation of any society. When that God-ordained unity of family is carelessly cast aside, the society itself is at the point of collapse. This is one more sober proof that modern America is going the way of ancient Rome — divorce became popular just before Rome fell!

R. K. Helge

## THE PILL— Pathway to Promiscuity

The most popular contraceptive in America today, despite adverse health warnings, is the birth-control pill. Up to 8 million women take it, compared with 5 million who use other contraceptive devices.

Dr. Herbert Ratner, associate clinical

professor of public health and preventive medicine at the Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago, says more and more doctors are losing faith in the Pill, because it is not as safe as they had been led to believe. Said one doctor, an eye specialist, "I told my wife I won't let her be a guinea pig. I see too many eye changes in my patients."

The fact is, never have so many individuals confidently placed their trust in such a powerful medication — a chemical which interferes with the enormously complicated endocrine (hormonal) system — naïvely assuming it to be safe. The "safety" of the Pill promises to be one of the century's most explosive medical controversies!

Apparently disregarding all questions of their bodily well-being, however, the fact is that some 20 million women around the world are now taking the Pill. Some doctors claim the Pill comes closest to being the ideal contraceptive since it is easy to take and is virtually 100 percent effective. This is why the Pill has been so extremely popular among women. However, this popularity has had certain "side effects," besides the implications to health.

Authorities have admitted that the Pill, which has freed women from unwanted pregnancies, has also freed them from sexual restraint!

The results?

Increased spread of genital infections, including syphilis and gonorrhea. VD is "making the scene" with young people as never before, and no doubt some of the blame can be laid before this "gift" of human ingenuity. Because the Pill has provided a forceful impetus behind the "sexual revolution" and has consequently unloosed an avalanche of sexual promiscuity and permissiveness!

In Sweden, increasing use of the Pill has been blamed for alarming rises in venereal diseases. Gonorrhea, especially, has shown recent rapid increases. Syphilis is spreading also.

Says Dr. H. Williams in his book *The Pill in New Perspective*: "It [the Pill] has REVOLUTIONIZED SEXUAL MORES and attitudes for many, and it has become the *symbol of a new era*" (p. 3, our emphasis).

Says Professor Martin B. Loeb, director of the School of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin, "... Women are now sexually free wherever they are, just as men have

always been. They have a sense of mastery of their own bodies" (*The Pill and Its Impact*, by Ostermann and Arnold, pp. 21-27).

In California, the Pill is the favorite contraceptive of young people—as common on college campuses as aspirin or toothpaste. Said one girl with a strong Protestant background: "The Pill is *no longer a moral question*. It does not involve a moral absolute like 'Thou shalt not kill.' [What about 'Thou shalt not commit adultery'? — the *next verse* after this young lady's quote!]" Another girl confessed: "You won't say 'no' as often after you start The Pill. The temptation is still there, but the danger isn't."

People today have gotten away from the teachings of the Bible. Young people no longer look to the moral absolutes of Scripture to guide their lives. Of course, previous generations had their widespread immorality and sexual looseness, too — but never so much as ours today!

Today in our modern "cosmopolitan" age, the warnings of God go unheeded and ignored. But God's Word speaks with **AUTHORITY!** Every transgression of God's Law has a serious penalty, a deadly kickback.

So while God's Word endorses the principle of birth control, it contains some powerful statements against *immorality*.

The Apostle Paul warns "FLY from immorality!" (I Corinthians 6:18, Goodspeed translation.) Said Paul, "... the immoral man sins against his body" (same verse, Moffatt translation). The Amplified Bible gives the full force of the meaning of this verse: "Shun immorality and all sexual looseness — flee from impurity [in thought, word or deed]. Any other sin which a man commits is one outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body." W. F. Dankenbring

## GOD'S PROMISE

Have Confidence in Christ

The Bible is a big book.

The world is incredibly complex.

Yet to be a true Christian we must BOTH live by every word of the Bible

(Matt. 4:4; Deut. 8:3) AND overcome the world (I John 5:4-5).

Which altogether seems rather impossible. Which altogether *is* totally impossible.

For us.

*But not for Christ.*

Because it is the mind of *Jesus Christ in us* (Phil. 2:5) which enables us to receive eternal life and inherit all things.

Paul beseeches all true Christians to be "*confident* of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will finish it" (Phil. 1:6, margin). Our God is steadfast and resolute — trustworthy beyond measure. He is our refuge, our rock, our strength, our fortress. *He is our Father*. And so when our *Father* calls us into the knowledge of His Truth — when God joins His *Holy Spirit* to our human spirit (Rom. 8:16) — then we can be absolutely sure that *the Creator* is putting the full resources of His entire universe behind us.

What God told Jacob, he is now telling us: "Remember, I am with you: I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you" (Gen. 28:15, Jewish Pub. Soc.). And what God has promised *all true* Christians is eternal life as literal Sons in His God Family! (Heb. 9:15; II Cor. 6:18; 7:1.)

Paul knew full well the extreme difficulties of the Christian fight — he continuously experienced both the tortures from without (II Cor. 11:23-27) and the pressures from within (Rom. 7:14-23). And mentally torn by swirling emotions, Paul was moved to ask, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Rom. 7:24.) His answer came swift and sure: "*I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord*" (v. 25).

And with the certainty of this reality firmly implanted in his mind, Paul confidently proclaimed, "*We are more than conquerors* through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:37-39).

Let's read these all-encompassing

verses *again* in the Phillips translation. Think about them. And *believe* them. Because the same Creator God who formed atomic nuclei and fashioned galactic nebulae inspired these words.

"I have become absolutely convinced that neither death nor life, neither messenger of Heaven nor monarch of earth, neither what happens today nor what may happen tomorrow, neither a power from on high nor a power from below, nor anything else in God's whole world has any power to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!"

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## THE CHURCH

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Spirit in him would lead one, in due time, into his part in the organized Body the living Christ is directing.

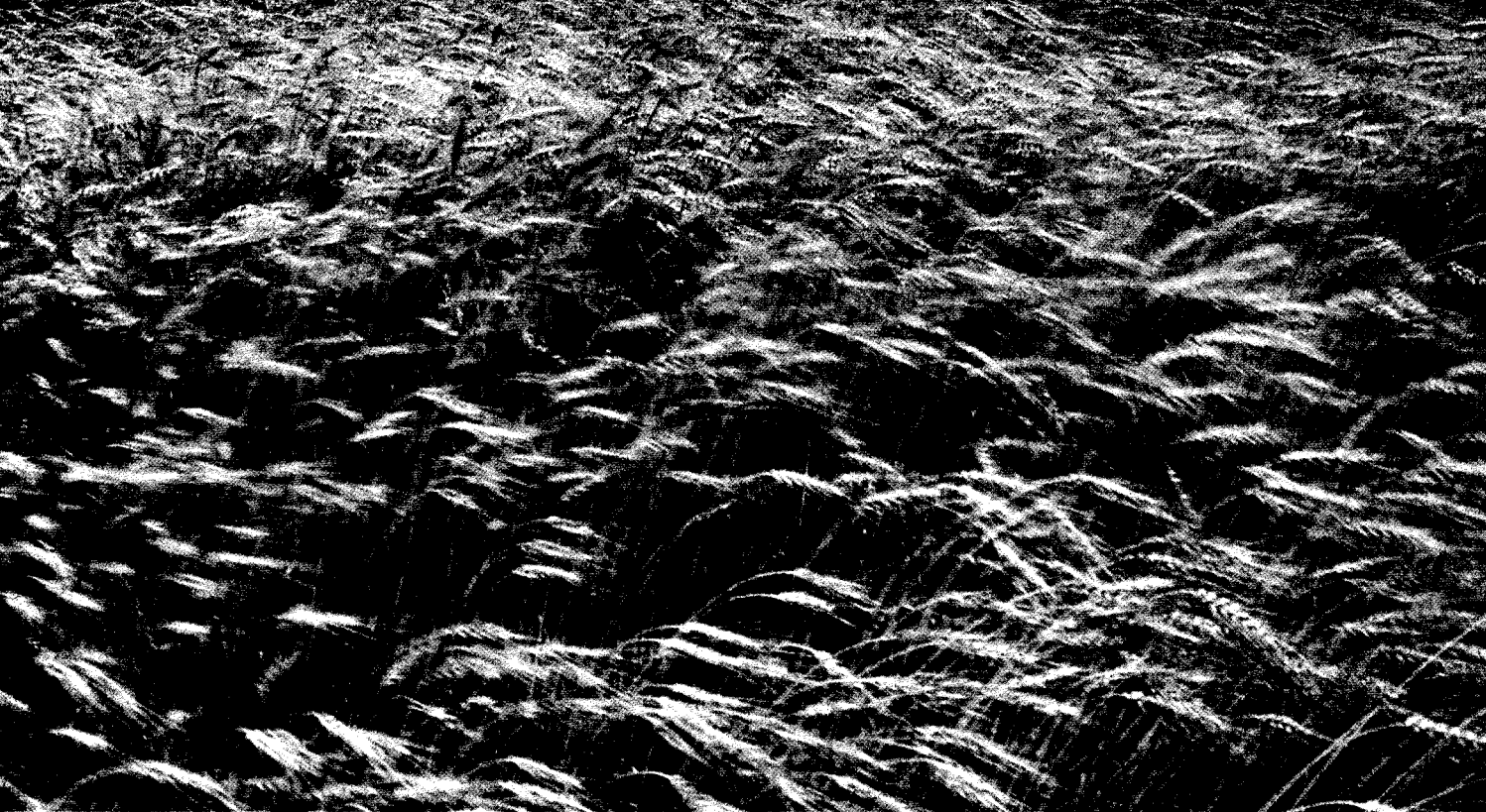
Is it possible that one who has joined a sect, church, or denomination NOT doing God's Work, might be truly converted, and led by God's Spirit in him? The answer is YES — I have known of a few. But in every case, either they came INTO the organized spiritual organism Christ is using in the real Work of God — or, when their eyes were opened to further light and truth, they rejected it and LOST the Spirit of God. And this was amply demonstrated by the fruits.

If other questions present themselves to readers, we shall be glad to answer privately if you will write them.

Through His Holy Spirit God gives His children "light" — TRUTH — to walk in the light, "*lest darkness come upon you.*"

I have not been called to sit in judgment of others, but to follow Christ as He leads and directs, and witness to the true light. Hundreds of millions have now HEARD, SEEN, or READ. Jesus said that His sheep do hear and RECOGNIZE His voice and His truth, and that *they will follow Him!*

Every year, now, added thousands are hearing, RECOGNIZING His truth, and following Him where He is working! □



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*An Exciting Preview of*

# AGRICULTURE IN TOMORROW'S WORLD

*Read the exciting details about the agricultural wealth and prosperity of Tomorrow's World as revealed in the pages of your Bible.*

by Eugene M. Walter and Dale L. Schurter

**A** DRAMATIC revolution in agriculture is just around the corner! It will produce far-reaching breakthroughs in food production and prosperity that will stagger the imagination. It will deeply and directly affect the life of every living person in every country on earth.

Here is an exciting glimpse into some of the tremendous — and wonderful — changes that will occur.

## **Agriculture's Fantastic Future**

Vast new acreages of fertile, well-watered land will become available for

growing crops and raising livestock. Perfect weather and bumper crops will be the rule — not the exception.

Hunger and malnutrition will be a thing of the past. Everyone in every land will be able to enjoy fresh, clean, wholesome, tasty, nutritious food — grain and nuts, meat and dairy products, and fruits and vegetables in unbelievable variety and abundance.

A large percentage of the world's populace will live on very prosperous family-sized farms. Millions of well-kept farms with spacious, beautiful homes will dot the landscape. Farm

families will enjoy stable economic prosperity, radiant health, and a sense of satisfaction, accomplishment and fulfillment from their work.

They will strive to work in harmony with nature and the laws of God in every aspect of their farm operation. Farming will be a respected occupation and farmers will take pride in what they produce. Their goal will be to produce food that is high in *true quality* — not just a lot of bulk.

This means that careful attention and hard work will be given to building up the land. Natural methods of composting and fertilizing will be used to produce a healthy soil rich in humus and soil life — a soil whose produce will be practically impervious to insect plagues and disease. This fertile soil will be protected and further built up

by proper tillage methods, diversification, crop rotation and other conservation practices. Such carefully managed soil will make maximum use of available moisture. It will not be plagued with erosion and a troublesome amount of weeds.

Instead of soil-depleting, one-crop farming — with its corresponding price-depressing surpluses — farmers in *Tomorrow's World* will raise a large variety of crops. These crops will be carefully planted at the right time on the right soil.

Pesticides and other harmful chemicals will, of course, be totally unnecessary. Forcing the soil by means of artificial fertilizers, which produce yields of inferior quality, will simply not be permitted.

### Healthy Livestock and Poultry

Since animals play an important part in the ecology of the life cycle, tomorrow's farms will have a *variety* of poultry and livestock. Most of these farm animals will be allowed to roam freely over rich pastures. Animal wastes will be properly used to make an important contribution to soil fertility.

Though livestock may be temporarily penned up for fattening purposes, they will not spend most of their lives confined in crowded feedlots. Neither will chickens spend their lives cooped up in cages so small that they can barely turn around.

These farm animals will *not* be given a host of drugs and shots, and feeds of unnatural, unbalanced highly concentrated mixtures that cannot possibly produce high-quality meat. Rather, poultry and livestock will be given feed and forage that is clean, balanced and high in natural nutritional value. This wholesome feed will produce strong and healthy stock that will reproduce robust offspring of the same high caliber.

Selective breeding of both plants and animals will be practiced — but only to build up factors of true quality. Development and use of inferior hybrid strains will not be permitted. Neither will there be such practices as artificial insemination.

### Gracious Living for the Farmer

The high quality evident in the farm produce will also be reflected in the personal life of the farmer and his family. There will be hard work — but it will be challenging and rewarding. And farm life will not be a humdrum existence of toil and sweat from dawn to dusk with no time out to relax and enjoy life.

In *Tomorrow's World* the farm family will have better opportunity for personal improvement, education, recreation, travel and socializing. Then all farmers will be intelligent, educated, cultured individuals — in a profession looked up to by the rest of society. They will have a goal in life other than seeing how they can squeeze another dollar's or pound's worth of produce out of the land.

Nearby cities will offer a rich variety of cultural, recreational, educational and social activities for the farm family. And scenic areas and parks of natural beauty will be available for hiking, boating, camping, fishing, etc., just a few miles away.

Society will be agriculturally oriented in *Tomorrow's World*. Farming will be so popular that even city dwellers will want to take part in it. But not in the way so many do today when they "play at" farming to gain tax benefits.

Rather, people in *Tomorrow's* cities will want to have their own gardens and small orchards just for the pleasure of working with the soil, of being close to nature and of growing a part of their own food. Because of changes in *Tomorrow's* urban areas (as explained in "An Exciting Preview of *Tomorrow's* Cities" — see the March-April issue of *TOMORROW'S WORLD*), many people in towns and cities will have room for small-scale agricultural activities. Some will even keep a few chickens, cows, sheep or goats!

But how will this wonderful world of agriculture come about? Will it be by man's achievements in agricultural science and technology? Let's look and see what man has planned for the future of agriculture — and see how it compares with the future just described.

### Agriculture 2000 A.D.?

"The efficient farmer of the year 2000," says an impressive study entitled *Agriculture 2000*, "is a super breed of farmer, with super skills and super tools. The heart of his operation will be a control center equipped with a wide array of electronic wizardry to help him produce crops two to five times as abundant as today."

The report describes unmanned tractors that are controlled by computer tape, buried wires or sensing devices. The courses of these tractors would be plotted on headquarter units similar to radar sets which follow today's airplane flights.

Other new machinery projected by the report are huge four- or six-wheel-drive tractors powered by electric drive, fuel cells or efficient storage batteries. Cabs would include air-conditioning, food warmer, coffee maker, refrigerator, television, and even a sink.

Plant growth is expected to be automatically recorded, and simply by turning a dial the farmer will provide proper light, water and nutrients.

Production of cows' milk is predicted to quadruple. Man even plans to manufacture "identical" milk from carrot tops and pea pods. New varieties of corn will produce plants that look more like small pine trees! Fertile ova will be transplanted from superior cows into common incubator cows, allowing a superior cow to mother as many as 1000 calves in her lifetime.

The report foresees staggering production figures. It predicts yields of 300 bushels of wheat per acre, compared with today's 27; 175 bushels of soybeans, compared with 25; 30 tons of forage, compared with three; 30,000 pounds of milk per cow, as compared with 8,000; and 1000 pounds of beef at 10 months of age, compared with 750 today!

And how are these staggering production figures to be achieved? By the three magic wonders of modern agriculture: greater mechanization and automation, greater use of chemistry, and man-manipulated genetics.

This is the kind of agriculture *man* has planned for the coming years. But something is *terribly* wrong with this



projected picture overall. See if you can tell what the *big* problem is as we explore man's mechanical, chemical, and artificial agricultural views of future farming.

### Chemical Care from "Cradle to the Grave"

Today many farmers feel they could not survive without chemical pesticides and fertilizers. But we are told that the use of chemicals in agriculture is just beginning. Not only will chemical pesticides be used with greater efficiency and precision in eliminating pests, and not only will chemical fertilizers become more refined and powerful, but scientists now envision "cradle to the grave" chemical regulation of plant growth, development, yield and quality! It may surprise you to learn that the following plant processes are either presently under control or are being experimented with to come under such control:

Root initiation and development; speeding up or slowing down germination, whichever is desirable; control of vegetative growth and form of the plant so it can be accommodated by "once-over" mechanical harvesting.

This control involves regulating the branching and leaf orientation, the time of flowering and fruit set, the color and enlargement of the fruit and the control of fruit ripening. It includes abscission control which prevents the premature dropping of fruit yet loosens the fruit to make mechanical harvesting easy.

Artificial lighting and automatic feeding have already become widespread in livestock and poultry operations. Experiments with controlled environments show that all animals have a "comfort zone" and that temperature and humidity exert a marked influence on performance. Man hopes to raise livestock of the future in controlled environments (some even predict in high-rise, apartment-like dwellings!) and feeding is planned to be computer-programmed to meet specific needs. Estrus (sexual excitement) will be synchronized, and ovulatory rates regulated with the ova being fertilized artificially with sperm of known genetic material.

With chickens, an effort is being made to break through the egg-a-day barrier. It is reasoned that the hen should not have to act as a packaging machine and be required to produce a limestone container for each egg. If the shell could be discarded and if only the "membrane envelope" were produced, much of the time and energy now used in egg production could be eliminated. Such shell-less eggs already constitute more than 5 percent of the market!

Hogs that will be marketed in 100 days from birth and beef animals that will be marketed in six months are other predictions. The goal here is to get as much gain from every pound of food being fed as possible. One experiment with caged piglets produced close to one pound of gain for one pound of food!

As of last year *plastic* roughage went on the market for cattle! This product stays in the rumen and provides a "scratch factor" needed for efficient digestion of grain and supplement. It eliminates the need for roughage and has even increased feed conversion by 10 percent!

The re-cycling of animal wastes as reconstituted foods for livestock and poultry is another trend that is catching on fast. This accomplishes two purposes: It gets rid of the waste and provides cheap feed.

Now, let's see what's the problem with all this.

### Modern Agriculture Is Failing!

The biggest problem in the glowing predictions we have just read is that there is *NOTHING which can quickly, practically, cheaply and effectively be put to work in solving our race with worldwide famine!*

A lot of the projections *sound* good. Some may even come to pass in carefully controlled experiments or on small acreages in rich countries like the U. S. But this is a far cry from having the capital and skilled manpower to be useful on a large scale.

Besides, too often the glamorous-sounding projects deal with relatively minor factors as far as food production is concerned. The really **BIG** problems of

shrinking available arable land through erosion, salt destruction and urban development, a sinking water table, and the continuing general worldwide decline in soil fertility are almost totally ignored. Little or nothing is being done to solve these *major* problems. In fact, these modern practices are all too often *hastening* the destruction of this priceless resource.

Just look at the *end result* of many of the "successful" practices of modern farming, such as chemical pesticides and fertilizers, drugs, antibiotics in feeds, hybrids, etc.

The truth is that every one of these practices is largely at odds with nature. Thus they are breaking laws which exact penalties. Because the penalty does not always immediately appear — at least not in fullness — it is too often assumed that a penalty does not exist. But a delayed penalty simply means that the disastrous effects are accumulating and will in due time be released in full fury. So some of these unnatural practices may appear to be successful — until we start to reap the penalty.

Pesticides and fertilizers, for example, have been hailed for contributing to greater yields and an increased food supply. But they also have been quietly and steadily killing soil life (earthworms, beneficial bacteria, fungi, and other organisms), causing erosion and pollution, and producing inferior food that is bringing sickness and suffering to mankind. The widespread evils of DDT, as only *one* example, are just beginning to be recognized by governments around the world.

When soil begins to show signs of depletion, it ought to be rested and carefully built up. Chemicals just *mask* the problem while they continue to further deplete the land.

Inferior quality is also evident in many new strains of plants. The widely hailed varieties of rice such as IR-8, for example, not only need huge amounts of chemical fertilizers and water, but they are also very highly susceptible to disease.

Our stock is likewise in a very precarious position. Feeds containing antibiotics have taken away from the

animals their *natural* capacity to resist disease. Veterinarians warn we are "flirting with a tragedy" in this area. Now it is feared this lack of resistance may be transmissible to humans via the meat.

We know of feedlots where the animals have been so doped with drugs and concentrated feeds that the *manure* of these animals will not even decompose! The producers try to solve this problem by *feeding the manure back to the animals!*

### Money-Motivated

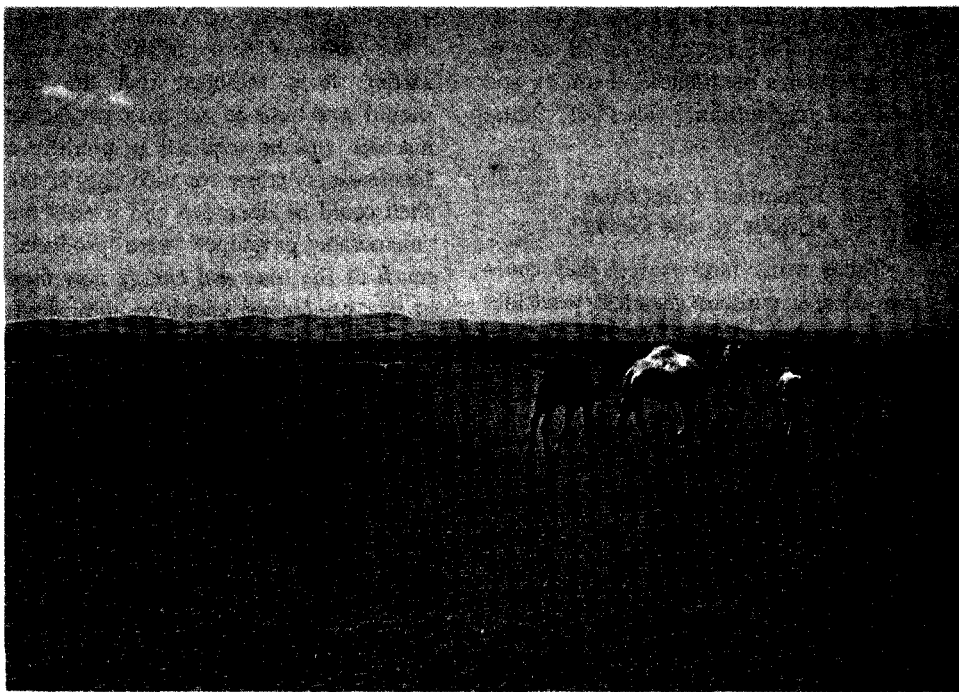
An estimated 85 percent of American cattle are given stilbestrol — "Queen of the Hormones." It has been known to cause lower carcass quality, prolapse of the rectum and blockage of the urinary tract in cows. It lowers the grade of the carcass and gives the meat a watery, mushy appearance. It is *suspected* to cause cancer and the appearance of female characteristics in men who consume the beef so treated. Why is it used? Because 16 cents worth of stilbestrol can bring up to twelve dollars worth of profit!

Even mechanization and automation can be bad when taken to an extreme or improperly used. Mechanization has greatly speeded up man's ability to abuse the earth. The moldboard plow, for example, has helped convert far larger acreages into deserts than man has managed to transform into productive farmlands.

Heavy farm machinery that packs the soil and destroys soil life is not good.

Neither is it good to coop up thousands of chickens in small cages so they can be automatically fed and watered at the expense of the birds' health and where disease could quickly wipe out the entire flock.

This is a major reason the price of eggs in many areas of the U. S. jumped to \$1.00 and more per dozen this past winter. A disease of epidemic proportion in many areas killed tens of thousands of laying hens in just such poultry operations. The resulting egg shortage and increased expense in securing eggs from greater distances was reflected in higher prices to the consumer. These



money-motivated practices often *cost* money!

And then there are the social and economic consequences of modern agriculture. The cost-price squeeze drives many small farmers off the land into already-overcrowded cities to try to eke out an existence there. While the big farmers squeeze all they can out of the land, the cost-price squeeze is also slowly but surely closing in on them.

In utter incongruity, the government pays for taking some cropland out of production to relieve the surplus; meanwhile the farmer tries as hard as he can to create a surplus by forcing as much as possible from his remaining land so he can make a living!

And all the while agri-business debts pile higher and higher. Farmers are forced to take out ever-bigger loans until they owe the bank or other lending agencies their entire assets.

And in the underdeveloped, hungry countries? There the limited agricultural resources (and almost all fertilizer) is used to grow cash crops such as coffee, peanuts, etc. These products are then exported to get foreign currency. Meanwhile the local people suffer from malnutrition and hunger.

### The Overview

Not all of the particular conveniences and practices of modern agriculture are

bad by any means. But looking at the *whole picture* in overview, any way you want to evaluate it — nutritionally, economically, socially, politically — the practices and methods of modern agriculture are failing miserably. A drastic, earth-shaking CHANGE is urgently needed.

We bring to you the good news that that change is coming!

It is true that in the immediate future, man is going to lose the race with famine. Our free booklet *Famine — Can We Survive?* makes that bitter fact plain. Developed and undeveloped nations alike — including America, Britain, and the other English-speaking countries — will suffer. This famine will result, not only from our physical sins, of which wrong agricultural practices are an important part, but also from direct punishment at the hand of God for our terrible spiritual sins.

But once this "small moment" of punishment is over (Isa. 54:7-8) and we have learned our lesson, the conditions described at the outset of this article will become reality. Here is how your Bible shows this marvelous transformation will take place.

### Changing the Earth's Face

Today there is great difficulty in growing food for the earth's inhabitants. Why? Because in addition to upset



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A visitor to Israel today can view this startling contrast near Beersheba. The fertile field (above) lies only a few miles away from vast stretches of dry, wasted desert sands (left). This is just a minute example of what tomorrow's world will be like — when *all* barren lands will "blossom as the rose."

weather and wrong agricultural practices much of the land area of the earth is desert, mountainous, jungle — unusable for food production. To man, a solution to this problem looks impossible. But God has the solution!

Simply make *most* of the earth cultivatable! *Reduce* the bare, snow-swept and craggy mountains, *raise up* some of the deep, arid desert valleys, *CHANGE* the world weather patterns. Make the deserts green and fertile! Open up huge areas of the earth such as the Kalahari Desert in Bechuanaland, the Lake Chad basin in French Equatorial Africa, the world-known Sahara, Gobi and great American deserts. Make verdant the vast wastes of Mongolia, Siberia, Saudi Arabia and many of the Western United States.

Uncover the deep ice packs and snowdrifts, the permafrost and tundra from the vast, almost limitless, expanses of Antarctica, North America, Greenland, Northern Europe and Siberia. Make *LEVEL* the awesome Pamir Knot, the huge giants of the Himalayas, the Atlas, Taurus, Pyrenees, Rockies, Sierras and Hindu Kush — reshape the immense sweep of the Andes, and all

the other forbidding, towering, virtually uninhabitable mountains of the earth.

Remember, the mountains were *formed!*

Great forces caused gigantic upheavals, or huge cracks and slippages in the crust of the earth. Massive blocks of granite lunged up into the sky — the earth rocking and reeling in the throes of the greatest earthquakes in history. Mountains ~~were~~ *MADE* — they didn't just happen.

The God of *ALL* power, who *FORMED* the hills and mountains (Amos 4:13, Psalm 90:2), will *RE-form* them — will *RE-shape* the surface of this earth! This does not mean that there will be no mountains or hills in Tomorrow's World. Isaiah 55:12 and other scriptures show there will be. Not only do mountains and hills give beauty and variety, but they are also necessary for a balanced ecological system. Many plants and animals do better on sloping terrain than on a completely level landscape.

Read of the huge *EARTHQUAKES* yet to come which will directly accomplish much of the rehabilitation of the land surfaces (see Rev. 16:18; Zech. 14:4).

Yes, multiple millions of acres of

unbelievably fertile, productive, wonderful farmland will suddenly become available — just waiting to be pioneered and rightly developed and used.

Impossible?

In the hands of man — certainly! But not in the hands of God.

### Fresh Water and Verdant Deserts

"Despised though you are, fear not, O Israel, for I will help you. I am the Lord, your Redeemer, I am the Holy One of Israel.

"You shall be a new and sharp-toothed threshing instrument to tear all enemies apart, making chaff of mountains.

"You shall toss them in the air; the wind shall blow them all away, whirlwinds shall scatter them. . . I will open up rivers for them on high plateaus! I will give them fountains of water in the valleys! In the deserts will be pools of water, and rivers fed by springs shall flow across the dry, parched ground.

"I will plant trees — cedars, myrtle, olive trees, the cypress, fir and pine — on barren land.

"Everyone will see this miracle and understand that it is God who did it, Israel's Holy One" (Isa. 41:14-20, all quotes from *Living Psalms and Proverbs With The Major Prophets Paraphrased* translation until stated otherwise).

Can you imagine such a fabulous scene? Deserts becoming green, fertile garden lands of trees, shrubs, bubbling springs and brooks; mountains brought low and made inhabitable.

Deserts often begin and grow because man destroys woodlands, grasslands and meadows. God is going to rehabilitate the desert wastelands by planting trees, thus correcting the *cause* of so many deserts on earth today.

Other passages in Isaiah describe this same miracle:

"You will live in joy and peace. The mountains and hills, the trees of the field — all the world around you — will rejoice.

"Where once were thorns, fir trees will grow; where briars grew, the myrtle trees will sprout up. This miracle will

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# Garner Ted Arm America listen

## Nashville — Cincinnati

**A**UDIENCES of thousands *did* LISTEN! Some drove hundreds of miles, many traveled upwards of one hundred miles to hear this unique Campaign.

The thunderous response of applause, interrupting Garner Ted Armstrong many times during each night's 90-minute program, demonstrated the desperate hunger the nation has for some voice to speak the truth, plainly. With wild-eyed critics rebelling against every institution in the nation on the one hand, and flag-waving super-conservatives who hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil of America on the other hand, it is high time someone should stand up and TELL IT LIKE IT IS! Tell it with earnest concern, deep sincerity, without political bias, with dignity, knowledge and the fear of God!

**F**ive power-packed meetings in each city presented the problems of America *as they are* — and, more important, offered *solid solutions*. Reminiscent of Amos, Jeremiah, Isaiah — God's men of the Old Testament who shed tears warning a nation *they loved* to return to God — Garner Ted Armstrong moved many in his audiences to tears in sharing his concern about this nation's going the way of Rome, away from God: he said, **"I WOULD RATHER SEE AMERICA ON HER KNEES BEFORE HER GOD THAN I WOULD ON HER KNEES BEFORE HER ENEMIES!"** That's the essence of the meetings.

**I**t is impossible to report everything from even one of these dynamic meetings. Here in these pages dedicated to *News of the Work* are excerpts from the *Cincinnati Post & Times-Star*.

Not all the press response was favorable; God's plain truth steps on *every* toe, and this Campaign with a New Dimensional Look at America's problems killed a lot of "sacred cows" — but then many factions of society didn't like what Amos, Jeremiah and Isaiah had to say in their times, either. Yet, there were very few negative press releases overall.

**Y**ou have probably since heard on *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast many of the phrases Garner Ted Armstrong was inspired to initiate in this Campaign. Here are a few, some quoted from local papers, some directly from my notes of the meetings. But first, just two comments from the *Cincinnati Post & Times-Star*, comments from a member of the audience:

*The wife of city patrolman Roger Meyer, sitting next to me, explained: "My husband has been on duty out here and he was so inspired he told me, 'You've got to get out and see them.'"* And again, *"I think he is great," said Mrs Meyer, a Roman Catholic, as she left. "HE MAKES YOU THINK." [my emphasis] . . . She wants to be back tonight.*

The same reporter quoted Garner Ted Armstrong as saying:

*"I'm trying to get people to think — to listen to*

# strong Says...

# ! (BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE)

*the voice from the pages of their own Bibles and their own individual consciences and hopefully to change their individual way of living before it's too late."*

Mrs. Meyer is only one of thousands *made to think* — and perhaps to change, before it's too late!

## Garner Ted Armstrong Says:

● The entire older generation of these beloved United States owes a deep, profound, heartfelt apology to its youth!

● We are all victims of the sophisticated lie, the hypocrisy of elected officials and a TV-oriented society!

● Young people are angry, thwarted and confused, yet united as they've never been before. . . . Two wrongs don't make a right. Granted the establishment is wrong, find out where, how and why the establishment is wrong and *make it right!* Change the only thing you *can* change: change *yourself!*

● Christianity is not working in the United States, because it has never been tried!

Don't confuse "Churchianity" with the religion of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. . . churchgoing can be just as much of a crutch as a bottle tilted up at an angle — a *spiritual* tranquilizer, a spiritual escape.

● America has forgotten how to blush. Many of America's problems would be solved if she would put into practice just *one* law: "Thou shalt not commit adultery!" There's more pornography in ladies' magazines today than there was in "dirty books" twenty years ago.

You can't save America's homes — you *can* save *yours*.

● Don't just "receive Christ" — GIVE yourself to Him. Don't "take Jesus as your own" — GIVE yourself to Him, for Him to own.

● Don't assume the preachers are the only group that's been telling you the truth, and that if you can successfully reject what they say, that you have successfully rejected God! I'm not here just to *say*, "The Bible says. . . ." I'm here to *show* you, so you can see what the Bible says. . . . *Then, in one of the most powerful events of the Campaign, Garner Ted Armstrong showed the Bible like it really is in just a FEW of the many places that it plainly contradicts the vast majority of "Christian" theology. These scriptures were shown on a screen, big as a building, for all to see; no one could hide from it or hide it from others to see — though some tried — the light of God's plain truth burning brightly, and so CONTRARY to what most SAY "the Bible says"!*

The scriptures shown: "Blessed are the meek; for they shall *inherit the earth*" (Matthew 5:5).

"Think NOT that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am NOT come to destroy, but

to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17). (What do *you* think?)

"...If thou wilt enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS" (Matthew 19:17). "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..." (Revelation 2:26, 27).

"Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he *is* both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day... For David is NOT ascended into the heavens"! (Acts 2:29, 34.) Read the article "Will You Get to Heaven?" by Garner Ted Armstrong in this issue.)

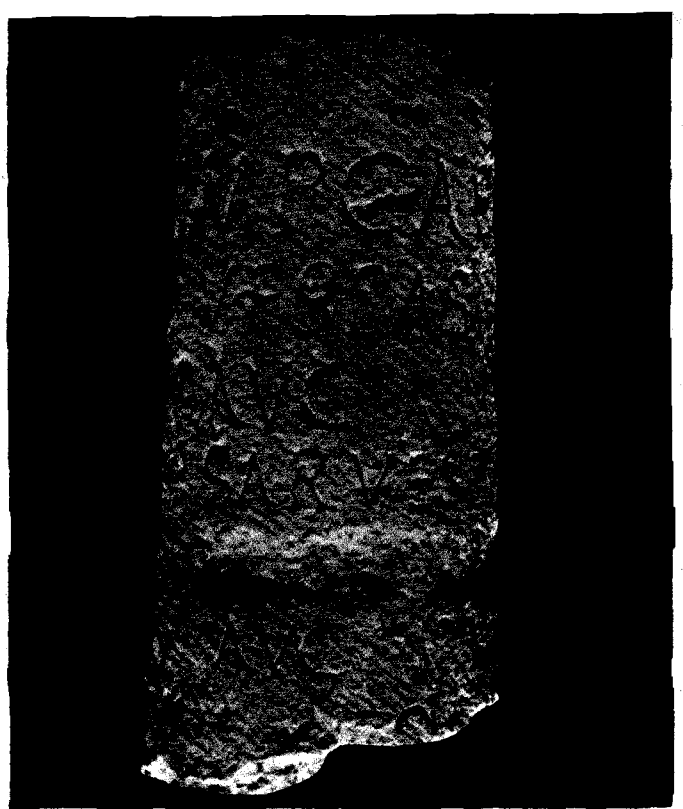
"...the *soul* that sinneth, *it shall die*... The *soul* that sinneth, *it shall die*"! (Ezekiel 18:4, 20.)

● Why reject what the establishment rejects? They lied to you about Santa Claus, they told you bunnies laid eggs at Easter time — and now you want to look into this "Jesus Christ business"? I suggest you check into what they say *about* Christ, and then compare it with *what Christ said* — to your surprise you'll find "their Christ" as much of a myth as Santa Claus and egg-laying bunnies — and, more important, you'll find no Biblical confirmation for *any* of *these myths!!!*

● The Christianity of Jesus Christ of Nazareth has never been tried in this country... what we need is a whole new breed of pioneers to *recapture true values* — before it's too late!

**T**his is just a taste of what went on in Nashville and Cincinnati. You will notice more powerful impact on *The WORLD TOMORROW* radio and TV programs as a result of Garner Ted Armstrong's face-to-face contact with these thousands of hungry Americans. A deeper understanding of their personal problems, a firsthand feeling of the pulse of a nation, a renewed zeal in warning a sick nation and a sick world, before it's too late. This personal experience with the thousands at Nashville and Cincinnati will now multiply to the benefit of tens of millions in our worldwide audiences. Just as these two cities now know, so the whole world will soon know, "... that a prophet hath been among them" (Ezekiel 33:33).

David Jon Hill  
Managing Editor



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# Jerusalem DIG

## Ambassador Student Unearths Roman Victory Column

Dateline: Jerusalem

The archaeological dig sponsored jointly by Ambassador College and Hebrew University in Jerusalem has uncovered an item of major historical interest. A Roman column has been unearthed — found by an Ambassador student, John Turner — which is undoubtedly a victory column dedicated to the Roman Emperor Vespasian by his son Titus, the General in charge of the Roman armies which destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D. This recent discovery reinforces the belief that many more important artifacts are to be expected from this archaeological site. In anticipation, the present find has sparked great interest in Israel. It made the headlines in all the news broadcasts of the Israeli Broadcasting Services. And the International Wire Services carried the news of the discovery to the rest of the world. This column, found in the ruins of Jerusalem just south of the ancient temple walls, dates from the period of Herod's temple — very near the time of Christ. Israeli archaeologists find this period one of the most significant for historical research. And, Ambassador College is pleased to have a part in the restoration of the history of Jerusalem which is being revealed by the science of archaeology. Keep reading further issues of *TOMORROW'S WORLD* for firsthand news of any further developments and discoveries from the important Jerusalem excavations.

Dr. Ernest L. Martin

## Ambassador fills The "News Gap"

They're still counting bodies from the Peruvian earthquake of last May 31. The latest "official" count is now 70,000 dead or missing. That's not only *catastrophic* — it's twice the number of battle deaths the U. S. recorded in all of the Korean War!

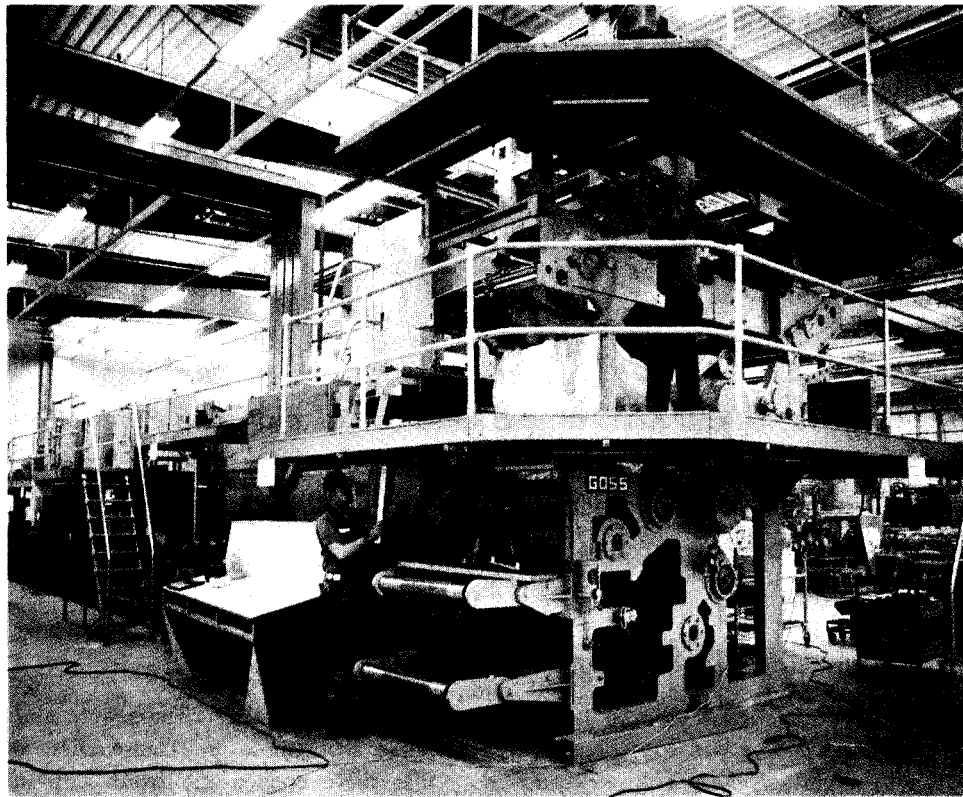
A difference in the two events was the news coverage. The Korean War made headlines for years — Peru barely made back page, even in the major dailies. It's indicative of Satan's deception over the *whole* world — in every area (Rev. 12:9) — that the major signs, such as this one, that Christ said would herald the *end of the age* and *His return* are overlooked, played down, or ignored. Christ said there would be "earthquakes in divers places" (Matt. 24:7).

True, there have always been earthquakes. But this particular one was the DEADLIEST IN ALL RECORDED LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY. Whole towns were buried. And this news that fulfills prophecy was conveniently buried on the back pages of our newspapers.

Christ Himself foresaw the "news gap" that would be present in our day *when* the specific signs He mentioned would at last come to pass. He warned, "Take ye heed, WATCH and pray" (Mark 13:33), because He knew these signs would be hidden by deception — despite the deluge of newspapers, news magazines, and TV and radio coverage. He repeated the warning once (verse 35), and then again: "What I say unto you I say UNTO ALL, WATCH"! (Verse 37.)

God's servants have always been watchmen (Ezek. 33:7). That is why Ambassador College with its own News Bureau, research facilities, and regional correspondents looks behind the scenes to give you the important news — the news behind the news — the march of prophecy. We're here to bridge the news gap — to herald the return of our Saviour.

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## NEW PRESS

### The Goss P-50

The Commission God has given His Work is to proclaim the good news of His coming world-ruling government to "all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Matt. 24:14). Looking at today's nations with their teeming millions, that's a *big* task. But the God who designed the job has also provided the way to do it — through the modern miracle of mass communication.

Television, radio, the printing press — these can be fantastic blessings or insidious curses depending upon their use. Ambassador College utilizes all three to do *the Work of God!*

The College presses print by the millions, *The PLAIN TRUTH*, *TOMORROW'S WORLD*, the *Correspondence Course*, booklets, reprint articles, and much more — all of it very necessary.

That's why the recent addition of a giant press — this one called a Goss P-50 — to the Ambassador College Printing Plant is a major step for the Work. This 180-ton new press can transform a reel of blank white paper 50 inches

wide into printed pages with full-color pictures at the rate of 1200 to 1500 feet per minute. That's *one mile* of paper every three and one-half minutes!

This page of *TOMORROW'S WORLD* that you are now reading has an area of about 90 square inches. The Goss P-50 can turn out *three million* square inches just like this every three and one-half minutes!

At the present time, *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD* are printed on two other large presses — one a Miehle and the other a Halley-Aller. But these two presses alone are just not sufficient to keep up with our growing mailing lists. Furthermore, the Work is expanding so fast that when *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD* resume *monthly* publication, the three presses *together* will be barely sufficient to keep up with the demand — even though these giants of the printing industry will consume 30 miles of paper per hour!

Installation of the 73-foot Goss was somewhat delayed, but with continued Co-Worker support, the press should soon be in operation, opening the way for God's message to be more effectively "published among all nations" (Mark 13:10).

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# Here's How to

# RECOGNIZE GOD'S

**How would you KNOW if a God-called man like Peter, Paul or John were to conduct a ministry today? In today's Babylon of denominations, sects, cults and "weirdo" hippie groups, is there a way to be SURE if a man is truly speaking as a minister of the Eternal God?**

by Roderick C. Meredith

**I**F THIS were the year 30 A.D., and you took a trip to Jerusalem, you might see there a throng gathered around an ordinary-looking young man about age 33. He would be preaching a certain *message* — startlingly DIFFERENT from what is generally accepted as "Christianity" today!

You would see no halo around this young man's head. There would be no sign pinned on Him identifying Him as the Messiah, the Son of God.

But you would be *astonished!* His doctrine would be *so different* from what you had been accustomed to hearing. He would speak dogmatically — with assurance — with power and AUTHORITY. Coming from the modern, 20th century society, being accustomed to religious and political figures who hem and haw, backtrack, compromise, etc. — you would probably say: "Well, who does this man think *he is*, anyway?"

Back at that time, in 30 A.D., before His death and resurrection, how would you have checked up on Christ Himself? Would you have gone to the leaders of the established religious denominations to see whether *they* endorsed Him? They would have told you: "*He is a false prophet.*"

Or would you have done as the Berians were commended for doing when they heard the Apostle Paul speaking the *same doctrines* and truths which

Jesus had preached? "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and *searched the scriptures daily*, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

Would you have really SEARCHED your Bible to prove the words of the Apostle Paul?

Will you be willing to *search your Bible* today to prove the truth of our teaching — or that of any other person?

## Christ Set a Perfect EXAMPLE

Most professing "Christians" talk about Christ as some sort of hero and Saviour, but they *refuse* to acknowledge His *Gospel*, *His teaching*, and His *example*. They picture Jesus as a sweet *but helpless* little baby at Christmas time, or as a *dead* Saviour hanging on a cross, or as a resurrected Saviour who has gone "way off to heaven" at Easter time! Their conception is that He came to die for men, but that *His teaching carries NO AUTHORITY today!*

Your Bible says the *exact opposite!*

In John 1:4, we find that Jesus' life was the "light" of men. It was to show them *God's way* to live. Peter was inspired to write, "... Christ also suffered for us, *leaving us an example*, that ye should follow his steps" (I Peter 2:21). Read I John 2:6. It is more properly rendered in the Moffatt translation. Speaking of Christ, John

wrote: "He who says he *remains in him* ought to be *living as he lived.*"

Jesus is our *perfect* example! If we say we are Christians — that we "remain in Him" — we ought to be LIVING as He lived!

Are you?

If you don't believe in and try to follow Jesus' example, you don't understand *what kind* of God the *true God* is. You are *unaware* of how to worship and obey the God and Father of Jesus Christ.

What *was* Jesus' example?

Jesus' entire life is a perfect example of OBEDIENCE to God's Law and His rule. He said... "I have *kept* my Father's commandments . . ." (John 15:10). His own teaching was simply a magnification of God's Law (Isa. 42:21). Actually, He came in the flesh to magnify *His own Law* — the Ten Commandments! Remember? He *was* the God of the Old Testament who *gave* the Ten Commandments and dealt with Israel (I Cor. 10:1-6).

When He came in the flesh, Jesus — the true Jesus you would have seen in 30 A.D. — KEPT God's Law *to set us an example*. He was our "light," our *example*. A *true Christian* is simply one who follows Christ — *who follows that example*.

## Jesus Revealed a Definite WAY OF LIFE

It becomes quite clear that Jesus' teaching and example reveal a WAY OF LIFE. It is a way of *reverence* and OBEDIENCE to the Living God. It is a way of *outgoing concern*, *respect* and *consideration* toward fellowman.

This way of life — *if universally practiced* — would bring absolute PEACE among men and nations! It



# TRUE MINISTERS

would maintain and increase the warmth and LOVE in every marriage and home — virtually ENDING the twin evils of broken homes and juvenile delinquency.

With this WAY OF LIFE prevailing, there would be NO NEED WHATEVER for armies or navies, policemen or spies, locks or keys, or the millions of overlapping “checking” systems of our business and commercial world — including contracts, papers and records in triplicate, etc. This would free minds, bodies, money and tax dollars to really SOLVE the few problems that might yet remain — NOT just talk about them!

That’s why the basis of this way of life — God’s LAW — is called the “law of liberty” (James 2:10-12). Yes, LIBERTY!

But so many “religionists” argue, reason and moan that God’s Law is “too hard” — a “yoke of bondage.” Or that it is “impractical.” Or that it is “done away.”

Yet it is the ONLY way of life that can — and WILL in a few short years — bring PEACE and JOY to this troubled world!

## What Jesus Really Taught

Jesus came in the flesh to “reveal” the Father. He showed that God’s Law would be in force until heaven and earth should pass away (Matt. 5:18). He didn’t come to destroy God’s Law, but to fulfill it (verse 17). And fulfill means to do or perform, NOT to do away with. When a young man came to ask Jesus how to be saved, he was told, “keep the COMMANDMENTS” (Matt. 19:17).

Indeed, Jesus’ whole ministry was one of revealing God as the supreme Lawgiver and Ruler. He preached the good news of the coming Kingdom or

GOVERNMENT of God (Mark 1:14). That is the true Gospel — the good news of God’s government.

The very foundation of Jesus’ teaching was that, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4).

What word?

What God?

Those Jews knew very well that Christ was referring to the God of the Old Testament — the giver of the LAW — the God who was to RULE Israel. The only “Word” of the true God — at that time — was the Old Testament as contained in your Bible! Jesus referred to the “Law” — the Old Testament writings — as Scripture, and He said, “the scripture cannot be broken” (John 10:35).

You are commanded to live by every word of the true God as revealed in the New and Old Testaments of your Bible. He is the true God.

## God’s PURPOSE

God is RULER. If we become His children through repentance, baptism, and receiving the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38), we may be “born again” (John 3:1-8) — changed into, actually born of spirit as literal sons of God!

God is reproducing Himself! He — the Creator and Ruler of the universe — is begetting human beings through His Spirit to be born as His Sons — to be in His own family — to inherit eternal life. But we must first learn how to live before God will grant us eternal life and make us His own sons.

We must develop God’s wisdom, God’s character. We must “live by every word of God.” Realizing that our Creator knows best, we should OBEY Him.

To deny this is to admit a profound ignorance of the Eternal God’s great wisdom and purpose! It betrays a lack of understanding of the character of the true God.

The Apostle John summed it all up when he wrote of Christ — the God of the Old Testament, the giver of the LAW — “He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a LIAR, and the truth is not in him” (I John 2:4).

God Himself calls lawless ministers liars when they try to deny the authority of His RULE, the wisdom of His LAW, and the very basis of His great PURPOSE.

## The WORK of GOD

Your Bible says: “Surely the Lord God will do NOTHING, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?” (Amos 3:7-8.)

At the end of this age, God has ministers who WILL SPEAK the truth about the meaning of world events and what God’s purpose is in human affairs. But only those who are obedient will have true understanding! For God’s Word also states: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that DO HIS COMMANDMENTS...” (Psalm 111:10).

Jesus spoke prophetically of the great worldwide Work His true ministers would carry out in our day: “And 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).

Somewhere on earth today are the true ministers of God. As the end of

this age approaches, they will be carrying out Christ's commission with increasing POWER.

They will be making plain the good news of the soon-coming *Kingdom of God*. Without fear or favor, they will be explaining — not merely to individuals, but to *all nations* — the LAWS and *way of life* demanded by that coming government. They will make plain and clear the hundreds of prophecies referring directly to this end time. Through God's Spirit, they alone can be *definite* and *SPECIFIC* about the tremendous events soon to occur on this earth.

### Could You RECOGNIZE . . . ?

Think over this article carefully. Look up the scriptures. Review.

A true minister of the GOD revealed in the Bible would be preaching, teaching, acting and living in a *very specific* WAY, wouldn't he?

He might be tall or short, thin or fat, handsome or average-appearing.

But he WOULD:

ONE: Study and live by EVERY word of God — including the Ten Com-

mandments of God—as a WAY OF LIFE. This would include studying and following Jesus' *example* in EVERYTHING! (Col. 3:17.)

TWO: A true minister would teach the exact SAME GOSPEL Jesus did — the Good News of the coming *Kingdom of God*. He would teach *repentance* of sin and *acceptance* of Christ's shed blood as a remission for those sins. But he would also teach the very *MEANING of life* — that we are made in God's image to be finally *born* into His very family, that man is to overcome and develop character so he can become *like God* his Father, qualified to join other spirit-born saints in literally *RULING THE WORLD* under Christ's direction (Rev. 2:26).

THREE: A true minister would be busy in the *Work of GOD*. He would have a deep understanding of Bible prophecy. He would make these prophecies *come alive with POWER* — warning this sophisticated, modern world of Christ's imminent return, and focusing especially on the soon-coming Kingdom — the literal *Government of God* — to

be set up in the wonderful World Tomorrow.

A true minister would be totally wrapped up in proclaiming this *warning message* as a powerful "witness" to *all nations* — "and then shall the END come" (Matt. 24:14).

Do YOU know where all of this is being done, TODAY?

Think. Meditate. Exert the energy to PROVE these things to yourself.

Frankly, there *are* such true ministers on earth today. They are affiliated with this magazine through the Ambassador College Graduate School of Theology. They are warm, friendly and *balanced* — NOT trying to "pressure" or urge people into anything. But they will call to answer *your questions* upon *your personal request*.

Write us *today* if you would like to be put in contact with such a true minister of God.

It is *your life* and your ETERNITY that we are talking about. And there is more concrete *meaning* and *PURPOSE* in both of these than you have probably even begun to imagine. □

## DOOR-TO-DOOR PREACHING... A CHRISTIAN PRACTICE ?

Everybody has seen people on busy street corners and in large public buildings zealously attempting to hand out religious literature to all passersby. And you yourself may have even had a person with a "Christian message" knock on your door. These are common, everyday occurrences; and most people, even if they don't necessarily agree with their views, passively accept these door-to-door evangelists as part of Western Christianity.

But did you know that long before the coming of Jesus Christ, the *pagan* world had its door-to-door representatives? The ancient *pre-Christian* world teemed with different religious sects, all vying with one another for converts. Many of them were attempting to spread their doctrines and win new adherents by *preaching from house to house*. Plato

remarked that "mendicant prophets go to rich men's doors and persuade them that they have a power . . . of making an atonement for a man's own . . . sins . . . at a small cost" (*Republic*, 364 b-c). Not only did these zealous pagans preach, they also distributed a variety of tracts of a religious and moralizing nature.

Werner Jaeger, an authority on the influence of pagan culture on early Christianity, observes that "we have to reckon with the existence in Hellenistic times of religious tracts as a means of *propaganda fides* [propagandizing their faith] of many sects" (*Early Christianity and Greek Paideia*, London: Oxford University Press, 1969, p. 8). Members of such a sect would actually distribute their propaganda literature from house to house. This practice was widespread already in Plato's day, some four hundred years before Christ. Plato reports about these door-to-door evangelists in no uncertain terms: "And they produce a host of books [tracts] written by Musaeus and Orpheus . . . according to which they . . . persuade not only indi-

viduals, but whole cities" (*Republic*, 364e). This was nothing other than the same door-to-door high-pressure evangelism so common among us today.

In fact, so ubiquitous had this practice become among the pagans — and so obnoxious and repulsive to the average individual — that the pagan author Plutarch felt it his duty to denounce it in his writings. In his *Precepts for Newly Married People*, Plutarch advises wives "not to admit strangers by the back door who try to smuggle their tracts into the house advertising a foreign religion" (Jaeger, p. 8). This denunciation demonstrates how common door-to-door tract evangelism had become. "Let them [the door-to-door preachers] be exterminated from her outermost threshold!" Plutarch thundered (*Conjugal Precepts*, c. 19).

All this goes to show that the distribution of religious tracts was an obnoxious pagan means of winning converts — and it antedated Christianity by as much as four hundred years!

Such a way of "winning souls," needless to say, is diametrically opposed to

the practices and teachings of Jesus. Christ *never* preached from door to door. He did not hand out one religious tract. He specifically instructed His disciples, "Go not from house to house" (Luke 10:7). John, the last survivor of the original twelve apostles, admonished the followers of Christ: "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine [which John preached and which only the one true Church of God preaches], receive him not into your house" (II John 10). No truth could be learned from the preachings or the writings of these disseminators of error. Paul

warned about the type of fellow Plutarch wrote about. "For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts" (II Tim. 3:6).

True Christians know and understand that God is the One who calls and converts people (John 6:44). They recognize, therefore, that it would be completely futile — and actually contrary to God's will — to go out and attempt to win converts by force. The pagans of old, on the other hand, did not serve an active, *living* God. They had to do the converting themselves in

order to gain followers, because their "god" was nonexistent, and the real God was not calling anyone to their religion. And, furthermore, they were not supported by God financially. That is why, in the words of Plato, the mendicant preachers performed their services "at a small cost," meaning they charged "a small fee." Jesus Christ, who supports and finances the dissemination of His message so that it can go out *without cost*, said "freely you have received, freely give" (Matt. 10:8).

How different is *true* Christianity from the ways of the pagans!

G. Freibergs

## ABOUT TITHING

**I**n this upside-down, "gotta-have-a-gimmick" society with its 400-plus differing denominations all claiming to be the true servants of God, it is hard to know who's who and what's what. And so many of our readers are understandably confused about one of the most basic Christian principles or doctrines — *tithing*. Many have asked: "*Where do I pay my tithes?*"

Before we answer this question, there is something God wants us all to understand about the ten percent of "*our*" income which we call "*our* tithes." IT ISN'T OURS!

There is a great God, a Supreme Being, the Creator of heaven and earth. He owns *everything*. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1).

God doesn't need anything from us. Everything we could amass in a lifetime would mean absolutely *nothing* to Him. All that all the *nations* of the world have ever put together in all history would not amount to a thing in God's sight. "All nations before God are as nothing; and they are counted to him as less than nothing and vanity" (Isa. 40:17).

Man, with all he has, is *NOTHING*. This is sobering, but it is *the truth*. So the question, "Where do I pay *MY* tithes?" is frankly inaccurate, because "*our* tithes" *AREN'T OURS!* They belong to God — along with everything else in existence, including our very lives.

But our loving Father, who has created us in His image for the purpose of eventually becoming His literal Sons, has given us the supreme opportunity to help Him in His worldwide Work. We can become *partners* with God — as incredible as that may sound.

God owns everything, but He is willing to share. So He allows us to use His earth. God has allowed man to use His property — with this one condition. God commands us to give back to Him *ten percent* of all we produce. God says to man: "You may keep 90% for yourself. All I require is one tenth." God is willing to share on a 90-to-10 basis. What an example of selflessness!

God promises His servants life and *life more abundantly* (John 10:10). It is only when people misappropriate the first 10% of their incomes that God fails to prosper them on the remaining 90%. But if we do give God His rightful 10%, then God has promised to so bless us that our 90% will be stretched far beyond the original 100%. It's amazing! And it must be tried to be believed.

"Honour the Eternal with thy substance, and with the *firstfruits* of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" (Prov. 3:9-10).

Those who have been faithfully paying tithes have proved that God means what He says: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and *prove me now* herewith, saith the Eternal of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing,

that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10).

Many of our readers have come to understand this basic truth — that we are required to pay 10% of our income to God.

So they then ask: "*Where* do I send my tithes?"

The answer is simple — give God what is rightfully His. Give *God's* tithes to the ones *God* has chosen to fulfill His commission. Put God's resources into *God's Work*. It's as simple as that.

Without doubt the *most* important identifying sign of God's Work on earth is that it will be fulfilling God's commission to preach (Matt. 24:14) and publish (Mark 13:10) the Gospel of the Kingdom of God as a witness to all nations before the end of this age. There has never been a greater need to reach this dying world with God's lifesaving warning. And there is only one Work on the earth today performing that task. There is only one Work proclaiming the Good News of *Tomorrow's World!*

That work is *this* Work.

But you must prove it for yourself. Don't believe us — *believe your Bible*. Read Matthew 24:14 and Mark 13:10. Find out where God is working today. Find out where God's tithe will be used for *God's* Work.

A. E. Carrozzo

# WHO WILL BURY WHOM ?

"We will smash you with our clenched fist!" shouted Dimitry Z. Manulsky in an address before the Lenin School of Political Warfare. Manulsky's raging speech was directed specifically against the United States of America and Great Britain.

That speech was made over thirty years ago!

But Communist policy has not changed.

It was just a few years ago that Khrushchev boisterously shouted, "WE WILL BURY YOU!"

And however those words were meant, they are coming to pass. *The British Empire has all but disappeared! And the United States is no longer united!*

But Khrushchev got one point wrong: the Soviet Union would not have to bury us — *we would do it to ourselves.*

Great Britain is one third the size of Texas. But she once ruled the world. In the early 1900's, Britain directly governed over one fourth of the globe, having more than sixty colonies dependent upon her.

Now, little more than one-half century later, Great Britain no longer controls Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Ireland, Egypt, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma, Palestine, Jordan, Sudan, the Gold Coast, Malaya, Cyprus, the Caribbean and many others.

Canada has hauled down the Union Jack and run up her own flag. And the weak association of Commonwealth members is threatened even as the solid Rock of Gibraltar appears *not so solid* in today's news. Britain's colonies are gone — they have disappeared!

The once-mighty nation of Britain has "had it." Rudyard Kipling's *Tales of Tommy Atkins*, the soldier who was winning a British Empire, are no more! *With Churchill's death, the last flicker of the Empire has died!*

The words of the British *Daily Telegraph* ring loud and clear: "Times have changed. The roar of the British lion does not make anybody shake with fear today. The Egyptians have already twisted the lion's tail and thrown him aside!"

Said a leading newspaper, "The British Empire has gone out of existence! Its place has been taken, to some extent, by the Commonwealth, which



Wide World Photo

"History is on our side," said former Soviet Premier Khrushchev in 1956, "We will bury you."

is *not an organization but an 'IDEA,'* not a political entity but a moral relationship."

Harold Wilson summarized England's plight in April of 1963, when he called Britain "the sick man of Europe."

The United States of America is *only a step behind* Britain in this national toboggan slide. We are racked by external confusion and internal collision. Dissension, rebellion, crime, racial confrontation, divorce, pollution, immorality all seethe together so that the only argument that the experts can fight over

is whether we have 10, 20 or 30 years left.

Would you believe that the Bible, over two thousand years ago, predicted the collapse of the British Empire and the dissolution of the United States?

*The Bible*, that widely circulated, little-read book, predicts the future with uncanny accuracy. Its author has never been wrong — He has been proven *right* in EVERY single prediction to date!

*That Author is Jesus Christ. He is God* — and He has much to say about England, America, the Soviet Union, Germany, etc. He tells *exactly* what will happen. He tells precisely who will bury whom! And about *when!*

(For the full story write for our free book *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy* and the article "Will Russia Attack America?")

Now as for Russia burying the United States and Britain, God says that America and Britain — after a downfall — will rise and bury Russia! It's in your Bible, hidden to the world only because the world has failed to look.

Notice what God says about *our burying Russia* in the prophecies of Ezekiel: "Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal [Russia] and prophesy against him . . . And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it the valley of Hamongog. And *seven months* shall the house of Israel [which includes Britain and America] be *burying of them*, that they may cleanse the land. Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord God" (Ezek. 38:2; 39:11-13).

# The STORY of MAN

for children five to one hundred five

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT

## JUDAH IS STRONG—ISRAEL IS WEAK

**H**AVING sent to the king of Assyria for help against his enemies, Ahaz the king of Judah expected to learn that troops were coming from the north to assist him. (II Kings 16:7-8.) Instead, a messenger brought a discouraging report that the army of Syria was approaching Jerusalem from the south.

### A Hired Friend

Again the best warriors of Judah readied themselves to defend their capital. But Rezin, the Syrian king, had no intention of repeating a futile attack against such strong fortifications. His army moved safely on past Jerusalem, then struck some nearby towns. By the time troops could spill out of Jerusalem and start pursuing the attackers, the Syrians were well on their way north with thousands of captives and loot, leaving the towns in ruins.

The soldiers of Judah were too late to overtake the attackers, who returned victoriously to Damascus, the Syrian capital, where their captives became slaves. (II Chronicles 28:1-5.) Even this tragedy for Judah failed to move Ahaz to turn from idolatry. But just when he was most discouraged and fearful, he received the exciting report that the Assyrians had attacked and captured Damascus, and that Rezin, king of the Syrians, had been killed. (II Kings 16:9.)

Ahaz was jubilant. He was convinced that his costly gifts to Tiglath-pileser, the Assyrian king, had proved to be a worthwhile bribe. He planned an immediate trip to Damascus, which was occupied by the Assyrian king. Ahaz hoped to talk Tiglath-pileser into moving westward and besieging Samaria.

The king of Judah went to Damascus and talked with the Assyrian king, who had made his own plans and was indifferent to those of Ahaz. He made it plain that he had already carried out any obligation having to do with the gifts Ahaz had given him.

Ahaz returned to Jerusalem with the bleak outlook of having to deal with several enemies, particularly that of King Pekah of Israel, without the aid of a strong ally. He needed

help desperately, but he preferred not to look to God for it. Instead he foolishly reasoned that the pagan Syrian gods disliked him and so had given the Syrians victory over Judah. He decided to sacrifice to the Syrian gods in an effort to appease them and win them over to helping him. (II Chronicles 28:23.)

Ahaz was so obsessed with this ridiculous idea that before he left Damascus he sent orders to Urijah, high priest at the temple at Jerusalem, to build an altar like one he had seen in Damascus and to set it in front of God's altar toward the temple gate. Messengers brought drawn plans for the altar to Urijah. Although Urijah was a high-ranking servant of God, he gave orders that the altar should be constructed and should replace the sacred one that had long been in use. (II Kings 16:10.)

Urijah feared that Ahaz would demand his life if he failed to do this abominable thing which was contrary to God's commands. (Exodus 20:22-25; 25:40; 26:30; 27:1-8; 38:1-7.) Obviously the high priest wasn't dedicated to the duty of his high office. Otherwise, he would have refused to build the pagan altar, and would have relied on God for safety. It had always been common knowledge among the Israelites that they should not make sacrifices on any altar other than God's altar, even if it were made after the same pattern. (Joshua 22:11-30.)

As soon as Ahaz returned to Jerusalem, one of the first things he did was to go to the temple and look at the new altar. Satisfied that it was like the Syrian altar he had seen, he proceeded to use it for the first time by making sacrifices to Syrian gods. This, in front of the temple, was an act of contempt for God. (II Kings 16:11-13.)

### Israel and Judah at War

There followed other brazen deeds by Ahaz. He gave orders to the high priest that the main objects that had to do with ceremonial worship of God should be moved to different locations around the temple area. (II Kings 16:14.) This

was contrary to the way God had established their positions. (Exodus 40:6-7.) Most of the remaining gold or silver articles and furnishings both inside and outside the temple were removed and melted down for reuse due to their metallic value. In spite of this desecration, faithful followers of God still came in dwindling numbers to worship at the temple. Ahaz put a stop to that by closing the temple and forbidding any sacrificing except to pagan gods. (II Kings 16:15-18; II Chronicles 28:24.)

This was a tragic time in the history of man. God's patience, much greater than that of the most enduring human being, was tried to an extreme. To add to what he had done at the temple, the king of Judah decreed that altars should be constructed in the major cities and towns of the land to establish national worship of Syrian gods. (II Chronicles 28:25.)

Ahaz hoped that these pagan idols would be so pleased by another nation turning to them that they would not only protect Judah from surrounding enemies, but would somehow release Ahaz from having to pay a regular tribute to Assyria, something Tiglath-pileser had demanded of Ahaz when the king of Judah was in Damascus. He was anxious not to let his subjects learn that the kingdom had fallen into such serious debt to the nation he had hoped would remain an ally.

Growing idolatry in Judah might not have been quite so abominable in God's sight if Ahaz and the people had never known of the only real God. With most of them it was a matter of choosing between their Creator and lifeless idols. This wasn't much of a compliment to the One who had given them life.

As Ahaz constantly feared would happen, the report finally came that King Pekah of Israel and his army had left Samaria and were headed southward. Ahaz had to decide whether to keep the army in Jerusalem and risk attacks on other towns in Judah, or send his troops out to meet Pekah's. He decided to meet the enemy, just as the angry God of Israel intended.

On a plain north of Jerusalem the two armies of Israel and Judah came against each other in tragic strife, inasmuch as the participants came from all twelve tribes of the whole of Israel. Some of the first men to be slain were of high rank in the government of Judah, including the prime minister, the governor of the royal palace and an officer who was a close relative of Ahaz. The quick loss of men like these threw fear into the foremost ranks of the soldiers of Judah. That fear was obvious to Pekah's troops, who waded in among them with growing fervor and ferocity. All day long the sound and fury of bloody battle continued. By nightfall one hundred and twenty thousand soldiers of Judah were dead on the wide field of fighting. (II Chronicles 28:5-7.)

Most of what was left of the army of Judah fled back to Jerusalem, leaving Pekah's victorious troops to plunder

nearby towns and capture the inhabitants. When the pillagers left for Samaria, they took with them two hundred thousand men, women and children, as well as a huge amount of loot.

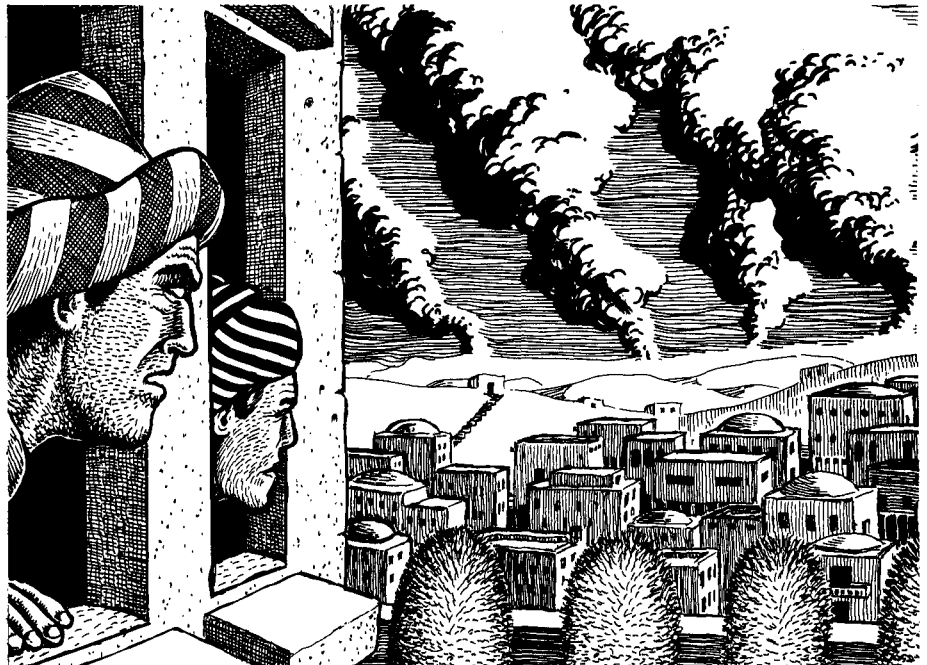
### Israel Relents — Somewhat

Herded along by its captors, this great crowd was almost within sight of Samaria when a group of prominent men of Israel met the returning army. The group's spokesman was a prophet named Oded, who addressed the top officers of the soldiers of Israel.

"Who are these people with you?" the prophet asked.

"They are captives we took in Judah," the army commander replied proudly. "Probably you already have heard that we all but destroyed the army of Ahaz. Then we captured these people to become servants in our nation."

"This is against God's will," Oded firmly stated after glancing over the foremost of the miserable captives. "You didn't win a victory over Judah because you were more righteous or more battle-wise. God gave you the ability to defeat



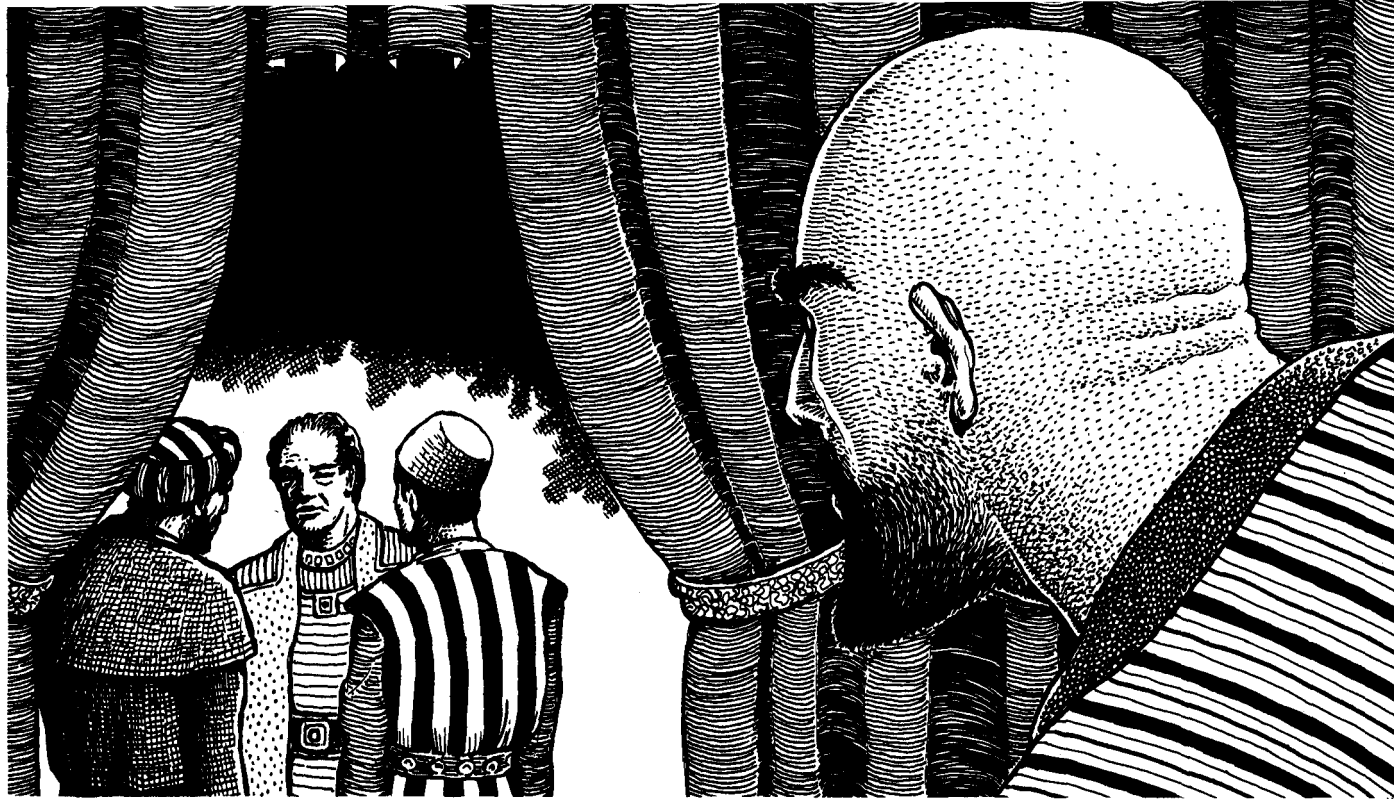
Ahaz was relieved when the Assyrian army moved on past Jerusalem, but his relief turned to distress when he learned that the Assyrians were attacking helpless towns of Judah to the north.

Judah in war to punish them for their sins. But capturing these people was a cruel and unnecessary deed. They are our brothers and sisters because of our common ancestors who came out of Egypt. To regard them as servants is wrong. If you keep them in bondage, God's wrath will come on Samaria. The sins of Israel are already too great and too many to have this thing added." (II Chronicles 28:8-11.)

"Then what do you suggest we do with these prisoners?" the commander asked in an irritable tone.

"Release them so that they can return to Judah," was Oded's simple answer.

"Let them go after all the trouble we've taken to get



them here?" the commander sputtered angrily. "Do you actually think that just because you are a prophet anyone is going to take you seriously in this matter?"

By now a growing crowd from Samaria had come up behind the leaders of Israel, who drew closer around Oded and the army officers.

"All of us here agree with Oded," one of the leaders answered the startled commander. "We of Israel have done many things to anger God. If we take these people as servants, who knows what punishment will come to us? Do not move them one step farther into Israel! And don't take for yourselves any of the booty you forced them to carry with them!"

The officers stared at those around them. The commander wasn't accustomed to being told by a civilian what to do, but not knowing how the king stood on the matter, he hesitated to take a stand against Oded and these men of high position. After a few moments of glaring at his opposers, he barked a command to his officers and aides and strode angrily away. The crowd from Samaria watched in silence as the army of Israel solemnly filed by on its way to the capital. (II Chronicles 28:12-14.)

Aided by the crowd that had joined them, the leaders of Israel started the task of taking stock of the loot from Judah. From it they obtained clothing and shoes for that part of the captives who had been seized at night while in bed, and had been given no time to properly dress.

From the food taken from Judah the captives were given a meal that was long overdue. Then they were accompanied back toward Judah as far as the city of Jericho, which had been built on a different site from the Jericho that had been destroyed. Donkeys carried the elderly people and cripples, who had suffered from being forced to march toward Samaria.

From Jericho it was only a few miles to the various towns of northern Judah from which the people had been

A spy in Hoshea's palace overheard the king of Judah discussing a possible alliance with Egypt against Assyria. It wasn't long before the king of Assyria was informed.

taken. Having delivered them to their country, the men of Israel returned to Samaria and their hometowns to the north, hopeful that God would be merciful to the ten tribes because of what had been done for the captives from Judah. (II Chronicles 28:15.)

Ahaz, brooding over the defeat of his army by that of northern Israel, was relieved to learn that his captured people had been returned. But instead of thanking God, who had made it possible through His followers in Israel, he continued in idolatry throughout the remaining years of his life. He was buried in Jerusalem, but not in the royal tombs of the kings of Judah. Obviously God decided which kings, because of their obedience to Him, should be buried in the royal sepulchres, and caused those who had charge of the burials to make the proper decisions. (II Chronicles 28:26-27.)

### Meanwhile . . .

Years before the death of Ahaz, King Pekah of Israel was murdered according to the plan of a man named Hoshea, who had schemed to do away with Pekah so that he could become ruler. (II Kings 15:30; 17:1.) Civil war followed. Hoshea had to ask the Assyrians for help to restore him to the throne.

Hoshea followed in the evil ways of the preceding kings, but not with the idolatrous fervor most of the others had practiced.

During his reign the Assyrians, led by King Shalmaneser, again came to Samaria. Hoshea didn't have the military strength to resist tribute. He submitted to Shalmaneser and gave him costly gifts and the promise of regular tribute and even allegiance. (II Kings 17:2-3.)

Satisfied with how matters had turned out, the Assyrians

went on to further conquests, leaving Hoshea as little more than a puppet king whose conduct would have to favor Assyrian interests if Hoshea wanted to retain rulership of the ten tribes of Israel.

Hoshea tried to squirm out of his miserable situation by seeking a strong ally. He sent messengers to the king of Egypt, who was a powerful ruler at that time, to suggest that both nations should unite against Assyria to prevent the invader out of the north from taking them over one by one.

The king of Egypt took measures for the defense of his nation, but did little to help Israel. Hoshea, meanwhile, was so certain that Egypt would unite with his nation against Assyria that he refused to pay the regular tribute. At the same time, someone in Hoshea's employ sold information to the king of Assyria that Hoshea was planning an alliance with Egypt. Shalmaneser was angered to learn that the ruler of Israel would dare scheme against him. He immediately sent a small part of his army to Samaria, where Hoshea was questioned by Assyrian officers.

"Why haven't we received the regular tribute?" they asked.

#### The Result of Godlessness

"If you didn't receive it, those who took it to Assyria must have been robbed and killed," Hoshea untruthfully stated. "I have been meaning to contact your king to ask if they stayed in Assyria after delivering their valuable cargo."

"Why do you waste words?" one of the officers asked. "We have sources of information right here in Samaria. We know that the tribute wasn't sent."

"You question the word of the king of Israel?" Hoshea indignantly sputtered.

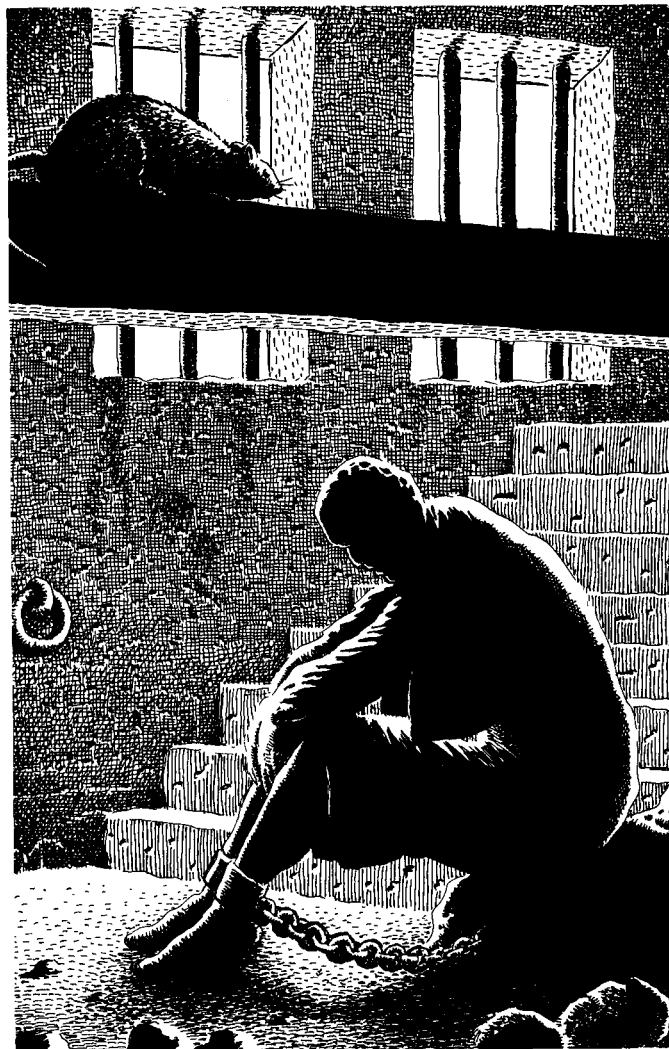
"We do," the officer replied. "And we know that you are guilty of conspiring with King So of Egypt against Assyria!"

Hoshea's forced indignant expression faded to one of genuine panic as Assyrian soldiers closed in on him. The royal guard was powerless to help because it had been outnumbered and removed by the Assyrians. The Israelite soldiers realized that any opposition to their enemies would bring the entire Assyrian army down on Samaria.

"You are under arrest for plotting against King Shalmaneser!" the ashen-faced Hoshea was told.

Stunned beyond argument or resistance, Hoshea quietly went with his captors, who took him to his own dungeon in Samaria and clapped him in chains. He was released after the delayed tribute was paid, plus a heavy bail. This happened in the sixth year of Hoshea's reign, which continued for three more years. (II Kings 17:4.)

The Bible doesn't mention Hoshea much after that. Whatever his final fate, the fate of his kingdom, comprised of ten of the tribes of Israel, was worse. Shortly after Hoshea was imprisoned, Shalmaneser again came westward with his entire army to overrun parts of Syria and Israel. (II Kings 18:9.) His goal was Samaria, which he surrounded by thousands of his troops. The outnumbered army of Israel, mostly bottled up in the capital, dared not come out to attack. As long as the invaders stayed, the people in the capital



Because of plotting against the Assyrians, Hoshea was seized by them and chained in his own dungeon in Samaria.

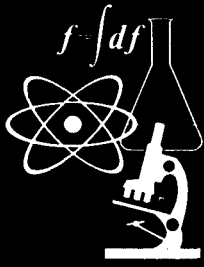
remained prisoners. Meanwhile, Samaria's walls proved to be so strong and well manned that the Assyrians had to be content with waiting till the besieged Israelites would become so short of food and water that they would have to surrender.

A week passed, but there was no sign of distress from Samaria. Then a month passed. Two months went by. Then a third. Shalmaneser had come west prepared for several weeks of stay in Israel, but now his food was running low and water was a problem. It had to be hauled from towns near Samaria to the Assyrian camps that had been set up around the capital. To increase the food supply, Assyrian troops combed nearby territory and towns to take their needs.

The weeks went on, but there was no sign of weakening from Samaria. From time to time the Assyrians attacked the city, but always were driven back by showers of arrows, spears and stones. This didn't greatly discourage Shalmaneser, who believed that each time was the final effort of the Israelites to defend Samaria before hunger and thirst forced a surrender. But the city was so well supplied that the siege dragged on for two years!

*(To be continued next issue)*





# Science vs. Theology?

## FAITH

### In Science?

Dateline: London

**T**he aim of science is objectivity and truth — the pursuit of knowledge based on concrete evidence and fact. Human emotion, intuition and philosophy are to be avoided. *At least in theory.*

But in the *real* world, the difference between these noble concepts and outright narrow-mindedness can be difficult to distinguish. The commendable scientific principle of “don’t believe anything until you see it proved” all too often seems to take the form “shut your mind to the obvious.”

Recently the Ambassador College Science-News team in England was present at a national symposium on water pollution, which was attended by an impressive body of marine biologists, public works officials, etc.

From the opening speech it was clear that the delegates were concerned about the future implications of national and global water pollution. In rapid succession speakers emphasized the danger signs that were appearing and the need for quick action to prevent the *sure* dire consequences in the very near future.

It was pointed out that even in England, statutory controls over discharge of raw sewage into rivers and the sea are frequently inadequate or unworkable due to lack of funds. Powerful synthetic fertilizers leached from the land are beginning to show signs of severely altering the balance of marine microorganisms in large sea areas by stimulating phenomenal growth. Hard industrial chemicals have already turned the Baltic Sea into a biologically dead wasteland. And no laws regulate the transport of radioactive substances on inland waterways and harbors. These and many other sober warnings set a lively tone for the speeches and discussions.

Then the chairman of the host body, the Institute of Water Pollution Control, introduced a noted British scientist. In classic scientific indignity he began to “enlighten” the symposium that

unless the future dangers of water pollution could be “clearly documented,” it was “unscientific” to talk about their control. He said that the opinions expressed at the symposium were too emotional and inadequately supported in scientific fact. Raw sewage discharged close to public beaches might disturb some people, but there was no statistical evidence that bathing in this highly diluted effluent would cause disease.

Nobody agreed with him! Speaker after speaker had made it patently clear that waiting for statistics to prove that pollution was harmful was suicidal.

In a private interview, the vice president of the Institute of Water Pollution Control, Mr. J. Griffiths, expressed to the Ambassador College Science/News team his reaction to the noted doctor’s speech: “. . . a little bit of philosophy is better than a lot of science, because we’ve got to look ahead, see what might happen under certain circumstances, realize the dangers and take action to avoid those dangers before they occur. It’s no use telling a dead man you’ve just found a means of curing the disease from which he died.”

Others in Britain echo the same warning. Lord Kennet, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Housing, was quoted in the *Daily Telegraph*, “Guilty until proved innocent ought to be the criterion by which suspected pollutants are judged.” He said it was wiser to prohibit a suspected pollutant until it had been proven safe. “If a new substance begins to appear in the environment, and if the relevant experts say we cannot say this substance is harmful, but equally we cannot say it is not, then I believe that substance should be regarded as a pollutant until it is shown to be harmless.”

Yet at the symposium the learned doctor escaped unquestioned. No one had the courage to enlighten this “man of science.” No one pointed out the obvious fact that had the great scientists of the past waited for a mammoth government report before beginning their work, we would still be in the stone age. But because the man was a “scientist,” a “doctor,” a member of the grand and glorious world of science, he was accorded an unmerited, hallowed position of dignity. In such a situation one sees very little difference between a blind faith in God and a blind faith in science.

J. Portune

## LOGIC

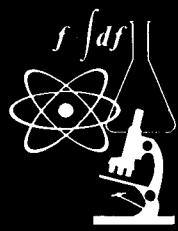
### What’s Impossible for God

**“If God is God, then nothing is impossible for Him. Therefore He can make a rock too heavy for Him to lift. But if it is impossible for Him to lift the rock, then He is not God, so there cannot be any God.”**

**S**o goes a favorite atheistic argument. And as ridiculous as it sounds — and *is* — this “logical trick” is nonetheless used to “prove” that God does not exist. But is this reasoning valid? *No* — it is based on a *false assumption*. Because the Bible states that *there are things impossible for God to do*.

In order to get a clear picture of what would be impossible for God, let’s consider the game of checkers. Checkers, as you know, is played only on the black squares. But could *God* play it on the red squares also? Absolutely not! It is *impossible* for God to move His checkers on the red squares and *STILL stay within the rules of checkers*. It is *logically* impossible because of the *LAW*s of checkers. The limitation is on the *game* itself and has *nothing* to do with the *power* of the individual playing the game. Likewise it is *IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE* (Heb. 6:18; Titus 1:2) and still stay within His Law (Ex. 20:16).

Wouldn’t it be ridiculous to suggest that God does not exist because He cannot move checkers on the red squares without violating the rules of this man-made game? How much more ridiculous would it be to say that God does not exist because it is “impossible” for Him to lie without breaking His own Law? Then it is equally ridiculous for the atheist to argue that God does not exist because He cannot perform a *ridiculously idiotic logical impossibility* such



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as creating a rock too heavy for Him to lift! All other arguments used by those who say there is no God (Psalm 14:1 and 53:1) prove equally illogical — some are just more complicated.

W. Stenger

## NEW FOODS

### "Milk" From Animal Blood?

Scientists are now able to produce dry "milk" from animal blood. "The discovery is supposed to have *enormous potential*," reported Jack Major (*Commercial Fertilizer*, February 1970, p. 5), "since 7 percent of an animal is blood, more than 2 billion pounds of a valuable source of protein is lost [per year]."

How about it? Should blood be consumed by human beings? The Word of God gives the clear answer — NO! "Ye shall eat the BLOOD of NO manner of flesh" (Lev. 17:14).

And although it "looks like" and "tastes like" dry milk, however it was transformed, this "new food" is *still blood* or directly from blood.

Furthermore, animal blood or any decomposed product derived from it (which this synthetic product is) should rightly be used as fertilizer to enrich the soil. Whosoever "hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust" (Lev. 17:13). Crops could then be benefitted by it. And human beings would in turn enjoy the fruits of the land.

K. C. Lee

## ASTRONOMY

### Lunar Effects

The superstitious have often believed that the weather could be predicted by noting the phases of the moon. Mention the moon to the man on the street and he thinks of America

winning the race with Russia to have a few men set foot there.

But what is the moon *really* for? What are its effects upon the earth and upon man? The words *lunatic* and *looney* come from the supposed maddening influence of the moon, especially the full moon, on unstable minds. The word *month* has its origin in the name *moon*. We see that the moon is a light-giver, yet fail to see clearly its time-keeping role in man's affairs.

Suppose a farmer were to "plant in the moon," expecting rainfall to follow soon after his planting — surely that would be superstition. Or would it?

Farmers have always known somehow that a relationship exists between the weather and the moon... One of the old, now shattered myths of scientists has been that there was no such relationship... the data on the relationship between the earth's weather and the moon has been available all along to anyone who cared to examine routine U. S. Weather Bureau reports... [A very careful analysis of reports over a fifty-year period has shown that] very clearly... there is a strong tendency for the extreme precipitation to fall near the middle of the first and third weeks after the new moon, especially on the third to fifth days after the new moon and full moon. In the same way, the weeks after first quarter and third quarter were lacking in such heavy precipitation, the low point falling about 3 days prior to full moon and new moon. (Quoted from *Pictorial Guide to the Planets* by Joseph H. Jackson, p. 52-53.)

Briefly explained, the moon's position with regard to earth and sun produces the moon's phases. But as an added item — "a bonus" — the moon's position affects the number of particles coming from the sun and entering the earth's atmosphere. And these particles form the nuclei for raindrops! Is this an accidental arrangement to be mused over and then forgotten? Not at all.

Who hasn't heard of a "Harvest Moon" and a "Hunter's Moon"? During the nights of the Harvest Moon, rainfall (according to the U. S. Weather Bureau) is going to be considerably *less* (on the average) than during the following week. The farmer who scheduled planting and harvest to take advantage of the nights of the Harvest Moon has had (on the average) the added blessing of little rainfall to mar his harvest. A full (or almost full) moon, rising in the east within an hour or two of sunset (before or after) night after night, has given him the illumination to work added hours in the field.

His modern neighbor ignores the lunar phases, turns on his tractor lights to work late and keeps his ears open to the changing weather forecasts. The odds would have been somewhat better had he been aware of this subtle lunar pattern.

While local weather is surely *dominated*

by local conditions, and there is of course a seasonal pattern for the weather, yet this lunar pattern does exist and works for the man who works with it.

Then one would conclude that the moon ought to be one of man's timekeepers? Correct.

But how many moons (months) in a year? *Twelve*, and a fraction left over. What about this fraction? Some years require the addition of a thirteenth month to keep the calendar in line with the seasons. How many additions? *Seven* times in nineteen years an extra moon (month) is needed to bring the sun, moon and earth into the same alignment — and with a very astonishing accuracy!

Consider the accuracy of this pattern: 235 lunar months (a lunar month is the time from new moon to new moon) equal 6939.688 days, just slightly over 19 years, which total 6939.60 days. The approximately .09 of a day — 2.11 hours — difference (in 19 years) would need no correction for many centuries.

Early man followed such a lunar-solar calendar. The Hebrew Sacred (Jewish) Calendar today is founded on this same nineteen-year cycle.

Who *set* the pattern of the heavens so that *twelve* years of this 19-year cycle would have *twelve* months each, while *seven* would have an additional month? Christian and Jew alike say God did. To find His numbers *seven* and *twelve* indelibly stamped on His two main timekeepers (sun and moon) is more than a remarkable coincidence. The pattern of the heavens was obviously *set*. It is the result of design and requires a Designer.

Our moon is a multipurpose satellite. No college astronomy book dares to place the whole story squarely before its readers. The distance of the moon, its diameter, its apparent size in the heavens, its role in solar and lunar eclipses, its role in modifying rainfall patterns on earth, its aid to the farmer who follows a lunar-solar calendar in planting his crops, its provision of added light for working late evenings during harvest time, and its partial restraint of rainfall for that harvest, these all make the moon far more than just a romantic symbol in man's affairs.

Theologian, astronomer and farmer all acknowledge that the moon occupies a most unusual place in the heavens. How can anyone fail to acknowledge that it was *put* there?

Then the Russians were *not* the first to place a satellite into orbit around the earth? No, atheistic Russia was *second*, and doubting America was *third*.

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# Personal

## FROM THE EDITOR

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literally *thrilling* to every new discovery of spiritual "light" and Biblical truth.

Now a passion swept over me to "get our families saved."

With the best intentions in the world, I set out on a vigorous campaign. To me, it was the loving and intense desire to *share* the wonders and glories of salvation and Bible knowledge with those we felt we loved most. But to most of them, it was an unwanted effort to "cram my crazy religion down their throats."

I did succeed, apparently, in talking one sister-in-law into a certain start. I had to learn later it was a false start. She was baptized, either when I was, or very shortly afterward. But, as too often happens when a high-pressure salesman talks one into something he doesn't really want, she turned against it all shortly afterward.

I had to learn, however, that, even though I had believed I was a pretty good salesman in my earlier business experience, I was unable utterly to "cram my religion down my relatives' throats." My efforts only aroused hostility. They said I was "crazy."

This is a universal mistake committed by the newly converted. Especially is this true where a husband or wife yields to God's truth without the other.

It nearly broke up our marriage — even though Mrs. Armstrong did NOT attempt to inject her new religious belief into me. In our case the marriage was saved only because I accepted the challenge to study into it myself, confident I could prove she was wrong. But most mates will not study into it. Most unconverted mates, especially if the converted one tries to talk the other into his or her religion, will break up the home.

In the more than thirty-two years since my conversion, I have known of dozens and scores of marriages that

have ended in divorce *because the newly converted mate tried to talk the unconverted one into accepting it*. In a very few, if any, instances has the unconverted mate been talked into accepting it.

Of all things evil and harmful a newly converted Christian can do, the very WORST is to try to talk your husband or wife into your religion. **WHAT-EVER** else you do, let me *plead* with every such reader, **NEVER** commit this tragic sin. If you love your husband or wife, *don't do it!!* If you love your Saviour who died for you and now lives for you, **DON'T DO IT!!**

Remember these scriptures: "No man can come to me," said Jesus, "except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44, 65). Again, Jesus said: "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came *not* to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother . . . and a man's foes shall be they of his own household. . . . He that loveth father or mother [or wife or husband] more than me is not worthy of me . . . And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me" (Matt. 10:34-38).

God made every human a free moral agent. Thank God! — no one has power to force on *you* any unwanted religion.

Every individual makes his *own* decision. A religious difference between husband and wife is a serious handicap. The Bible *forbids* a converted person from marrying an unconverted.

But if such difference already exists, do not make matters worse by *talking* religion to your mate. Do all your *talking* to God in prayer. Let your mate *see* your happy, pleasant, cheerful, joyful, loving *WAY* of life — not *hear* your arguments or nagging! Allow your mate complete religious latitude and freedom — whether to be converted, religious, irreligious, or atheistic!

I am glad I learned that lesson early. I have had to maintain certain business connections with many people, since being plunged into God's Work. I must maintain contacts with radio men, pub-

lishers, professional men. I get along splendidly with them. A big reason is that I never talk religion to them.

I never try to talk *anyone* into accepting Bible truth or being converted. I go *to* the world over the air, and in print, and everyone is free to listen, or read — or to dial out or not read. No one gets our literature unless he personally requests it. We try never to force God's precious truth on anyone. That's **GOD'S WAY!!**

Do you know how the Apostle Paul won individuals to Christ? Not the way people attempt to do it today. He said "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save *some*" (I Cor. 9:22). When he talked to an unconverted Jew, do you suppose he spoke as a Christian, thinking he is "witnessing for Christ"? Do you suppose Paul said to the unconverted Jew: "Have you received Christ as your personal Saviour? Oh, *won't* you just kneel with me right here, dear brother, and give your heart to the Lord right now?" Or, do you suppose he said: "Look here, my Jewish sinner-friend, you're on the way to hell. Your religion is all wrong. Every day you reject Christ as your Saviour you are crucifying Him afresh. You are worse than a thief or a murderer. I'm going to keep after you, and pester you with my arguments, and drum them into your stubborn ears, and beat them into that stiff rebellious mind of yours until I *force* you to become a Christian."

No, that is not the way Paul spoke to unconverted Jews. Paul said: "Unto the Jews I became *as a Jew*" (I Cor. 9:20, 22). Paul spoke to others *from their point of view!* He talked to a Jew just like *another Jew* — from the *Jewish viewpoint* — showing sympathy and understanding of the *Jews'* way of looking at Christianity. They were — and mostly are today — hostile to the idea of Jesus being the promised Messiah. Paul did not rouse hostility — he put it down. He got on the inside, so to speak, just as *one of them*, so that they were *sympathetic* toward him, not hostile. He became *as a Jew*, "that I might gain the Jews." Even so he gained only a small minority, yet it was a large number.

Perhaps you have had your eyes

opened to the fact that sin is the transgression of God's Law. Most professing Christians have been taught, and consequently sincerely believe, that "the Law is done away." Paul was inspired to write that the carnal mind is hostile to God and to God's Law; "it is not subject to the Law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7). If you say to your unconverted mate who is hostile to God's Law, "You're just a rebellious sinner, and your church is just one of these false worldly churches. You've got to *repent*, and obey God's Commandments if you are going to be saved" — you have not only aroused hostility, you have yourself *been* hostile, and you probably have broken up your marriage.

How did Paul talk to such people? Listen: "And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews... To the weak became I as weak, that I

might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (I Cor. 9:20-22).

One of the first principles of successful advertising I learned early in my career is that to get results you must *first* learn the attitude of your reading audience toward whatever product or service you are advertising. You must not antagonize those whom you expect to persuade. You must approach them from *their* point of view — not from *yours*, especially if your viewpoint is contrary to theirs. To win them to *your* point of view, you must approach them from *their* viewpoint. Otherwise you only arouse hostility.

I know that these words are addressed to a very large number who have made this terrible mistake. That is why I have devoted so much space to this point.

If you believe God's truth, and your

husband or wife does not, NEVER TALK RELIGION to him or her. If your mate normally thinks and speaks only of material and worldly things, then you must speak of material things to your spouse. If *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast has, probably because of your own aggressiveness in trying to get your mate to listen, become a sore spot, go off to some private room to hear the program. Keep the volume turned down. *Make every effort NOT to antagonize* your husband or wife.

And again, when you *talk* about it, talk to God in prayer. Let your mate see your *good works*, in a manner that he or she will naturally approve. Avoid every hostility. Be *pleasant*. Keep *cheerful!* Be *happy!* Radiate *JOY!!* Give *LOVE* and warm affection!!! Do everything to cause your husband or wife to *like* you! *THAT IS THE CHRISTIAN WAY!!* □

## AGRICULTURE IN TOMORROW'S WORLD

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make the Lord's Name very great and be an everlasting sign (of God's power and love)" (Isa. 55:12-13).

"And the Lord shall bless Israel again, and make her deserts blossom; her barren wilderness shall become as beautiful as the Garden of Eden" (Isa. 51:3).

The entire 35th chapter of Isaiah is devoted to this same theme:

"Even the wilderness and desert will rejoice in those days, the desert will blossom with flowers.

"Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy! The deserts will become as green as the Lebanon mountains, as lovely as Mount Carmel's pastures, and Sharon's meadows, for the Lord will display His glory there, the excellency of our God...

"Springs will burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

"The parched ground will become a pool, with springs of water in the thirsty land. Where desert jackals lived, there will be reeds and rushes!" (Isa. 35:1-2, 6-7.)

Some years ago, in a dry, parched canyon deep in the profusion of hills between Bakersfield and Los Angeles, California, a minor earthquake rippled through the arid hills. Not long after the earth rocked and groaned beneath their feet, the proprietors of a nearby small resort heard a faint gurgling sound. They ran to the dry, dusty creek bed that coursed through their property and were utterly amazed to see *water* flowing swiftly along. As the creek gradually cleared up, they found the water to be crystal-clear and pure — sweet and refreshing to drink. Somehow, the earthquake had broken open an underground water source, sending it cascading through their property.

It is known that large underground reservoirs of water exist under many desert areas — just waiting to be released. In *Tomorrow's World*, God will open up these water sources and make them available to man.

### Perfect Weather

Nothing affects agriculture more than

the weather. But today the weather is often the farmer's greatest worry — his enemy instead of his ally. Rain too often comes at the wrong time — too early, too late or during harvest. Or it comes in the wrong manner — accompanied by violent, destructive winds. And sometimes it doesn't come at all.

In *Tomorrow's World*, this will all be different for everyone living in accord with the established government.

God promises: "I will make *My* people and their homes around *My* hill a blessing. And there shall be showers, showers of blessing, for I will not shut off the rains but send them in their seasons. Their fruit trees and fields will yield bumper crops, and everyone will live in safety" (Ezek. 34:26-27).

The only way the weather will be against man in *Tomorrow's World* will be when individuals or nations refuse to obey God and His laws. You can read what will happen to those who refuse to worship God properly in Zechariah 14:9-17.

### Human Nature Changed

Throughout history, man has cut down the forests, overgrazed the grasslands and mined the earth's croplands — with hardly a thought given to

replacing, rebuilding and restoring. With very few exceptions, land *use* has been synonymous with land *abuse*.

And what has been at the root of this abuse? Human nature! An attitude of getting! Man's nature of vanity, jealousy, lust and greed manifests itself in every one of his activities — and agriculture is no exception.

The obvious problems of agriculture today cannot be solved unless and until man's nature of getting can be replaced by a nature of giving. As long as human nature with its tendencies to tear down, exploit and destroy is allowed to dominate, there is no hope for agriculture.

But God has the answer to human nature. That answer is His Holy Spirit. When added to the human mind, this Spirit imparts God's outgoing, loving, giving nature to man.

In Tomorrow's World the Holy Spirit will be available to all mankind!

"And I will give you a new heart — I will give you new and right desires — and put a new spirit within you. I will take out your stony hearts of sin and give you new hearts of love.

"And I will put My Spirit within you so that you will obey My laws and do whatever I command. . . .

"I will cleanse away your sins. I will abolish crop failures and famine.

"I will give you huge harvests from your fruit trees and fields. . . .

"Then you will remember your past sins and loathe yourselves for all the evils you did" (Ezek. 36:26-31).

When people turn to God and receive His Spirit, agriculture will be blessed!

God will even cause a change in the nature of animals!

"In that day the wolf and the lamb will lie down together, and the leopard and goats will be at peace. Calves and fat cattle will be safe among lions, and a little child shall lead them all.

"The cows will graze among bears; cubs and calves will lie down together, and lions will eat grass like the cows.

"Babies will crawl safely among poisonous snakes, and a little child who puts his hand in a nest of deadly adders will pull it out unharmed.

"Nothing will hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain; for as the waters fill the sea, so shall the earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord" (Isa. 11:6-9; see also chapter 65:25).

### Pollution Eliminated

Today man is polluting the earth terribly through wrong agricultural and industrial practices. By the time the World Tomorrow begins, the land and water will have been so badly polluted by man that it will take a great miracle from God to rectify the damage.

God declares in Ezekiel 47:8-12 that there will be a river that flows out from Jerusalem. It will have miraculous purifying and healing powers. As its waters flow to all parts of the earth, they will clean up the filth and pollution caused by man. They will cause fruit trees to produce wholesome, nutritious food that will give health and strength to those who eat it.

Not only will the earth be restored by this healing water flowing out from Jerusalem, but men will follow laws of farming which eliminate pollution.

No longer will cattle and other livestock be confined to crowded feedlots where they are fed an unbalanced diet of highly concentrated feeds that, chances are, may even include mixtures containing their own dung.

Instead, "In that day shall thy cattle feed in large [ample and lush] pastures. The oxen likewise and the young asses that ear the ground shall eat clean provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan" (Isa. 30:23-24, this and remaining quotes from King James Version).

Poison sprays and artificial fertilizers — and anything else that pollutes — will not be tolerated in Tomorrow's World. God says: "I will also save you from *all* your uncleannesses [physical as well as spiritual]: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it and lay no famine upon you" (Ezek. 36:29).

### Entire Society Agriculturally Oriented

In Tomorrow's World the nations "shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they

learn war any more" (Micah 4:3).

Instead of making instruments of destruction and being a war-oriented society, men will make instruments of peace and society will become agriculturally oriented. Agriculture will be a respected profession, and many, many people will be engaged in it.

"But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it" (Micah 4:4).

This verse emphatically states that there will be private ownership of property. So does Jeremiah 32:43-44, which tells of buying and selling land.

God believes in private ownership. He also expects man to maintain and improve what he owns — especially in regards to property (Gen. 2:15).

Because proper care of the land involves work which can often be done only with human hands, the farms in Tomorrow's World will probably be relatively small. Each farm will need to provide for only 1-3 families as opposed to about 20 families today in the U. S. Also, the earth will yield so abundantly that it will not be necessary to own large tracts of land in order for the farmer to be prosperous.

Can you imagine what it will be like when man wholeheartedly works in harmony with all of God's physical and spiritual laws? The results will be breathtaking. The Bible describes it like this:

"Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all" (Jer. 31:12).

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt . . . and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them" (Amos 9:13-14).

Agriculture in Tomorrow's World — this is a *glimpse* of what it will be like! □

# ANSWERS to your Questions

● “Since Jesus meant for man to have a wife, do you think He will marry? To some that might sound blasphemous, but I think it’s natural that He would have a family.”

Strange as it may seem, Jesus Christ already had a wife! In Exodus 19 and 24, the LORD of the Old Testament, Jesus Christ Himself (I Cor. 10:4) made a covenant with ancient Israel at Mount Sinai. This covenant was a *marriage agreement*. Notice Jeremiah 3:14: here the LORD (Christ) commands His wife, “Turn, O blacksliding children . . . for I am *married* unto you.”

But ancient Israel did not carry out her part of the marriage covenant. She was an unfaithful wife (Ezek. 16). God had made His righteous Law a part of that covenant. But because of sin, which is the transgression of that Law, God had to separate Himself from His wife (Isa. 50:1; 59:1-2). “And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce” (Jer. 3:8).

Though He put her away, the marriage covenant Christ anciently made with Israel was binding until death. Neither party was free to marry another (Matt. 19:3-9). However, Christ’s death on the stake freed Him from that marriage (Rom. 7:1-4).

Now Christ will soon marry again. Only this time He will once again marry a repentant, forgiven, sinless “spiritual Israel.” This is the New Testament Church soon to enter the Kingdom of God. Read Revelation 19:7: “The marriage of the Lamb is come, and *His wife* hath made herself ready.”

The whole story of this coming spiritual marriage — and its meaning for you — is made plain in our full-

color booklet *Why Marriage?* Send for your free copy.

● “In one of your articles, you speak of people being dead for eternity after a short third resurrection. What is the third resurrection?”

The third resurrection is a resurrection to EVERLASTING DEATH — a state of permanent nonexistence, and *not* a fiendish confinement in a sadistic “hell” where sinners are unendingly tormented and tortured. This final resurrection is composed of those who voluntarily, of themselves, choose *not* to repent (Luke 13:3, 5). They are cast into a lake of fire (described in Revelation 20:14, 15) which is the second death. But we have a loving Father, a giver of grace and glory (Psalm 84:11). He wants “*all men to be saved*” (I Tim. 2:4). And so absolutely *nobody* who sincerely repents — no matter what he or she has “done” — no matter how horrible his or her sins have been — will ever be cast into the lake of fire.

● “Why is Jesus called ‘the Christ?’”

The name “Christ” signifies “the Anointed One” or “Messiah.” Jesus was called “Christ” because He fulfilled the office of the prophesied Messiah.

● “I was reading the article ‘Does God Still Answer Prayer?’ and was terribly shocked when I came to Isaiah 59:2 — it says *God does not bear sinners*. I have been praying for many years but I did not know that *God was not listening to me*.”

While it is true that God doesn’t

hear sinners, it is also true that God is ready and anxious to *forgive* sinners (Psalm 86:5). Our Father is rich in mercy.

Read Psalm 103:10-12: “He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.”

Our Heavenly Father takes great delight in answering the prayers of a truly repentant person. Real *repentance* is the key. A person who has *really* repented is no longer a sinner in God’s sight. As a matter of fact, God has set His mind so that He will utterly *forget* all of our sins — *all* of them — *literally* — once we repent and are baptized. “I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, *and will not remember thy sins*” (Isa. 43:25). Write for these three free articles for further understanding.

“What Is Real Repentance?”

“The Answer to Unanswered Prayer”

“Why Does God Hide Himself?”

They will not only show you how to gain real contact with the Living God, but also how to arrange personal counsel with His true ministers.

● “In the May-June Tomorrow’s World you stated that a ‘tithes’ is a ‘tenth’ — 10% — of one’s *gross* income. All that I can find in my Bible indicates that a tithe refers to 10% of the *increase* (Deut. 14:22 and 26:12).”

Sorry, our mistake — we should have been more explicit. God instructs us to tithe on that portion of our income that represents real increase. A businessman or a farmer, for example, would deduct cost of rent and operating expenses — but not personal living expenses or personal taxes — from his gross income before figuring his tithe.

If you have any further questions, write to our Personal Correspondence Department.

# GOSPEL POLLUTION

*Mankind's pollution doesn't stop with his environment — he has polluted his mind, morals and spirit also. Even the Gospel has not escaped man's polluting touch. The Good News of God's Plan for man was no sooner proclaimed by Jesus Christ of Nazareth than men determinedly set themselves to pervert, twist, malign, deny and distort His message. Let's remove the pollution and restore the true Gospel in all its original beauty. Let's get back to the FAITH once delivered to the saints.*

by Clint C. Zimmerman

**A** CRASH anti-pollution program is needed now — for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel has been trapped in the thick, oozy-goo of a spiritual oil spill. Gasping! Wheezing! Desperately wiping its red-rimmed and burning eyes from spiritually blinding "black fog," it staggers along, poisoned and polluted beyond recognition.

But there is hope — if we wash and filter it through the cleansing purifying, healing truth of the Bible. This is the only way to restore its purity, maintain its sweetness, and unleash its life-giving power.

## Good Government

The *Gospel* is the GOOD NEWS — the GLAD TIDINGS — of man's association with God in a KINGDOM — the *good Government* of God.

The word "gospel," in your Bible, is translated from the Greek word, *euangelion*. It means the "good news" or

"glad tidings" that a good and fruitful government — the Kingdom of God — will one day be established.

## Polluted Gospel

The Gospel has been swept into the oppressive confines of the world's cathedrals. These funeral, cavernous structures — their walls and floors punctured with crypts holding the moldering bones of the long dead — have tainted the living Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Any gospel which escapes these musty traps all too easily finds itself captured and made part of an outrageous *carnival* show. Sweaty preachers bark raucously, many of them jabbering incoherently in their affected "tongues," as they try to outcry one another in tent revivals and healing sideshows. They make a farce of the real Gospel.

Between these two extremes lies the broad expanse of everyday, run-of-the-mill, common Christianity. Churchianity has embraced what it thought to be the Gospel tightly to itself — and has been

disappointed! Their "gospel" did not cause anything better to happen. Everything stayed the same or even worsened. The world didn't become any better in spite of their huge missionary efforts. All things continued as they were from the beginning. It looked like God needed a hand; so they decided to give Him one. They invented the "*social gospel*" to make up for the perfidy of God. *How presumptuous!*

History proves man is a wretch. There was little hope that any good could be done about his situation until Christ laid down the principles of Christianity. All the converts thought, "Here is the solution." But no matter how industriously they applied their "Christian" principles, failure continued to plague mankind. Most "Christians" thought the promised, perfect Kingdom was going to be set up in the church itself or would be "found in their own hearts."

When neither of these ideas proved

to be correct, they began to look to a social interpretation of the Christian faith. Their own *interpretation* of the TRUE Gospel caused them to look within society itself for improvement of its evils.

Recognizing that competition was vicious, and being concerned for fair play and justice for the little man, aggressive churchmen began to press for their own solution. Idealistically and optimistically, THEY expected to be able to set up their "Kingdom of God" on this earth out of their own efforts. They were inclined to "understand" Jesus' Kingdom teachings in the light of their own revolutionary thinking. It was their confident hope that their application of "Christian principles" to the ordering of society would undo the serious social evils rampant in the world. They would see to it, since God wasn't on the job, that the Kingdom of God would be set up.

They *failed* utterly to keep the Bible in true perspective. They failed to realize that neither Christ nor Paul started a trade union, lobbied for legislative changes, ran for offices, circulated petitions, rebelled against legal machinery. NO, the true teachers of Christianity NEVER DID try to change the *social order*. Their religion had no man-devised political overtones (Gal. 1:11; II Cor. 10:3-5). They were only concerned with the socio-political changes which would take place AFTER Christ returned to set up HIS Kingdom. Christ knew His Kingdom would NOT be established *until a couple of thousand years after His death*. It still is not yet quite time for it to start.

POLLUTED Gospel concepts continue to contaminate the issue.

As pollutants besmirch, foul, change ecological balances and set in motion degenerative forces that unstoppably march toward the macabre stillness of death, just so do the pollutants of the Gospel sap, strangle and finally completely stifle it.

If the Gospel lies befouled under a layer of spiritual scum, is made indistinct by spiritual smog, and becomes repugnant because of spiritual poisons, it should not be thought unusual. We have had warning after warning that the attempt would be made. The true

Gospel is lost sight of and repudiated because Satan easily blinds the minds of disbelievers so they don't really see the glory in the Gospel which was brought by Jesus Christ (II Cor. 4:3-4).

### Christ's Warning

Christ's ministry *began* with His "...preaching the GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD" (Mark 1:14). The first four books of the New Testament speak literally dozens and dozens of times about that KINGDOM OF GOD.

Christ's message — HIS GOSPEL — was about the establishment of God's Kingdom and He realized that *very few* would really "get the message." He knew people would distort and wrest it. He knew MANY people, while accepting His *divinity*, understanding His *death*, admitting to His *resurrection*, would *miss* the mark entirely insofar as understanding just what He was preaching: *how to gain entry into the Kingdom*. He lamented this lack of perception in "religious" folk when He said, "Not everyone that says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 7:21). He said this near the *beginning* of His ministry.

Just before His death He was *still* making it plain that religious-sounding people would admit to His being the Christ, but use this very religiosity to DECEIVE MANY — to *preach another gospel* (Matt. 24:5).

### Apostolic Warning

Paul, too, *knew* there would be those who would PERVERT the Gospel of Christ and he *thundered* against them — saying they were "ACCURSED" (Gal. 1:7-9).

Paul believed what Christ had said. He expected the perversion, *corruption*, POLLUTION of the Gospel (II Cor. 11:3-4). It came early, marred deeply. Paul, James, Peter, John, Jude all wrote powerfully because of the pollution which continuously contaminated the truth of the Gospel. Jude 3-4 pleads that it is necessary to vigorously fight against the corrupting influence of a false gospel and ministry. Jude knew that ungodly, licentious, lascivious men had already defiled the truth. We, too, have only to make the most casual

examination to note the debasement and desecration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ — the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. It's been going on for a long, long time. The muck is deeper than ever today.

### We're Used to Pollution

The city dweller today has almost forgotten what it's like to live in a clean world. He's used to the peculiar odor of his drinking water and expects it to taste like dilute laundry bleach. He expects not to be able to see more than a few blocks because the smog is "always" there. He has learned not to rub his burning eyes. He knows that only makes them more irritated. He breathes shallowly and hopes he won't become an emphysema statistic.

So it is with the polluted Gospel. It's been corrupt for so long that it just seems it should be the way it is. NOT SO!

### The Cause

Pollution is almost entirely due to greed — seeking self-satisfaction the quick and easy way. Profits must be had no matter what the cost to environment.

Our system is a suicidal one. Collectively we accept, almost with eagerness, an early, torturous death if only the system will continue to circulate dollars, provide things, leisure, comforts, "progress" for the time being. "They" — the experts — whoever "they" are — promise that it will all turn out just fine. "They" will one day come up with all of the answers. "Our Utopia is assured" — just trust them. Not knowing what else to do, we trust these self-styled experts. We place our lives in their hands — and our waterways become ever more contaminated by the disgorged, loathsome sewage of man and his industry. The earth continues to have millions of tons of poisons of an affluent society dumped on it. The air thickens with the effluvial pall of deadly gases manufactured and eructated by our mechano-chemical way of life. Nonetheless, the *experts* are in control.

Man usually trusts the experts. He sees a doctor when he's sick, a lawyer when there's a legal problem, an insurance broker when he needs an estate, a



teacher when he's ignorant, a preacher when he's in spiritual trouble. Between the man and his expert advisor he usually muddles through even when the advice is wrong and costly. In most such problems bad advice will only result in material loss to some degree. But bad advice from a preacher can be of eternal concern; so each of us ought to become thoroughly conversant with the facts involved. *That demands looking into the Bible for yourself!* No one can be trusted with YOUR SALVATION — YOUR IMMORTALITY — YOUR UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ has real, solid, purposeful, practical attraction. It speaks forcibly about a way, a system, which — if a man will but subscribe to and live by — will bring him into a more perfect way, system, manner of living, kind of discipline, type of government in which all of his good and proper desires will find complete expression.

### The Effect

The "gospel" of churchianity is hollow, watery, meaningless.

Their "gospel" says certain goody-good individuals will one day find themselves wafted off to "heaven." Each will be issued a white toga, a sparkling halo and a fluffy cloud. Each of these A-1 harpists will sit benignly strumming while enjoying his "beatific vision." Look the Bible through and you won't find any such thing.

### Evangelists Say

World-renowned preachers are content to say, "The Gospel is the good news that, on the first Good Friday, Christ died for our sins and that He rose from the dead on that first Easter morning — and that God is willing to forgive us our sins — and give us new life, peace and joy."

All too many preachers — and their followers — say this *is the Gospel*.

The "experts" are WRONG!

I do NOT take anything from the sacrifice of Christ or His resurrection. Those actions by our loving Savior are *most important* and *vital* to salvation. We would have no hope whatsoever

without them. Christ's willingness to die poignantly portrays the *consummate* GRACE and *superlative* COMPASSION of our ever-merciful Redeemer. He bought us back from sin and its destructiveness. His resurrection opens the way into *immortality*.

Nonetheless, these actions, of themselves, do not explain the ultimate purpose and plan for mankind. The Gospel is meant to explain all of this. We can know the purpose for this uttermost expression of God's love.

God's Word makes it plain.

The shroud of mystery can be drawn back.

Let's look into it. Let's KNOW!

Let's filter out the pollution and find out just what the GOOD NEWS really is.

### BAD NEWS

The news has been almost totally *bad* ever since man has recorded anything about himself. He leaves a record of wantonness, rebellion, war, rape, robbery.

He hotly pursues love, but love eludes him. He eagerly anticipates joy, but is enveloped by despair. He strives for peace, but another war breaks out.

He has, from time to time, managed to delude himself that at long last he has Utopia in his grasp. Tomorrow always proves him wrong. His scheme backfires. He awakens with a hangover. His love proves to be a debauch, his joy an orgy, his peace only slight and temporary relief from grinding away at the rut he is making in this derelict, vicious age (or "evil world," Gal. 1:4).

It is absolutely true that we are only able to find our way out of the present system through Jesus Christ. The fact remains that *we are in a SYSTEM* from which we seek release. It follows that if we leave this system, we will then move toward another system. What is this different system?

### Christ Preached the Gospel

Note that Christ did NOT preach about His *own* life. He didn't *preach* His life — HE LIVED IT!

Preachers today all too often simply preach *about* the life and death — the

person — of Christ and *assume* that is the Gospel.

The first four books of the New Testament have unwittingly been entitled the "gospels." Those books were not called by that name until long, long *after* the resurrection of Christ. They were not even written until some thirty years or so *after* His ascension. These four books *are about* the life of Christ. They contain His message also. Both of those themes are very important. But we must make certain that we do not create a "gospel" out of the story of Christ's life if it clouds and covers the GOSPEL message HE PREACHED. He preached ABOUT THE KINGDOM. That is the Gospel — the GOOD NEWS!

In fact and truth, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is about a Kingdom — the Kingdom of God — and so about *GOVERNMENT*. A kingdom *cannot* exist without government. Government is an integral part of *all* kingdoms. So, the Gospel is the GOOD NEWS that finally — *ultimately* — a really GOOD government is going to be established which will free the earth and its inhabitants from evil. Christ is going to *rule* over that government. Satan and his evil will be "bound" for a thousand years. All mankind will finally experience goodness and peace in ACTUAL FACT! (Rev. 20:4-8; Rom. 11:32; I Cor. 15:22-24.)

Christ told people about the Kingdom *before* He died and was resurrected. He didn't continually talk about His life and death — He continually *preached the Gospel of the Kingdom*. There is a difference!

Certainly His life, death and resurrection are vitally important to our attaining salvation, the Kingdom, sonship; but the good news for man — what the future holds — *proceeds forward* from those incidents. It leaps forward almost immediately some 2000 YEARS, graphically describes yet another thousand years of Christ's millennial RULE, and boldly challenges and outdistances man's imaginative perception of that same government as it will exist in eternity!

Christ did NOT preach *about* His OWN LIFE — as most ministers now do, calling this biographical resume "*the*

*gospel.* He LIVED His own life as an example of proper discipline and self-government. He told men to live this same way so that they might thereby qualify for a position in the Kingdom.

Their works could not buy salvation or entrance into the Kingdom. The GRACE of God provides for sin's *pardon*. But men must prove their willingness to come under the good, holy, just laws which God commands. These same laws will be in effect in the Kingdom of God. The Gospel — the good news — is about how man can get into that Kingdom and be with God and see His as He is (I John 3:2). The Gospel is about how man can join the God Family.

Churchianity does NOT understand this. Those who only prattle about the life, death and resurrection of Christ — essential, gracious and all-important as those facts are — find themselves sucked dry of the life-giving Gospel power. Left only sweet sanctimoniousness, bereft of spiritual practicality, withered and shrunk from the peace which the life of Christ foretells. Without the goal about which Christ spoke, man is left to eternally pluck his harp as he rapidly gazes into the unblinking eye of a god who has flung him into sterile endlessness.

Every kingdom *must* have four parts: 1) a king; 2) territory; 3) inhabitants or subjects; and 4) laws. If any one of these essentials is missing, the kingdom simply cannot be.

Christ explains that entrance into the Kingdom is of utmost importance. We are directly told it must be our primary goal (Matt. 6:33).

### The King Has Been Appointed

On the night that Jesus was born, an angel came saying, "I bring you *good tidings* [remember the meaning of the word "gospel"] of great joy . . . for unto you is born . . . a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10, 11). Note too, that "Lord" means: one who owns or possesses, one who controls, sovereign, prince, chief. Most definitely Christ is KING.

The angel was repeating what had been in the Scriptures for centuries. Isaiah 9:6 says that this child would

have GOVERNMENT on His shoulders! He is responsible for *governing!* Verse 7 goes on to say that this *established government* would go on forever.

### Subjects and Territory

The "kings [mere men] of the earth" will be subject to Christ the SUPREME KING (Rev. 1:5). The government of God will be "over the NATIONS" of this earth (Rev. 2:26). Revelation 5:10 makes this more emphatic when it says this government will "... REIGN ON THE EARTH."

### Laws

We have already seen in Isaiah 9:7 that "judgment" and "justice" are to exist eternally. These governmental elements *demand* LAW. Paul understood "the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." He knew "... that the law is spiritual ..." and so everlasting (Rom. 7:12, 14). Without law there would be *anarchy*, which is absence of law. But the Kingdom is an orderly operation governed by the Law of God. Paul also tells us that the good news, glad tidings, Gospel must be "OBEYED" (Rom. 10:15-16.) It is law that defines what is *obedience* in every instance. I Peter 4:17 reemphasizes that fact that the Gospel is a legal message demanding *obedience*.

### Age-Old Rebellion

The good news is that God will reassert His rule upon rebellious mankind (Isa. 52:7).

Satan started the insanity of rebellion and anarchy (Ezek. 28:14-15). God has permitted him to hold sway over the earth until finally Christ returns as King to unseat the devil.

Satan has foisted off his illegal, rebellious ways on all mankind. He began by inveigling Eve and Adam into forsaking the *commands* — the theocratic government under which they were to live — of the Eternal God. God issued COMMANDS — LAWS — and expected *obedience* (Gen. 2:16-17; 3:17). These first people rebelled, and all mankind has followed in their lawlessness.

Israel, too, defected from God (I Sam. 8:5-7). They rejected God just as has the whole world. Satan has deceived

them *all* (Rev. 12:9). ALL have broken the Law and fallen short of the glory which God wants for men (Rom. 3:23).

### Restoration of God's Government

The Old Testament prophets knew that the Eternal was going to return His good government to this earth (Zech. 14:9). The government of God — the Kingdom of God — will relieve the horrible distress which mankind suffers. Acts 3:19-21 pointedly tells us that the return of Christ will result in a *refreshing* time when all things will be restored. The prophets have told us about the loss of God's government on earth. They looked forward to the return of the Messiah — the Ruler. The Kingdom will be set up. It will rule over all kings and nations.

Daniel 7:14 speaks of the Christ finally setting up His Kingdom: "And there was given him *dominion*, and glory, and a KINGDOM, that all *people*, *nations*, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." How *WONDERFUL!!*

### Unpolluted Gospel

We've washed the polluted Gospel in God's Word.

How *simple* to understand.

How MARVELOUS the plan and purpose of God.

How certain to SATISFY the needs of man.

Perfectly administered government attained!

The quest of the ages at last completed.

The earth and all its inhabitants will finally be scoured clean and purged of all pollutants — because of the true Gospel! Absolute PEACE will result. LOVE, in all its exquisite magnificence available to everyone through GOOD GOVERNMENT!

There will be no more WAR with all its attendant anguish and suffering (Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:1-4).

Here is the crystal-clear, clean, pure Gospel of the Kingdom which Christ Himself preached. Don't allow anyone ever again to fool you now that the Word of God has washed the Gospel spotless and sparkling just for you. □

# Letters to the Editor

## Christians Have Lost Their Power

What a great change in the May-June issue of *Tomorrow's World*! I really enjoyed the new features. I especially enjoyed the article "Christians Have Lost Their Power." I have just never realized that to be a Christian is difficult. I have always thought of it as being the easy way out. I know now for sure that I have never really been saved. Please send to me some literature to help me to understand what it is to be a Christian.

Alvin C.,  
Greenville, S.C.

• Our reprint articles "What Is a Real Christian?" and "What Is Real Repentance?" are on their way.

## Easter

The most recent issue of *Tomorrow's World* is the most (out-of-this-world magazine) I've ever read. I especially like the article on Easter. Like millions of other people I just always went along with the idea of fun for the children. I'm glad someone took time to print the truth about such nonsense.

Mrs. Russell A. H.,  
Lancaster, Ohio

## Conspiracy

Mail me what certainly must be a most provocative article mentioned in your May-June 1970 issue of *Tomorrow's World* entitled "The Plain Truth About Queer Men" that appeared in David L. Antion's article "Is There a Conspiracy Against Fatherhood?" This particular article is twenty years late in appearing in a national publication, and should be reprinted immediately in the majority of all other American publications.

Mr. Samuel H. S.,  
Beaver, Pa.

• Glad to send you this reprint article — it was printed in a national publication, *The PLAIN TRUTH*, in 1961.

"Is There a Conspiracy Against Fatherhood?" was undoubtedly the most self-righteous and ridiculous "Christian" attack against homosexuality I have ever read. The scare tactics of the article are not unlike those of McCarthyism. I knew "yellow" journalism was widespread, but I didn't expect to find it in your excellent magazine. Many psychiatrists and psychologists recognize homosexuality as a way of life and not as an abomination or disease.

Carl G. B.,  
Paramount, Calif.

• Another good Book on this subject tells the original story of Sodom and Gomorrah at the beginning (Genesis 18, 19) and ends up confirming its original stand on the "abomination" (Leviticus 18:22) of homosexuality, denying

the Kingdom of God to its practitioners (1 Corinthians 6:9). Write for another article which appeared in our "excellent magazine" in August, titled "How Sexy Can You Get?" As for some people's opinions on matters of morality, this Book also has a good comment, Romans 1:28: "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient."

## Anniversary Issue

We are overwhelmed by the enthusiastic response of hundreds of our Co-Workers and readers to the "new look" of TOMORROW'S WORLD. It is a source of tremendous encouragement to those of us who are constantly striving to give you the finest possible magazine. Thank you all. A few comments follow:

I have just finished the May-June 1970 Anniversary Issue of the *Tomorrow's World*. I could not lay it down until I had finished every last article. I have a one word comment — "Wow!" If this is any indication of what's to come — well let's get with it!! I have never found any of your material so packed with strong, hard-hitting truth put to us in such a powerful way. I am in high hopes that this is just a small beginning of a dynamic, coming, world-circling, power-packed word of the Gospel of the Coming Kingdom of God. Everyone I have talked to has found these articles simply electrifying.

Frank A.,  
Montrose, Mich.

Today, I received the May-June issue of *Tomorrow's World*; and since you requested comments, all I can say is Bravo! Truly you do practice what God commands us to do: to give to others. As a Co-Worker, I'm privileged and blessed to be able to do my small share for His Work; and I want to thank you for your favorable comments regarding Co-Workers in this new issue. Thank you!

Mr. Carmack O.,  
Washington, D.C.

Your fantastic section on "Why Today's World Is in Revolt and the Answers," is simply great — and just what is needed. It is astounding and almost unbelievable that while I was thinking of suggesting such a section to you and was not even able to describe it nor explain it in words, you came up with exactly what I was thinking about.

Robert J. W.,  
Detroit, Mich.

I really enjoyed the new features in the *Tomorrow's World* magazine. I liked the

articles especially "Here's Why the Word of God is the Foundation of Knowledge," "God's Law — Good For You!" "News of the Work," and "Why Today's World Is in Revolt." Also "Science vs. Theology" and "Answers to Your Questions." They are put forth in an interesting way and the inset titles were eye-catching.

Mrs. Donald A.,  
Sebago Lake, Maine

Thank you very much for sending your magazine *Tomorrow's World*. I read your stupendous article "News of the Work." I didn't really realize what you have been doing all of these years. Yes, I want to be a part of that too. I want to be a Co-Worker. I want to help send the Gospel of the Government of God around the world. I want to be part of it. I am going to send my tithe every week, and I want to be informed of all you do. I want my life to be happy and to have meaning or purpose in life. Here is my tithe.

James M. P.,  
Roswell, N. M.

I read the article in the May-June issue about "Teen-agers, How Far Should You Go?" You really tell it like it is. Teen-agers today would be a lot better off if they would stop for a minute to read your wonderful magazine. Would you please send me your booklet, *Modern Dating*.

Evonne H.,  
Cynthiana, Ky.

I would like to say how much I enjoyed your anniversary issue of *Tomorrow's World*. I did not think you could improve such a wonderful magazine which tells it like it is; but you have improved it many times over and I had to write and tell you of my feelings about the greatest Bible teaching magazine published today.

James D. S.,  
Zanesville, Ohio

Your recent *Tomorrow's World*, pages 13 and 14 entitled "Churches — Do They All Teach the Truth?" certainly got me thinking. Yes, I do wish to find the True Church of God. I've searched all my life and have not been able to determine the "True" one... Thus, I accept the invitation for a personal visit by one of your representatives when the time permits.

W. D. H.,  
South Bend, Ind.

## Tithing

Over the past six years I have been reading about tithing in *The Plain Truth*. I am a dairy farmer and over this period I have had many problems such as mineral deficiency, electric shocks in the cow shed, leptospiroses, contagious abortion, low fertility, and adverse weather conditions. After reading "Tithing Pays" in the February edition of *Tomorrow's World* I have decided to take the bull by the horns and challenge God as in Malachi 3:10. Please find enclosed a cheque for my first tithe.

R. B. T.,  
Okaihau, New Zealand

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