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Why Were You Born?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

HOW DO you know there is a God? To the agnostic or atheist I reply, "Look about you. The creation you see is visible *proof* of the pre-existence of the CREATOR."

What is God's work? For He does work—Jesus, you know, said, "My Father works, and I work." His work is that of CREATOR! God, then, *creates!*

Now look about you again. Look at all the species and forms of living creatures. How many of those whom God created and started living are able to think, plan, devise, and then bring about, by making or creating, that which was thought out, designed and planned?

What You Can Do

Of course none but God Himself can *create* in the strictest sense of bringing into existence that which did not even exist. But changing existing materials, and putting them together in a new and different way—in other words, MAKING things—is akin to actual creating and often called that.

How many creatures can think, plan, design, and then execute the idea into MAKING things? By instinct beavers build dams. But all these dams follow the same pattern. The beaver cannot think out some new, different pattern and make some new and different thing. Ants may form ant hills, gophers, snakes and rodents dig holes, birds build nests. But they always follow the same pattern. There is no originality, no thinking and designing of a new idea, no new construction.

Man can design and build great dams such as Grand Coulee. Man can build the great tunnels under mountains or the Hudson River. Man can invent and build automobiles, airplanes, battleships,

submarines. Man *alone*, of all God created, is capable of approaching real CREATIVE powers.

*But God has limited man's powers!
Why?*

It is only now, mid-twentieth century A. D., that man at last learns a little about the use of atomic energy. Now man is experimenting, striving desperately to develop jets, rockets, and means of flight and transportation which might take him to other planets.

Why Man's Powers Are Checked

Why has man been restrained?

Are we blind? Look at what man has actually *done* with the things God has allowed him to devise and to make. Thousands of years ago he learned to deal in iron, steel, and other metals. He made implements, constructed buildings—but he also made swords and spears and went out to DESTROY!

Man learned how to *organize* his kind into cities, groups, nations. But to what use did he *put* the organization he controlled? He organized the able-bodied of his men into armies, and set out to conquer, to destroy, and to acquire by TAKING, not by producing and creating. And, even in those peaceful cities, states and nations not at war, those men who run the government seek greedily to fatten their own pockets at the expense of their fellows, and the smell of graft and illegal influence ascends to high heaven!

Man invents and makes ships that carry him over seas, then he arms them and turns them into weapons of conquest. He makes tractors, trucks and automobiles, then converts them into armored tanks. He learns how to build airplanes and fly swifter than any bird, then bends all his scientific, inventive,

and creative genius into producing mightier carriers for atomic bombs, swifter jet and rocket fighters. He discovers that the powers God gave him allow him to produce explosives, so that he could move mountains if necessary—but soon he is exerting the most frenzied energies of his nation, at cost of billions of dollars, endeavoring to develop atomic bombs faster than his enemy, and now to produce the hydrogen bomb, a thousand times more destructive!

A philosophic country doctor once said to me it was his belief that everything man's hand ever touched of God's creation man had polluted, befouled, besmirched, and ruined. That statement seemed radical then. But I have been observing, since he said that seventeen years ago, and I am almost persuaded he was right.

In another article in this number I have written how GOD gave man the wonderful grain of wheat—the perfect food, containing every element needed to nourish man, and in perfectly-balanced alkaline-acid proportion; and how, in his greed for million-dollar profits, the big flour miller grinds up this precious wheat, takes it apart, ruins it, and sells it to us in a form that produces rheumatism, colds and fevers, kidney diseases, impaired digestion, heart troubles, and ills too numerous to list here. The sugar refiners do the same to sugar. Today it's almost impossible to obtain any food, unless a farmer raises his own, which has not been rendered partly or wholly foodless, often poison, by man. And thus man DESTROYS health, which is only another way of saying he destroys *man!*

I need not go further. Just look about

you, and observe. If you are a thinker, you'll see how man, endowed with a portion of God's actual CREATIVE POWER—and the *only* being which has it—turns this power of devising, planning, inventing, and producing into DESTRUCTIVE channels!

Science Running Amuck!

Look at the great factories of American industry, of which we boast. Here hums and roars the CREATIVE activity of mankind! Man has made some slight approach toward actual GOD-powers, and GOD-activity, in his tremendous industrial activity.

But there is one deadly fault with all this.

Man has learned to exercise scientific, inventive and mechanical powers *in excess of his development in ability to direct the product of his efforts into right and constructive channels!*

And in that he is *defeating* the very purpose of his being!

WHY did God place mankind here? WHY did God endow humanity with a slight proportion of God's own creative power? WHY, in a word, *were you born?* And WHY were we born *mortal?*

Why You Were Born

In the past you've heard me say that the PURPOSE of life is the development of CHARACTER—holy, righteous, perfect CHARACTER. That is true. God is the PERFECT character, and His purpose is to create in us, by development and with our consent and active determined effort, His very own perfection until we become like HIM!

You've also heard me say the PURPOSE of life is that in us God is really re-creating *His own kind—reproducing Himself* after *His own kind*—for we are, upon real conversion, actually *begotten* as sons (yet unborn) of GOD; then, thru study of God's revelation in His Word, living by His every Word, constant prayer, daily experience with trials and testings, we grow spiritually more and more like God, until, at the time of the resurrection we shall be instantaneously CHANGED from mortal into *immortal*—we shall then be BORN into God—WE SHALL THEN BE GOD!

For the word "God" comes to us from the Hebrew word "Elohim," which means the Ever-living, Eternal Creating, All-powerful, Governing KINGDOM. "Elohim" means *one God*—not many gods. But that ONE GOD is a KINGDOM. There is but one true CHURCH—*one* Church, but many members! (1 Cor. 12:20).

So it is with God. There is the mineral kingdom, the plant kingdom, the animal kingdom, and we might segregate it and designate the *human* kingdom, in this material world. Spiritually, there is the angel kingdom, and, high above all,

the KINGDOM OF GOD. A human,—flesh and blood,—cannot enter into the Kingdom of God (John 3:6), but one BORN of God can!

So I've said, and truly, the PURPOSE of your being alive is that finally you be BORN into the Kingdom of God, when you will actually BE God, even as Jesus was and is God, and His Father, a different Person, also is God!

But now I am opening to you a NEW AND DIFFERENT WAY OF SAYING THE SAME THING! I am not now giving you a *different* reason for your being—but a new way of looking at the same great PURPOSE!

God is Supreme CREATOR—not supreme Destroyer!

Satan is the Destroyer!

The DANGER of Hugeness

God has given us powers approaching the creative that we might learn, thru them, and thru years, centuries and millenniums of experience, to CREATE—not to destroy! That we might learn to direct creative powers into peaceful, useful, PRODUCTIVE channels—not toward harmful, destructive, evil results.

The PURPOSE of life, then, is *not* to learn to create, devise, plan, and set in motion *more* and *greater* forces—but to learn to *control* the powers at our disposal—to learn to guide them into beneficial uses—to learn to direct them toward DOING GOOD, to produce peace, and happiness, and joy!

Once this great principle is seen and grasped, it will be realized that the quantity—that is, the vastness of the creative development, is not the true measure of value or the yardstick of real Progress. The important thing is the *direction* of that development.

Thus, the greater the nation's industrial might, the greater is its retrogression *if* that productive energy is directed toward destruction and evil.

That's another way of saying that POWER alone is good or evil according to how it is used. Power uncontrolled, or wrongly directed, becomes DANGEROUS, and the greater the power the greater the danger and the evil.

Money, in this world, is power. The *love* of money is only a form of lust, and when the power of money is directed lustfully, it becomes, truly, the root of all evil.

But MONEY is not evil. Employed in right, godly, wise and useful channels money becomes a great blessing, and the more so used the greater the blessing.

We were not put here to see how GREAT man can develop the powers GOD permits him to utilize. The important thing is RIGHT DIRECTION—WISE CONTROL—PROPER USE! So far as mere SIZE goes, all the great industries and projects of *all nations combined* are not

a drop in the bucket compared to the greatness of POWER OF GOD! Read Isaiah 40:12-18.

We are here for the express purpose of learning how to rightly direct the vast powers of GOD! Powers so tremendous the mind of man could not now conceive! If we are faithful in little things, God will entrust us with BIG things, later on, when we're born into His Kingdom! This life is the training ground.

Now what powers are at *your* disposal? And how well are *you* learning to control and properly direct them?

What YOU Can Do

Well, start out by looking at your *temper!* Some tempers are mild, and others are quite powerful. Are you learning to control, and rightly direct yours?

Your voice is another. Do you use it like a wild, raucous snarling animal—yelling, accusing, cursing perhaps—or are you controlling it and training it to speak softly, kindly, courteously, and only letting forth its real power when there's purpose in it?

Your personality is a power, if you develop and train it so as to charm, influence, persuade others rightly, to bring pleasure and encouragement and sunshine and inspiration to others, and to lead them as they ought to be led. Most people let their personalities stagnate. They never do one thing to improve or develop them—yet a charming captivating, and persuasive personality is one of the greatest forces for GOOD with which an all-wise God endowed you.

The Power of Money

Your money—your income—is a power God lets you possess. Do you employ it only for the necessities of keeping alive, and for selfish pleasures and desires?

The *first* tenth of every dime or every dollar is NOT YOURS. All of it belongs to God, and that first tenth God reserves for His own use—*for His work!*

Every dollar of that money GOD Himself is using in this great work to reach, in dynamic power and with conviction, more than two thousand precious souls with His GOSPEL. Are you *stealing* some or all of that first tenth of God's money, withholding from His work, putting it to your own selfish uses? If so you are depriving thousands of other humans from hearing the ONLY MESSAGE which offers them real salvation, and eternal peace and happiness.

God has directed every one of us not only to pay His first tenth, but also to GIVE, liberally, of generous *offerings* besides. There are other ways in which still other portions of your income can be used to bring happiness and good to oth-

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Our Class in SEX UNDERSTANDING

by Herman Hoeb

WHAT is the Bible viewpoint of sex? Many *think* they know what the Bible says about sex, but almost none *really* knows!

Should we be ignorant of perhaps the second most important question in all life? It is time we faced this question squarely.

Mr. Armstrong has recognized the importance of this subject. He has given us students several hours per week of his time for a few months teaching the *plain truth* on this question. Not only has he helped us directly, but he has so instructed us that we can help others who never had an understanding of God's purpose in making human beings male and female.

Is This You?

Recently a letter came to the office in Pasadena. As you read the following extracts from it, think if it could be *your* situation.

It reads in part: "An inferiority complex and deep sense of *self-consciousness*, fear of people, fear of God, self-pity, lack of self confidence, and *no love* are, as far as I can analyze myself, what is causing my unhappiness. *I am afraid of sex* and do not go out with girls. . . . You might wonder why I haven't talked to my pastor. I did, but he didn't give or tell me anything that did me any good."

Again I ask in all seriousness: Could this be your problem?

Life to Be Joyous

God did not make us to be miserable. He made us to enjoy life. Psalm 34:12,13 tells us how it is possible: "Depart from evil and do good."

But this evil world does not know how to enjoy life. And one reason is that it has never heard, from denominational teaching, God's truth on sex and family relations. Ignorance on this subject is perhaps *the most serious cause* of human woe and sorrow.

Before we explain further, let us re-examine the letter. The young fellow who wrote this letter is filled with fears and with self. *He has no love*. Is it any wonder that he is unhappy?

Perfect love casts out fear (I John 4:18). The Bible defines that perfect love which rids us of sinful fears: "For this is the love of God, that we *KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS*." I John 5:3.

No wonder the minister to whom this young man went could not help him.

The preacher denied the law of God. Without God-given love that fulfills the commands, we can not be really happy.

And there are no less than three of the ten commandments that relate *directly* to sex and family relationships. God instituted sex to create and to hold together the family and He reveals laws regulating it to produce the utmost human happiness. When we violate these spiritual laws we must reap the consequences.

And what people are responsible for human indulgence in this kind of sin? *The ministers* who have deliberately neglected to declare the laws of God! *The ministers* who are afraid or *unwilling* to instruct their congregations about what *God says* on sex in family life.

Materialistic Approach

We live in a modern world with changing *human* standards. Most people *suppose* that all that is to be known about sex can be had through medical experimentation and biological research.

A changing materialistic explanation of sex can be obtained almost anywhere in this "scientifically" educated world. We are led to believe that progressive classroom education as commonly disseminated is making possible all that needs to be understood of sex in family units. Universal education is the modern answer to unhappy marriages.

Thus the hidden image of sex is at last unveiled before the public eye by all-knowing "science!" The sex "superstition" of the Bible can now be regarded as folklore!

This is today's view in a world that has forgotten God and is so dull to unhappiness that it does not recognize the sorrows resulting from breaking God's laws. In Ephesians 4:19 we read of those caught in this present world "who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."

But those who serve God have "their *senses* exercised to discern both good and evil (Heb. 5:14)."

The Right Approach

Sex can *never* be rightly approached from the materialistic viewpoint alone.

The laws regulating sex, as well as murder or idolatry, are *spiritual principles* and can not be determined through human experimentation alone. We must turn to the revelation of God to know

the basic facts. *Then*, after having the *Bible foundation* as our guide, we can proceed with scientific tests. Remember, all *right* knowledge *supplements* the Bible. It *never* contradicts it.

It is not the purpose of this article to explain what we students have learned in class. Mr. Armstrong's forthcoming book will do that. But it is our purpose to give you that general information which false churches have deliberately hidden and which science has defamed as superstition *without proof*.

Sex superstition is not found in the Bible. Because of modern teaching by educated fools who know not God, the Scripture has had ascribed to it pagan superstition which *is taught* by the orthodox clergy but which is damned in the Bible as the transgression of divine unalterable law.

What the Bible Doesn't Say

Here is what the people carelessly assume the Bible says of sex. Perhaps you have believed the same things and still do. Then open your eyes! Search your Bible for the truth. It is there.

Chapter XV of Gibbon's *History of Rome* gives us a perfect description of how the *pagan church fathers*, who brought heathen beliefs into the church by using christian names, perverted the doctrine of God with devilish ideas condemned in Old and New Testaments alike.

Gibbon says: "The chaste severity of the fathers, in whatever related to the commerce of the two sexes, flowed from the same principle: their abhorrence of every enjoyment which might gratify the sensual, and degrade the spiritual nature of man. It was their favorite opinion, that if Adam had preserved his obedience to the Creator, he would have lived forever in a state of virgin purity, and that some harmless mode of vegetation might have peopled paradise with a race of innocent and immortal beings. The use of marriage was permitted only to his fallen posterity, as a necessary expedient to continue the human species. . . . (They were) unwilling to approve an institution which they were compelled to tolerate. . . . Since desire was imputed as a crime, and marriage was tolerated as a defect, it was consistent with the same principles to consider a state of celibacy as the nearest approach to the divine perfection. . . . The loss of sensual pleasure was supplied

and compensated for by *spiritual pride*."

These beliefs are not part of the faith once delivered! They were the ideas of blinded pagans long before the birth of Jesus, and they *still are* the doctrines of paganized orthodox churchianity.

Fallacies Exposed

Let's examine the fallacies found in this absurd *prudery*, an atmosphere in which many of you were reared.

First, one of the greatest errors is the blind assumption that whatever gratifies the sensual, that is, the senses, degrades the spiritual nature of man.

Who is He that came to give life more abundantly?

Who is He that created the universe and this earth for beauty?

Who is He that gave annual festivals that we might rejoice in the fruit of our labors?

Who gives wine to make the heart of man merry? Psalm 104:15.

Who promises to prosper materially His servants?

GOD! "At His right hand are pleasures forever more" (Ps. 16:11).

What then! The crime is not in using the world, but in abusing the world. God's laws are so set in motion that *right use* of material things produces greater joy, pleasure and happiness than the momentary pleasures of the *wrong use*, which is sin, or the pride of *prudery*.

And what did Gibbon say of those who reject the pleasures of obeying God? They compensate by *spiritual pride*! Spiritual pride, thinking "I am holier than thou," is far more dangerous than the sins of ignorance. It is a great deal harder for the prude to repent of spiritual pride than for one to turn from extortion or prostitution! Jesus declared that the publicans and harlots would enter the Kingdom of God before the self-righteous priests. Matt. 21:31,32.

Let's Get the Bible Straight

Religious enthusiasts who have set up their own standards look with horror on the God who sanctified the first marriage. Think of the "ignorance" of God, not knowing any better than to condone such a defect as marriage!

How contradictory God really appears—a Being, who although blessing marriage, believes in celibacy! Have these blinded people never read that God Himself is producing children after His own kind? We are His begotten offspring, His sons, to be born of Him in the resurrection.

Who Created Sex?

Of Whom is it said: "Male and female made He them"? None less than God Himself!

And when did God say: "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth"?

Before Adam disobeyed His Maker! Genesis 2:24 records: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh." Does this indicate that God had no purpose in creating us male and female?

And what about keeping people "innocent" as the traditional teaching has been doing? Innocence has not been right living; it has been *ignorance*. To increase in knowledge has meant to increase in sin. The dark ages are still here!

The devil uses human curiosity and ignorance to seduce us into transgression. Men and women naturally experiment to find out what they are not taught or do not know. Even little children do the same. As in ancient Israel, our people are perishing for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6). Our American church goes too often are duped into believing that innocence is insured by not knowing God's laws.

It is by the revelation of God that we know right from wrong, not by hiding our faces in ignorance as the ostrich does in sand. The Bible commands us to grow in knowledge. Ignorance is a sin.

The fact is, that we are what we are because God made us so. "He that made them at the beginning, made them male and female, and said, *For this cause* shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they two shall be one flesh (Matt. 19:4,5)."

God made us male and female to *cause* young people to leave their parents, to marry and to found new homes. The last six of the ten commandments are laws regulating and protecting homes thus founded.

Young people are meant to be drawn away from childhood environment into new homes *bound by love*. Yet how many realize that without sex *there could be no natural affection of a man for his wife!*

When two people are united by God, not by men, in marriage, love should *grow* or else it will decay. It's one or the other. But as men and women do not know the difference between lust and love, because they have no knowledge of the laws of God which produce love by regulating sex in marriage, American home life is shattered.

Two Purposes

The Scripture reveals that sex is to serve *two* great purposes in marriage: one, to bind the husband and wife together *in love*; and second, to bring children into the world and to train them in the right and good way of life that they too may become the sons and daughters of the Ever-Living God.

The first of these two purposes has been woefully misunderstood although

the Bible shows conclusively that *child-bearing is not the only part sex plays in the family union*. The book Mr. Armstrong is writing will contain much vital knowledge on this point there is no room in this brief article to record.

In fact this is possibly the most important material information that exists. People seem to suppose that if they can just keep children and young people "innocent"—through ignorance—until married, they will then know by instinct all they need to know about sex. Yet surveys now show that the great majority of all married people—parents and grandparents—are totally ignorant about this great purpose in sex, and how to live a married life as God intended so that they would be drawn constantly closer together in a bond of ever-deepening love.

The vital knowledge Mr. Armstrong imparted to us—and will impart to you through his book—is known to only a small percent of married people. The tragic result is that the very function God endowed for the purpose of producing and preserving happiness is wrecking two out of every three marriages, ruining family life, and the real secret reason for most divorces.

It was an astonishing eye-opener to us. It will be to you. It is knowledge that can be properly imparted only by a true minister of Christ who has understanding of God's purposes and laws, as well as biological facts. No such book has ever been written. That is why Mr. Armstrong feels impelled to write it.

Social Problems

The problem of the young fellow who wrote the letter quoted in the beginning illustrates a fundamental principle overlooked all too often. The fact that we were made with sex differences does not mean that only our physical characteristics differ. Science proves that personality is interrelated with the physical body.

This fact accounts for the warped and twisted mental outlook and the repressed personality of so many people who know not the truth on this subject.

Those who have not been trained to regard sex as God intended, but have looked askance upon it with a sense of shame, have become conscious of self and have lived in constant dread of fellow human beings before whom they subconsciously fear to portray the least sign of the fact that they are either male or female. They live in terror of God for they are conscious that God sees their human passions which they have been trained to regard as wrong.

By considering sex evil, some young people draw into their shell and prevent love from flowing to them because

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ON THE CAMPUS

FOLLOWING are articles written by students on student activities. The purpose of this entire section will be to give you the story of our jam-packed lives on the campus. We hope you won't mind if we occasionally poke a little fun at ourselves—striving human beings are always funny—and no matter how serious minded, our frailties wink. (We don't think there is anyone here who would claim to be the acme of perfection.)

—thanks! Criticism and suggestions welcomed

The Campus Editor

We Did It Again!

by Charlene Glover

September 7th became the date for the second marriage in our Ambassador family, Marion McNair, Camp, Arkansas, and DeLoyce Butler, Lenorah, Texas.

Marion worked in Oregon during the summer and pastored at the Eugene Church while DeLoyce spent a somewhat lonesome summer with her parents in Texas. At the end of the summer, Marion made a trip to Arkansas to visit his parents, then went to Texas where he and DeLoyce were married so that her parents could attend the ceremony.

Marion made history with his wedding. Realizing the ceremony used today actually originated from pagan sources, he wrote his own, practically word for word from the Bible, presented it to the minister, asking him if he would be willing to perform the ceremony God's way. In the end, this minister rather liked this new way. He even made a duplicate for himself.

When Mr. Armstrong performs a ceremony, he thoroughly familiarizes the couple with the laws God has set in motion concerning their duties to each other by reading to them directly from the Bible. The couple's promise to conform to all conditions is made to God. As the couple kneel, he asks God to unite them. They are pronounced husband and wife in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ. In reality they are married by God through a human instrument. Such a union cannot be dissolved. Ordained by God, only He can separate and that by death.

When Marion and DeLoyce returned to Pasadena, together, our hearts were warmed to see their radiant, smiling faces, to know they were sublimely happy in the new life they are beginning.

Having been roommates last year, DeLoyce and I were close friends. After she became engaged last winter, I teasingly told Marion I would not allow him to take my roommate. Apparently I wasn't very persuasive because this school year we are leading separate lives.

I'm not complaining. Instead I'm very happy for her. I enjoy visiting in their apartment to watch her in her new occupation. I'll admit, I still miss her a great deal, but observing her happiness overshadows everything.

Two weeks ago students and church brethren gave the new couple a shower here in our college library. We were almost as delighted as Marion and DeLoyce as each gift was revealed. There was a plate setting for four (now they can have dinner guests), complete silver set, linen, glassware and numerous other gifts. The joy displayed on their shining faces was thanks enough for us. Marion and DeLoyce were so thrilled with everything they received, they now have the gifts on display in their apartment.

The Faculty Reception

by Billie Sue Sanders

The Faculty Reception is tonight! For a week there has prevailed on the campus of Ambassador College an atmosphere of expectancy and cheerfulness, for everyone has been waiting for tonight! As the girls descend the stairs, to find the fellows waiting for them, there is a pause for expressions of mutual admiration.

"Doesn't he look nice?" "What a beautiful evening dress!"

When we enter the College Library, we discover that the brilliant professors who load us with homework can also be charming conversationalists and very attractive people.

"Why, there is Mrs. Martin, the English teacher! Her charm and sparkling personality is glowing even more radiantly than ever, tonight."

And Mr. Walker, our psychology professor, seems more like a roving photographer as he takes snapshots of the group in its gaiety.

We realize now, how fortunate we are to have a faculty that is charming and confident in social activities as well as in the classroom.

As the guests arrive they are welcomed by Charlene Glover, Raymond McNair and Wayne Cole. After they are introduced to Rod Meredith, our

student president, they are presented to each member of the faculty.

Now it's our turn! When proper introductions are made, we, the students, have the privilege of escorting the guests to the refreshment table in the beautifully decorated music room where they are served delicious punch and cookies by Isabell Kunkel, Mary Jo Burrow and Dorothy Smith. Now is the moment for which we have been waiting! We can tell our guests about our beloved Ambassador College and show them all points of interest which include the beautiful lower garden, our classrooms, the radio studio and our home, Mayfair.

As we converse during the tour of the campus, we find that our guests are people of high esteem and dignitaries in the business world, which adds to the excitement of the evening.

Now we are nearing the Library and as we hear the soft music in the background and the gay conversation of the crowd, we dispense with the line of serious thought and once more we are swept into the happy, laughing mood of the evening.

When the reception is over and we make our way back to Mayfair, we discuss the happenings and heartily agree that we have been strengthened and matured socially and now, more than ever, we are looking forward with great anticipation to next year at Ambassador College and the Faculty Reception.

Mr. Armstrong's Day

by Bob Seelig

Some of you friends and co-workers have thought about Mr. Armstrong's job here at the College as something of the unknown. So here is a first hand account as I see him day in and day out.

Before I came to College I didn't realize a person could have so much to do as writer, teacher, pastor, College President and radio broadcaster. Yet this surprising amount of work has been going on for years. No, Mr. Armstrong is not basking in the sun of prosperity; he is putting material blessings of God to good work for thousands of you readers

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ers, in addition to yourself and immediate family.

And if you are honest with God's tithe, faithful and generous with additional offerings, and diligent in finding still another portion of your income to be used for GOOD—then you are employing the power of money toward the purpose for which you were born.

And God always *prosper*s, now in this life, the honest and faithful tithe-payer!

THINK for Yourself

From here on, **THINK FOR YOURSELF!** Think out your own problem, according to your own circumstances. What powers, what opportunities, are now in your control?

Perhaps, thru your job, your profession, your business, you have really important powers to wield. Perhaps not much more than just your own self.

Analyze for yourself your own position and circumstances. Ask yourself, how are you using the powers you may have to use?

And **ARE YOU DEVELOPING—GROWING**—in self-control, in ability to restrain impulse, wrong desire, selfish motive, or vanity? If you had some really great **POWER** thrust into your hands to direct—perhaps thirty million dollars—perhaps a vast manufacturing industry

with many subsidiaries—would you be able to direct and wield that power as you know **GOD** would have it used?

Are you sure? Well, the test is this:

If you are *now* rightly directing *little* powers in your control, such as your temper, your voice, your passions and emotion, or your present possibly small income, then you probably could be entrusted to control properly at least a slightly larger power. But if you have not yet learned to control and constructively guide even these little powers God has permitted you to use, then you are not at all qualified or fit to handle greater responsibilities!

Don't ask God for more money, more powers, bigger opportunities. First, demonstrate your ability wisely to use the power of a **CREATOR** over the little powers and opportunities you now have. If you are not faithful even in the paltry unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to your care the **TRUE RICHES**, and the **GREAT** powers of God? But, if you are faithful over what God has already given you, He will say to you some day:

"Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over **MUCH!**"

The True Repentance

Mankind, swayed by human nature, the devil and his demons, has followed the beaten path of destruction—of polluting, perverting, destroying whatever

he has been allowed to handle and use and control. He has perverted the sacred Word of God, polluted his own mind, dissipated his body; he has failed to train or has mistaught his children; he has manifested resentment, envy, and hatred toward his neighbor, sought to get the best of his neighbor in a deal; tried to get more out of life than he put into it, which is Destruction rather than construction; perverted the human food supply; turned scientific and technological developments into engines of destruction until now, unless God steps in, he would annihilate human life from off the earth!

The first *beginning* toward fulfilling your **PURPOSE** on earth is to **REPENT**—repent of these wrong ways, customs and practices. Accepting Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, truly, means letting Him "who went about doing **GOOD**" live your life for you henceforth—just as **HE** would live it! It means living henceforth by every Word of God—making the Bible your guide, your **AUTHORITY** in life. It means you now begin to develop **CREATIVE** instead of destructive powers. You are setting out on a training to become **CREATOR**—to *become* **GOD!**

When you fully grasp this tremendous, wonderful **TRUTH**, your mind will be filled with transcendent **JOY** and **GLORY!** It gives a **NEW MEANING** to life so wonderful you'll never comprehend the full heights of its splendor!

It means, of course, total renunciation, denial, of those injurious things and ways which have falsely *seemed* so bright and alluring in this world.

But your eyes will be open at last to the great deception—the scales will fall from your blinded vision—you'll see the meaning of life, its great purpose, as you never dreamed it could be! Giving up the "bright lights" of this world's evils, temptations and pitfalls—its snares and delusions which have glittered and then ended only in sorrow and suffering—is but emerging from gross **DARKNESS** into the splendor of **TRUE LIGHT**, and of happiness and joy **FOREVER!**

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KNOWLEDGE is of no value except as it is *used*. Not the hearers, but the *doers* of the law shall be justified. The command to **STUDY** is for the purpose of putting the instruction into action that we may 'show' ourselves approved unto God." And therefore it is written, "A good **UNDERSTANDING** have all they that *do* His commandments." Since the purpose of the knowledge is to *do*, the doing is the *condition* to acquiring right knowledge. Bible study is of value only in proportion as the knowledge revealed is incorporated into your character in actually *living it*.

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YOU asked for it—

10,000 of you have demanded Mr. Armstrong's picture. For the first time in the 18 years of this work, he has finally consented. Here are four pages of pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, faculty and students, and the campus of Ambassador College.



Loma D. Armstrong



Herbert W. Armstrong



On the day of the first graduation at Ambassador College. Left, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, and son, Richard D. Center, Mr. Armstrong, caught by can-

did camera man following ceremony. Right, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and Charlene Glover from Arkansas, a sophomore this year.



Our Faculty and Administrative Staff

The professors of Ambassador College about whom many of you have heard, but never seen. The smiling gentleman in the upper left is Mr. Emile Mauler-Hiennecey, professor of French and Spanish. Next to him is Mrs. Lucy H. Martin, professor of music and English. Then we see Dr. Taylor who not only teaches science but also is Dean and Registrar. In the upper right is Mr. Theodore Walker who enjoys giving vocational guidance tests to every new student—and older students, too. He is professor of history, radio, psychology and journalism.

Mr. Jack Elliott, dean of men, is pictured left center. He teaches mathematics and physical education. Then comes Mr. Leon Ettinger, professor of voice, who spends hours listening to us students sing and speak. Next is Herman Hoeh, a graduate of Ambassador College, who teaches Bible and German. In the right center is Dr. Ralph E. Merrill who lectures on health and nutrition at Ambassador.

In the bottom row we have some of the staff of the college and of the Radio Church work. Standing before one of the palms on the campus are Mr. Ralph Leonard, whose job is to keep the garden green and growing, Mr. W. F. Homberger, custodian of properties, and Mr. Herman Olson and Mr. James A. Gott, printers of much of the literature you co-workers read.

In the top center picture, bottom row, is Mr. Vern R. Mattson, Business Manager of the Radio Church of God and Ambassador College. Just below him is Mrs. Wallace, who cooks delicious health meals for the students and faculty, Mrs. Crandall, assistant housekeeper, and Mrs. Mann, house mother of all the students at Mayfair. In the lower left is Miss Ella Mae Cole, Mr. Armstrong's private secretary, Mrs. Herman Olson, Secretary of the Radio Church of God, the lady who answers many of your questions, and Mrs. Aurelia Rae Withrow, receptionist of Ambassador College.



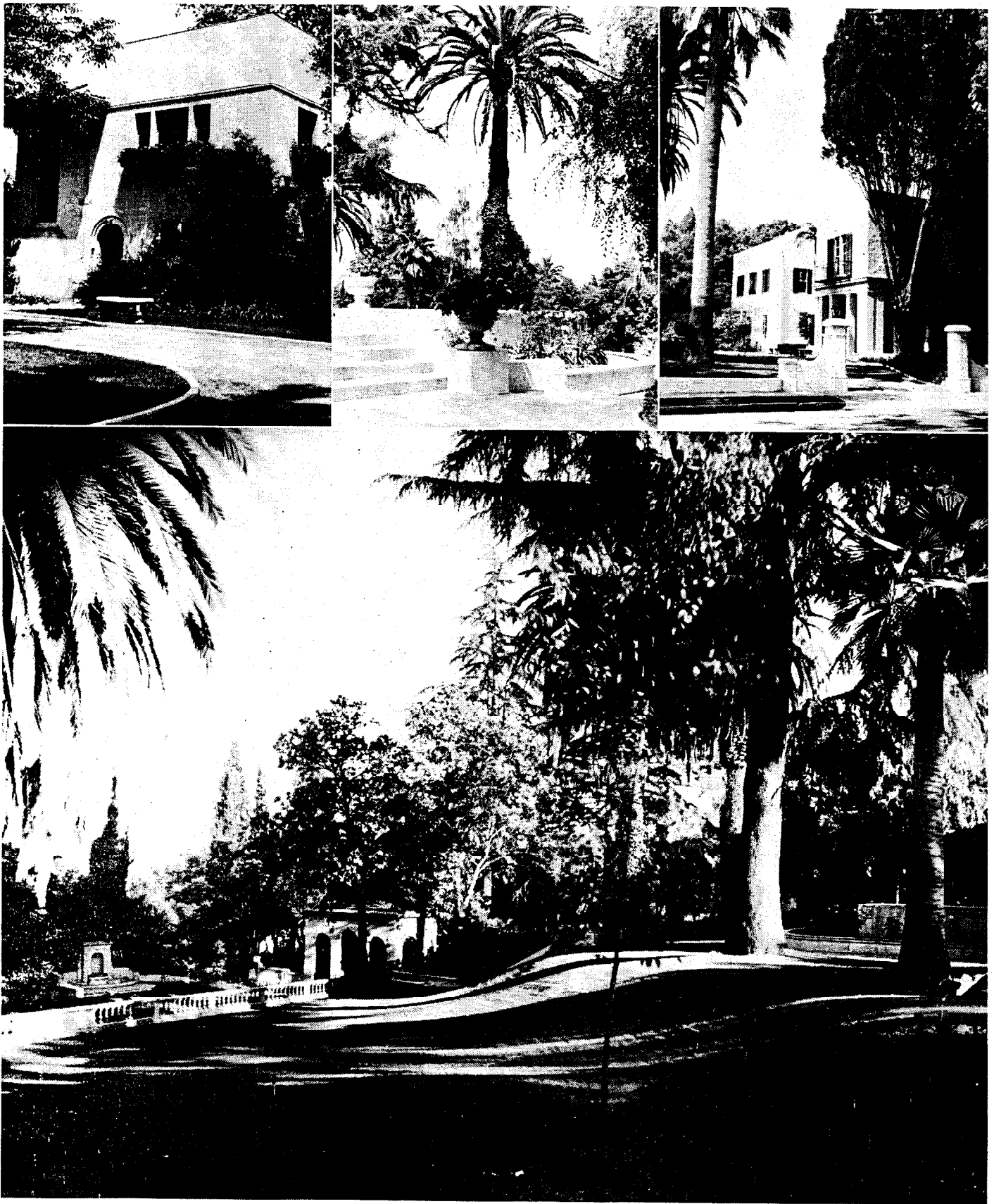
Our First Graduation

The first graduation of Ambassador College. The event was held in our beautiful lower gardens on June 15, 1951. In the upper left hand corner we see Mr. Armstrong and Dr. Taylor in the processional, other faculty members (not shown) having preceded. The lady in the center top is Mrs. Martin, our professor of music, who played at the graduation. To the right is Beverly Gott, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, who is singing at the commencement exercises.

Left center: Betty Bates is the first to receive her diploma, presented by Mrs. Martin, as Secretary of the Faculty. Center: Betty Bates and Herman Hoeh, our first two graduates, after exercises were completed. Right center: Her-

man Hoeh as he steps into the Greek Theater to receive his diploma from Mrs. Martin.

The three remaining pictures were taken at the Faculty Reception held at Ambassador College, October 4, 1951. The group in the left is obviously enjoying refreshments which are being poured by the hostess, Dorothy Smith. Wayne Cole is having his glass filled, Bob Seelig is holding his, and Raymond Cole, Mary Jo Burrow and William Homberger supply the background. That is Mary Jo, holding a plate of cookies in the bottom center. And to the right is Isabell Kunkel acting as hostess for Billie Sue Sanders and Paul Smith. The faculty guests who were at the reception are seen on an accompanying page.



VIEWS OF AMBASSADOR COLLEGE CAMPUS

Top, left, a corner of Administration Building. Top, center, view of magnificently landscaped campus off East Portico of Classroom Building. Top, right, entrance to

campus and corner of Library. Below, a portion of the beautiful campus, showing fountain and Greek Theater in Lower Garden, extreme left.

EVOLUTION *without miracles?*

by Kenneth Herrmann

Which theory can best account for the world as it exists today with all its life forms?

Evolutionists claim their theory is the result of logical conclusions based on facts; that it necessitates no miracles. The theory of Special Creation, they maintain, is only a faith held by those who still believe in a god. They also maintain that the theory of Special Creation is contrary to evidence and to sound reasoning.

Let Us Look at Evolution

To search for possible fallacies, let us examine what evolution really is—a theory teaching that present living forms, matter, energy, and all physical and chemical laws concerning them came into being by themselves from nothing and without the thought or effort of a Supreme Being.

Evolutionists holding such a theory do not believe in miracles, actions not in accord with our present day laws of "nature"; acts which could only be attributed to a god.

However, if we were to study their account of the evolution of the universe, a close examination would show a number of breaks in their chain of logic; *breaks which could be crossed only by a belief in God who brought into being and sustains this universe.*

Before we examine the evolutionist's view of the universe in the process of formation, let me state here that facts and logic do not permit one to hold to such a sequence of events as evolutionists claim; yet, let us examine the theory merely from the standpoint of whether or not *it could have occurred without miracles.*

No Miracles?

These are the miracles I see required by a Godless evolution, *miracles which must have occurred if we are to judge their theory as being even logical.* These are processes which cannot in any way be demonstrated in the laboratory but which must be demonstrated if their theory is to have any basis at all.

These, then, are the miracles of evolution.

In the beginning both Creationist and Evolutionist agree that there was no material creation. Not only is it untenable for the human mind to hold that matter has existed forever, but an examination

of the rate of *disintegration of radioactive elements reveals that there was a time when they first began to disintegrate*, the time of their creation and obviously the time of all material creation.

Because the only recognizable world to the evolutionist is material, to him at that beginning time there must have been nothing, nothing at all. Then *if creation is to follow his directions*, a number of *miracles must have occurred.* First, *nothing of itself, for there was nothing else, brought forth something.* This *something* was matter and was brought forth in great quantity. *This is miracle number one.* Today this matter forms the billions of stars in the sky as well as the sun, moon, earth, and the very bodies we are composed of.

Another Miracle

This *matter* which came forth of itself *set up laws to govern its relationship with itself.* From now on each particle of matter had to obey the law of gravity, the laws of chemistry, and the laws of motion to mention a few of the myriad of laws which cause matter to act as it does.

Energy Appears

Simultaneously with these last two miracles *a third must have taken place.* *Energy*, in the forms of heat, light, and motion with all its manifestations, *suddenly appeared on the scene.* Energy is like matter in that (without a miracle) it can neither be created nor destroyed, though through laws of nuclear physics matter can be changed to energy.

The foregoing miracles have now through ages of time presented us with a well ordered universe. Stars, planets, heat, light; a universe suitable for life but yet a dead world.

Life From Death

The stage is now set for the second act in the evolutionist's *dream* of how this present creation came to be. As *nothing* exerted itself and brought forth *something*; now *something* with even *greater effort flexed its muscles and brought forth a living, single celled form.* A miracle has taken place. *Dead matter by its own strength has begun to live.*

Another miracle quickly follows; living matter *remembering* the achievement of its parent dead matter and not

to be outdone by its parent, begins to grow, and, with an effort that was to continue through all history, divides itself into two portions, both portions living and growing. *Living matter has now acquired the ability to reproduce after its kind.* Never mind if one of our present day laws in biology says that *acquired characteristics cannot be passed on through heredity*; these little, one celled, primitive life forms had not yet acquired the *intelligence to know that law* so we can, perhaps, excuse them for breaking it. Yes, the theory of evolution is quite UNscientific. Life can come only from life.

The Evolution of Man

Life goes on for uncounted ages monotonously reproducing until it populates the entire globe. Restless and dissatisfied with being like their parents and looking around for a way to do the impossible, these one celled life forms *throw the law* of "like begets like" *to the wind* and begin an extended course in evolution by becoming multiple celled. Next, water forms climb out onto the land; fish gender birds, grass becomes a parent to trees, and a common ancestor gives rise to monkeys and men.

Civilization

Now comes the final miracle in this *dream* before the evolutionist *awakens* to the facts. From an ignorant cave man evolves a highly intelligent, clear thinking race of men.

In this enlightened era, man with his newly acquired intelligence looks back with impunity at his cave dwelling progenitor, studies his family tree all the way back, and finally discovers his first parent, *nothing*, just *nothing* at all.

Though this present day man may have had lowly ancestors, yet he is proud of their heroic struggle and especially of their end product, himself. In his pride he has no difficulty in believing the *theory he has concocted* concerning his coming into existence.

Pride always precedes a fall. This case will be no exception. The evolutionist who holds his Creator to be *nothing at all* is due for a rude awakening. The day will soon come when he will open his eyes to see the correct sequence of events in the creation of this world and all that is in it. He is going to learn true science about which he glibly talks so much.

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

A REAL, true, fully developed *Christian* is perhaps the rarest thing on earth. What is commonly known as "Christianity" today is like most of modern science—"falsely so called."

This rarest of species is a truly *educated* person.

The distinguishing characteristic of the educated individual is self-discipline and emotional maturity. The self is not permitted to run riot or act thoughtlessly on impulse. The uneducated are creatures of human desire motivated primarily by fixed habit interrupted frequently by sudden impulse. There is little or no self direction.

There are, however, two kinds of educated persons. The worldly educated are *self-disciplined*, according to currently accepted standards of human conduct derived from human philosophy. But this rarest Christian is really *God-disciplined*, the self being controlled and directed, not according to human desire, sudden impulse, or the social standards of this world, but by the Mind and Will of God as revealed in every Word of God.

The real Christian really believes what Jesus told Satan: "Man must live by every Word of God." He has truly repented of sin, which is the transgression of the Law of God. Jesus Christ is his personal Saviour, not only from past sins, but from sinning—a Saviour who has in Spirit literally come inside him, and

lives his life for him. He has surrendered unconditionally to God, whom he accepts as Supreme Ruler. His life is now *governed* by God's Law, as magnified in great detail and in principle by every Word of God. The Holy Bible is the supreme *authority*, and he reverences it not only, he regards it with awe, knowing he is to be judged by it. It is not something apart from his business, social, educational or political life—it *is* his life, and reveals the only right *WAY* of life.

He is a student. He realizes education is not merely something one acquires in a classroom, but a life-long process. The Bible is the foundation and starting point of his education, providing him with the basic revelation and the concept which is the only scientifically correct approach to further knowledge.

He realizes that knowledge must be in association with understanding and wisdom to be useful, and that it is of little value except as it is applied in action. He studies to learn what to do, how to live, where he has been in error, what must be overcome. He studies with open mind, with contrite heart willing to confess and forsake error, and to adopt new views when they are proved to be true views.

Therefore he is an overcomer, gradually acquiring the very mind of God, giving himself to be in fact a living intelligent instrument in the hands of

God, being used of God as God wills, and relying continuously by day and by night in abiding faith in God's direction, deliverance, and certainty to supply every need.

He has received, and is now led by the Holy Spirit of God. This means that the very *POWER* of God is within him; but it means first that the divine *LOVE* of God is flowing continually into him and on out of him toward others; after this, that he now possesses an *UNDERSTANDING* mind which God Himself has opened to the hidden Truths most men never comprehend; and the supernatural *POWER* of God actually functions in his every-day life overcoming *self* and directing all his intelligent powers with divine love into the channels directed by the knowledge and wisdom revealed to him by God.

He is human—he is mortal—but he is the begotten *SON OF ALMIGHTY GOD*, and he is the heir of immortality and glory! He never fears or worries, for he relies in unwavering faith upon God to direct him, protect him, provide his every need. He is dynamically active and with joyful zeal does what he knows God directs, and he trusts *GOD* to do that which he can't and which is the prerogative of God.

He is the rarest, but the most useful, the most successful, and the *happiest* of men!

"CERTAINLY, SIR!"

by Herbert W. Armstrong

"I would like another pat of butter, please."

"Certainly, Sir," replied the bus-boy as we breakfasted in a San Francisco hotel.

It was not so much what he said. It was the manner in which it was spoken that started a train of thought.

"Why is it," I began philosophizing to my wife, "that we Americans are so ill-trained in good manners and the use of the English language. This bus-boy is evidently English. I doubt if one in a hundred college seniors in America, ready for graduation from college, could speak and act with the grace and culture of this English bus-boy. Yet in every other phase of education they would all probably show much further advancement than this young man.

"In other words, he probably has no

more than a high school education, yet because he has been reared in an English home he *appears* to have more education than the average American college graduate."

Judged by Our Speech

"Remember when we were in England?" I continued. "Even servants and people with very little education, in the more humble stations of English life, spoke and acted with better speech, more poise and culture, than most Americans of considerable education.

"Did you notice the *manner* in which this bus-boy said 'Certainly, Sir?' It bespoke a developed, experienced *personality*. It wasn't said in a hesitant, self-conscious manner. It was spoken in the manner to which he is accustomed by long experience. Back of it, and re-

flected in his voice, was a personality habitually trained in easy, courteous, respectful and fluent self-expression."

We have just come to our room from breakfast, and so here I am turning this idea into an article for our readers.

This type of self-expression—this personality development—this training in good speech and good manners, cannot be instilled in the school classroom alone. The English example demonstrates that it must be developed in the home—in a happy, cultured, well-mannered family life, where certain restraints are enforced by the parents, and slipshod carelessness, undue familiarity, and general letting down of the bars is not tolerated.

This requires careful diligence on the part of parents. When they, themselves,

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What's the use of *working*?

Ambassador College is different. While many schools drill students in studies which never go beyond the classroom, our College makes instruction practical. The following composition, written for a class in sentence structure and article writing, is a good example of student effort directed to be useful outside the classroom as well as inside. Jesus set the example when he gave his students or disciples practical training through serving others.

Herman Hoeb

"I am striving to win the prize of God's great Kingdom. Why must I be forced by circumstances to spend my time working for a living when my chief concern is to aid in *God's* work?"

Has this been a question in *your* mind?

Then here's God's answer to dispel your worries!

Occupations Not a Curse

Everyone of us probably has pondered the reasons why God permits events to befall us which *seemingly* keep us from achieving our goal in life—having an *active* part in God's work. The mistake is in our question, not with His lack of concern for us. Without thinking, we hold uppermost in our minds the erroneous concept that God is pleased *only* with preaching. That's false! The purpose of ministers is to instruct people in the law of God, to guide them so they can gain life and have it more abundantly here and now. (John 10:10).

The intent of the law is *LOVE*: it's end, abundance of spiritual and material blessings. Do you see that *action* must bring this about? that *work is the only method whereby the goal of life may be attained*? You are not wasting your life if your labor is truly productive, whether it be manufacturing, carpentry or farming. It is not wrong to labor in these occupations or the myriads of other unnamed ones, if God has called you and equipped you for that service. Your job gives you a living and affords the means to make others' lives happy and abundant—through your labor.

A Wrong View

The necessity of laboring in a world composed of matter, where all is destined to perish, deceives many into concluding that nothing spiritual could come of the use of matter. *How far from the truth this is!*

This material world, with all its creatures, was shaped by the omnipotent hand of the Creator *to serve as the channel for expressing the supreme spiritual*

principle LOVE. God has permitted every human being the use of this massive earth to *work out love* toward fellow men. Spiritual principles can't be separated from matter entirely. God's eternal laws and statutes were instituted to teach us the *proper use of material objects, to regulate our material relationships with other men*.

God yearns to see us observe His commands by using with diligence both mind and hand, the creation He has made for us. So let's turn to several scriptures to find the many reasons which should cause us to rejoice in material accomplishment as we do in spiritual accomplishment, that should make earning a living a blessing, not a curse—for all comes from God.

Bible Reasons for Having a Job

We know we should labor to give tithes and offerings. But scripture also explains other important results of fruitful effort. Ephesians 4:28 states a comprehensive purpose: let each "labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have *to give to him that needeth*."

We can not execute the injunction committed to us by Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" unless we zealously produce those articles which render it possible for us to give, not only money, but also goods and foodstuffs. A great joy it is to be able to turn out superior products or food for our neighbors.

The holy commands are not idle or void sayings: they are full of meaning. They constrain us to conduct our occupations with the utmost wisdom in order to possess the necessities by which others can enjoy happiness and material prosperity as we give. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Ecc. 9:10). Not only are we thus encouraging hope in others who have needs, but we also are reaping a reward ourselves in this present world for it is more blessed to give than to receive. Love, carried out in labor, is productive

both ways, to others and to ourselves. Solomon said: "Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man rejoice in his own works" (Ecc. 3:22).

TO LIVE IS TO LABOR! no matter if it seems straining on our bodies for the moment. Working benefits others and returns joys upon the doer. Lust, the imposing motive which makes men think they can *own* happiness through getting, does not produce a lasting abundance. It brings, instead, mental fears, and physical satiety. It produces in the heart of men, not expanding love and inspiration for further labors, but an inflated and swollen sense of pride that eventually ruins the individual who aspires to *take* success and prosperity from another's endeavor.

ROMANS 12:17 and II CORINTHIANS 8:21 give further basic reasons for every Christian having an honorable job. "Provide things honest in the sight of all men." The occupations in which you are, the type of work you perform, is your example to a gainsaying and perverse world of that right way of life. Your job permits God to manifest through you now a forerunner of the prosperous civilization He plans for all in the thousand years to come. Receiving money from labor that produces nothing beneficial, which is often true of our modern society, *discredits God*. A fruitful occupation is one method by which the gospel of peace can be indirectly preached. This brings us to our third basic reason for being thankful about our station in life.

Training Ground

"What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboreth? I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it" (Ecc 3:9, 10).

This life is a training ground for *eternity*. We take nothing from it but *experience, ingrained in our character*.

This earth is the arena in which we
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Sex Understanding

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they prevent love from flowing out from themselves to others.

Let's get away from this religious and modern psychological view that sex is evil. Its *abuse*, or *wrong use* is what's evil. Lust is sin. Fornication or adultery transgresses God's law, but *love* is the fulfilling of the law. So let's learn how God intended sex to be used, and with clean minds freed from the inhibitions of ignorance, let's feel free to meet with people both of the same and of the opposite sex. Jesus did (Luke 10:38-42).

Modern Generation

On the average the modern generation reacts quite differently from what has been described above. Seeing the foolish prudery of the past generation, and witnessing the momentary pleasures of sin, our generation just doesn't care how it acts.

The modern philosophy seems to be that it is better to "enjoy" sin rather than to be miserable in doing "right." The error lies in the lack of understanding what is right and what is wrong. Having *assumed* that the Bible condemns sex, our young people have disregarded *the only sure guide*.

The sum of these facts is this: Sex is the basis not only of our physical characteristics, but also of personality traits. Sex is more than that love which should be expressed on the marriage bed. It is the physical basis of manly courtesies, character, confidence and strength. It is what makes a woman appear feminine in her actions, express the subjection and yet inspiration of a good wife and exhibit the feminine traits of grace and loving kindness. These natural expressions of the physical differences in sex are prevented full opportunity of growth if we run from the subject.

The very character we are building with the help of God depends on whether or not we let our personality and good deeds shine.

If wives fear their husbands, if husbands are inconsiderate of their wives, if young people are afraid of human associations, then we are not serving the purpose for which God placed us here. We may need to ask God for help to overcome some problem, but God has promised that there should no temptation befall us than that we should defeat it. But *victory never comes by running away!*

The Result of Fornication

Because most of our religious denominations deny the statutes of God or place human laws on a higher plane, many young people do not even know

that fornication is sin, that it ruins lives. Medical practitioners who know not God, but who claim to be able instructors in sex, are going so far as to permit the "benefits" of fornication.

God, however, who *knows*, because He made us, has given a classic example of such in the Bible. Amnon, the son of David, loved his half-sister, Tamar. In II Samuel 13, we read that Amnon tried to force his half-sister, but she refused. "No such thing ought to be done in Israel. Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her."

Now David would have given Tamar in marriage, but Amnon cared more for himself so he refused to consider marriage. He was not willing to give love to Tamar as a husband, but to lust after her. And the sad result: "Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone."

Fornication doesn't produce love. It has the opposite effect. But marriage lived as God intended instills love, because the purpose is giving and sharing one another, not taking from the other.

Adultery

Our land is filled with legalized adultery.

The world no longer looks with abhorrence on it, though it be every bit as serious in result as is fornication.

Turning back two chapters in II Samuel, we read of the very familiar error of David, his adultery with the wife of Uriah, the Hittite. David's attempt to cover his error, without realizing what he was doing, ended in murder. David had to pay a penalty for his sin, although God forgave him so he need not lose salvation.

The lesson here is that David still had to reap in this life the penalty of adultery. Adultery is one thing that when committed inevitably brings evil consequences, as children being torn from their parents or parental disregard of life to the point of suicide.

Knowledge All Need

In our class on Sex Understanding, another fact not yet mentioned was clearly brought out by Mr. Armstrong—Human beings do not know naturally right from wrong.

We must be taught, else we can not know. For this reason it is highly important that every parent should train his or her children in the laws of God and acquaint them with whatever material knowledge men have been able to *prove* true.

Animals know what is necessary for

them to know by instinct. Especially is this true in those creatures where there is little or no parental care given young. But on the subject of sex, human children have no instincts. They must be taught all they need to know, lest they misdirect the bodies God has given them.

You parents should instruct your children on this subject as fast as your children can assimilate the knowledge. But you, yourselves, must learn the true facts of sex understanding before you can teach. Wrong habits, which often develop very early, as masturbation or fornication, need immediate correction and instruction for the child's sake as well as your own.

Despite years of human experience, it seems that parents have not yet learned that youth does not acquire right sex knowledge by asking other youth. Knowledge they get, but it's *too late* when they apply their misinformation in illegal commerce.

Once God's laws have been violated, supreme happiness has already fled. Young people need to understand the result of fornication *before* they come into the situation where lack of self discipline spells doom. The same is true of adultery. It is too late after marriage to wish otherwise. *Better is it not to marry than to break the sacred vow.*

Thankful

We students are thankful to have learned and now to be able to help others on their many related problems. As we know that many of you will also want to know what we have learned, we certainly hope that you will write Mr. Armstrong requesting the book on *Sex Understanding* which he hopes to complete this winter. He will be greatly inspired by any interest you express in its publication.

Why Work?

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attempt with failures and with hard-earned successes to complete our transitory years. God has provided us with every tool to finish life's course and to make secure that hope of immortality in the family of God. *The family of God is a laboring family.* (John 5:7). But by nature we lack the family characteristics of God. So, if we had not been put into a material world which compels us to work for a livelihood, we would not be fitted and trained to inherit a portion in the household of God. We have to strive against the laziness of human nature by working with our hands and minds for God in service to men.

Good Deeds Shine

Viewing good works through God's magnifying glass gives us a much larger

perspective of divine love which we can let shine into the eyes of the world. Our obedience to God is not seen by empty words: it is seen in the occurrence of profitable labor and good deeds. When serving others, we have the opportunity to show fidelity and abhorrence of purloining (Titus 2:9, 10). Through productive labor we have the opportunity to prove to others, who lack inspiration, the gain in doing work heartily (Col 3:22). *Have you filled the shrivelled hearts of others with smiles from work gladly done?*

Industriousness

Our business affairs provide us another opportunity. By rightly directing our examples, we can lift through inspiration, that huge and bulky load weighing down feeble human frames—laziness. Rom. 12:11. Our industriousness will do much to inspire hope in a receptive heart and to prepare the unskilled to meet the testing of life's course. Ecc. 10:10. But *remember this command* when helping others: if a brother does not work, he does not deserve to eat (II Thess. 3:10). We help our brethren by putting them on their own feet, not by propping them up on our feet.

A Common Example

"By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands, the house droppeth through" (Ecc. 10:18; Pro. 24:30-34). Is this your home?

I hope it isn't. But if it is, you ought to consider very carefully that others measure our belief by how we live. It is our life to set an example for others so they will be stirred to procure from the seeds of toil and labor the bumper crop of joy, peace, hope, love and prosperity.

The time will come, too, when those who fail to appreciate our acts *today*, will recall them *tomorrow* when God shall open their hearts and eyes to serve Him in the judgment at the last day (I Peter 2:12).

Be Balanced

The foundation of Scripture provides us with a perfect balance for life. We are to set our affections and hopes on the enduring promises of God. *We are not to spend our days fabricating an illusionary house of material prosperity which will terminate in death.* Yet, because we do set our hopes on the promise of eternal inheritance in the earth and because we know the laws of life from the Revelation of God, we can use the present world to the glory of God. Ours is not to build useless enterprises and foolish gadgets that please the vanity of men and women. Ours is to produce useful articles that benefit

God-instituted homes. Ours is to cause hope and joy to spring forth from the faces of young and old by the goods and nutritious foods we provide. And all this beside tithes and offerings we give!

Has anyone of us now any reason to think that God has not given ample opportunity to do Him service beside preaching?

A Different World

Neither worldly businessmen nor shackled laborers possess this *Bible concept* of work. But time has already proved, though the world is blind to it, that there is no permanent success in anything made in the world *except* the good others can derive, and the joy and training it instills in those who do *productive laboring*. Looking at our occupations with this attitude—a view which directs our endeavors to the service of the Kingdom of God rather than to perishable goals—we are privileged to depict in miniature the *World Tomorrow* when the bountiful Creator will bless the honest and diligent labors of His people and crown their works with joy (Isaiah 65:23). Everyone in the church of God has a whole world of opportunity to give his supreme material efforts to a land needing the best in commodities. How different we can make our work by comparison to shoddily manufactured products. How rich and flavorful we can raise our food in comparison to that produced by greedy and ignorant methods in which poisons deteriorate the soil and valuable insects are destroyed and in which the land is not allowed to rest every seventh year according to command.

Is your life giving others a view of the coming Kingdom of God?

Certainly, Sir!

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let down the bars, become careless about personal appearance, cocking feet on tables or chairs, speaking crossly, losing tempers, scarring the furniture or moving it out of place, they may expect their children to mature into uncouth, ill-trained, ignorant-appearing men and women.

Even where young parents firmly resolve to start out their family life with the most careful training, it is exceedingly difficult in an America with its public-school play-grounds, where young children come into daily contact with ill-trained youngsters from other homes.

I remember when our boys, along about the second or third grade, were heard saying, "Aw, that ain't no good."

"Where or earth did you learn that kind of language?" I asked.

"Why, at school, Daddy."

I was amazed. But of course they

didn't learn that kind of grammar in the classroom. They got it from other children on the play-grounds.

When students who have graduated from high school come to Ambassador College, with most grades in the "As" or "Bs", proficient in mathematics, history, and other subjects, but are not so well-trained in their English, we require them to take a special course in Remedial English for which no credit is given. We want Ambassador students not only to be well educated in the sense of possessing a large fund of knowledge, and sound understanding, but we want them to *appear* educated by the way they express themselves—in personality, in speech, and in manners. It is our most difficult task.

They study English, and composition, and public speaking, and use of the voice in speaking, and foreign languages, under such competent professors as Mr. Theodore Walker, Mr. Emile Mauler-Hiennecey, Mrs. Lucy H. Martin and Mr. Leon Ettinger. At Mayfair, their residence on the campus, they are under supervision of Mrs. Annie M. Mann—and all of these instructors and supervisors are meticulous in their English and their manners. Still, we find, it takes constant diligent drill, and it takes time, and it takes patience.

But I must add there is a *deal* of dissatisfaction in the realization that progress is really greater than we usually realize, watching the day-to-day development of students.

I would recommend to all parents whose children are still young that they take some reputable and approved correspondence course in good English and good speech. Take inventory in your own home.

Ask yourselves, "Do we eat at our family table with the same manners we would if we were visiting some friends or relatives? Do we speak softly, or do we yell? If we wish to speak to another of the family in another part of the house, do we remain where we are and shout, or do we go to the other room and speak quietly?"

Do we teach the children to obey the fifth commandment, and honor their parents by courteous and polite speaking as well as in other ways? Or do we permit our children to "sass" us, and speak impudently and disrespectfully?

Do we always put things back in their proper place after use, and diligently enforce this practice on our children, or do we carelessly leave everything just where we last used it, thus teaching the children by example to do likewise, and creating clutter and confusion?

Remember, God is not the author of confusion. A real Christian home will be one that is neat, clean, and orderly, and

where the family speaks softly with good manners. Otherwise you are breaking some of the Commandments of God, living in disorder and confusion, and doing serious harm and injury to the future of your children.

In all things, let us be circumspect and walk orderly.

On the Campus

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as well as for us here at the College.

Mr. Armstrong has to spend time in study and physical preparation for the broadcast that comes on at 7:30 every morning in Southern California. Here is where the day begins for him usually. It is not an easy task to make a broadcast. Sitting at the microphone is more than talking in an unexpressive voice which half-way puts the audience to sleep. It means reading day by day several magazine articles. Sometimes even books lie on his desk as he is to begin broadcasting for the weekly Sunday program. And behind all this are the years of study that have been put into reading the Bible and its laws and prophecy.

Each broadcast requires Mr. Armstrong to throw his whole self into his work to express words that inspire the hearers to acting on what they hear. To him, it is as though the audience were present. He often rises from his chair a few inches to impress a point more firmly. But when the stress of the broadcast is over, Mr. Armstrong is perspiring over his entire body from the exertion. It takes a great deal of strength and en-

ergy to put feeling into what is said, probably more strength than most would exert while pitching hay all day on a farm. After the broadcast he usually has to rest an hour before the nervous tension is gone enough for him to eat breakfast. I don't think I would be far wrong in saying that most people would long ago have given up under years of this kind of strain. It takes real perseverance and the Spirit of God to continue and not to quit.

Then off to the office he goes to read and answer as much mail as time permits. If you could be here, you would know why he can't answer most of the letters sent to him personally. After a number of telephone interruptions, Mr. Armstrong often finds himself rushed to be prepared for class in time. His Bible classes bring new material every day of such a nature as to inspire discussion in and out of class. And adequate preparation on his part for these classes requires hours as well!

And the business of the College and radio work has to be attended to. Most people would have given up a long time ago if they had had the test of faith and trials on the financial matters of the College.

Added to this is the writing of bulletins to you co-workers. It is not always easy to sit down and immediately write an inspiring letter which makes you want to put your heart behind the work. Then there are the articles for the *Plain Truth* and the *Good News* magazines. Here hours of reading and Bible study go into each one for the first draft. I say "first draft" because for the most

part articles need rewriting in part—and sometimes several times—before going to the printers. It often takes six to eight hours to work over articles satisfactorily.

Visiting co-workers from far and near come to see the College and Mr. Armstrong. He personally makes every effort to show them the College, the Office and Publication Buildings and Mayfair, the student residence.

This may not be his exact routine day to day, but it shows how many days are spent, and what large portions of each are cut away by these duties.

After a day of work at the office and on the campus, Mr. Armstrong is usually ready to go home, if he is not called to see someone who is sick or needs some help otherwise. Before leaving, he often takes a little physical exercise with certain of the students in the form of table tennis. It relieves nervous tension from the strain of the day. Being human as we all are, he needs physical exercises and rest, too. Even Jesus and His disciples had to get away from the multitudes to rest.

But once home, study begins and there are usually hours of writing on articles that were begun at the office. Often the clock turns its hands upright to twelve and more before work is set aside for sleep.

And, not to neglect it, Mr. Armstrong has his own personal problems to meet, as do we all!

I hope you now have a picture of what Mr. Armstrong must shoulder in various responsibilities. Let us all be thankful to God for guiding and helping him so.

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