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Did Angels Marry Women before the Flood?

In the sixth chapter of Genesis we read of the "sons of God" and "giants" who perished in the deluge. Who were they? Is this Bible account really historical?

by Herman L. Hoeh

THOUSANDS of people are being deceived by fables and superstitions that masquerade under the guise of *truth*. Most "modern" interpretations of those "sons of God," "mighty men" and "giants" are really age-old fables!

Instead of just accepting human interpretations without proof, let's search the Scripture for the Bible answer.

Were the prediluvians angels who married women and produced giants? Or were they pious children of Seth? Is it scientific to believe there ever were giants, or *nephilim* as they are called in Hebrew?

BIBLE Definitions of "Sons of God"

The Bible employs the phrase "sons of God" in several ways. Therefore we must have adequate Scriptural proof before we can be sure *which Bible definition* is intended in the sixth chapter of Genesis. People always want to pick the definition they *want* to believe rather than what God intends to reveal! Maybe that's what you, without realizing it, have been doing all these years.

Here are the Bible usages.

First, if one has received and is *led by the Spirit* of God (Romans 8:14), then he is now a begotten *son of God* (I John 3:1). Many verses in the New Testa-

ment explain that the *natural* human being is *not a BEGOTTEN* son of God until guided and filled with the Holy Spirit which is the DIVINE NATURE and LIFE of God (II Peter 1:4).

Second, *figuratively* speaking, natural human beings are called "sons of God." We are all the sons of God *by creation* (Malachi 2:10; Luke 3:38).

Third, in the book of Job, God calls *angels* "sons of God" because they were created by Him. Notice it. "All the sons of God shouted for joy" when God was laying the earth's foundation (Job 38:5-7). This was long before there were any human beings. Adam, who was the *first* man (I Cor. 15:45), was created much later.

Although angels are called "sons of God" because they are created by God, they can *never* become *begotten* sons of God as can human beings (Hebrews 1-5).

Since the Bible uses the expression "sons of God" in these various ways, we must study all the Scripture before determining *which* one is the correct *Biblical* interpretation.

WHO Were the Giants?

Beside "sons of God," Moses wrote that there were *giants* or *nephilim* in

the earth in those days. Many modernists, who reject the inspiration of Scripture, *assume* that belief in giants is a relic of past superstitious ages. The present age is supposedly free from superstition!

Others, however, *assume* this historical record teaches that giants or *nephilim* were the progeny of angels and women. But let's not *assume*. Let's find the facts.

Notice what Moses was inspired to write. Long before the flood occurred, giants existed on the earth "and *also AFTER THAT*, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men . . ." So the giants were not the progeny of those marriages. They lived *before* the marriages occurred.

The progeny of those marriages were *not* the giants, but "*mighty men*, which were of old, *men of renown*" (Gen. 6:4).

Startling Evidence Proves Giants Existed

This will come as a surprise—yes, a shock, to most of you. The remains of those giants and mighty men *have been found* by geologists and archeologists! Once and for all time, the accusation that Bible history is untrustworthy is disproved. It is religious superstition and

evolutionary theory that are the fables!

Much of the evidence about pre-flood life can be found in an easy-to-read book entitled, *Mankind So Far*, by William Howells. Although written by an evolutionist, this book contains facts which substantiate the historical account in Genesis. The author did *not* understand the evidence he found, because he rejected the Bible revelation and invented his own theories.

Most every child has heard of the *cave-men* or the Neanderthals. Far from being sub-men, *they were the giants* of old. Here is what Howells says of them:

"The Neanderthal brain was most positively and definitely not smaller than our own; indeed, and this is rather a bitter pill, it appears to have been perhaps a little larger. The middle-aged man of La Chapelle-aux-Saints had a brain whose volume was about 1,625 cubic centimeters, which is a figure that only a fraction of modern European men can match . . ." (pp. 165-166).

"A skull of the Neanderthals has a characteristic and striking form. It is huge and thick. It considerably *exceeds that of any modern type both in length and in breadth . . .*" (pp. 166).

Far from being "half-way up from the ape," these *giants* who roamed the earth possessed a "squat, heavily built physique of great strength"; their "teeth were robust and somewhat larger than ours, but *not more primitive*" (p. 168).

" . . . the excellence of their stone working, which was as good as anything which had yet been achieved . . ." was amazing. Their characteristic tool was the fist ax "so heavy as to be surprising, for the men of the age were surely not monsters." (pp. 164, 118). Not monsters? But the facts prove it! The Bible says so. "There were giants in the earth in those days!"

They were divided into several races, being scattered over much of Europe, North Africa and parts of Russia. The Bible does not give their specific origin other than they must have been descendants of Adam, the first man (1 Cor. 15:45). Genesis 1:9 disproves the possibility that they roamed before the creation of Adam. They appeared in the earth in the days soon after Adam and before the flood—"in those days." Undoubtedly they were biological mutations.

In Rhodesia, Africa, a skull has been found of the same general type which is "really colossal in size . . ." (p. 176). The Heidelberg jaw is also immense. The Piltdown skull, found in Great Britain, was probably of a woman whose brain case was "well above the average for European women today" (p. 158). The Wajak skulls of the Australian area

also have a large brain and heavy bone construction. "A few skulls of much the same sort (and date) have come to light in South Africa; the important ones being the Florisbad, Fish, Hoek, Boskop, and Springbok Flats crania. They are all old and *big*." "This is especially true of the enormous Boskop skull (with a capacity of perhaps 1,800 cubic centimeters)" (pp. 191-192).

Did Violence Fill the Earth?

The record in Genesis says that God, in mercy, destroyed the earth to save man from himself. Evil and violence *filled* the earth. Archeologists have found *proof of that violence*. In the Ofnet cave of Bavaria, Germany, "were discovered thirty-three skulls all huddled together in a circle. Their owners *had each been killed by a stone ax, and all the heads had been cut off and buried together in this fashion*" (p. 226).

In China the bones of ancients were discovered to have been "split lengthwise in a fashion which no animal can manage, but which has been used by man to get at the marrow of a bone in other times and places" (p. 149). *Cannibalism!*

Evidence of the Mighty Men of Old

The remains of the mighty men of renown—men of great ability and exploits—are quite different from the giants. Here is what Howells has found:

"Over such a large population rose rulers of yet unheard-of power, able to construct temples and palaces. And through all this ran knowledge, writing, and mathematics. That was the Bronze Age. Before 3,000 B.C. there arose the Indian cities, Mohenjodaro, Harappa, and others in the Indus Valley, and Kish and the Sumerian Ur in Mesopotamia" (p. 230). It is significant that *these cities perished by water* according to archeologists!

But why should people today be so much smaller and less powerful? The answer is found in a statement by Howells on page 226, "There were some groups of people in Egypt and *the Near East* who were long headed but had the lighter-boned, *smaller skulls of men of today*." Noah lived in the Near East. He was the progenitor of all the nations that exist today. He undoubtedly came from this stock—the group that did not have the greatest physical strength and stature! God could use him in His ministry because he was willing to humble himself—there was nothing humanly great of which he could be proud.

The same today. *Not many great and mighty in this world are called*. They do not yield themselves to the great power of God. They rely, like the ancients, on their own strength—never acknowledg-

ing that even such strength was given to them by God at birth. Let us take this lesson to heart!

Since we have the historical facts in mind, let's look at the record Moses gave. Who were those "sons of God" who married and reproduced the mighty men?

Were those "Sons of God" Angels?

People often quote II Peter 2:4 and Jude 6 as proof that the pre-flood sons of God were angels. Let's notice what Peter said: "God spared not the angels that sinned, but . . . delivered them into chains of darkness . . . AND spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; AND turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes (II Peter 2:4-6).

Notice that there are *three* distinct—three different punishments. God cast down the angels and degraded them to chains of spiritual darkness *before* he destroyed the antediluvian world. The punishment of the angels was *not* at the flood. It was at a *prior*, a DIFFERENT time.

The sin of the angels was not descending to the earth to marry women. They sinned by *leaving* the earth which was their estate, to rival God in heaven. They were cast back to the earth (Jude 6; Isaiah 14:13-14).

Angels Not at Liberty to Marry

The wicked angels who followed Satan were in chains of darkness imprisoned by their own folly (Jude 6) Remember, the Bible reveals that angels are created *spirits* (Hebrews 1:14). They are not mortal flesh like humans. In 1 Peter 3:19, 20 we read of *spirits*—angels—not human beings, but angels who were imprisoned, bound—when? "When once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, *while the ark was a preparing*."

Notice it! Before the flood destroyed the land, while the ark was still under construction, the angels who are spirits, were *already imprisoned*, "in hell"—*tartaroo*—not at liberty to co-habit with human women.

It is a fable that angels were imprisoned as a result of the flood.

Not only does Peter *disprove* the theory that fallen angels were at liberty to marry women, but Jesus also disproves it. Christ said in three places that angels DO NOT MARRY. Angels are created spirits and do not reproduce by sexual intercourse or any other means (Luke 20:36; Matthew 22:30; Mark 12:35).

Angels cannot co-habit with women

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NEW FACTS on *Christmas*

Here are NEW facts proving that early Catholics did NOT celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas—that Pope Liberius by 354 A. D. changed the day to December 25th.

by Herman L. Hoeh

NOW, FOR the first time, we are publishing newly discovered, astonishing facts about the introduction of the pagan Christmas celebration into the churches centuries after Christ.

Many of you are already familiar with the historically proved facts about the heathen origin of Christmas which Mr. Armstrong has written.

With more of us to do research, each passing year opens up new facts. These not only substantiate previous conclusions, but also add many more important details that you need to know.

By having the truth, we do not need to be afraid of new investigations. Every piece of new evidence proves more strongly than ever that Jesus was not born on December 25th—that the apostles, the early, true, spirit-filled and guided church did not observe Christmas.

It is a pagan holiday in honor of Sol, the sun-god, and was introduced by apostatizing churches. God calls it an abomination and commands us to quit observing this vain and foolish practice (Jer. 10:2-3).

Churches Fight the Truth!

Thousands of you people are learning for the first time that the holidays which the churches are observing came from paganism and are condemned in the Bible. This truth is becoming so widespread that clever and subtle attacks are being launched against the truth of God. Here is what is happening.

To maintain their sway over the people, popular denominations are publishing articles and books which admit that their pagan, idolatrous customs and holidays came from the sun-worship of ancient Babylon and Egypt! The truth is forcing them to confess it.

The Catholic Church has recently caused the publication of a series of books on each of its major holidays. The title of one book is *4000 Years of Christmas*, by Earl Wendel Count. The very name of this book proves that the Christmas holiday isn't Christian. It was celebrated 2000 years before the birth of Christ in honor of pagan gods! Therefore it was, and is, IDOLATRY!

Even though church leaders are being forced to confess the true origin of their holidays, they refuse to repent—refuse to give them up. They cleverly deceive

the people by saying that God approves these abominations.

But notice what God does say about these holidays and customs by which the heathen served their gods: "Take heed . . . that you do not enquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?'—that I also may do likewise." YOU SHALL NOT DO SO TO THE ETERNAL YOUR GOD; FOR EVERY ABOMINABLE THING WHICH THE ETERNAL HATES THEY HAVE DONE FOR THEIR GODS." (Deut. 12:30-31.)

Just like the Jews, the churches today reject the commandment of God so they can hold the traditions of men.

Jesus commands us not to worship him by holidays like Christmas, Easter and a host of others.

Heathen Customs Crept into Christianity

No one knows the exact date on which Jesus was born. It has been hidden because God didn't intend his church to celebrate the birthday of Christ. If you haven't already read the proof that Jesus was not born on December 25th, be sure to send for Mr. Armstrong's free booklet, "The Plain Truth About Christmas." You will learn how the pagans, during the days of the early church, were celebrating this very day in honor of Sol, the sun-god. The Romans called December 25 the *Brumalia* or birthday of the *new-sun* after the winter solstice.

Since Christmas isn't the birthday of Jesus and was not observed by the early true Christians, how did it get into the churches?

Following the death of the apostle Paul, false teachers began to lead away many Christians from the truth. Paul knew this would happen. He wrote Timothy: "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths" (2 Tim. 4:3-4).

Notice it. Christians would reject the truth and begin to follow myths. Instead of continuing to observe the festivals of God as the first Christians did, the apostatizing majority began to invent their own traditions.

In 200 A. D., Clement of Alexandria wrote that many were speculating about

Christ's birthdate. In the western and especially the eastern parts of the Roman Empire, many sects were beginning to follow a false tradition that Jesus was baptized on January 6—one of the fables against which Paul warned (2 Timothy 4:4). They also taught that Jesus was born on January 6th—another fable.

Even the church at Rome for nearly two centuries observed the date of Christ's birth and baptism as January 6th. This festival was called Epiphany. (Bingham's *Antiquities*, Book xx, chapter iv.)

This tradition about the birth of Christ was not universally accepted. In 245 A. D., Origen, like numerous other Catholic leaders, still repudiated the idea of observing any day as Christ's birthday. The traditional date of January 6 did not gain a very strong foothold in the western parts of the Roman Empire because certain heretical sects were following the same tradition.

Then, how did December 25th finally become the traditional date of Christ's birth?

How Christmas Tradition Developed

Bishops in the West, and especially at Rome, saw that by allowing converts to retain their pagan holidays, they could induce thousands to enter the church and "embrace" Catholicism. The noted Catholic writer Tertullian lamented this trend when he said in 230 A. D.:

"By us who are strangers to Sabbaths, and new moons, and (GOD'S) festivals, once acceptable to God, the Saturnalia, the feasts of January, the *Brumalia* (December 25), the Matronalia, are now frequented; gifts are carried to and from, new year's day presents are made with din, and sports and banquets are celebrated with uproar" (from *De Idolatria*, Ch. 14).

In less than two centuries after Christ's death, professing Christians were returning to their former pagan practices—to December 25, the birthday of Sol the sun-god. Here is one of the earliest indications that Christians were transforming the birthday of the physical *J-u-n* into the birthday of the *S-o-n* of God.

This idolatrous adoption of heathen festival proceeded very slowly UNTIL CATHOLICISM BECAME THE STATE RE-

LIGION OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE UNDER EMPEROR CONSTANTINE.

Almost immediately, the pagans flocked to the churches *bringing their customs with them*. Within forty years the celebration of the 25th of December became so widespread that a *sudden* change took place in Rome.

The last record of Pope Liberius' celebration of the nativity on January 6 occurred in 353 A. D. In the very next year he celebrated it on December 25! This is fully explained in the *Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics*, by James Hastings, article "Christmas." Even the *Catholic Encyclopedia* admits that Christmas celebrations *officially* began by this year—354 A. D.

Christmas Celebration Spreads Rapidly

From Rome in the West, the celebration of Christmas quickly engulfed the whole empire. But many preachers in the East still clung to January 6 as the traditional nativity. As late as 373 Ephraim Syrus said: "On the tenth day (of March) was His Conception and on the sixth day (of January) was His Nativity" (*Assemani Bibl. Or. ii. 169*).

Here is what Chrysostom said about Christmas in his *Homily on the Birth of Christ*, written in Antioch about 380 A. D.: "It is *not yet ten years since this day was made known to us*."

Christmas didn't come from the apostles. It came to Antioch, the city where the Paul preached, *three hundred years after the apostle died!* It came from an apostate Rome, not from Jesus Christ. Christmas came from paganism, not from the Bible.

Notice what Chrysostom continues to say about Christmas: "I know well that many even yet dispute with one another about it, some finding fault with it and others defending it." He admitted it was "new, in that it has recently been made known to us . . ."

The bishops at Rome claimed to have accurate knowledge of Christ's birth because they possessed the census papers of Jesus' family. Just why they kept this hidden for over three centuries they never say.

They forged many records in an effort to show that preceding popes celebrated Christmas on December 25. If this were really true, they would not have needed to forge these spurious records.

The celebration of Christmas in Constantinople, near where Paul preached in Asia Minor, first took place between 378 and 381. And if this isn't enough evidence against the apostolic origin of Christmas, there is proof that December 25 was not celebrated in Jerusalem before 385. Yet Jerusalem was the site of

the mother church in the very beginning.

Origin of Mistletoe, Yulelog and Santa Claus

Christmas became a universal practice in all but the Armenian Church by the fifth century. Hundreds of traditions and customs began to develop about Christmas in every land. In the *Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia*, you can read this about Christmas: "Yet the festival rapidly gained acceptance and became at last so firmly established that *even the Protestant revolution of the sixteenth century was not able to dislodge it*."

Protestants didn't get Christmas from the Bible. They got it from their mother church—Rome; and Rome got it from pagan sun worship!

And where do you suppose the story of Santa Claus originated? And what about hanging mistletoe in the doorway at Christmas time? Where did the holly-wreath, the Yulelog, and lighting of fires and candles come from?

And what about the Christmas tree? Is it mentioned in the Bible? Yes indeed. It is mentioned and *condemned*.

You can read the *truth* about these customs—what God says about them—if you write immediately for the FREE booklet "The Plain Truth About Christmas." Be sure to write your letters immediately after reading this article.

Even though Christmas observance does come from paganism, "Surely giving gifts is scriptural?" Didn't the wise men give gifts?

Does Bible Teach Exchanging Gifts?

Although most people admit Christmas came from paganism when confronted with the facts, they assume that giving gifts to relatives is in the Bible. Just where did the Christmas SHOPPING season really originate?

Here's a surprise! "The custom of giving presents was a feature of the Romans during their winter festival the Saturnalia," says John Then, in his book, *Christmas*, page 91. ". . . Christians made presents to their children on Christmas morning, *under the pretense* that they were the gift of the Christ child . . . this age-old custom can be traced to the dawn of history."

Did trading gifts at Christmas come from Scripture? No! It came from pagan tradition and was turned into a pretense—a deception to fool little children. And millions are practicing this *lie* today.

Millions of sincere, deceived people spend precious dollars to give gifts to *friends* on a day that doesn't honor Christ. How silly to claim to honor Christ, when honoring *one another* on a day that isn't His birthday at all.

The wise men didn't give gifts to one another! Notice what they did: "Then, opening their treasures, they offered HIM gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh" (Matt. 2:1-11).

WHY were the wise men giving gifts to the Christ child? Was this his birthday? No! Jesus had been born days before! Then why did they give gifts to HIM? Because Jesus was born "KING of the Jews."

"The people of the east never approach the presence of kings and great personages, without a *present* in their hands," says Adam Clarke about Matthew 2:11.

The wise men were not coming on Jesus' birthday as an example for us. Instead they came to worship Jesus and present HIM gifts because he was KING.

HOW to Honor Christ

Most people are dishonoring—yes, *robbing* Christ at every Christmas season and they don't know it! While spending every available dime on gifts for friends and relatives in this *commercialized* season, they are forgetting Christ. They take—steal—the very money that belongs to Him.

Notice what Malachi says in his prophecy for today about modern Israel—the United States and the other democracies; "Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How are we robbing thee?' *In your tithes and offerings*. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me; the whole nation of you" (Malachi 3:6-12).

Many of you have been robbing God of His tithes and offerings by spending *God's own money* in Christmas gifts instead of giving Him what is due. Our people have turned aside from Him, our hearts have gone after pagan festivals—Christmas, New Year's Day, Easter.

The way to return to God and give Him your heart is to *pay* your tithes and offerings. Why? "For where your treasure is, *there* will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). You are not truly converted until your *WHOLE* heart is yielded to God. The only way to give your *whole* heart to Him is to let Him rule your pocketbook—to pay Him the tithes and offerings that belong to Him.

Today, under the New Covenant, God commands that His tithes go to His work for the preaching of the true gospel to all the world. This year, instead of celebrating a pagan holiday, why not give your gifts to Christ for His work? That is how you can really honor Him.

And be sure to send for your free copy of "The Plain Truth About Christmas." Instead of trading gifts this year, give your money to Christ and send for free copies of this booklet for your friends so they will understand.

Hundreds Hear *Vital* Messages at Feast of Tabernacles

*Report on eight glorious, joy-packed days with God
and God's people, far away from this unhappy world.*

by Thomas Ham

ON THE evening of October third, over 450 of us from about twenty states gathered into Seigler Springs, California, to observe the Festival of Tabernacles.

Some came by train and bus, others by automobile and plane, to this secluded, picturesque resort which provided such a wonderful setting for this great Festival.

There were sixteen sparkling services during the Festival, one each morning and the other after our evening meal. Each service contained wonderful spiritual food that couldn't be found at any other time or place.

First Time Many See Mr. Armstrong

Mr. Armstrong was able to give us really dynamic and helpful messages. His second sermon, during the Festival, was an informative message on "What is Worldliness?" Many of us learned for the first time that things which the world believes to be sinful are quite often right, whereas things the world looks upon as holy are often sinful in God's sight.

In addition to his powerful sermons, Mr. Armstrong also held one special afternoon meeting, in which he gave many people—for the first time in their lives—honest, helpful, and Bible-based information on sex and marriage.

Exciting Reports About Europe

Mr. Dick Armstrong and Mr. Herman Hoeh, who had gone to Europe this past summer, gave us two thrilling, interest-packed messages, revealing many important facts about Communism, Fascism and Catholicism which we could have obtained no where else. Although most foreign correspondents get official pronouncements from European governments, these two men conversed personally with hundreds of people and obtained hitherto unpublished facts from Europe which unlocked the mystery as to what is going to happen.

We were also privileged to hear many sermons from other students of Ambassador College. The brethren who read articles by some of these young men were finally privileged to see them face to face and to hear them expound the Word of God from the pulpit. Most of who listened to them speak rea-

lized anew the vital purpose which Ambassador College is fulfilling in preparing consecrated, spirit-filled young men to assist Mr. Armstrong in carrying on this great work of God.

Marion McNair, who has served as pastor with Elder Basil Wolverton of the Portland Church, preached a fine sermon on the three kinds of love—selfish love, natural affection and divine love. He pointed out that the human love to family and relatives is mistaken by most churches to be the love of God. Near the close of the Feast, Raymond Cole, acting pastor of the Eugene church, delivered an enlightening message, proving there is more than one resurrection. He also showed us from the Bible that those who have died, never having had an opportunity to be saved, will be resurrected to receive their first chance to salvation.

In addition, the two baptizing teams headed by Raymond McNair and Rod Meredith had one whole service in which they told us of meeting many of you on their nationwide tours taken this summer. Paul Smith and Burk McNair, who accompanied them on the baptizing tours, cited many incidents which gave us an insight into the problems of the newly converted and baptized brethren.

Other students delivered inspiring sermons on prayer, obedience, respect for authority and the inspiration of the Bible. These messages helped every one of us to face the problems of another year in a world ensnared in the wiles of Satan.

We Enjoy Ourselves in Other Ways

The weekday afternoons we had free to spend at our leisure. We had the entire use of the fine Seigler Springs resort. There were two swimming pools—an indoor heated one and a fine outdoor plunge—for those who wished to swim. The outdoor pool also provided a fine baptistry in which many were baptized. For those who preferred outdoor exercise, there were numerous mountain trails on which to hike. There were table tennis facilities and a shuffleboard for the indoor sport enthusiasts. The tennis players found a very fine court available to them for tennis and badminton.

For the brethren who had questions, there were set up three teams of two students each to answer them. Questions were assigned to each team so that anyone wishing queries answered had only to choose which questions he wished to hear explained.

The Final Climax

A very important part of the meetings was the wonderful music program at each service. We had piano and violin accompaniment as we sang the words to God's songs—the Psalms—many of which have been set to beautiful music by Mr. Armstrong's brother, Dwight L. Armstrong. In addition, we were privileged to hear beautiful special numbers by those who are allowing God to make use of their voices to sing His praises. The climax of the entire Festival came on the last Sabbath when Mrs. Beverly Gout sang, "The Lord's Prayer."

With all these blessings, is it any wonder that many of us saw the last great day approach with a feeling of deep regret? The services of that last day were the perfect finish to God's Holy Festival. In the afternoon, there was held the beautiful service of the blessing of infants and children. After this came the time when those who had been baptized had the hands of the ministry and elders laid on them for the receiving of the Holy Spirit.

The grand climax of the great conclave was the extending of the right hand of fellowship to the newly recognized members of God's Church. More received this token of fellowship than there were to give it: over 250 in all. What clear evidence that this great work of God is literally growing by leaps and bounds!

Mr. Armstrong closed the Festival with a final admonition that while the Church of God moves like a mighty army, it moves not on its stomach, as Napoleon said, but on its knees in prayer.

I hope that next year you will be able to attend the Festival of Tabernacles, yourself. Remember God has provided a way whereby *you can afford to attend*. That way is to save the second tithe of which you have often read in this magazine. If your second tithe doesn't seem large enough to provide

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the means for your attendance then pray and rely on God to open up a way by which you can come. Maybe you will need to save it for two years, but don't give up.

While it is not yet known just where the festival will be held next year, we are relying on God to show us, just as he did this year, a place large enough to accommodate the great increase in attendance—one where God's people can enjoy a spiritual feast separated for eight days from worldly trials and persecutions.

When that glorious season comes around, we shall expect to see you, too, at that place which God Himself will choose and make known to His people.

Did Angels Marry Women?

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and reproduce because angels and humans are two different *kinds* of beings. God set laws in motion that each produces *after its own kind* (Genesis 1). Two different Biblical kinds can not gender sexually. This is one of the most thoroughly established laws of science.

God did not make it possible for angels to reproduce with human beings. He did not intend to beget angels as

His sons (Hebrews 1:5). Beside, nowhere in the Bible do we find that *degraded angels* have the power to manifest themselves in the form of human beings—a power now possessed only by righteous angels who serve God.

Originated in Paganism

The doctrine that angels married women is not new. It came from garbled *heathen traditions*. Jewish fables which Paul condemned also contain the same superstitions. Where did they acquire them? From the Babylonians!

The Gentiles who once knew the truth, turned it into a lie (Rom. 1:25). They confused the sins of angels, which occurred before Adam's creation, with the sins of men during the days of Noah, thus producing the garbled tradition that the "gods" had intercourse with women. It was from contact with such Babylonian traditions that the Jews received their fables. See any Biblical Encyclopedia for this information. It is time that Christians come out of this Babylonian superstition and believe what the Bible really teaches.

The True Answer

Years after the flood there was recorded for us in the book of Job a

description of prediluvian life (Job 22:15-18). Notice what the narrator says! "Hast thou marked the old way which wicked MEN have trodden?"

Did you notice it? The scripture says "men," not angels. Men, human beings, say to God "Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them? Yet he filled their houses with good things." They were self sufficient unregenerate human sinners who had *no fear* of God. They were like human beings today. They didn't believe in a flood. But *fallen angels* fear God and tremble. *They know* the just judgment of God against their evil deeds (James 2:29). The angels knew God would bring a flood.

Now read Genesis 6:3. The "sons of God" took wives, "The ETERNAL said, My spirit shall not always strive with *man*." Here again the sons of God are called "men." Because the sons of God lusted after women, God said, "I will destroy *man* whom I have made from the face of the earth" (verse 7). Not one word about angels!

With the outpouring of the deluge "all flesh died . . . AND EVERY MAN" (Gen. 7:21-23).

Why Called "Sons of God"?

If you will examine the sixth chapter of Genesis more closely, you will notice that DAUGHTERS were born when the human race began to multiply rapidly (verse 1). Why the mention of daughters ONLY? What about the *sons* that must have been born? The human race reproduces at least as many males as females. The answer is that the sons *are* spoken of, but most readers overlook it.

Turn to the last verse of Genesis 4 and pick up the real beginning of the account. Over two and one-half centuries had passed since the creation of Adam. What happened? "Then began *men* to call upon the name of the ETERNAL." The marginal reading is "then began *men* to call themselves by the name of the ETERNAL" (Gen. 4:26).

Like people today who profess *Christ* and call themselves *Christians*, those men of old gave lip service to the ways of God even though they *called themselves by the name of God!* They were the *sons* born before the flood.

They were rebellious and unrepentant. What had they done that was evil in God's sight? Notice it, the males who professed God, but with whom *God would not continue to strive*, were the ones who married the "daughters of men."

They persisted in having their own way and married their neighbor's daughters—beautiful, but unconverted *women*—who led them further *those* and into the cares of this .

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Today's Troubled Europe

ON THESE four pages we bring you scenes of the troubled center of world disturbance—locations of PROPHECY FULFILLMENT—in pictures taken by our own foreign correspondents this past summer.

Here, vast populations crammed into small spaces, many different nations speaking different languages, having different cultures and competing interests, grope in the darkness of political and economic chaos.

Here is the Europe Stalin eyes greedily, with his military hordes poised ready to trample it down.

Here is the Europe that lives in daily fear of Soviet invasion and domination, and also, in fear of union

with neighbor European nations for common defense!

Here is the Europe being kept alive economically for the time being by YOUR tax dollars—dumping grounds of Marshall-Plan aid.

Here are scenes in the very lands which are even now moving to unite, as prophesied, to resurrect for one brief catastrophic plunge of destruction the mighty ROMAN EMPIRE—the fanatical force of evil which will organize for defense against Russia, but will launch unwarned *offense* against America.

But before this, *we must warn Europe*. Below is enchanting Lugano, Switzerland, possible future home of the European branch of AMBASSADOR COLLEGE.

Lugano, Switzerland, proposed site for the European branch of Ambassador College. This is in Southern Switzerland and is a city which offers many fine educational possibilities.





Above: The American Military Cemetery in Luxembourg, largest the United States. To the "Battle of the Bulge." This is also the place where General S. Patton is buried during World War II.

Left top: A Russian monument to the war dead in Berlin guarded by Russian soldiers. This monument is on the famed Unter den Linden near the Brandenburg Gate.

Right top: an example during the

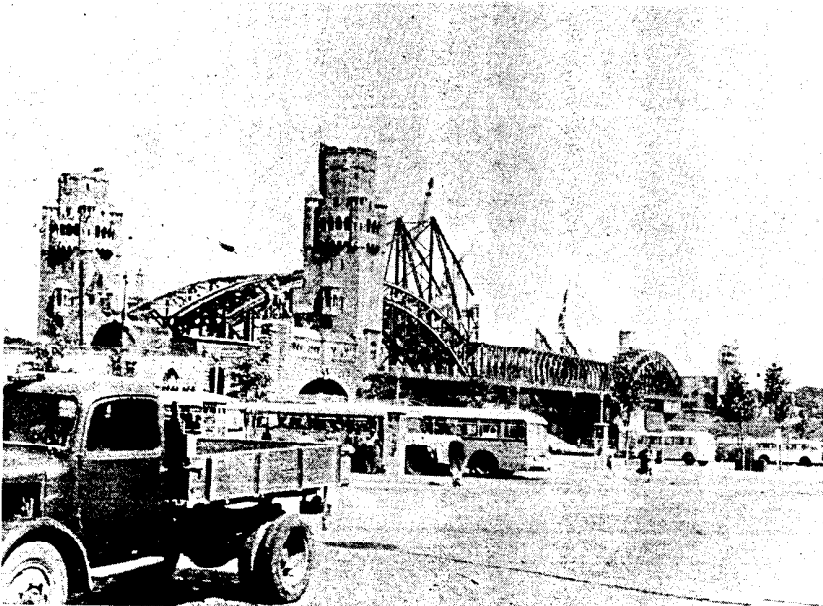
Left center: A scene just east of the end of the Kurfurstendam in the middle of Berlin. There are many large areas such as this in Berlin filled with the rubble that was once one of the world's largest cities.

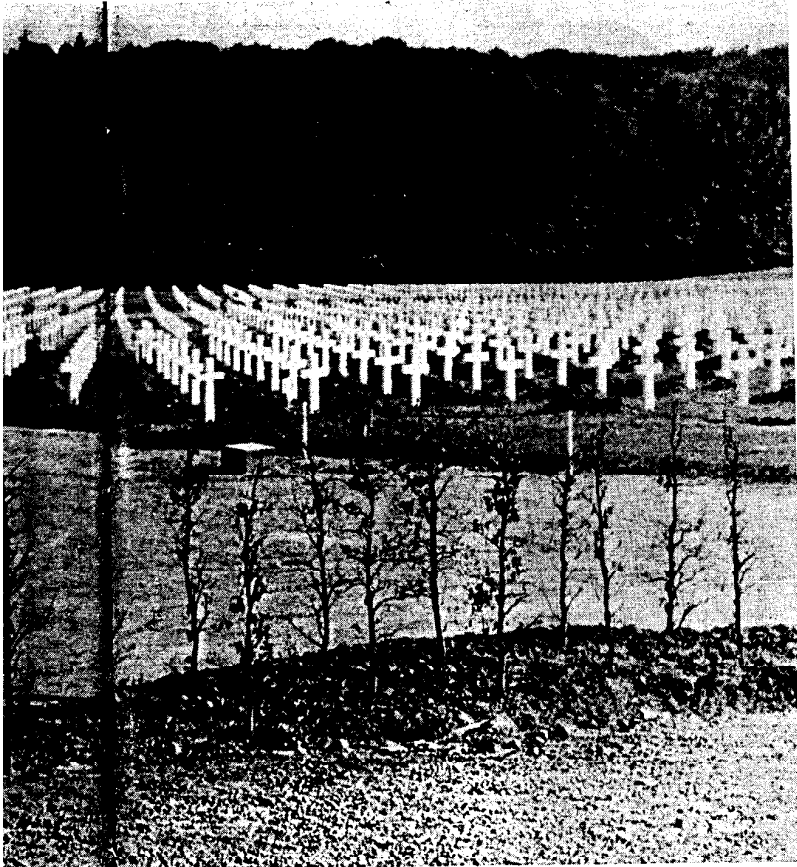
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Left bottom: One of the large bridges over the Rhine River at Cologne. This bridge was destroyed during the war and has been rebuilt with American aid

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Below: Farm home and barn in Swiss Alps. Note the eaves twinter snows. Most well kept, and decorated with flowers in the summer. To the of Switzerland, the





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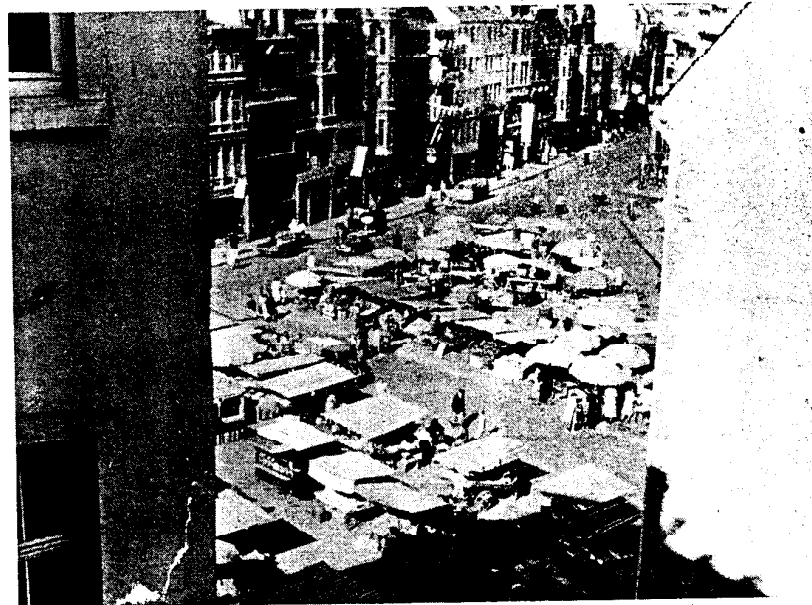
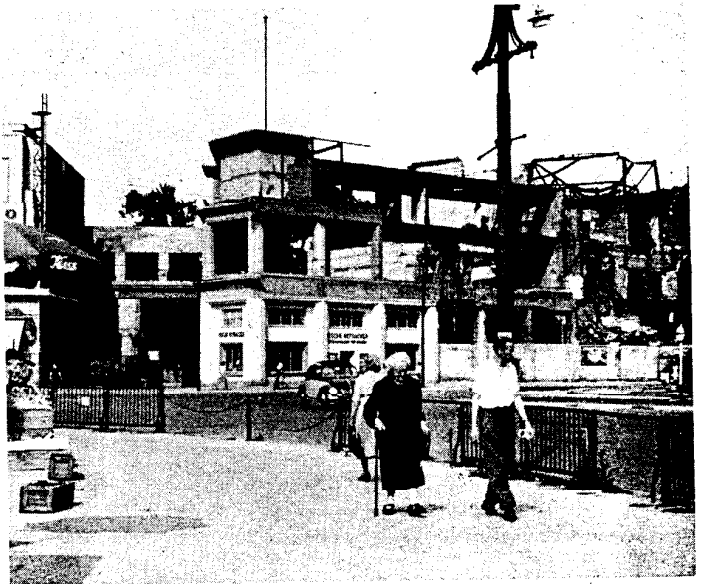
Right top: A corner of the Kurfurstendamm—main street of West Berlin. This is an example of buildings all over Western Germany that had been gutted during the war and have had the ground floor rebuilt for use.

Right center: Looking down Unter den Linden toward Brandenburg Gate. Note Red flag above the gate, which marks the border of the Russian zone of Berlin and the bombed out buildings in the background. In the foreground is a Russian tank.

Right bottom: Public market in Bonn—the capital of Western Germany. These stalls are set up early in the morning and taken down in the evening. All sorts of fruits and vegetables are sold in them.

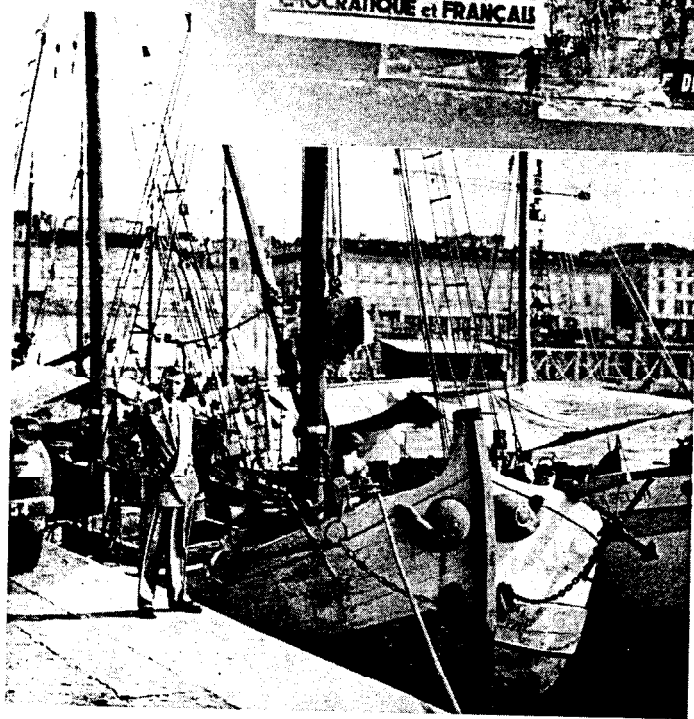
Cologne. This American aid

the eaves in winter snows. Most rural homes in Switzerland are very rustic, but in the mountains. To the north of Switzerland, the home is a family's castle.





Left: Some of the many Anti-American posters that adorn the walls of Paris. The one to the left denounces the government of Premier Antoine Pinay, General Ridgway and the rearming of Western Germany. The poster to the right accuses the Americans of germ warfare in Korea—calling us "Criminals of War"—calling for the liberation of Jacques Duclos, leader of the Communist Party who was in Prison and telling Americans to stay in America.



Above: Dick Armstrong in front of one of the native fishing boats tied up at the waterfront in Trieste which has a fine harbor on the Adriatic. Note the eyes that are put on the front of the boats to help the sailors see their way through foggy seas.



Above: The market place in Trieste. These stalls are set up during the daytime and closed at night. Articles of clothing, furniture, fruits, vegetables, and many other items are sold in these markets.



Left: A street in Trieste. Notice how narrow it is and yet cars are driven down streets like this one. Also interesting is the Coca Cola sign in the center of the picture.

The Origin of LIFE

When did life begin? Have scientists found evidence that life evolved from dead matter? Are the first fossils simple and primitive as the theory of evolution demands?

by Kenneth Herrmann

IT IS commonly taught that you and I are end products of an evolutionary process that began with simple one-celled animals. These first simple life forms are supposed to have sprung spontaneously into existence from dead matter.

Let us examine the evidence.

A Course Entitled "The Origin of Life"

One of the outstanding large universities of the Los Angeles area made the error of labeling a geology course, "The Origin of Life." I say error, for when the topic came up in class, the professor expressed openly the wish that the course had been given a different name.

Speaking frankly, this professor, a qualified scientist, said there was *little or nothing known about the origin of life*.

This fact is important. The educators who labeled the course believed their professors capable of teaching a course on how life came into being. Yet the professor assigned to the course indicated that little or nothing could be said concerning the origin of life.

Will the conclusions of scientists concerning the origin of life disagree with the scripture?

Three Alternatives

Life does exist. Just where, when and how did it come into existence?

Evolutionists do not accept the scriptural explanation. Let us examine their own conclusion and the facts upon which it is based.

Here is evidence and logic apart from Biblical revelation using only accepted facts and sound reasoning to test the theories presented in books on science. Theories of the day will be considered one by one in the light of fact and logic alone. Will *pure* science disagree with God's revelation?

Concerning the origin of life on this earth three alternatives present themselves:

1) "LIFE HAS ALWAYS EXISTED." This idea, they admit, is the weakest of the three. It is untenable because *the earth has not always existed*. Some have suggested, "Perhaps life came to the earth from outer space. Spores of primitive life might have been pushed along by

radiation pressure from starlight or sunlight." Thinking logically, it is very unlikely that life could have come from another planet or from outer space. The chance of such an occurrence and possibility of life surviving such an ordeal is extremely remote. This idea does not answer the question of the origin of life. It merely attempts to *avoid facing the question* by putting it beyond the reach of investigation.

2) "LIFE CAME INTO BEING BY SOME SLOW NATURAL PROCESS." This is the favorite belief of the "educated" man of today. Scientists comment that this idea "can be presented plausibly" and that the arguments are "very convincing." Yet the universal opinion of all scientists familiar with the field is that there is "no evidence that this has ever taken place or does at this time."

3) "LIFE WAS SUDDENLY CREATED." This of course implies a Creator. Could men of science consider this as a possibility in their search for the origin of life? They have and here are a few of their comments: "The idea is as good as any." "Whether you care to accept the idea depends upon personal taste." "It disposes of the very great difficulty of creating living matter out of inorganic (dead) matter." "Much of our culture is based upon such a belief."

Yes, *our scientists do consider the possibility of life having been created*.

Consider these three alternatives again. The first is untenable. The second is completely lacking in evidence. The third is listed by science as a possibility.

To accept the third is to believe in a Creator. To accept the second is to *have faith that there is no Creator*.

The facts and logic are inescapable. *An atheist is a man with false faith* that his Creator does not exist. He has absolutely no evidence upon which to base his faith. The atheist "hopes" to find that evidence.

Examine This Evidence

So far we have considered only how the first bits of life may have come into being. Have evolutionists erred in assuming that the first life to exist was primitive, one-celled animal life? Before we check this matter, it might be well to consider when this life came into existence.

Many of you have been taught that science has a foolproof method of determining the age of fossils. We can set this matter at rest for the present with two statements from reliable sources. The first from *Man's Physical Universe* by Bawden and MacMillan: "Of the nearly forty methods of estimating the earth's age (and this would apply to rocks and fossils as well), only one is potentially accurate. This is the method based on the study of radioactivity."

That statement is true; *the one method with potentialities for determining the age of a rock or fossil is the radioactive method*. Now let us consider the latest pronouncement concerning this method from J. P. Marble, chairman of the Committee on Geologic Time: "It is well known to those who have followed the subject that we have only one date in the Cenozoic (an era supposedly covering 60 million years) that is anywhere near enough well fixed by radioactive date."

An admission that *the one and only potentially accurate method has not definitely fixed the date of one fossil in what is supposed to have been 60 million years*. The faith of the atheist is a thing to marvel!

We have considered briefly the age of fossils, now suppose we check the fossil record to see the type of life that was first (in the opinion of evolutionists) to be preserved.

The First Fossil Remains

Have evolutionists erred in assuming that the first life to exist was a primitive one-celled type? *The theory of evolution would require that in the earliest layer simple forms would be found, few in number, gradually developing step by step into present day forms*. The evidence in this first fossil layer will have a great bearing on whether you may logically believe that God created bits of life and then spent millions of years watching them evolve into present day life. "Theistic" evolutionists have apparently never considered these facts.

Here is the evidence from the first fossil layer, the Cambrian strata:

1) *Instead of few forms of life, 455 different species are found. There are 100 genera of trilobites alone. Of the 13 phyla (divisions) into which all ani-*

imals are classified, various authorities state that 9, 12 or all 13 are represented depending upon whether actual fossils are considered for theoretical ones based upon representatives of a phylum found "fully developed" in a succeeding layer.

Thus instead of a few forms of life, evolutionists are forced to admit "a remarkable assemblage of animal remains." The Cambrian layer is "just teeming with all kinds of fossils," to use their own words.

2) *Instead of simple forms of life* as the theory of evolution would require, this first fossil layer contains such complex life as the chambered mollusks and the highly developed trilobite which had one set of legs for walking on the ocean bottom and another set for swimming.

3) *Instead of small specimens* these so called "early" forms were often giants compared to "later" forms. The "ancient" trilobite, for instance, attained a length of 27 inches. Close modern representatives in appearance are the pill or sow bugs so common today where decaying vegetation is found. The trilobite, however, was an ocean dwelling creature.

4) *Instead of "primitive" types* a considerable number of them have identical or almost identical living representatives today.

5) *Instead of natural deposition* such as might occur along beaches or deltas today, the fossils of this Cambrian strata show evidence of having been buried alive by some sudden catastrophe. The "ages" required for a certain strata to form thus become a myth.

It is obvious that these first fossils do not fit the "few, simple and primitive" pattern demanded by the evolutionary theory. But the proponents of evolution are not through yet. Hope springs eternal in the human heart and for the evolutionist there is always the "hope" that he may find his "proof."

Pre-Cambrian Rocks

Suppose we follow the thinking of evolutionists one more step. *They rationalize*: Since evolution is true, the first life must be simple, and since Cambrian life is not simple, it cannot be the first life. *The pre-Cambrian rocks, they contend, must hold the answer to the origin of life.*

A thorough search of the pre-Cambrian rocks reveals the following facts: In all rocks termed pre-Cambrian, the sum total of fossils found amounts to a few worm burrows, one or two broken shells which may be brachiopods, some algae, fragments of sponge spicules and a lot of wishful thinking. The wishful thinking is that of evolutionists and the expression that of an evolutionist. How they wish they could find a fossil layer with a "few, simple, primitive" forms

of life to establish their dogged faith in evolution. The pre-Cambrian layer fails to give them evidence.

The list of fossils for this layer is probably incorrect. Another source just as reliable, yet just as anxious to prove evolution, thought the term "*The Agnostozoic*" (we don't know whether there was life during it) would be quite fitting for this pre-Cambrian layer. In his opinion, the sample of algae he passed around to his class may or may not have been algae and he spoke of the "*nearly insurmountable problem of the sudden appearance of complex life in the Cambrian rocks.*"

The conclusion from these facts ought to be easy. In the Cambrian layer is complex life; *in a supposedly earlier layer*, a few fragments of the same thing or *perhaps nothing*. (Remember also that a layer is identified by the fossils in it and thus these fragments might be Cambrian.)

Your conclusion: If this complex life of the Cambrian layer were deposited *over a long period of time*, then life must have been suddenly created near the beginning of the period. *If deposited quickly*, a creation of complex life is still implied and a destruction by a flood a certainty. But men of science struggle on without the scriptures to guide them.

The Lost Interval

Retreating from the facts, the evolutionist must now resort to *theory* to preserve his religion. We have come this far, we may as well continue in pursuit. *All reason is dropped and rationalization takes over completely.*

The evolutionist comes up with an idea. Since no life is found in some layers which they therefore term pre-Cambrian and complex life is found in the simplest layer they have discovered, there must have been an *enormous period of time between these two layers*. Names like "*The Lost Interval*" and "*The Lipalian Interval*" are given to make the case seem more authentic. The destruction of the supposed record of these intervals is termed the Kilarneyen Revolution or the Penokeean Revolution.

A perfect crime has been committed. *The supposed proof of evolution is conveniently misplaced* and the evolutionist's religion is saved—saved for the moment.

The Last Mile

Evolutionists claim the record is destroyed. Yet, true men of science among them have inadvertently given us the following facts. They list five *theories for the lack of preservation* of the life which they believe existed in the pre-Cambrian and then take each in its turn and disprove it.

We ask: Why are there no fossils in the pre-Cambrian rocks? They answer with a theory and then give objections which disprove the theory.

Here are *their theories and their objections*.

THEORY NO. 1) All life was destroyed by the metamorphism of the rocks in which they were. *Objection*: 90% of pre-Cambrian rocks are schists, gneiss and marble, distorted by heat and pressure, but the remaining 10% are not. *They should contain fossils if evolution were true.*

THEORY NO. 2) Life only existed in those areas which were metamorphosed. *Objections*: This would be very fortunate for the theory of evolution but is most improbable due to the widespread occurrence of the unmetamorphosed areas which were *certainly accessible to ocean life and thus ought to contain fossils.*

THEORY NO. 3) The oceans were too acid for calcium to be used for shells and thus no trace of the animal was preserved. *Objections*: The oceans were more likely fresh to begin with. Also, *siliceous and chitinous skeletons could have been formed and preserved apart from the calcium requirement.* Such types are found in the Cambrian rocks.

THEORY NO. 4) There wasn't enough calcium in the ocean for the animals to have shells. *Objection*: Limestone layers 50,000 feet (?) thick were deposited in this early strata showing an *abundance of calcium.*

THEORY NO. 5) Life forms lived only in the upper zones of the ocean at first and had no hard parts. Either they became lazy, grew hard parts, and being heavier settled to the bottom; or else they found the ocean bottom first, then became lazy in their new environment and grew hard parts. Thus the sudden appearance of fossils. *Objections*: For life to spend many millions of years in the uppermost portions of the ocean *without finding shore, shallow water or ocean bottom* is nothing short of ridiculous. Even after accepting such an idea the problem remains as to why suddenly many forms of life should take on complete skeletons with *no intermediate "evolutionary steps."*

Thus at present *scientists have left themselves without an explanation* for the complex, numerous "advanced" life of the Cambrian rocks and the complete absence of life in the layer usually beneath it. In rejecting the scriptural account as evidence they find themselves without any explanation.

The correct conclusion you ought to have drawn from the evidence presented is that life forms were *created complex* as we find them; then at a later date

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WHY God *Revealed* Sabbaths to Israel

History proves that Gentiles, shortly after the flood, knew the Sabbath began at man's creation. Then why did God have to reveal which day was the seventh day? Had time been lost?

by Herman L. Hoeb

GOD CALLED Israel out of Egyptian slavery to perform the most important mission any nation has been given in all the history of mankind. Israel is not God's "favorite" people, or "pet" nation. They were not chosen for any goodness of their own (Deut. 7:6-9).

God called them so He could reveal Himself as Creator and Ruler of the universe—so that through them He could reveal his *plan*, his laws, and his blessings to all nations (Deut. 4:5-9).

In order that Israel would NEVER forget that God was Creator, Sustainer and Supreme Ruler over all the creation, He revealed to them the ONE GREAT SIGN by which they could always remember *who He is*. That sign was a *constantly* recurring piece of time—the seventh day of the week, the Sabbath.

Sabbath Known Before Moses

In the preceding issue of "The Good News," we proved that the Sabbath which God revealed *had already existed from the creation of man* (Gen. 2:1-3). ARCHEOLOGISTS HAVE FOUND THAT THE GENTILES, SHORTLY AFTER THE FLOOD — BUT CENTURIES BEFORE MOSES—WROTE ON CLAY TABLETS THAT GOD SET APART THE SEVENTH DAY AS A HOLY DAY OF REST AT CREATION.

Since the Sabbath was holy time from the creation of man the *patriarchs of old kept it holy*. Notice what God said of Abraham. He "*obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws*" Genesis 26:5). This could not have been said of him if he *broke* the Sabbath, because the Sabbath command had been a *law* since the creation of man. That such observance is not directly mentioned does *not* disprove the fact that Abraham and the other patriarchs observed that day. They kept God's commands!

Why the Sabbath Was Not Observed in Egypt

Now remember that the children of Israel were slaves in Egypt. They were

not permitted to observe the Sabbath. The Egyptians had neither a Sabbath nor a seven day week. They lost both because their ancestors turned away from God—refused to keep His Sabbath—at the time of the building of the Tower of Babel.

They possessed a thirty-day month which they divided into three equal parts of *ten* days each (*Rest Days*, p. 245). The planetary week of seven days was a *later* Egyptian development from which the present pagan names of the days of the week were derived (*Encyclopedia Biblica*, p. 5291).

Even though Abraham, Isaac and Jacob observed God's sabbath their descendants *lost it* during centuries of slavery. That's why God had to reveal again exactly which day was the Sabbath. He did this by *not* sending manna on that day and by sending a *double* portion on the sixth day of the week (Exodus 16).

Notice that the seventh day—which was sanctified at man's creation as the Sabbath—was in existence before the Old Covenant was made at Sinai. The rest of the holy Sabbath to God (Ex. 16:23) and God's law were *already* in force before they arrived at Sinai (Ex. 16:28).

Note Israel's rebellion against the rule of God. Ever since leaving Egypt they refused to obey Him. "How *long* do you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws?" No wonder Moses had to warn Israel that by sabbath breaking they would forget the God of Creation who brought them out of Egyptian slavery (Deut. 5:15)!

The Sabbath a SIGN to Israel

The seventh day is a sign to the nation Israel so they would never forget who God is (Exodus 31:12-17). All other nations forgot God BECAUSE THEY FORGOT HIS SABBATH SHORTLY AFTER THE FLOOD. Israel *alone* had the sign to prove that God—the Lord of heaven and earth—was in their midst. The Sabbath also signified that Israel was *God's nation*, chosen for a special duty.

Any nation without that sign was not God's people. The Gentile countries were "without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, *having no hope, and without God in the world*" (Ephesians 2:12).

Notice how vital the SIGN is! *Converted Gentiles must receive this sign in order to be grafted into spiritual Israel and become God's people.*

Sabbath Law is Spiritual, Not Ceremonial

The entire law that God revealed to Israel is spiritual, said Paul in Romans 7:14. The Sabbath is spiritual because it deals with man's spiritual relationship to his Creator and his neighbor. It is a holy piece of time, not a religious rite. The Sabbath is NEVER termed a ceremony or ritual in Scripture. It is a *spiritual* law regulating our relationship to God, who is spiritual.

When Israel was organized into a nation, the spiritual law governing the Sabbath was *also* described and explained in words—in *letters* of the alphabet—on tables of stone.

Since Paul said the law of God was *spiritual*, it is obvious that merely writing the Sabbath law into a *material* covenant *did not originate* the Sabbath any more than writing the "law of gravity" in a book institutes gravity! Neither can the abolition of the Old Covenant do away with the Sabbath since it did not originally bring it into existence. The Sabbath had to be included in the Old Covenant because the seventh day existed during the time of enforcement of the Old Covenant.

Now let's consider another question.

Was the Sabbath for Worship?

Certain groups contend the Sabbath was originally not meant for worship but only rest. Hence they claim the right to invent their own days of worship. Notice the false assumption that the Catholic Church claims:

"It is well to bear in mind also that the Sabbath law . . . set Saturday aside

not as a day of special worship but as a day of rest . . ." "As for devoting Saturday to special ceremonies and acts of worship, this never had been the law of God anyway, but merely a custom" (from the pamphlet, "Yes . . . I condemned the Catholic Church," pp. 3-4).

Did God or Jewish custom make the Sabbath a day of worship? *What does the Bible say?*

Notice Moses' account in Leviticus 23:1-3 "And the Lord spake unto Moses saying . . . the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, *an holy convocation.*"

Moses said *the Lord* made the Sabbath a day for a "convocation," or commanded assembly, in order to worship God. *It was not custom* that set the Sabbath apart for worship. *God made it a day of worship.* Since the Eternal God, and not the Jews, set the Sabbath apart as a day of worship forever, *no church has the right to invent its own day of worship by tradition.* God is to be honored and worshipped on His Sabbath (Isaiah 58:13) even if you are all alone.

Beside giving Israel the Sabbath so they would never forget that God is the Creator *and Ruler*, the Eternal also gave them MEMORIALS of His Plan for mankind. These memorials were seven annual festivals.

WHY the Seven Annual Festivals?

The heathen nations had their idolatrous festivals to commemorate the mysteries of their religions. These were counterfeits of the Holy Days that God revealed to His physical Church—the Congregation of Israel—upon removing them from Egypt. While the pagan feasts led the heathen into sin, God's festivals were *memorials* to commemorate Israel's coming out of the sins of Egypt—a picture for His church of the plan of God in delivering the world from its sins, its sorrows and sufferings.

It is customarily believed among critics that God's holy festivals are derived from the pagan festivals of the Canaanites who lived in Palestine before the entrance of Israel under Moses. This assumption is utterly false. It has *never once been proved* from history. The festivals found among the heathen were different days filled with *idolatrous* revelry, something *never* connected with the festivals God revealed to his servant Moses for all generations to come (Acts 7:38).

The God-given occasions were based on the agricultural harvests of Palestine as a type of the spiritual harvest of human beings.

These festivals were *not* Canaanitish feasts, nor Jewish feasts, nor the feasts of Moses. *Not once* in all the Old Testament are these days called "feasts of Moses" or "Jewish feasts." They are

the "feasts of the Lord," "My holy days."

Were Feasts Instituted for Sacrifice?

The annual festivals given to the Congregation (Church) of Israel began to be instituted while the nation was still in Egypt, *before the Old Covenant was ratified* at Mount Sinai (Exodus 5:1; 12:1-51; 24:8). These days which were ordained FOREVER naturally had to be continued through the Old Covenant period, but *they did not cease* when the Old Covenant ended. What the Old Covenant did not institute, could not be taken away with its abolition.

But many people ask, "Weren't the annual festivals instituted for the purpose of Levitical sacrifices?"

GOD SAYS NO!

"For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: But *this thing commanded I them*, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you" (Jer. 7:21-24).

Notice it. When God first commanded His Holy Days, He didn't mention sacrifices for sin. Sacrifices to be offered by the Levites were *added later* to these days (Leviticus 23), as on the sabbath, and *every day of the week* (Exodus 29:38). But some will ask, "What about the passover? Doesn't that contradict what Jeremiah was inspired to write?"

NO!

It is really further proof that the constant round of ritualistic offerings was not a part of the original institution of these annual Sabbaths. Notice what God says of the passover lamb (Exodus 12).

It was to be killed by every family group, not just the Levites. The passover lamb is the *only* sacrifice whose ordinance is *commanded forever* in connection with these days as originally instituted (Exodus 12; Deut. 16) It is the ONLY sacrifice mentioned in the civil law codes (Exodus 23:14-18; 34:22-25). For this reason *Jesus had to substitute* unleavened bread and wine—symbols for the slain lamb (Luke 22:8-20).

But no other sacrifice was commanded on these days originally. Jesus never gave substitutes—different symbols—for any sacrifice except the passover lamb. This agrees with the inspired statement of Jeremiah.

The sacrifices mentioned in Leviticus 23 and elsewhere were *added later* because of sin.

Annual and Weekly Sabbaths NOT Related

Failing to understand the sacred calendar, a number of sects have wrongly concluded that the annual Sabbaths occurred on Sundays, or else that the weekly Sabbath was originally Sunday. Let's examine why this could not possibly be true.

Annual sabbaths have *no* relationship with the seventh day of the week. They are specific days of the calendar months. The new moons that begin the months (Numbers 28:11) are totally *unrelated* to the cycle of a seven day week. This is very obvious since a sacred month has 29 or 30 days, not four weeks or 28 days. For this reason the festivals may fall on any day of the week in successive years, but always on the same day of the month (except Pentecost).

Certain denominations also argue that since the fourth commandment demands six days of work per week, that the annual sabbaths must correspond with the weekly sabbath. What's wrong with this argument?

A quick examination of the last high day in the festival of unleavened bread shows that it falls *six*, not seven, days after the first high day or annual sabbath. Also the day of Atonement, a solemn sabbath, falls *nine*, not seven, days after the festival of trumpets. Therefore the annual sabbaths can not possibly correspond to the weekly sabbaths which are always *seven* days apart. The fourth command does not exclude annual occasions on other days throughout the year.

It is opportune here to note that the new moons, repeated along with the sabbaths and annual festivals (Col. 2:16) are *not once* called sabbaths nor holy convocations. They are not found in the complete list of festivals. This disproves entirely the contention of some that originally the new moon was more important than the weekly sabbath, and from which certain critics believe the sabbath emerged. New moons are neither sabbaths nor commanded assemblies. Voluntary meetings were sometimes held on the new moons (2 Kings 4:23). Their special importance is found in that they *mark* the beginning of months for us.

The Church in the wilderness received the knowledge of the plan of God through the annual festivals—memorials commanded forever. These days were not given to punish Israel for sin as many "church fathers" supposed centuries later. THEY ARE HALLOWED PIECES OF TIME TO BE KEPT HOLY.

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ON THE CAMPUS

FOLLOWING are articles written by students on student activities 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. *The Campus Editor*

Ambassador Chorale

by Jo Ann Felt

Auditions! For the students at Ambassador College, these auditions were admittedly something new. An interested onlooker could have heard the majority of the college students, one after another, run their excited voices up and down the scales of the piano. *Do-re-mi-fa-so-la-ti-do—do-ti-la-so-fa-mi-re-do!*

Anxiously and eagerly did every student wait for the results to be proclaimed. Finally revealed were twenty-seven voices—male and female, alto, soprano, tenor, and bass. Because most of the voices had never had any musical training nor had their owners had any experience in singing other than in the shower, the first practise was obviously very poor.

But under the able and very capable direction of Mr. Ettinger, one of the best instructors in southern California, the second practise proved to be amazingly better than the first, so much so that the listeners could hardly believe it to be the same group!

Feeling! Meaning! That is it! Because the Ambassador Chorale—for so it is named—knew and felt the meaning of the words that were sung. The voices unconsciously but splendidly had a most delightfully touching emotional quality that made one's heart literally jump for joy. Some of the chorale members have become so whole-heartedly interested in singing well for God that they are taking private lessons to better develop their voices.

Now, the Ambassador Chorale meets regularly twice a week, and sometimes there are special meetings of the different sections of the chorale. The chorale made its first public performance at the Feast of Tabernacles. (It was a wonderful revelation to everyone to hear the voices of our young people—Editor.)

In Ephesians 5:18-19 it is written, "Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and making melody in your heart to the Lord." And in James 5:13 one reads, "Is any merry? let him sing psalms." Indeed here at Ambassador College, we are a happy group; therefore it is only natural that the Ambassador Chorale should be formed to sing praises unto God!

Dormitory Grounds Get a New Suit

by Gene Michel

The "chug, chug" of a giant bulldozer and the sound of men hard at work have given Mayfair that new look. It's a dream come true—which many of us

have been looking forward to for a long time. Mayfair has a beautiful new lawn.

For many years the grounds of Mayfair—our college dormitory which adjoins Ambassador—have been in need of relandscaping. Through the help of Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Elliott, landscape architects and students, the grounds have been cleared, recontoured and sown with a variety of lawn seeds.

In the past few weeks the lawn has rapidly taken root on the sloping Mayfair grounds. Many of us hardly recognize the "new Mayfair."

Ambassador College has a work plan by which dependable students are given part-time employment in order to go to school. Between classes and odd hours you will find students hard at work doing such tasks as trimming trees, cutting grass and planting shrubs.

For a long time the students here have not been able to "let off that extra steam" because of the need for an athletic field. The adjoining grounds to the college have been cleared and an athletic field is in the making where students can enjoy softball, track, tennis and other activities.

There is much more to be done and we are all eager to see the changes and glad to say that we helped with our own two hands to make the best college on earth even better.

Why Ambassador College?

by Thomas Ham

Have you ever wondered why so many young people travel, some of them thousands of miles, to attend a college which is still one of the smallest in America? The answer must lie in the college itself. It must somehow be different, unusual, and very attractive to exert such a magnetic effect on these young people. In fact, so great is the lure of Ambassador that some have even left much larger colleges in order to come here.

But you might ask: "Just how is Ambassador different from other colleges?" In answer we might cite some of the many ways in which Ambassador differs from this world's educational institutions. These differences, however, are merely the results of the fundamental

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basis which gives Ambassador its uniqueness—a new concept of education.

This is an educated nation. No one will deny that. This nation has more educational institutions and more students in them than any other nation or group of nations in the world. The American compulsory educational system has all but banished illiteracy. In this day and time almost anyone with the necessary intelligence and ambition can obtain a college education. Yes, we all agree that this is an educated nation.

Yet for all its education, ours is not a happy nation. Our people are afraid. They are afraid of war; afraid of disease, and afraid of death. Why? What is the matter? Can it be possible that our colleges have succeeded in teaching technology and science and culture but have failed to teach the people how to find happiness?

Yes, that is exactly what has been done. Our colleges have failed to teach people how to live because most educators don't know how to live themselves. They have lost the key to happiness.

Amid all this mental and moral wreck and ruin shine forth the words which are the motto of one of America's smallest colleges: "Recapture True Values." And that is exactly what is being done at Ambassador. Students are recapturing true values. They are finding real

happiness in living and working with others who have the same goals and outlook on life. Ambassador is in a position not only to teach them facts which they might learn elsewhere, but those principles of living which they would never learn in any other college. That is because college life at Ambassador consists not only of classes but also of a unique campus life where many young people, differing in personality, yet with the same burning desire to do what is right, are learning to walk in the one path which will lead them not only to lasting happiness but also to everlasting life.

That is why young people will leave their homes and even other colleges to come to Ambassador.

The Origin of LIFE

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buried by a flood in the rocks. They did not evolve to that complex stage as the evolutionary theory demands.

Why Men Can't See

Since the days of Darwin, men have clung tenaciously to *the theory he published but never proved, even to himself*. Why? Because to believe otherwise would in the end lead to the *acknowledgement of the Creator* revealed in the Bible. To acknowledge this Creator would be to consent that *certain obligations* might be due Him. It would also

put these educated men in the rather uncomfortable place of having a *rival whose knowledge was as far superior to theirs as wisdom is to foolishness*. Intellectual pride would have to vanish.

Man's mind, the carnal mind he is born with, is enmity against God. Romans 8:7. It will not think rationally when faced with the Biblical facts proving the existence of the Creator who has revealed himself to man through the scriptures. It is possible that had no Bible ever been written, the combined efforts of scientists in many fields would have quickly concluded that there was a Creator God.

Evolution thus becomes *the opiate of the atheist* to distort his vision and keep him from seeing his God.

A Tree Without Stump or Roots

The tree of evolution is now missing both stump and roots. The roots disappeared in our search for the *evolution of life from dead matter*. The stump vanished into thin air when we asked for those "*few, simple, primitive*" life forms. Thirteen great branches, the 13 phyla into which all animals are classified, now stand separated from one another. Further study will reveal that even these are composed of numerous separate branches (the Original Genesis Kinds) with *no connection between them*.

This tree of evolution is but a dream in the minds of men and like a dream will disappear when their eyes are open.

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