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More About Our Cover...

The Feast of Tabernacles, 1968, was the largest and most spectacular to date.

Here from the air is a view of the largest and oldest Feast of Tabernacles site in this age, Big Sandy, Texas.

Read the recap of the past worldwide festival, replete with pictures from all feast sites outside the continental United States, beginning on page 3.

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What our READERS SAY . . .

Thankful Member in Africa

"Boy, I opened *The GOOD NEWS* and there it was! 'Just What Does "The Work of God" Mean to You?' That is something that had worried me a lot and that article sure shook me right to the core of my miserable selfish life. And then when I read the article: 'Are You Happy in God's Church?' I felt like crying and wished that we could have the 1968 Feast of Tabernacles all over again so that I could undo all the moroseness I had presented my fellow brethren with while attending it. Thank you very, very much for serving me so diligently in always sending the articles I request so promptly. I really mean that from the heart."

Mr. B. von H. K.,
Paarl, Cape Province

Plans to INCREASE During Third Tithe Year

"Thank you very much for the Co-Worker Letter and the 'Advertising Brochure,' but especially for the Member Letter. I'm enclosing a gift for God's Work. I'm sending in regular tithes and offerings, and am also contributing to the Property Fund, but your letter made me realize that I could do better by sacrificing some of the material goods I've been spending money on. So from now on, I'm going to!! I'll be starting my third tithe year after the Feast this year, but God being with me, I'm going to increase, not decrease, my tithes and offerings to Him. I'm going to step up prayer

and Bible study and fast more often. Please accept this gift with my sincere apologies for not sending it sooner."

Linda J. S., Calgary,
Alberta, Canada

Skirt Length a Blessing!

"I don't want to waste your valuable time so I'll keep this short. I just want to thank you for answering my question concerning skirt lengths. I have found that the standard length used in Imperial Schools is not just a matter of modesty. In today's world, it's also a matter of safety because strange boys just aren't as interested in giving rides to me since I let the hems out. Also, I don't have to put up with their smart aleck looks and remarks about what they could see; now they don't see anything and I don't have to feel cheap. Thank you again for directing me toward the modesty God wants me to have as a part of my character."

Cathy M.,
Pueblo, Colorado

Three Gross of Blessings

"This is my third tithe year. God doesn't stop with small blessings, but pours out more than we can receive. Last week (Friday), I scraped the barrel, and came up with \$20.00. So, I sent it in to the Work as an offering — the unbelievable happened. The very next day (God's Sabbath) I received a check in the mail for \$1,000.00! Also, my pay check this

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FEAST OF TABERNACLES, 1968

-- Greatest Feast Ever!

Here, reported by our GOOD NEWS Staff from around the world, is the inside story of the greatest Feast of Tabernacles yet held by the Philadelphia Era of God's Church! Read this inspiring account of the activities and opportunities of this year's globe-girdling Feast as God's people rejoiced before Him!

AROUND the world, in five continents and fourteen Feast sites, God's people recently convened together to REJOICE before God and His Son Jesus Christ!

Worldwide, over SIXTY THOUSAND brethren in God's Church, filled with rejoicing and happiness, experienced a foretaste and a glimpse of the soon-coming, breathtaking World Tomorrow!

Everywhere the happy smiles, cheerful laughs and radiant countenances of God's people struck surprise, and appreciation, in the eyes of the world. Many times, as in the past, carnal, unconverted people couldn't help but be greatly impressed with the conduct of God's people!

Around the world, where 64,000 of God's people gathered together to rejoice and celebrate His Feast, camp personnel, motel and hotel owners, restaurateurs and other local officials were both surprised and glad to see how orderly God's people were and how mannerly their children behaved.

Here, in brief, is a whirlwind tour of all the Feast sites and the fascinating story of the 1968 Feast of Tabernacles!

Long Beach — "Best Ever!"

For the third consecutive year God's people in the Southwestern United States congregated in this beach city to rejoice before God, with 7,306 present. Mr. David Jon Hill set the pace for the Festival with his message opening the Feast. The pace never slackened! It increased, highlighted

with messages from both Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong and Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

Not only was the Headquarters Festival site blessed with exceptionally stirring, profitable messages, but even the weather was nicer than in past years. There was just a little rain on the morning of the Last Great Day.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong concluded the services in Long Beach on the Last Great Day, preaching an inspiring message about the whole plan and majestic PURPOSE of God, focusing all eyes on the New Heavens and the New Earth and the World Tomorrow! As the Feast closed, all left the arena imbued with a greater sense of purpose, a deeper spirit of service and understanding of both our individual and collective responsibilities in fulfilling the commission God has given us in this end-time age!

Squaw Valley Feast Report

Over 7,900 brethren kept the Feast at the "Valley of the Squaw," off the northwestern rim of majestic Lake Tahoe, nestled high in the Sierras. The Feast was opened by Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong.

From the arrival of the "early crew" several days before the Feast, to the final farewells and waves and hugs of the Last Great Day, God's people were greatly blessed both spiritually and physically. Even the weather was of a kaleidoscopic variety suited to every palate, from balmy days of glistening sunshine, extremely cool nights, a day of almost torrential rain, to a final day

of blanketing snow, adding emphasis to the messages concerning the Great White Throne Judgment!

Powerful sermons revealed the tragedy of the world's society and the gruesome reality of our perilous times. The rains even brought *smiles* to the faces of those working out-of-doors directing traffic and parking. The entire Feast was permeated with warmth and concern. At Squaw Valley, God's "family" learned to love, serve and share more effectively and thoroughly.

Those taking to the hills after and between services often ran across a new species of wild animal — endowed with thick hair, a pungent defensive odor, huddling in tiny groups — called "Hippies"! They had remained behind from a convention three weeks earlier, and provided a stark contrast to the cleanliness of God's people!

Illustrative of the welcome the brethren received from local people and establishments was the sign in the front window of a Tahoe City Pizza Parlor: "We are members of the T.V. Church of God — *Radio Brethren Welcome.*"

Big Sandy Festival

Some 13,401 brethren enjoyed the most fantastic Feast ever at Big Sandy. More people served, helped, listened and learned than ever before. For many, this was the last time they would be attending Big Sandy because of the new Feast site opening up next year at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong opened

the Festival and explained the answer to the question, "WHY are we here?"

Throughout the Festival the theme "The Kingdom of God" could be discerned. Dr. Dorothy told fascinating news of his trip to South America; Mr. McCullough gave powerful sermons on youth and obedience. There was instruction on marriage preparation, human nature, repentance, and what our future jobs will be in the new world administration. Toward the second half of the Feast Mr. Jon Hill spoke on our battle against "our real enemy," and Mr. Gerald Waterhouse reminded the brethren of the magnitude of our calling and the work ahead.

On the Last Great Day, Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong gave news of the FUTURE of the Work of God. Throughout the Feast the weather was exceptional. Once again God spectacularly INTERVENED in the weather! A threatening storm was approaching the Festival site early during the Feast. To see that the tent was safely anchored, a special representative from the Childress Canvas Company in Dallas came to the Feast site. He was dumbfounded to see the hailstorm and black clouds *divide* as they passed over the tent. No harm was done to the Festival site whatsoever!

Nearly 9,000 people enjoyed camping on the grounds. Hundreds of people served as captains of ten, fifty, and a hundred. God's government in action made the whole Feast function smoothly and efficiently.

The Negro brethren had their own social and picnic, with nearly 2,500 attending. Also, the Latin brethren enjoyed several socials arranged by the Spanish Department. There were special guests from Peru and Chile attending the Festival for the first time!

Businessmen in Big Sandy and the surrounding area once again were happy to see God's people, knowing that business would be booming. Special advertisements of WELCOME and news reports about the progress of the Festival were run in Gladewater, Big Sandy, and Tyler. Local papers informed readers that the world's largest tent was at the Festival. And, of course

— at least *one* outside visitor wanted to see the "sacrificial altar!"

Jekyll Island Feast

This was the sixth year the Feast has been held on Jekyll Island, with 6,743 brethren present. The Feast was highlighted by the visits of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Ted Armstrong. Mr. Roderick C. Meredith was in charge of the first half of the Festival and Mr. David Antion was in charge of the second half. Other visiting evangelists were Mr. Norman Smith and Mr. Gerald D. Waterhouse. Especially inspired sermons emphasized all aspects of the coming millennial rule of Jesus Christ, including the part of teen-agers and children.

The congregation at Jekyll could boast a "first" this year. Has any other congregation experienced the effects of wind-blown riot control gas?

Mr. McElroy, Festival Elder, reports: "The congregation was peacefully seated in the arena-tent ready for additional spiritual meat in due season. After about 15 minutes of Mr. Meredith's sermon almost everyone in the entire congregation was crying! Mr. Meredith was mystified; he just couldn't believe that his sermon was so moving or emotional that everyone should be weeping. Actually there was quite a loud undertone throughout the tent as babies, children and parents were coughing, crying.

"Later it was determined that a nearby chemical company had a leak in one of their production plants of CS gas. A combination of low-hanging clouds and a southwest wind had blown the minute powdery particles into the tent. It took about a full hour before the irritating gas particles were completely blown away."

This was an experience the brethren at Jekyll Island should remember for a long time to come!

The eight-day Festival passed so quickly and smoothly it was difficult to realize another Fall Feast of Tabernacles was concluded — one of the greatest Feasts ever in this age.

During the Festival, the Jekyll Island Authority showed an exceptionally fine spirit of cooperation, providing additional parking, extra storage space, use of

trucks and other equipment, as well as providing the complimentary use of the huge Aquarama pool. The island's golf courses, tennis courts, museum, historical sites, hiking trails, pools and beaches all received maximum use as God's people rejoiced before Him!

Mount Pocono Feast

"Never has there been such a Feast as this," hundreds exclaimed. About 11,050 happy, rejoicing members of God's Church truly experienced a foretaste of the Wonderful World Tomorrow.

Beaming, sparkling faces and happy, loving attitudes of God's people overwhelmed everyone around. There was a peace of mind — an atmosphere of respect and content that was outstanding all through the Feast. Inspiring and uplifting sermons really moved and encouraged the "Camp of Israel" present. The Mt. Pocono Festival was opened by Mr. Albert Portune, evangelist at Headquarters and head of the Business Office.

Greatly adding to the Feast was the all-too-short visit of Mr. Herbert Armstrong and Mr. Ted Armstrong, who warmed the hearts of all with their presence and their dynamic, moving sermons. Love, order, obedience — that was the spirit which dominated the entire Feast. The Feast was amazingly orderly and smooth-running, with no serious incidents or problems. Even announcements were at a minimum and corrective ones simply were not needed!

Mr. Paul Royer, in charge of the Pocono Feast site, writes, "At the end, we all were sorry that all of God's people couldn't attend in Mt. Pocono and experience such a radiant, clean, inspiring Feast — but then we know all of the members of the Church of God were experiencing the *same kind* of Feast wherever they attended, be it Praz-Sur-Arly, Blackheath, Minehead, Big Sandy or Mt. Pocono."

Feast of Tabernacles in Barbados

Mr. Elbert Atlas reports God's Feast of Tabernacles was joyously observed by 240 of God's people in Barbados, British West Indies. Six countries

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Thou Shalt *Not* Commit *ADULTERY!*

This world's marriage counsellors advise: "A little adultery is good for your marriage!" We know better! No breaking of the seventh commandment—before or after marriage—is good in any way. Read this article and find out WHY it is wrong and what you can do about it!

by Bill McDowell

JIM MOORE was an average man. He had learned early to be satisfied with the middle ground of life. High school found him only slightly above the fifty percentile, and he just managed to get a football letter in his senior year.

He earned everything the hard way, but had satisfaction in what he did. Graduating in 1950, and with a plodding but patriotic spirit, he joined the Navy and soon saw service in the Korean crisis. Grinding away at his Navy duties, he managed to reach the rank of petty officer before honorable discharge in 1954.

That summer of 1954, Jim got a secure job with the United States Post Office. He was twenty-two. His brand of success was within his grasp! And to top it off, his life suddenly took an exciting turn — Mary Schmidt.

Mary had been his secret high school love. Considered by most to be a little too wild, Mary was perfect in Jim's eyes. He'd never had a real date in high school, but he had certainly been lots of places with Mary, only in his fantasy dreams. Even in the Navy, he had not gone out like the others. At twenty-two, he was a male oddity — a *virgin!*

To find Mary still at home and *still single* was almost too much to hope for! It took great courage to ask her for that first date. Her unexpected acceptance stunned him.

By Thanksgiving, they were going steady. Three days before Christmas, Mary Schmidt became *Mrs. James Moore* — Jim actually pinched himself during the ceremony to be sure he was awake.

With his savings and the GI Bill, Jim and Mary returned from their honeymoon to move into a neat, attractive bungalow. Eleven months later, little Mary arrived, equipped with her mother's same pert nose and deep blue eyes. Although she had periods of restlessness, Mary was trying hard and made Jim a good wife. Jimmy's birth, two years later, only made life more perfect!

Everything Jim did was for his family! He even took a second job to provide the extra things he knew Mary enjoyed. By 1960, he was able to buy a second car for Mary and still have money in the bank! Little Mary was now five years old and Jimmy was three. How he enjoyed Jimmy's cuddliness and Mary's pixy beauty!

Lately, though, his wife had shown signs of increased restlessness and unusual moodiness. He had bought her a new coat with a fur collar to try to make up for any lacks he may have had, but it didn't seem to help much. He just couldn't seem to get close to her anymore.

It had been one of those bad weekends when nothing went right and Mary seemed particularly unresponsive. Monday morning, Jim's deepening concern caused him to do something he had never done before. He did not go to work.

Instead, he went directly to the florist and bought the most beautiful bouquet of roses they had. In order to surprise Mary, he did not drive up to the house, but parked around the block and came through the alley to the back door. He was happy to find she was not in the kitchen to see him and spoil the surprise.

Passing quietly through the hallway and toward the living room, his ears began to pick up noises his mind could not believe, *would not believe!* His pulse racing, his heart in his throat, and his stomach a tight knot, he forced himself to take those extra steps.

The tragic scene that greeted him was one no husband should *ever* see!

There was Mary on the living room couch in the act of *ADULTERY with a stranger!*

Jim could not speak, he could not move.

A stranger, in one moment, had totally shattered *all* his hopes and dreams of a lifetime! The life he had painstakingly built no longer was. The mother of his children, the woman of his dreams, his lifetime partner now lay spoiled, damaged, sullied before his eyes. *He just could not bring himself to believe it!*

Before he could move, Mary saw him!

"WHAT are you doing here?" she hissed through clinched teeth! No remorse, only anger and rage that he had returned home unexpectedly! She had secretly been committing adultery for some time. Her love for Jim had faded beyond repair. She couldn't stand him, and was going to ask for a divorce anyway. This only brought it more quickly to a head.

Little Mary and little Jimmy were only pawns in what followed. Their lives became split and damaged in the tragic aftermath of this ruined family, this broken home, this shattered union! All Jim had ever dreamed of was no more.

Mary has been married twice since;

Jim remarried once. Mary took the children and Jim has visiting rights. Mary has two more children, and has lost her youthful vigor and beauty. She doesn't realize why, but she never seems to have peace or satisfaction anymore. Jim had no more children, but his eyes betray a cloud of disillusionment and the pain of loneliness and unhappiness.

ALL BECAUSE OF THE SIN OF ADULTERY!!

This story of Jim and Mary is true. Only the names and certain facts are altered to hide their identities. The tragedy is their story only mirrors what literally thousands of Americans and Britons suffer each year! The records, the movies, national leaders, even the clergy claim it is all right — even *good* — to commit *fornication* or *adultery*. But they never tell the stories of the Jim's and Mary's across the country!

Though some few might admit the Bible *says* adultery is wrong, almost no one understands WHY it is so wrong, WHY God forbids it, and what the irrevocable, tragic consequences are!

Why is Adultery Wrong?

God did not forbid fornication and adultery simply because He wanted to be *cruel* to us! He knew the inevitable result and wants us to be protected from its horrors.

Today's so-called "wise" people claim there is no damage in promiscuity, but the men of old knew better! Notice what the patriarch Job has to say, "For this [adultery] is an HEINOUS CRIME; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges. For it is a *fire* that consumeth to *destruction*, and would root out all mine increase" (Job 31:11-21).

What's that? "Root out all mine increase?" "Heinous *crime*?" "Fire?" "Destruction?" Surely a little "extra-curricular fun" couldn't bring on all that! *You'd better believe it!!*

"Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? So, he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever touches her

shall not be innocent [Or, "go unpunished"—margin]" (Prov. 6:27-29).

Those who blindly commit adultery (or fornication) have no idea of the penalties that go with it! They cannot understand how *automatic* God's Law is and how surely they *will receive their punishment!* God continues, "...the adulteress preys upon your very *life*" (Prov. 6:26 — *Moffatt*).

"But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding" (Prov. 6:32). Any man who thoughtlessly takes another man's wife truly does lack understanding! He doesn't understand that he is dragging all the hopes and dreams of that man (and his wife) through all the mud and slime of human filth and degradation. He is ruining all his hopes and desires, destroying a family, besmirching all that is good and tearing down plans, dreams and desires of a lifetime — just what happened to Jim and Mary Moore!

Verse 32 continues, "...he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul." He "destroys his soul" in two ways — first in what the offended husband will do to him and second, what he does to himself. "For jealousy is the RAGE of a man: therefore he *will not spare* in the day of vengeance. He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts" (verses 34-35).

Once a woman is robbed of her virtue, once the offense has been made, it can never be taken back! How can you pay a man for ruining his life and future? How can you placate a man whose dreams have been shattered? How can you restore to a man his spoiled and besmirched wife? You can't!! The adulterer always stands the risk of having his life taken through the unrequited vengeance of a hurt and wronged husband! Any man who can't see and understand this *lacks understanding!*

The Personal Damage

How does he "destroy his own soul"? Notice how Job describes the adulterer: "The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me; and disguises his face... for the morning is to them even as the shadow

of death: if one know them, they are in the *terrors* of the shadow of death. He is swift as the waters... he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards... shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree" (Job 24:13-20).

The adulterer learns to sneak and be "shifty." His character becomes untrustworthy. He marks his female targets and tries to avoid being seen. If he is seen, he "beholds not the way of the vineyard" — runs and crashes through the fields and fences to escape what he knows to be his fate.

The adulterer is an untrustworthy person — even to himself!

But that isn't all! Notice what Paul says, "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man does is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth *against his OWN body*" (I Cor. 6:18). How can this be? A man's wife is his own flesh — *his own body* (Eph 5:28). Any man who commits fornication or adultery is sinning against his wife, or future wife, destroying possibilities for future happiness by his thoughtless, senseless act!

He doesn't realize there is an automatic law in effect that his mind and conscience cannot supersede! He can't understand how his unfaithfulness will make it so difficult to truly love his wife and be true to her. What kind of ardor can he have for his wife when his mind will not relinquish memories of Jane, or Beth, or Mary — girls with whom he has shared intimacies which should be reserved only for his wife? How can his wife know she is having to compete with past memories irrevocably stored up in her husband's mind — memories he should never have?

He sins against his own wife and himself. "Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the *heart* ("understanding" — margin)" (Hos. 4:11). His understanding of how to have true happiness diminishes with every illicit sex act! "Give not your strength unto women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings!" (Prov. 31:3.)

How tragically true! The wisest man on earth had to find this out — *the hard*
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The Worm and You

Everyone knows that worms are good for fishing and scaring little girls. But what is the value of these wriggling organisms to an industrious, hardworking, efficient businessman? What possible value do they have for the president of a corporation or the laborer on the job? Did somebody make a mistake? Did these questionable creatures worm their way in when God wasn't looking? Here are the facts about these wiggly, wiry, wonderful worms!

by Leslie L. McCullough

"YOU worm," berates the caustic wife to her bumbling dolt of a husband.

"WORMS" proclaim crudely lettered signs on the approaches to hundreds of fishing spots across the United States.

"UGH! WORMS," gasp little girls everywhere as they flee in feigned terror from the squiggly little creature grasped between the thumb and forefinger of the neighborhood boys. Thanks to television, millions are more acutely aware of the possibilities, at least of the word, for describing their spineless, TV variety of husband.

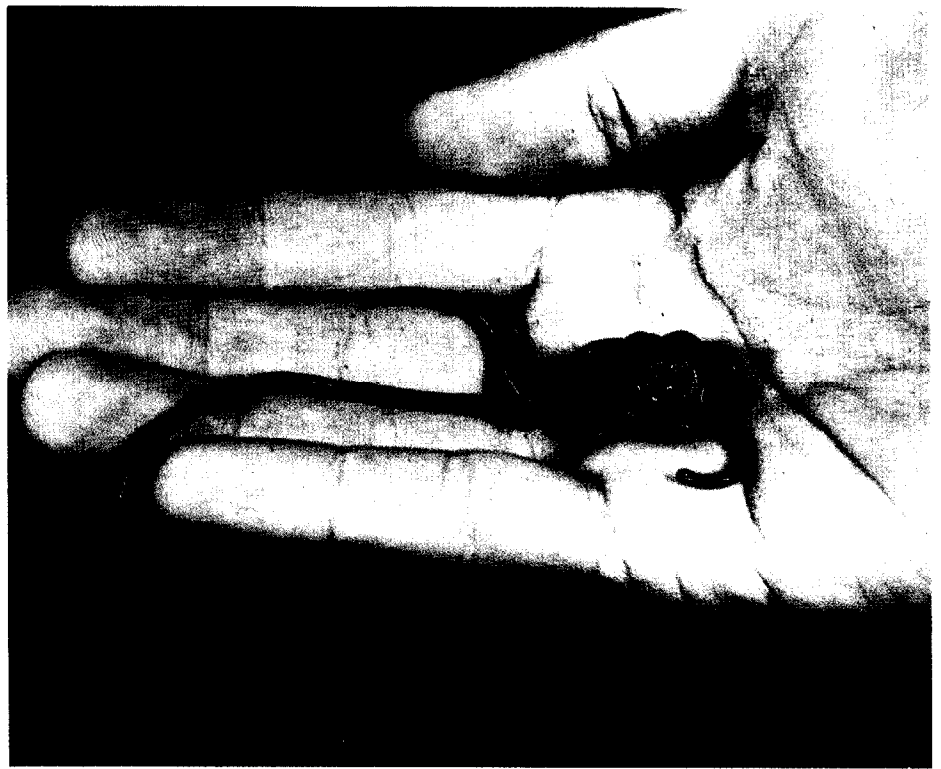
But are there any uses other than the time-honored, indolent, fun-loving ones with which we are so familiar?

What about you? Can you think of one single benefit you might derive from a three- to four-inch segment of protoplasm burrowing in the earth beneath your feet? Is there any real value or purpose to be found for these creatures?

YES! As with everything God created, there is a purpose — an important purpose — for the Oligochaeta, or order of the earthworm. He is a valuable asset to you whether you are an amateur horticulturist, backyard gardener or full-fledged farmer. He is equally as valuable to the consumer who has never seen a farm or been beyond the confines of his particular city block.

Disease Fighter

The doctor in his immaculate white gown and surgical mask is a familiar figure to most people. The sign of his



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Earthworms added to a garden plot are valuable assets in producing a good crop.

staff or black bag are readily recognized worldwide as being synonymous with health and disease fighting. But you probably don't realize the lowly earthworm has a similar responsibility.

How can an earthworm fight disease? The simplest way possible — he *eats* the pathogenic or disease-causing microbes. The microbes aren't his sole diet. Their demise is just *one of many* helpful side benefits derived from this voracious little friend of man.

In order to move through the earth, the earthworm must literally eat his way

through the soil. Every particle of soil, vegetable or animal matter he encounters must be pushed aside or eaten. The material is taken into the worm's mouth where it is mixed with saliva, passed on to a gizzard-like organ where it is ground, then on to the intestines to be digested and finally excreted.

The digestive process of the intestines has been found to kill many of the harmful microbes found in the soil. Soil microbiologists have discovered that disease type fungal mycelia develop more abundantly in temperate area soils

where earthworms are scarce. Some areas have even experimented by using earthworms to clean up land which was infested with soil pests. The earthworms were found to eradicate nematodes (pinworms, trichina, roundworms) from a field in a short time.

Any family who has ever been plagued with pinworms in their children will readily recognize and appreciate the earthworm's work here.

Even more amazing is the fact that these same digestive processes are not harmful to the *useful* microorganisms or bacteria-like actinomycetes which are *needed* in the soil. If it were not for these tiny particles of life, plant remains would not decay as readily and the fertility of the soil would be impaired.

Nature's Plow

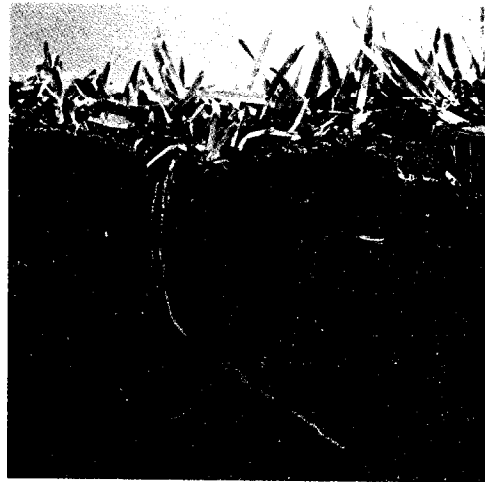
"The ole fishin' hole" and work seem to be opposite extremes of man's activities. Yet the bait so frequently used by small boys, is just as effective whether at the "fishin' hole" or on the job.

Like so many of the other creations of God, the worm just naturally applies the principles of Ecclesiastes 9:10, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." He isn't anticipating any rewards. He does just what comes naturally.

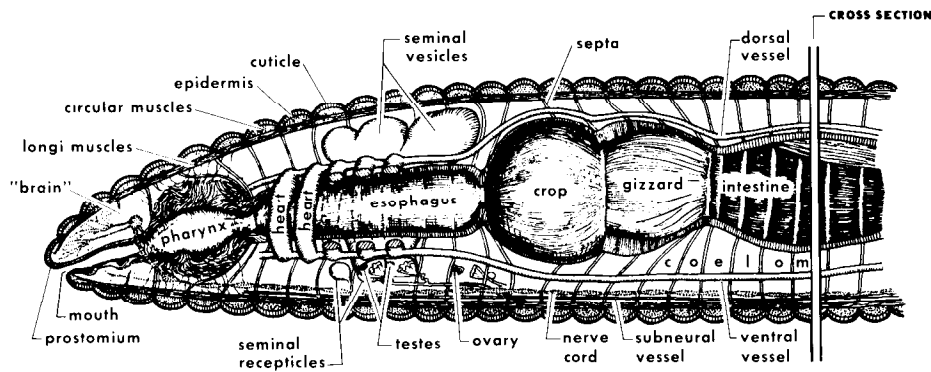
He works hard night and day to establish the labyrinth of tunnels from which he receives his food. This network of tunnels then provides a passageway for the rapid penetration of surface water to the roots of the plants during a rain.

When these tunnels are not in use by the worm for transit or piping moisture to the subsurface, they serve as air-conditioning ducts to help aerate the soil. Well aerated soil promotes growth of *helpful* microorganisms and algae which in turn help produce healthier crops.

You see, the earthworm isn't the only lowly laborer in the God-ordained way to keep soil rich and fertile. God has provided an intricate complex of helpers in the form of billions upon billions of tiny microorganic creatures who help maintain the balance and fertility of the soil.



Ambassador College — Duncan, Wells
Progressive series showing how a burrowing earthworm aerates soil. Notice at the ground surface the castings left by the tunneling creature.



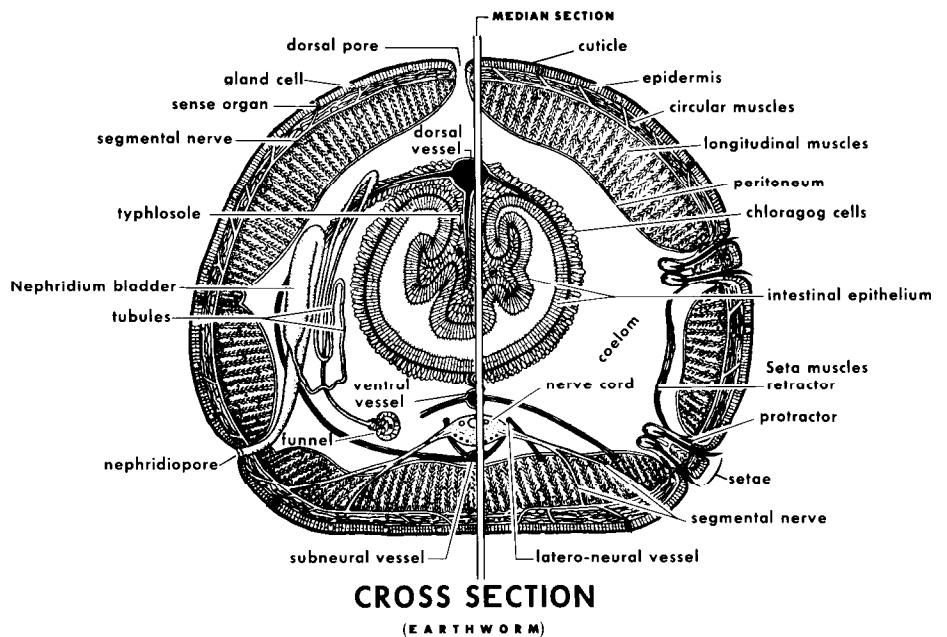
MEDIAN SECTION
(EARTHWORM)

As usual, someone stands to profit from the work of others. In this case, the vegetation proves to be the beneficiary. These worm freeways provide easy access for root penetration deep into the subsoil and its hidden store of minerals.

At other times, this unseen cultivator of the soil journeys deep into the sub-surface warehouse in search of food or simply to escape the cold. His trips will often take him six to eight feet below the surface. And again the vegetation profits. Minerals lying far below the reach of the root system are carried back to the surface where they become readily available for use by the plants.

fabulous Fertilizer Factory

Even if you don't happen to have an especially "green thumb," you realize the need for soil nutrition. You may not think in terms of nutrition when it comes to the soil but nevertheless, that is what is occurring when you add



CROSS SECTION
(EARTHWORM)

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fertilizer to your yard, garden or plants.

In this day of vanishing food supplies and depleted soil, fertilizer has become an essential part of the economics of any developing country. Vast sums are spent in research to find new ways or new materials to be used to promote plant growth. Agriculturists eagerly embrace new ideas in their attempts to coax more produce from the land.

The problems facing the management of a modern fertilizer factory have produced untold ulcers. But our wriggling little fishing companion stomachs this dirty problem daily without so much as mild indigestion. This mobile, factory-in-a-tube has no difficulty with waste disposal or pollutants or for that matter with the problem of getting raw

materials to the factory. He goes to the raw material rather than having it brought to him.

As he eats his way along, he solves the problem of pollutants by turning the wastes into *useful*, NEEDED by-products. The ingested materials undergo chemical changes, deodorization and neutralization. While in the intestine, the material is bathed in urinary secretions which render it high in nitrogen. The material is then excreted in little mounds so familiar to the gardener or farmer and known as "castings."

Mrs. Housewife or the corner grocer might feel these castings to be of little interest or value to them. Yet one of the first elements to be depleted from the soil by growing crops is *nitrogen*. It is essential for healthy, strength-giving produce which means more customers for the corner grocer or a healthier family for Mrs. Housewife.

The product of this super-efficient fertilizer factory is not only delivered right to the plant's doorstep, but it is also found to be immediately available in an easy, water-soluble form.

When the end result of this factory-in-a-tube was compared to surrounding topsoil, it was found to be (1) five times as rich in nitrate nitrogen; (2) twice as rich in exchangeable

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and islands were represented — Barbados, the United States, Saint Lucia, Bahama Islands, Trinidad and Jamaica. The “Bajans” (as the Barbadian brethren call themselves) welcomed all the visitors to their island with warmth and enthusiasm.

The Feast site was located near the northern tip of the island of Barbados. The meeting place was nestled amidst waving fields of sugar cane — an ideal spot affording just the facilities and privacy needed.

Privacy, here, was of primary importance because the Work of God is very well known on this 166-square-mile island — almost *everyone* listens to *The World Tomorrow* broadcast! Many citizens know where weekly Sabbath services are held and some just “drop in” from time to time, out of curiosity. This was avoided during the Feast, however, and no awkward situations developed.

God guided and inspired the Feast in every way. An attitude of warmth, harmony and enthusiasm pervaded all

lightful. Truly, the “Bajan” Feast was a most memorable and profitable occasion, with solid and nourishing spiritual food even surpassing the physical delicacies!

Small harbor town in Martinique.



Martinique

Mr. Louis Jubert once again reports a very successful Feast for the French island colony of MARTINIQUE in the West Indies. This year, 127 French-speaking brethren were able to profit from the fellowship, the activities, and

activities. During the Feast, temperatures ranged in the low and mid 80's and an 8- to 12-mile-an-hour tradewind seemingly “air-conditioned” the Feast site 24 hours a day. The food was delicious — tantalizing tropical food such as breadfruit, the popular flying fish, and fresh coconut, among the most de-



Left above: Careenage in downtown Bridgetown, Barbados. Left: Typical “Bajan” home. Above: Group picture of Bajan Brethren.

the instructive and encouraging sermons given. This is the sixth year the Feast of Tabernacles has been held locally in Martinique.

Minehead, England

The people of God in England certainly experienced the best Feast ever! This year, for the first time, the Feast was held in Southwestern England, a land of rolling hills, green pastures, and historic villages. God chose a *beautiful* area for the Feast in England! The weather was wonderful — just enough rain and clouds to make a person appreciate the warm sunshine which also inundated the camp.

The Feast in England was held at Butlin's Camp, a large holiday resort on the Bristol Channel. All the brethren were able to stay in rows of chalets, each provided with private bath and central heating. There were many recreational activities available, and scores partook of table tennis, horseback riding, hiking in the lovely countryside, and the several bus tours to outstanding local areas including an authentic old English

castle — Dunster castle, where the Spanish Armada was first sighted as it came up the channel.

Mr. Raymond McNair, Evangelist in charge of the Feast at Minehead, with help from Mr. Charles Hunting, gave wonderful sermons on faith, God's Work, fasting and overcoming. Other inspiring sermons were brought by Dr. Martin, Mr. Al Carrozzo (visiting from the Headquarters in Pasadena), and all the other ministers. God's people truly REJOICED before God, and appreciated the beautiful Feast site God chose for this year's Festival! God willing, we hope to have this Feast site for years to come!

For all eight days God blessed His people with nutritious meals served in the main dining hall, and spiritually powerful sermons from His ministers. The Minehead Feast was truly one to remember with joy and anticipation for the future!

Mr. Raymond McNair reports on the British Festival: "Once again, the 1968 Feast of Tabernacles in Britain proved to be the biggest and best ever!" From

63 countries came 2,580 brethren to rejoice before God.

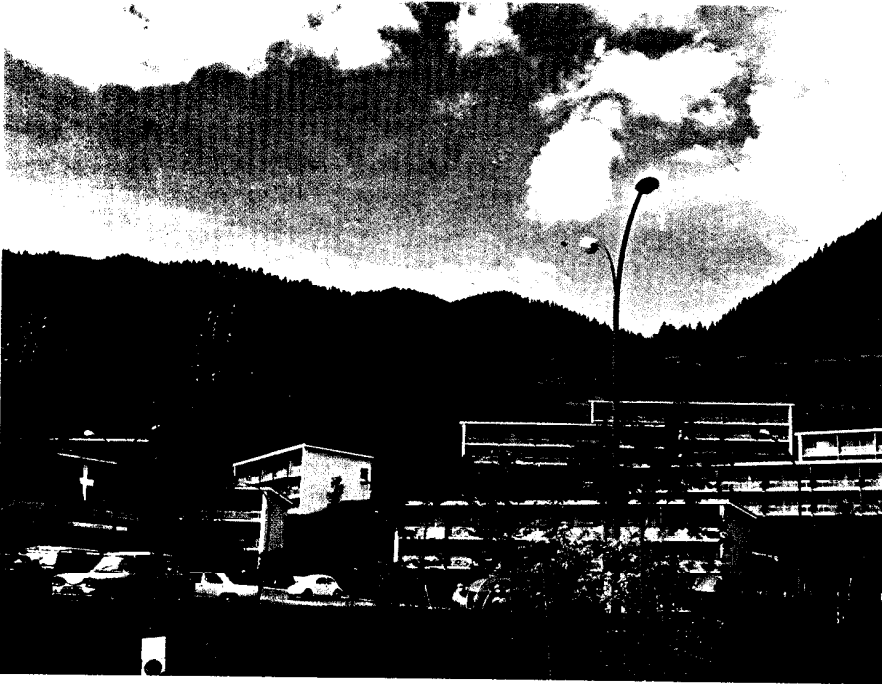
Wrote Mr. McNair, "One of the highlights of the Feast was an ordination service at which two were ordained. Mr. Reginald Platt was raised from Preaching Elder to Pastor, and Mr. Paul Suckling from England was ordained a Local Elder." Nineteen new brethren were baptized at the Feast.

The Festival at England was truly INTERNATIONAL in character. There were brethren from far places such as Latin America, Chile, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, 34 from Holland, 17 from Switzerland, France, Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Israel, Jordan, Iraq, 134 from West Germany, others from Austria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Romania, Poland, Ukraine, 12 from India, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Indonesia, 20 from South Africa, Rhodesia, Malawi, Ghana, 60 from

View of assembly hall, children's play area and general grounds at Minehead, England — 1968 site for Feast of Tabernacles.

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Australia, 7 from New Zealand, Tasmania, Philippines, Bahamas, Barbados, 20 from Jamaica, Montserrat, Trinidad, St. Kitts, Dominica, St. Lucia, Antigua, Isle of Grenada, one each from Turkey, Egypt, Estonia, and Malta.

These are all YOUR BRETHREN! Truly, the Work of God has grown to a WORLDWIDE scope, with brethren scattered like *salt* among the world's nations!

France

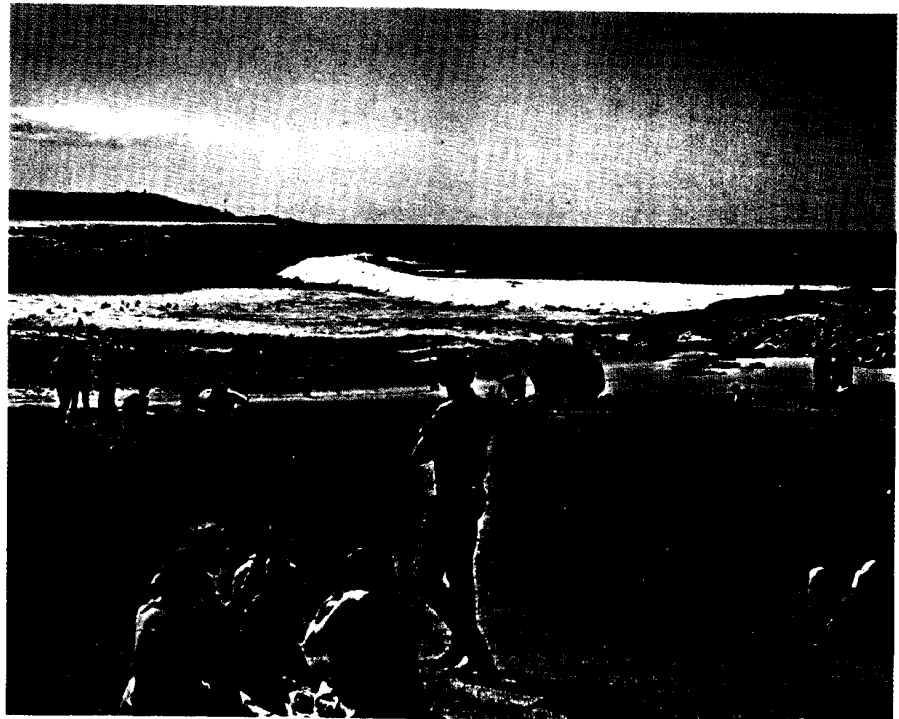
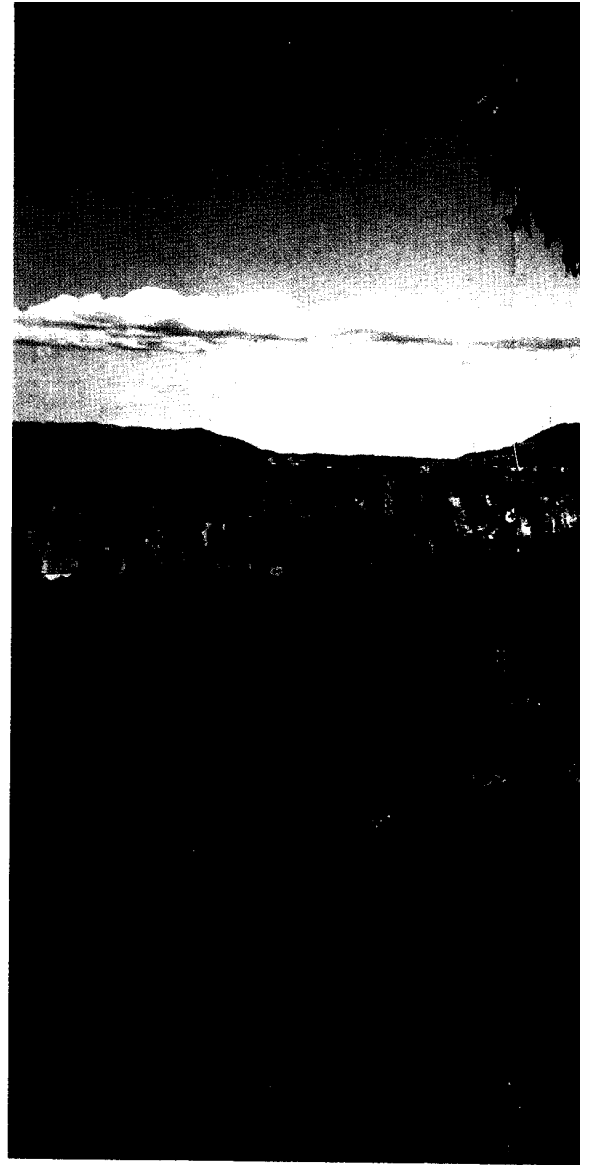
Nestled in a peaceful valley in the panoramic French Alps, below the glistening snows of Mont Blanc, 260 French-speaking brethren came to PRAZ-SUR-ARLY from 12 different countries to *rejoice* before GOD. Since a large portion of these brethren cannot meet together regularly, the opportunity to receive spiritual instruction and have fellowship was truly priceless. Inspiring sermons concerning overcoming day-to-day problems and striving for the Kingdom were given by Mr. Dibar Apartian, the director of the French Work, assisted by Mr. Carn Catherwood, Mr. Colin Wilkins and Mr. Etienne Bourdin.

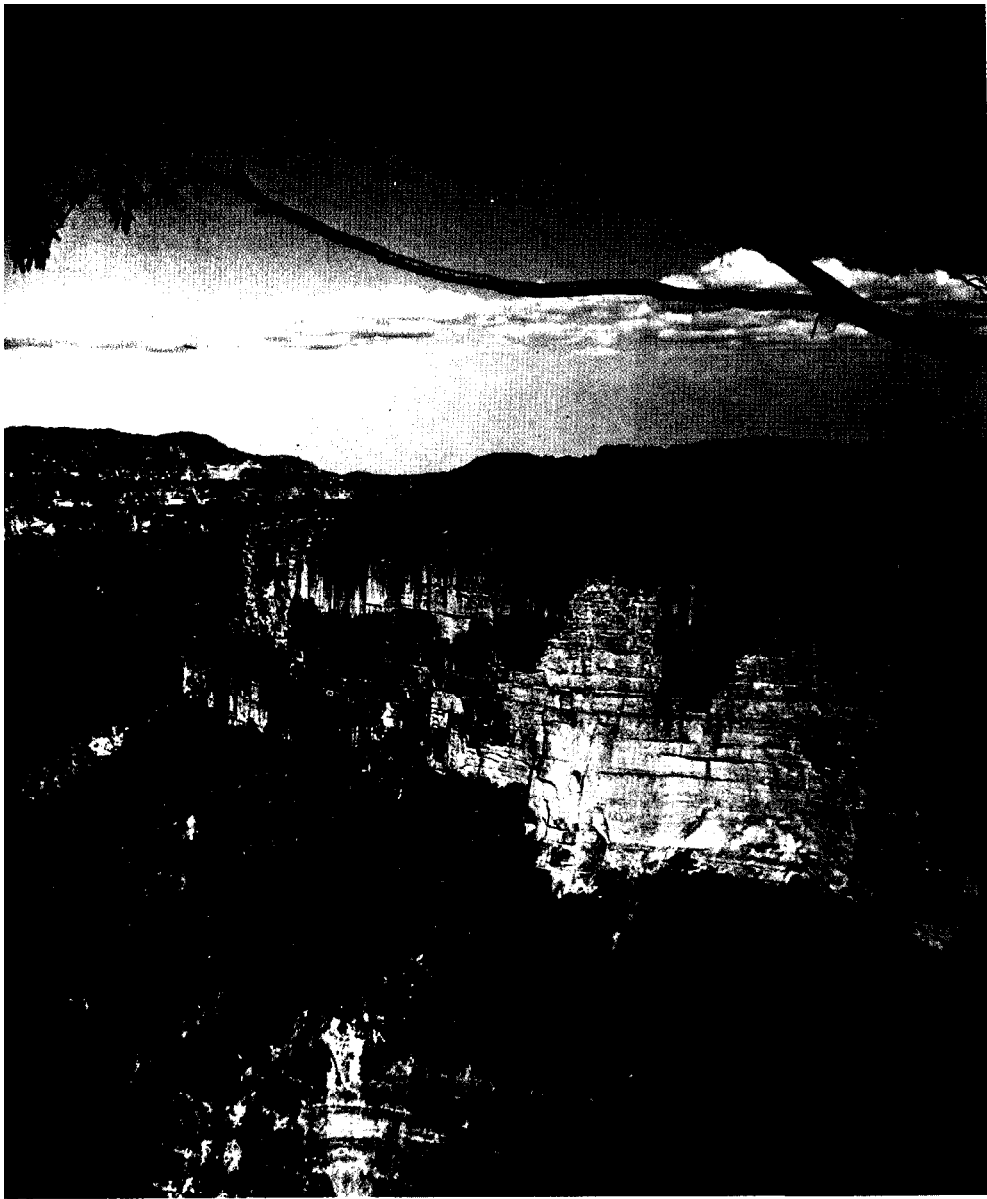
Besides the many spiritual blessings, God provided an abundance of physical blessings. Imagine! Superb scenery — sparkling sunshine — tasty French cuisine — all the facilities of a resort vacation camp — plus a variety of activi-

Cottages and facilities at Praz-Sur-Arly, French site for Feast of Tabernacles (Above).

South African brethren enjoy beach at Scottsburgh Feast Site. (Below)

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Spectacular mountain scene of the Blue Mountains near Blackheath, Australia.

ties and excursions to nearby points of interest.

At the close of the Feast, there were tears in many eyes as they left for home, armed with spiritual meat for the coming year and with many unforgettable memories — already anticipating next year's Feast!

Scottburgh, South Africa

The Feast in South Africa was opened by Mr. Ronald Dart, pastor, from Bricket Wood, England, with 466 present — a thirty-one percent increase over last year. This was the fifth year the Scottburgh town hall was used for the Feast of Tabernacles and it was packed to capacity every meeting. Messrs. Dart, Luker, and Williams brought inspiring, helpful sermons. Mr.

Luker came all the way from the United States to take part in the Festival there. Clear, sunny weather lasted throughout the entire Feast. Recreational activity included a warm swim in the sparkling blue Indian Ocean!

Hotel accommodations used by the brethren were excellent. Delicious food was prepared by the catering staff. The goodwill built up in Scottburgh over the past five years has added greatly to the friendly atmosphere throughout the Feast.

Helping make this year's Feast a most memorable occasion were a delightful fun show, a lively dance, and an informal cookout after the Last Great Day. And the children enjoyed an ocean boat trip this year!

On the Last Great Day, two deacons



Above: Children's games at Blackheath. Below: Mountains near Tabernacle at Blackheath.



were ordained, causing this day to be a "red letter day" among the South African Brethren.

The Australian Feast

Blackheath in the beautiful Blue Mountains was the site for the Feast of Tabernacles for the fifth year, since being built in 1964. It was jammed to capacity this year, with 2,356 brethren from every state in Australia, the United States, and including over 120 from New Zealand! The theme of the Feast? REJOICE in God's Feast of Tabernacles!

And that's what they did. Mr. Wayne Cole, the other Australian ministers, and Mr. Dean Wilson, director of the Canadian Work, brought inspiring sermons focusing all eyes on the World Tomorrow. Delicious food was prepared in a newly installed, ultramodern kitchen; combined with warm sunshine

every day, the Feast was truly a fore-taste of Tomorrow's World!

Members of the Sydney Church organized a fine orchestra for dance music, and the Melbourne chorale provided a thrilling musical concert. Youngsters enjoyed the organized games, playground, and a team of our own ponies. Adults enjoyed bush-walks, golf, and exciting flights over the Tabernacle in light airplanes.

Robert Fahey, pastor of the Melbourne, Australia Church. Also members attended from Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, China and the United States. Americans came from Guam, Okinawa, Vietnam and the Philippines. All enjoyed the opportunity to meet new faces and get to understand the brotherhood of God's Church a little better. It was really a *family atmosphere* that prevailed in the pleasant mountain camp that God had prepared for us.

"The sermons were most inspiring, explaining our shortcomings and how, in overcoming them, we shall qualify for the coming Kingdom of God. It was a PERFECT Feast. Every sermon, every problem, every social event (including our first real Choir Concert and Fun Show) seemed *inspired by God* to train us in some way for our position in the World Tomorrow. Indeed, it was the best Feast of Tabernacles EVER!"

Hawaiian ALOHA!

For the first time, the Feast of Tabernacles was held in the archipelago of Hawaii!

A small but enthusiastic, happy and energetic flock of 105 brethren — Hawaiian, Samoan, Japanese, Chinese, and *Malehini* (first-time visitors to Hawaii) — REJOICED in the opening of the Hawaiian Feast site this year, THANKFUL that God has chosen to place His name in the midst of the beautiful tropical isles!

Mr. Richard Ames, in charge of the Hawaiian Festival, reports: "Because of the smallness of the group, a warm *family atmosphere* pervaded. *Everyone* had an opportunity to serve and contribute in a very real and tangible way to the overall success of the Feast.

"Before the Feast the brethren



Above: "Picnic in Petra." Philippine children dance during fun show.

Below: Hawaiians land on the shore of Kailani Feast site in native outrigger canoe.

The Philippine Islands

Reporting from the Philippines, Mr. Arthur Docken writes: "God blessed the Philippines with a PERFECT Feast of Tabernacles! Over 1,000 joyous future citizens of God's coming Kingdom observed the Festival in three sites — Baguio City, Kiara and Don Carlos (the latter two on the island of Mindanao).

"Those on Luzon Island were especially happy because God had finally opened the way for 372 brethren to finally enjoy the facilities and cool climate of Baguio City. Last year a typhoon prevented most from attending there.

"Although there were some problems, they were *exactly* the kind of problems that were needed to teach us how to live and work together in unity and harmony. Representatives were there from Australia, including Mr. and Mrs.



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Group picture of Hawaiian brethren on the evening of their Luau.

scrubbed, cleaned, painted and dressed up the meeting hall with curtains, paintings, and beautiful tropical plants and flowers. The Kailani Conference Center was in an inspiring location with the ocean waves virtually in its front yard and the Koolau Mountain Range in the background.

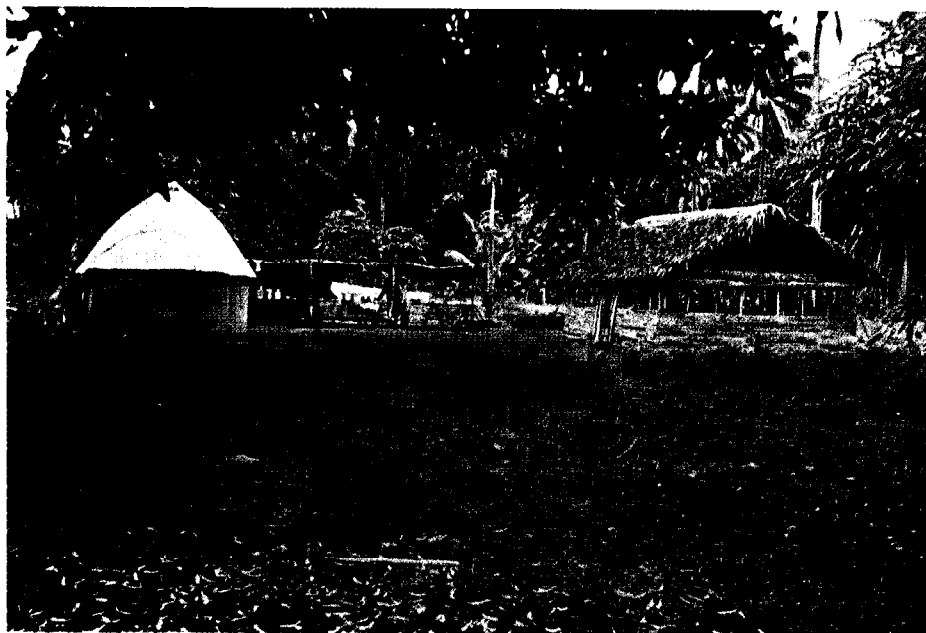
"The Church Choir, which *seemed* to comprise *half* of the congregation practiced diligently twice a week in preparation for the Feast. The special music as well as the exciting laugh filled Fun Show showed the fruits of their labors.

"This attitude of service was also

manifested in the work of imaginative meal planning and preparation of delicious meals prepared by the brethren. Everyone eating together right on the grounds for most of the meals also added to the family atmosphere. The festive Luau (with *lamb* instead of pig) was an enjoyable highlight.

"During the Feast a *minor* volcano erupted on the big island of Hawaii (about 200 miles away) spewing dust particles into the atmosphere and causing a cloudy haze (reminding us of Los Angeles smog) over all the islands, including Oahu. God answered our prayers by sending rain and winds to

Thatched Tabernacle built by Brethren in Tonga.



bring back the clear weather we experienced at the beginning of the Feast. One can plainly see that the greater volcanic eruptions of the near future will help produce a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness (Joel 2:2 and Zeph. 1:15)."

As the service of the Last Great Day came to a climax, the small elect group God has called out of 750,000 Hawaiian islanders were very, very thankful — with tears in nearly every eye — to have kept this FIRST Feast of Tabernacles in HAWAII!

Tonga Islands!

Another of the newest Feast sites was the Tonga Islands where thirty-eight brethren in the South Pacific Polynesian Island Kingdom of Tonga gathered together. In charge of the Feast was Mr. Isileli Ha'angana who attended the Feast in Australia last year.

Mr. Ha'angana began receiving *The PLAIN TRUTH* in 1960. As he grew in understanding he preached God's truth in the Methodist Church, since he was a part-time minister. The reaction was instant. Therefore, Mr. Ha'angana and five fellow employees of the Tongan Government Service began meeting together each Sabbath. This was in 1965. In January 1966 they were visited by Mr. Wayne Cole and Mr. Don Abraham and four were baptized.

This year, the Tongan brethren erected their own thatched roof "tabernacle" on the property of a member. All of them left their permanent homes and observed the Feast in "temporary dwellings" near their new "tabernacle."

The Tonga Islands, in case you didn't know, have about 80,000 inhabitants and the dominant religion is Methodism. The islands are located about 2,500 miles east of Sydney, Australia — out toward the middle of the broad South Pacific!

Tonga is the furthest Festival site west toward the International Dateline. When the sun set on The Last Great Day, the Tongans were the last of God's people to see the Feast of Tabernacles pass until next year. But they surely join with all the rest of God's people in anxiously awaiting the Feast of Tabernacles 1969!

SEVEN PROOFS *of God's True Church*

Are you following MEN? Are YOU an "Armstrongite" as some might accuse? Or are you a grounded and solid MEMBER of the ONE true Church on earth, and a PART of the very Body of Jesus Christ? Have you really PROVED it?

by Garner Ted Armstrong

WITH A throaty ROAR, like the deep rumble of several locomotives, the giant 707 Boeing jet *thundered* down the runway. I felt a surge of POWER, as I was literally PUSHED back into the seat by the full force of those four huge fan-jet engines turned up to maximum *power!* Almost instantaneously, it seemed, the giant metal bird was thundering into the skies over Los Angeles!

THAT'S POWER!

Many times in MANY parts of the

world, I've experienced the thrill of takeoff of a giant jet airplane. I'm still not so blasé about jet travel that the takeoff of a giant jet fails to impress me!

When I witnessed, over television, the blast-off of Astronaut John Glenn in his epic flight, and the later launching of Astronaut Gordon Cooper, I couldn't help but be awed by the surging POWER of those huge rockets as they soared straight up into the blue sky like gargantuan bullets!

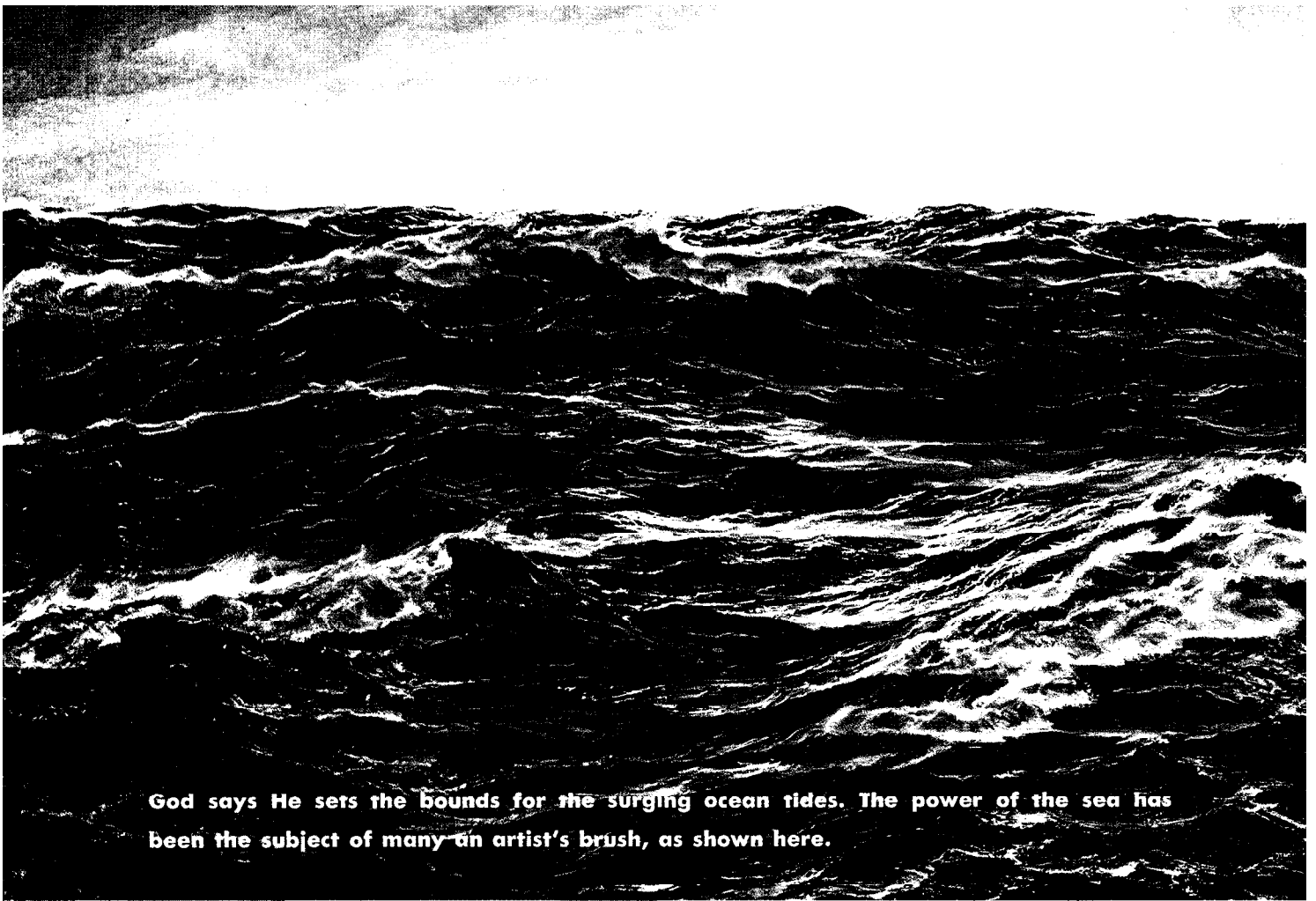
That's real POWER!

My brother, Richard D. Armstrong, went to Las Vegas some years ago, while still a student at Ambassador College, and was able to witness, with his own eyes (though through heavy, special dark glasses) the explosion of an *atomic bomb*. He described it to me. With a brilliant flash, brighter than the morning sun, an awesome, mushrooming cloud began to form, instantly rising several thousands of feet above the Nevada desert floor. Then,

Wide World Photo



Classic photograph of a hydrogen explosion on the Nevada desert floor.



God says He sets the bounds for the surging ocean tides. The power of the sea has been the subject of many an artist's brush, as shown here.

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moments later, a huge rumbling, ear-splitting SHOCK struck the onlookers with actual physical FORCE, just like a *blow* from some superhuman hand! This atom bomb blast was only a TINY bomb, a mere "pip" compared to the giant MULTI-MEGATON HYDROGEN BOMBS of today. Actually, it takes the explosive force of an ATOM bomb to *set off* a hydrogen bomb!

Think of it! An ATOM bomb is just the "match" to IGNITE A HYDROGEN BOMB!

Today, Air Force planners consider developing a "Trillioton" H-bomb, named for being equivalent in destructive force to one trillion tons of TNT.

Do you grasp what a trillion tons of TNT really is? One MILLION is a thousand thousand. But it takes ONE THOUSAND MILLION to make a BILLION. A trillion is ONE THOUSAND BILLION!

If one hundred ten-ton trucks had been laboring mightily, dumping their maximum load of TNT ONCE EACH MINUTE SINCE THE TIME OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST, there would still

not be a pile of TNT *BIG* enough to represent the destructive force contained in just this one bomb!

If all the tractors, trucks, loaders and earth-movers on earth were to labor together for the next CENTURY, they couldn't amass a pile of earth big enough to represent a mound of TNT weighing a TRILLION tons!

But that's just the beginning! Compared to even smaller, unnoticed "storms" on the surface of our sun — even *this* destructive form is almost NOTHING in comparison!

And *our sun* is but a DWARF when compared to other great "suns" or stars in the great universe!

THAT'S REAL POWER!

But all this man-made power is NOTHING compared to the awesome giant, all-encompassing, unlimited, irresistible, magnitudinous, gargantuan, overwhelming, SUPREME, *ABSOLUTE POWER OF GOD!* . . . *Our* God, The God who RULES this Church, who sustains it, who listens to YOUR personal, private prayers!

Think if it! What a fantastic amount of POWER God has! In the first of these seven great PROOFS of the true Church of God, we saw how God is the great RULER of all!

And God maintains and guards His great position of RULER by means of His great POWER!

Ridiculous Pagan Substitutes

What a wry, ironic and hideous joke it would be if a thundering jet were suddenly reduced from the throaty roar of POWER of those great engines to a little puff of smoke about the size of a small firecracker!

What irony, if the huge Atlas missile carrying Gordon Cooper had "fizzled out" on the launching pad, with a small, still sigh!

And what BLASPHEMOUS and RIDICULOUS claims some demon-inspired, perspiring, *little*, raspy-voiced human MEN have made about having some of the POWER of GOD!

Is the POWER OF GOD behind claims of "double portion night"? or "green smoke in the top of the tent"? Does it

really show the POWER OF GOD for "holy oil" (*you'd sweat too*, in such an atmosphere!) to be found in the clammy palms of a screaming, shouting, self-styled "evangelist"?

Brethren of God's true Church! When the small, darkened peepings and mutterings of human throats — when the circus freaks cause "goiters" to disappear at will in a sideshow atmosphere designed to DECEIVE — when hucksters and shysters *pretend* to have some of the power of God, *it is just as ironic!* Listen!

The POWER OF GOD is NOT a tingling, sensuous HUMAN EMOTION! It is NOT a prickly feeling on your scalp, or down the back of your neck! It is NOT found in the husky voice of a screaming fanatic who makes an abominable SHAM of religion!

The POWER OF GOD is the force by which God made ALL THINGS! It is the POWER by which He MADE THE UNIVERSE! It is the force, the energy, the unlimited *power* by which He *sustains* and *upholds* all things!

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by a [margin] Son, whom He hath appointed Heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; Who, being the *brightness* of His GLORY, and the express image of His person, and *upholding* ALL THINGS *by the Word of His POWER*, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high . . ." (Heb. 1:1-3).

THAT is a glimpse of the POWER OF GOD!

And *that* power is available to YOU. *That* power is IN THIS CHURCH! THAT power is another of the great PROOFS of the True Church of God!

Many "Fakes" Prophesied!

Don't be deceived! Do the fake claims of supposed "wonders" and "miracles" even begin to COMPARE to the majesty of the Alps, or the Andes? Do the claims of sweating or bleeding statues, of warts and bunions being healed, of "speaking with 'other' tongues" even BEGIN to supplant the

MAJESTY of the mighty seas, the roar of a hurricane, the crash and reverberating roll of thunder?

Ridiculous!

Yet — people want a "sign"! They desire a piquant "wonder." They want some tiny, interesting, "quaint" little "miracle" of some type to satiate their desire for the unusual!

Jesus said, "A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a SIGN; and there shall *no sign be given* unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas" (Matt. 16:4).

Yes — the WORLD seeks a *sign*.

God says, "When thou art come into the land which the Eternal thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth *divination*, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an *abomination* unto the Eternal: and *because of these abominations* the Eternal thy God doth drive them out from before thee" (Deut. 18:9-12.)

And LOOK at the practices of so-called "religious" people today!

Some, who have even fancied themselves *members of the True Church of God* have practiced "water witching," or "plumb bobbing" their food!

But in the world, deceived human beings look on a weird "oddity" or "curiosity" as being something of real POWER!

Charlatans parade before deceived people, claiming great "healing" powers, or claiming power to produce "special signs." These "signs," however, are always in the realm of WITCHERY, or DIVINATION, of FAMILIAR SPIRITS!

THIS IS NOT THE POWER OF GOD!

Your Bible predicted there would be MANY false prophets, and that they would "shew *great signs* and WONDERS; insomuch that, IF it were possible, they shall deceive the VERY ELECT" (Matt. 24:24.)

Simon Magus was reputed to be the "great POWER OF GOD"! (Acts 8:10.)

Yet, his was the power of the Devil and his demons. Simon kept his followers deceived by thrilling piquant "signs" and "wonders." "And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had *bewitched* them with *sorceries*" (Acts 8:11).

Make no mistake! The false claims about the POWER of God are going to be some of the GREATEST events to yet affect your life! The false MIRACLES — the false SIGNS and WONDERS of the future — and some of them in the very NEAR future — would deceive even the VERY ELECT, *if God would permit it!*

That means if YOU are one who is merely "going along" with certain Church doctrine; attending Church; paying tithes; and consider yourself a "member," but are not really CONVERTED — are not one of the VERY ELECT — YOU could well be *deceived* by these false miracles — simply because you do not understand *this* great PROOF of God's true Church — the real POWER of God!

Brethren of God's Church! Don't be deceived! *This* great proof of the True Church of God is NOT by any means a "minor" point you can afford to take lightly! Rather, it is VITALLY important — whether or not you really, deeply, and *thoroughly* understand it could affect YOUR ETERNITY!

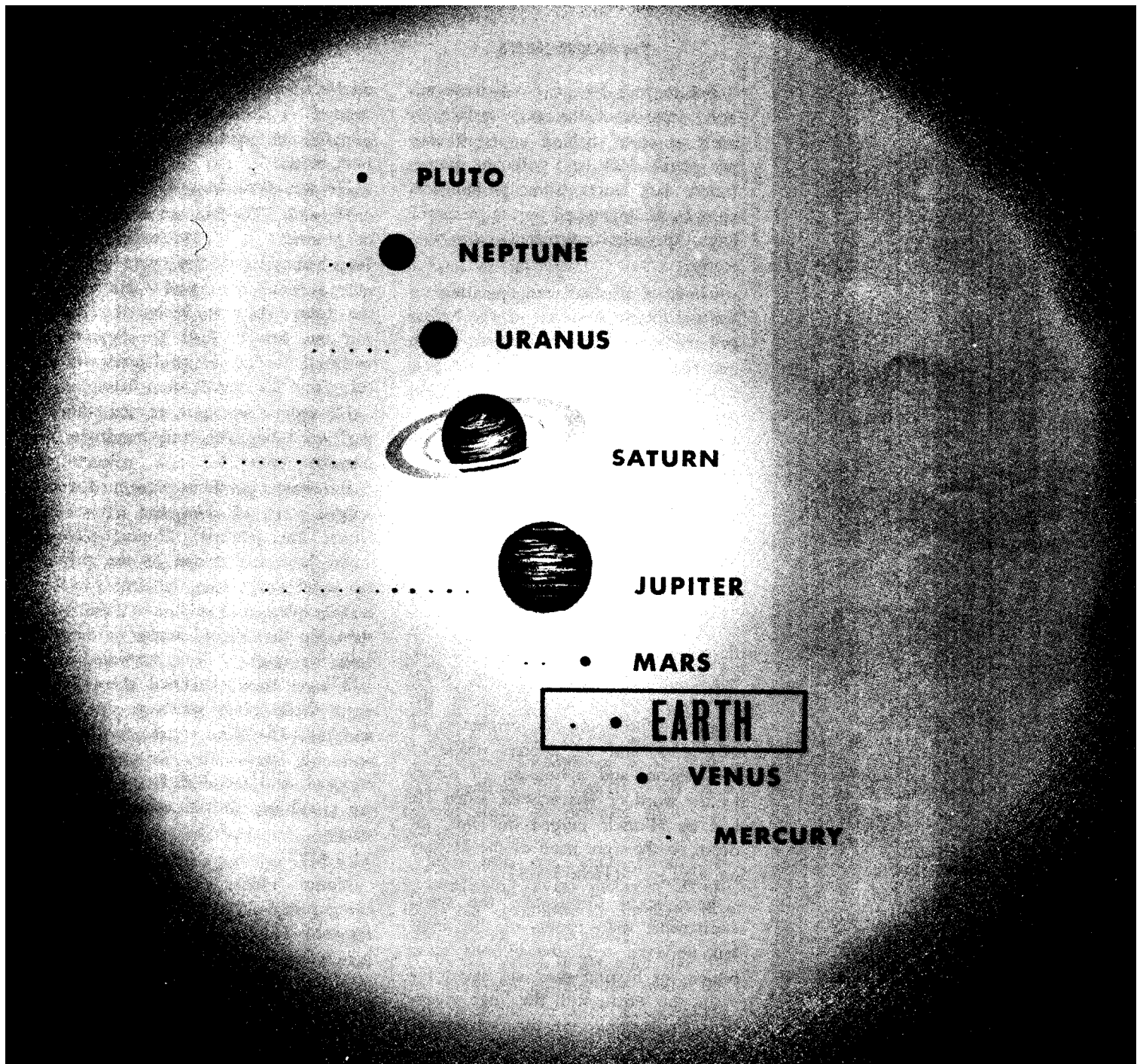
What IS God's POWER?

Being human — we are impressed with *human* power. We see the swelling muscles of a weight-lifter, the straining efforts of a pole vaulter, the terrific dexterity of a gymnast, or the smashing right of a boxer — and we're *impressed!*

Passers-by stop to gawk at a giant crane swinging a huge steel ball to smash buildings, or a huge bulldozer shoving tons of material, or the giant bites of earth a huge scoop shovel devours as it excavates for a new building. Seeing these man-made machines, humans are *impressed!*

At a religious meeting, berserk preachers scream, wheeze, gasp, shout, rant, or chant in the same tone, endlessly and meaninglessly, and ignorant, deceived on-lookers are *impressed!*

But what really *should* be impressive is the manifestation of GOD'S POWER!



Compare, in your own mind, the soaring might of a giant Sequoia or Redwood tree to a tiny man! Compare, for a moment, the thundering roar of Niagara, or Victoria on the Zambezi, to the petty screeching of a hoarse-voiced fake in a tent-camp riot called a religious meeting!

Compare the majesty of mighty mountains — the sweep and scope of this vast earth — the surging, tossing expanse of the ageless sea — yes, COMPARE!

And then realize that this WHOLE EARTH is but a *tiny speck* when com-

pared to our sun, and to other stars in the "milky way," or our own galaxy!

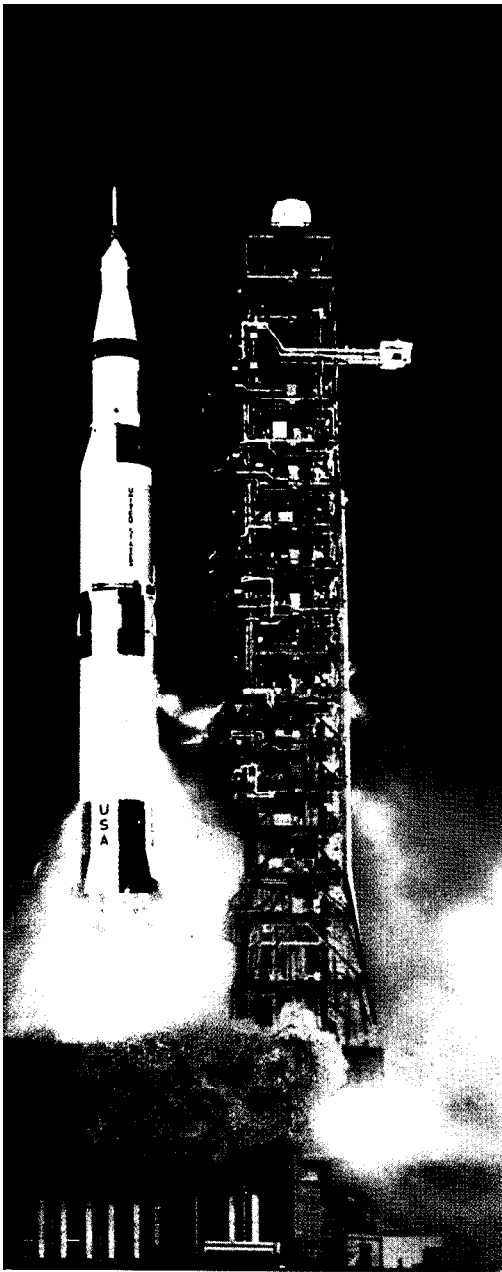
But that's only the remotest beginning! Our sun, the only *star* of our solar system, is but a "*white dwarf*" star in comparison to some of the other huge stars of awesome proportions! Betelgeuse, the supergiant of "Orion's" belt (as the pagans dubbed some of the distant constellations) is fully five hundred and thirty times larger than our sun — and yet our sun is so gigantic in comparison to the earth so as to defy our powers of comprehension.

For example, of the total *composition*

of the entire solar system; that is, the sun, all the nine planets, their thirty-one moons, thousands of asteroids, billions of comets and all other *matter in the solar system*, the sun comprises nearly 99.9 percent!

Our sun, which, remember, is but a "dwarf" in comparison to many stars in *many galaxies*, is 864,000 miles in diameter! "Sunspots," or solar storms and eruptions, appear as dark, sculptured "holes" in the "skin" of the sun — and are from five hundred to as much as FIFTY THOUSAND MILES WIDE!

Other disturbances on the sun's surface take the form of huge, spiraling



NASA
Apollo VII launch atop a Saturn V ship — awesome power to man, nothing in the sight of God.

LOOPS, or solar prominences and arches. Often these arches reach to a height of THIRTY THOUSAND MILES, and bridge a span of more than ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND miles — half the distance separating the earth from the moon!

Leaping, fiery tornadoes — tongues of fiery hydrogen — shoot up as far as one hundred thousand miles into space! An eruptive arch, one of the largest solar explosions ever recorded, was actually photographed in June of 1946. It remained visible for over two hours — and stretched more than a MILLION MILES into space before it disappeared!

But to your *human* eye — these unusual features of the sun's surface remain obscured behind superbrilliance you can't look at without special, HEAVY dark lenses. These prominences must be photographed by the means of huge, specially constructed solar telescopes.

Think of it! Our sun, operating on the *exact* same principle of the hydrogen bomb, is fantastically HUGE beside our earth.

Yet, the *sun* is but a DWARF star in comparison to others.

LOOK at the fathomless, limitless universe! THAT'S POWER!

THAT'S REAL POWER!

The POWER of Christ

Jesus Christ was the Word (John 1:1) who DID wield all this vast POWER of creation! "God . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by His [a] Son, whom He hath appointed Heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His POWER, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high . . ." (Heb. 1:1-3).

Jesus MADE Betelgeuse, the spiral andromeda, the vastness of the limitless universe, with the billions upon billions of blazing suns and stars! He MADE this earth, with the huge mountains, the surging seas, the vast prairies and deserts.

But, even possessing this awesome *power*, He EMPTIED Himself of EVERY BIT of it — and came down to this earth — to be born as a totally HELPLESS little child! "Who, being in the form of God, [counted not equality with God a thing to be grasped at (clung to, or jealously and tenaciously held)]: But made Himself of no reputation [emptied Himself] and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men . . ." (Phil. 2:6, 7).

Then, as a HUMAN being, Jesus Christ showed us how utterly and TOTALLY POWERLESS He was!

He said, "I can of mine own self do NOTHING"! (John 5:30.) He was

utterly UNABLE, so far as any *physical* strength or ability is concerned, to accomplish the great Work God had sent Him to do.

He was powerless.

He said, "The Son can DO NOTHING of Himself . . ." (John 5:19). Yet Jesus had TREMENDOUS power! He conquered Satan the Devil — He turned the water into wine, healed thousands, cast out demons, fed the thousands, withered the fig tree, paid taxes with a coin from the mouth of a fish.

He walked on water, calmed storms, performed hundreds and hundreds of miracles.

But these *signs* Jesus performed were only a PART of the great WORKS to which He pointed! Notice! "Now when John had heard in the prison the *works* of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And said unto Him, Art thou He that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do HEAR and SEE: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the GOSPEL preached to them" (Matt. 11:2-5).

Notice — Jesus said the GOSPEL was being preached! The preaching of the MESSAGE He brought, to even a few hundred, or a few *thousand*, was one of the great WORKS which Christ said directly PROVED His Messiahship!

But He did NOTHING BY HIMSELF!

"Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, HE doeth the works" (John 14:10).

There was the source of Jesus' great POWER! The Father in heaven WORKED THROUGH Jesus as a HUMAN INSTRUMENT!

Jesus GAVE POWER — But WHY?

Jesus Christ not only demonstrated the tremendous POWER source He had, but also GAVE that power to others! "Then He called His twelve disciples together, and *gave them* POWER AND

AUTHORITY over all demons, and to cure diseases" (Luke 9:1).

But was this power *only* for healing — and for casting out of demons?

Notice, "*And He sent them to preach the KINGDOM OF GOD, and to heal the sick*"! (Verse 2.)

When Jesus said the WORKS He performed bore witness of Him, He emphasized the GOSPEL He brought — the TRUTH of God.

After His crucifixion and resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, ALL POWER is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28:18). He told them that GREAT POWER He had possessed was now His to wield.

Now He was NO LONGER human — weak, physically unable to do *nothing* of Himself — *now* He was a VERITABLE POWER SOURCE — A DYNAMO OF SPIRITUAL POWER! *Now* He had the same POWER that molded the fantastic *sun*, that compacted the awesome FORCES into the universe — the power that hurled the giant stars into the blackness of endless trillions of miles of space! *Now* Jesus WAS POWER PERSONIFIED!

What was the BIG JOB He intended to accomplish through this fantastic power?

"Go ye therefore [in the light of this tremendous POWER I now have], and TEACH. . . ." His FIRST command was to TEACH, to PREACH (Mark 16:15) the Gospel of the Kingdom of God!

He said, "TEACH ALL NATIONS, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe *all things whatsoever* I have *commanded you*: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the age [margin]" (Matt. 28:19-20).

Jesus said His great power would ALWAYS be there — DEPENDABLE power, CONSTANT power, SANE, SAFE, GUIDED, DIRECTED power — to accomplish the great commission He was giving His true Church!

You can DEPEND on the rising of the sun — and you know you can! You can depend on the vastness of the power of this gargantuan universe — just as the common, everyday FORCES, the ENER-

gies we take for granted are dependable! You DEPEND on inertia, on the law of gravity, on heat, light, and the myriad *laws* that Christ upholds by the Word of His POWER!

He said HIS CHURCH would be imbued with this same POWER! We can *depend* on it!

"And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of me . . . And He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power. But ye shall receive POWER [NOT an empty, meaningless, emotional "sensation," or some SATANIC counterfeit, designed to CONCEAL the great meaning of the *real* power of God!], after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth"! (Acts 1:4-8.)

Notice — the POWER was so they could carry His MESSAGE to the uttermost parts of the EARTH — *not* as a sensual thrill to decorate their own persons!

Jesus said *we, today*, would be accomplishing EVEN GREATER WORKS than HE accomplished through that great POWER He supplies!

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and GREATER works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father"! (John 14:12.)

Jesus was able to reach only a few thousands at any one time, at the most, with the Truth of the Gospel. But through the POWER He supplies — and HE DOES SUPPLY IT — IT DEPENDS ON HIS POWER — the miraculous power of the transmission of electrical FORCE and ENERGY, *BOUNCING* electrical impulses off the mantle of the ionosphere, Christ uses TWENTY-TWO MILLION WATTS OF POWER to preach His Gospel to the world today!

But *that* power is only the beginning!

YOU Are To Inherit POWER

The reason you live is to learn to use POWER — and use it rightly!

When you first begin to become educated to the powers of this modern, electronic, machine, jet, space age — you learn the dangers of MISGUIDED power!

There are SAFETY precautions to be observed. Every child must be taught the DANGERS of fire, of gas, of moving automobiles, of falling, or of colliding with objects.

Much of all scientific endeavor — and, as a matter of fact, PRACTICALLY ALL of it, is either a study of, or learning *how* to HARNESS POWER, FORCE, ENERGY!

Science knows how to store power in a battery, to convert atomic energy to useful purposes — to employ the power of explosive force for constructive purposes — but science does NOT know how to control the greatest potential POWER OF ALL — the HUMAN MIND!

You are a POTENTIAL DYNAMO!

You are a potential POWER!

YOU can come to be sheer FORCE — COMPACTED TOGETHER INTO HUGE, LIMITLESS, DRIVING, SURGING, ENERGIZING, IRRESISTIBLE, IMMOVABLE, OMNIPOTENT POWER!!!

You can become God.

The four living creatures around the throne of God said, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive POWER, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing" (Rev. 5:12). John said he heard every creature in earth and in heaven saying in unison, "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and POWER, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (Rev. 5:13).

Jesus Christ is going to SHARE this limitless power with US! "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I GIVE POWER over the nations: And he shall RULE them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father" (Rev. 2:26-27).

THE UNIVERSE belongs to God! He is going to GIVE it to His children — when they qualify to control its powers!

Think of it, brethren! It defies our limited minds to comprehend the height, the length, the breadth, the

scope of God's power! We can only understand but a small fraction of the immensity of God. And yet, that very power is in THIS CHURCH!

Thousands of lives are being changed. Families are being restored — children's hearts turned to their parents. *Thousands* are being *healed*! Many write of **CANCERS** disappearing; of total **BLINDNESS** being healed; of **DEAFNESS** being cured; of demons being cast out!

But the **GREATEST** evidence of God's power in His Church today is that multiple **MILLIONS** are hearing the very same Gospel Jesus preached!

Think of the veritable *sea* of humanity hearing every **WORLD TOMORROW** program! Of the more than **ONE MILLION** reading *The PLAIN TRUTH*! Truly, **GREATER** works are being done! This really *IS* the **ONE True Church** of the great, living **GOD**!

God says, to each of *you*, "For **YE** are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest [even though it would have **FRIGHTENED** and **AWED** you, had you seen it!], And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words . . . But *ye* are come unto mount Sion, and unto *the city of the LIVING GOD, the heavenly Jerusalem* [the Church], and to an **INNUMERABLE COMPANY OF ANGELS**, To the general assembly and church of the **FIRSTBORN**, which are written in heaven, and to **GOD** the **JUDGE OF ALL**, and to the spirits of just men *made perfect*, And to **JESUS** the Mediator of the new covenant . . . Whose voice then **SHOOK THE EARTH**: but now He hath promised, saying, *Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven*. And this word, *Yet once more*, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which *cannot be shaken may remain*. Wherefore **WE RECEIVING A KINGDOM WHICH CANNOT BE MOVED**, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with *reverence and godly fear*: For *our God is a consuming fire*!" (Heb. 12:18-29.)

And **THAT**, brethren of God's **TRUE Church** is **POWER!!!**

The Worm and You

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calcium; (3) two and a half times as rich in exchangeable magnesium; (4) seven times as rich in available phosphorus; (5) eleven times as rich in exchangeable potassium as the surrounding soil. (See Barrett's *Harnessing the Earthworm*, ch. 13.)

Soil Builder

Being the executive and administrator that he is, the earthworm maintains a careful watch over fellow laborers. Many of the organisms who aid the worm in the building and restoring of the soil cannot work efficiently where it either is too acidic or alkaline.

The digestive process of the worm neutralizes either of these two extremes so that the castings deposited in the soil provide the most beneficial working conditions possible. Soil scientists have discovered that the soil's content of actinomycetes — organisms which play a significant role in decomposing organic matter into humus — multiplies seven times as it passes through the earthworm.

In addition, the earthworm frequently helps feed his companions by pulling bits of animal or vegetable matter into his tunnel. There he and his friends are free to devour the material which ultimately adds to the humus so badly needed in the soil.

Studies show that each mature earthworm is capable of casting up nearly one-half pound of humus each year. Under normal conditions, this means **TWELVE AND ONE-HALF TONS** of top-soil *per acre* are added each year thanks to the efforts of the earthworm.

Is it any wonder that Charles Darwin claimed the earthworm was the "barometer of soil fertility"? Or that after fifty years of study he concluded that without the earthworm the vegetation in many areas of the world would degenerate finally to the *vanishing point*?

What Can You Do?

You — the housewife, homeowner, gardener or farmer — can benefit from

better soil. It makes your lawn and flowers look better. It gives you stronger, healthier plants which will result in stronger, healthier people.

You can encourage the growth of earthworms around your home by making conditions more favorable for them. The homeowner can turn grass clippings and leaves into the top few inches of his garden.

The farmer can, by the simple expediency of adding manure to his soil, increase the earthworm population immensely. In one study, this simple method increased the earthworm population from 13,000 to over 1,000,000 per acre in a relatively short period of time.

In the dry areas of the world, the transformation of this trash into humus will greatly enhance the moisture-holding capacity of the soil. When the soil becomes too dry, the earthworm withdraws deeper into the soil. There he becomes dormant until conditions are once more favorable.

During a cold snap, the worm must go deep into the soil to prevent freezing. If the frost line penetrates downward more rapidly than the worm can burrow, the frost will catch him and put an end to his activities. Oftentimes tilling plant residue into the top few inches of soil will slow the frost penetration and enable the worm to descend below the frost line. He remains dormant there until spring.

Then when conditions are right, he returns to the surface to carry on his silent but feverish activity in the top six inches of your soil.

What Have We Proven?

Fertile, disease-free soil is not just *important*, IT IS **VITAL** for the health and well-being of everyone — the business executive, housewife, laborer as well as the farmer. With the world facing the most severe food shortage it has ever seen, the needless loss of soil fertility is criminal.

Of course, earthworms are not a

panacea for the world's ills. Just adding worms and stirring isn't going to produce fertile, productive soil overnight. IT TAKES FAR MORE THAN THAT! It requires an understanding of God's laws to properly use this earth. It calls for obedience to those laws for man to be *happy and healthy*.

The Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, Binay Sen, said: "Either we take the fullest measures both *to raise productivity* and stabilize population growth, or we face a disaster of UNPRECEDENTED MAGNITUDE . . . Problems of *hunger and malnutrition* which afflict more than half the world's population . . . POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO PEACE."

Mankind now stands on the brink of nuclear holocaust which could be precipitated by the food problems of the world. Raymond Ewell, former advisor to the Government of India, said: "The world is on the threshold of THE BIGGEST FAMINE IN HISTORY." When people are hungry, they are going to use any method necessary to meet and fill that hunger. Even if it means war!

What have we proven? Only that there are *simple*, God-ordained ways for our soil to be kept fertile and productive. Adam was put on this earth and told to dress it and keep it (Gen. 2:15). Neither he nor his ancestors were willing to understand and obey the simple principles of God. As a result, lands which once were productive and fruitful have become barren. The earth's ability to support a burgeoning populace has been diminished. And mankind in all its knowledge wonders why.

No, earthworms alone will *never* solve the soil problems of the world. No other single method will solve any of the problems of the world. It takes all the principles of God working together to give man the happiness and productivity he desires.

The earthworm is just one link in the chain which will help you enjoy and profit from your soil. Wriggling and dirt-encrusted, yes. But still a marvelous testimony to the wisdom and love of your Creator who provides for our every need if we will obey Him.

Readers Say . . .

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week was more than I had expected. My take home pay was the amount that I figured would be my gross!"

Arthur W. B.,
Denver, Colorado

Excess Second Tithe

"This is the second time I've sent

excess second tithes to headquarters and I'll still have more to turn in at the Feast site. When we started on this third tithe year, we couldn't see how we would ever manage; now with our income almost doubled, we wonder how we could have ever doubted. We are sorry to see our third tithe year ending."

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford L. K.,
Clifton Springs, New York

Thou Shalt Not Commit ADULTERY!

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way! Solomon had wisdom, understanding, knowledge — all any man could ask for — plus untold riches (I Kings 3: 12-13). He set his hand to try things out by his own personal experience. His sad results are recorded in the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Against all of God's warnings, Solomon finally accumulated SEVEN HUNDRED wives and THREE HUNDRED concubines — ONE THOUSAND women! He had the best-looking, the best-built, the most intelligent, the smoothest-skinned, the most voluptuous women in the land. He no doubt also had women of just about every race! He tried EVERYTHING he could think of.

But what happened? ". . . and his wives turned away his *heart*. For it came to pass, when Solomon was *old*, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his *heart was not perfect* with the Lord His God, as was the heart of David his father" (I Kings 11:3-4). Remember Hosea 4:11? "WHOREDOM and wine and new wine take away the HEART!"

Though he had been given *special* wisdom and understanding (*heart*) above all men, by the time he was an old man, he had dissipated most of it away. His mind was blinded to God and God's ways. He increased wretchedness in the land. His women persuaded him to build monuments and sex symbols to their individual gods — to Solomon's shame and the desecration of the land and people of God!

Solomon may even have missed his chance for eternal life by his bizarre

addiction to illicit sex! This was the one major vice he had which removed his exceptional understanding from him. No man with real understanding would erect pagan temples and worship other gods — being led about by illicit bed partners! "A good *understanding* have all they that *do his commandments*" (Psalm 111:10).

Solomon just happened to be able to do what every man or woman WOULD DO — if they were able — once that person begins to fornicate or commit adultery! He found an INSATIABLE desire for MORE — but he could NEVER be really *satisfied!*

Israel's Example!

Israel was God's wife. But when she went after other gods, she committed adultery against Him! "And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and *committed adultery* with stones and stocks [as well as *other nations*]" (Jer. 3:9). Jeremiah continues, "Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am MARRIED unto you . . . Surely as a WIFE treacherously departeth from her HUSBAND, so have ye dealt with me, O House of Israel" (verses 14, 20).

But God saw it just the way Jim Moore saw it. He had rescued Israel from Egypt, cleaned her up as a beautiful, lovely bride and *married* her (Ezek. 16:1-14). But with all her blessings, she turned against God and became unfaithful! "But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of the renown, and pouredst out

thy fornications *on everyone that passed by*, HIS it was! . . . and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and MULTIPLIED thy whoredoms" (verses 15, 25). How much clearer can it be?

She totally rejected God and spurned His advances — *scorning His true love for the false!* "Thou has played the whore also with the Assyrians [Modern Germany], because thou wast UNSATIABLE; yea, thou played the harlot with them, and *yet* couldest NOT be SATISFIED" (verse 28).

Do you see what happened? Once she started committing adultery, Israel COULD NOT BE SATISFIED. With all his wisdom, Solomon could never be satisfied with a thousand women! Mary could never again be really satisfied with only Jim! If YOU have ever committed fornication, or adultery, *think about it!* Did it ever SATISFY you? Was ONE time ever enough? NO! LUST SNOWBALLS!

There is no end to it! If you have never committed fornication or adultery, BE THANKFUL! But most of you reading these words HAVE committed adultery! You have suffered in your marriage or marriages and perhaps never knew why. Now you can know. You have dragged your life through the mud of human filth, you have fostered an unstable character and you have opened "Pandora's Box" of INSATIABLE lust and illicit desire!

What Can You Do?

Solomon, in all his wisdom, KNEW what to do, but did not do it! He continued his race to destruction. He did not have a HEART like his father, David. His heart was *destroyed* by adulteries!! This was the major difference between David and Solomon. David knew what to do and he did it! David's heart had not turned from God as Solomon's!

He realized his deep need for REPENTANCE from *his* heinous crime of adultery! When God's prophet, Nathan, made him realize what he had done with Bathsheba, David was truly BROKEN up about it and took DRASTIC ACTION. He realized what the penalties were and took steps to CHANGE!

David's Repentance

David's repentance was complete. He shared the whole blame, himself. He

was not like Sigmund Freud, who felt that NO ONE is guilty of personally committing sin — that man is just an innocent victim of environmental circumstances!

Notice how David felt, "For I ACKNOWLEDGE *my* transgression: and *my sin* is EVER before me!" (Psalm 51:3.) He recognized that he was the guilty one, that he had been a sinner since *birth* (vs. 5). He laid it on the line, taking all the blame before God! He knew He had to be *cleaned* and purged by God to be really clean (vs. 7).

But, most important, he knew what God really wanted! "For thou desirest NOT sacrifice; else would I give it: Thou delightest NOT in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a *broken spirit*: a *broken* and *contrite HEART*" (verses 16-17).

If you have been involved in the wretchedness of ADULTERY, you are in the same shoes with David, Solomon, Israel and the Moores. Will you be like David, or like Solomon? Will you let it become an obsession with you and permeate your very being as Solomon did? Will you mull it over in your mind and linger over the "pleasures of sin for a *moment*" and let it hatch into reality? Will you look on women (or men) to LUST after them until you finally commit the actual SIN again? Will you allow your strength, your energies, your proper feelings, your chances for true happiness and your understanding to be ripped away from you by your senseless thoughts and actions?

Or will you be like David, who SUCCEEDED, and QUALIFIED to be a great *ruler* in God's Kingdom? If you really WANT to do RIGHT in God's sight, and have happiness and the real JOY of living God wants you to have, *be like David!* Have a *heart* like David's! See it as he saw it! Think as he thought! Feel as he felt! REPENT like *he* repented!

Take God's way, the *best* way. Follow David's example. Use Psalm 51 as a guideline to *help* you change and get started toward real help — a future in the World Tomorrow, as well as happiness and joy yet in this life!

 **the ENVOY**

Take another look at that curious little "hug" which appears above in our headline! ● We're spotting it throughout this year's edition of the ENVOY to graphically symbolize the theme of the book, "Tomorrow's Education — Today." ● For a personal, firsthand glimpse of happy young people actually learning and using — now, today — the True Values which will be taught and lived in the world tomorrow, be sure to order your own copy of the 1967-1968 ENVOY. ● Because the ENVOY was printed late this year and not generally available at the Festival, we are extending the deadline date for ordering. Please do so as soon as possible. ● Remember, in past years there have not been enough ENVOYS to fill the many late orders, so assure yourself a copy by promptly returning the handy enclosed order form. ● Once again, a \$5.00 bill mailed to us here in Pasadena, 35 shillings sent to our staff in England, or \$5.00 Australian sent to our Sydney office will reserve your copy of the annual pictorial story of Ambassador College for this past school year.

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