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U.S.A. Riding to Total Collapse in 20 Short Years!

**Here are the naked FACTS that ought to astonish
and shock you into immediate action.**

by Herbert W. Armstrong

YOU'RE GOING to be *shocked* to read what goes on *undercover* in the United States. Five major vices threaten the *total collapse* of our country inside of 20 years. The handwriting is on the wall of America, now!

Lifting the LID Off Vice

Five major vices are combining to bring America to *total collapse*, to a fall greater than that of ancient Rome, because we are now *more WEALTHY, more POWERFUL* than ancient Rome—and the bigger they come, the harder they fall.

Now I use the word "undercover" paradoxically. These gigantic fatal vices are *not* hidden, actually, and yet, we don't see them, because we don't recognize them for what they are. We are totally *oblivious* to what they are *doing* to us.

First, what was it, specifically, that caused the fall of ancient Rome?

The acknowledged authority on the history of that period is Edward Gibbon, the famous historian of 165 years ago. His famous textbook, *The Decline and Fall of The Roman Empire*, is the standard recognized authority. Gibbon lists five chief reasons for the fall of Rome. You probably never read them, but you would think he was writing a description of America *today*, if you did.

These five specific causes for the fall of Rome are the five outstanding characteristics of American life today. It's

time we wake up and take a look at them.

The Number ONE Vice

FIRST, there was the rapid INCREASE IN DIVORCE, homes being broken up. Look at America today! Here are the actual figures: In 1890 there was one divorce for every 18 marriages. But the divorce rate began to rise. Twenty years later, by 1910, we were having one divorce to every eleven marriages. By 1930, the divorce rate in America had risen to one in every six, and by 1945, this tragedy of divorce had skyrocketed to *one divorce out of every THREE AND ONE-HALF MARRIAGES!* That was the year that the *war* ended, and a lot of hasty marriages ended the same year.

Since, the rate has leveled off in a fairly constant one in every four, with more divorces, of course, in the metropolitan areas. In some, it's at least one in three.

Do you realize that the HOME is the very foundation of any society, and when our homes are being broken up, the very foundation is crumbling away beneath us. *The United States is going the way of ancient Rome.*

What TAXES Are Doing to YOU

SECOND, just before Rome collapsed, there was a rapid INCREASE IN TAXES. Rome had grown fat and pros-

perous; and people sought leisure, less work, more play, idleness, and as they shirked work, they began looking to the government to provide. Today, we call it doles, relief, pensions, and government aid. When any nation begins to look to its government to provide, that nation is on a greased toboggan-slide to decay and to oblivion. It brought about the fall of Rome. It brought about the fall of proud Babylon long before. *And it's bringing about the fall of America today.*

NOW, LOOK AT US TODAY! Like Rome, we've grown fat and prosperous and lazy. We Americans are rolling in money. We have more money than any people ever had. Money has come SO EASY! Too many of us are trying to get it the easy way with less work. Business is raising prices. Labour demands shorter hours, more pay.

Yes, we've grown prosperous and lazy. We've started on the way of ancient Rome, seeking government aid, relief, pensions. We're looking to the *government* to take care of us, and just like that of ancient Rome, our government has grown TOO BIG, and we've had a *rapid increase in taxes.*

What Are the Facts?

Brace yourself for a shock. How much money do you suppose it cost to run the United States government, through *all*

of its history, from 1776 until 1933—that's from the very beginning of Washington's administration *until* the time of Franklin Roosevelt.

Well, the total cost in 167 years was \$112 billion. That is \$112 billion for that whole 167 years, Washington through Hoover, until Roosevelt.

Now hold yourself for a real shock.

SEVEN TIMES AS MUCH!

In only 20 years of the New Deal and the Fair Deal, only two presidents spent \$776 billion as against only \$112 billion for ALL of the other presidents COMBINED in the entire history of the United States—almost *seven* times as much as *all previous presidents* COMBINED, beginning with George Washington. Now THINK of that! That's \$776 thousand million spent in 20 short years.

Now the *tax rate* per person—the TAXES you pay—has multiplied, too! How much do you suppose taxes have multiplied *just since 1933*? Do you suppose they've doubled—multiplied 4 times over? Oh MUCH more than that! Ten times over? would you say? a hundred times over? a thousand times over since 1933? Do you think that's fantastic?

Does that sound *impossible*? It's *much more than that!*

1500 TIMES as Much!

YOUR taxes that you are *paying* have multiplied 1500 TIMES what they were in the year of 1933. If you were paying *one* dollar taxes then, you pay *1500 dollars* now. For every dollar you paid then—as incredible as it sounds—the tax rate *per person today* is *1500 times* more than it was in 1933.

All government administration, from Washington through Hoover, spent \$112 billion. The Franklin Roosevelt administration in just *12 short years* spent *THREE TIMES* that, or \$380 billion, and the Truman administration in *only 8 years* spent still more than Roosevelt's 12 years—\$396 billion! That's what our government is spending! *The United States is going the way of Rome.*

The CRAZE for Pleasure

The THIRD major cause of Rome's downfall listed by this very famous historian, the acknowledged authority, was *the MAD CRAZE FOR PLEASURE*. Sports became yearly more *exciting*, and more *brutal*.

We need to have this brought home to us so we really see it, really realize it, and really understand where it's leading America today. Today, instead of participating in healthy games ourselves, we like to take our sports sitting down, while we pay others to amuse us and to excite us by playing the game for us.

Football is a big national sport. It's a pretty rough game. From 70,000 to more than 100,000 people crowd into the stadiums practically every Saturday in the fall seasons, at the major games at least.

Millions of Americans love to watch prizefights, to see men slug, pummel, and injure one another. The victor is the one who inflicts the greatest *damage*, who is the most *destructive*—NOT the one who *helps* the most, who *serves* the best in a constructive way. Today, 30 to 50 million people enjoy this brutal sport every week in front of their television screens in their own living rooms.

One of the fastest of all sports is ice hockey. It's also rough, and often the players get into a fight with their clubs!

Yes, we like our sports *fast!* We like them exciting and we like them rough and brutal, just as Rome before her fall.

Millions seek exciting entertainment every night *sitting down*, in the *movies*, and another 60 or 70 million seek entertainment every night *seated* before their TV sets. They want exciting programs, programs that carry them *AWAY from the reality of life* off into the pleasing land of *make-believe*.

Running AWAY from Life

But you don't make life happy, full, ABUNDANT, by running away from life and its problems and its realities!

The Creator intended life to be PLEASANT, INTERESTING, FILLED WITH JOY. He set incororable laws in motion to make that peace and that happiness the true reality of life, if instead of seeking escape from reality, we would face it, and if we would seek the Eternal our Creator and live by His living laws. But instead of that, we seek to satisfy our real *heart-hunger* in a whirl of material pleasures.

There still are a few kinds of pleasures and excitement, however, that America likes to take *standing up!* Hundreds of thousands go dancing every night, and especially among the younger set. Dancing, too, tends to become faster and more exciting.

And *gambling* is on the increase. One of the fastest growing cities in America is Las Vegas where gambling is legal. It runs wide open all night—24 hours around the clock, 7 days a week.

Sometimes, a man or a woman loses a fortune in just a few hours, desperately trying to win a few hundred or thousand dollars without earning it. There you can see roulette wheels, crap tables and other forms of gambling. There is a portion of America *going the way of Rome!*

And, *let's face it!* Millions MORE would be at the gambling tables if it were legalized in other states, and yet, a lot of this sort of thing is going on *secretly* UNDER COVER, and behind closed

and guarded doors, if you know where to find it.

Yes, America is a pleasure-mad nation today. We're the WEALTHIEST, as compared to any other nation, and we are fast growing LAZY and SOFT, seeking luxury and pleasure, and excitement, idleness and ease, labour-saving, step-saving devices and gadgets. They are in top demand. We seek shorter hours, we want bigger wages. We want bigger profits. We want EASY MONEY, but we are losing the true values of life. We are fast disintegrating, and we're going the way of Rome to our downfall as a nation, and, apparently, we won't wake up until we hit the bottom of this fall with the most horrifying thud and crash that ever happened to any people!

Do ARMAMENTS Save a Nation?

Now the FOURTH of these major causes of Rome's downfall, as listed by this number one historian of that era, was the building up of GIGANTIC ARMAMENTS when the REAL ENEMY WAS THE DECADENCE OF THE PEOPLE FROM WITHIN.

In 1890 the United States spent less than \$60,000,000 on its military establishment. By 1910, 20 years later, we spent four and one-half times that much, \$280,000,000. But 8 years *after that*, by 1918, in World War I, we spent 6 thousand millions of dollars!

In 1945, in World War II, in that *one year*, we spent 80½ thousand million dollars on war! And today, in a so-called peace time, we are spending 45 thousand millions of dollars EVERY YEAR. That's 45 billion dollars! Your mind doesn't grasp that, because that's more money than you could conceive.

Ancient Rome was a "piker" in building up gigantic armaments! I wonder what an ancient Roman would think if he could come to life and see some of our armaments today? You might not call the new jet planes *gigantic* in size, but they are *gigantic* in *speed*, and the atomic missiles they can drop are SUPER GIGANTIC!

What these can do was strikingly demonstrated in the war games held by the army and the air force throughout 12 Southern states in the late autumn of 1955. These were the largest United States military maneuvers since World War II. They tested the new radar warning system, and the tests showed that they would have only 17 minutes of warning if enemy jets came in on a surprise invasion—*just 17 minutes of warning*—think of that! That's all we would have. In this simulated practice invasion the *attacking force in the next 23 minutes* (not hours, but 23 minutes) dropped what *represented* 4 hundred thousand tons of TNT, by light jet bombers, jet *atomic* bombers. And this

massive blow in 40 minutes time after the radar gave the first warning represented the *same amount of explosive power as was delivered in 250 thousand sorties in three years* in the Korean war—our latest war when we had the most modern equipment.

Is that frightful? Yes, but notice! This demonstrated that in the flash of 40 minutes after the first radar warning HALF of the entire United States striking force in the entire area—and *that's 12 southern states*—would have been knocked out, and 80% of its known air bases destroyed. That's a sample of the danger that you live in, THIS VERY MINUTE!

Soon even jet planes will be obsolete. WITH ROCKETS, our scientists tell us that they will soon be flying to the moon or to Mars inside of 25 years. But, of course, the most gigantic of all armaments of total destructive power so far is the ATOMIC and the HYDROGEN bomb.

A Nation of CRIMINALS

We're living in fearful and terrifying times. But as it was in Rome of old, *our real enemy is the decadence of our own people WITHIN!*

Not many of us have degenerated into

derelicts, *yet*, but we're certainly on our way, and we don't realize it. Most cities today have a skid row.

Not all of us are criminals, but a *larger percentage are becoming criminals EVERY YEAR.*

ARE we deteriorating? So many people seem to *doubt* it! A lot of people *won't believe* it. We don't seem to realize the facts. WE CAN'T BUILD PRISONS FAST ENOUGH! Our prisons are filled to overflowing. We have prison riots. We have strife between management and labour, with RIOTING during strikes!

Our hospitals are overflowing! Today, there are more patients in MENTAL hospitals than in any other kind of hospitals! And the forecast for 10 years from now in a national magazine article, is that, while we will be getting into the fantastic push-button age, now being designed by science and industry, EVERY TENTH CHILD IN TEN YEARS WILL BECOME A MENTAL PATIENT! THINK OF THAT!

We are a nation of criminals, and we don't realize it.

Last year saw another 5% increase in crime, the *seventh consecutive year of increase* in major crimes. Last year, there

were 2,267,000 major offenses. Just think of that!

Do you realize that there is a *major crime every FOURTEEN SECONDS* in our country? Actually, whether you realize it or not, hundreds of major crimes have been committed *since you began reading this article!* Crime has grown much greater *proportionately* than our population.

In 1954 there were 34 murders every day. And 256 other felonious assaults, 49 rapes, 3674 larcenies, 529 cars stolen, 1422 burglaries daily. THAT'S EVERY DAY! Do you call that decadence? Is that deterioration in our nation? Read the hard cold facts given out by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI:

People spend eight times more hours at movies than they do at Sunday School. Fifteen million sex magazines are circulated monthly, mostly in the hands of teenagers, to stimulate lust and immorality. More *bar maids* exist in the United States *than college girls*. There are one million illegitimate babies born annually in America. One million girls have venereal disease. Three times as many criminals exist in the United States as college students! Is that enough?

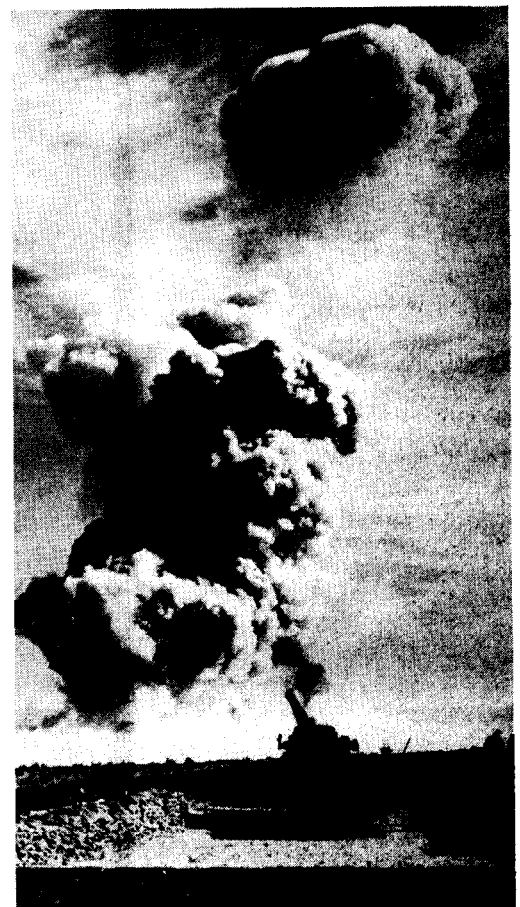
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MIGHTY ATOMIC GUN! A 280 mm. atomic gun is manned in Louisiana during "Exercise Sagebrush" which ended Dec. 4, 1955.

—Wide World Photo

The mushroom cloud from history's first atomic artillery shell rises in background.

—Wide World Photo



SCIENTISTS DISCOVER

"There WERE *Giants* on Earth in those Days"

The most astonishing geologic discovery in 15 years—dumbfounding the skeptics! Recently discovered remains of HUMAN BEINGS BIGGER THAN THE GORILLA—more healthy, more robust, more perfectly formed than puny, sickly man today—prove the Biblical record true.

by Herman L. Hoeh

THE TIME—late in 1941. The place—the island of Java in the East Indies.

The discoverer—G. H. R. von Königswald, a young German scientist, who had been invited by the Dutch to continue geologic work in support of man's assumed evolutionary development. But the discovery was NOT any "missing link"!

Confounding the Skeptics

Von Königswald's work was merely routine—until one day, late in 1941, when he received from one of his collectors an enormous human jaw. It was unmistakably human. The young German scientist could hardly believe his eyes.

What he had in his hands were the jaw and teeth of a GIANT!

Von Königswald made a cast of the huge jaw and teeth. He shipped it to his co-worker, Weidenreich, in New York. To this astounding shipment he attached the name "giant man of old Java"—*Meganthropus paleojavanicus*.

Then came the bombing of Pearl Harbor and World War II closed the door to Java. Von Königswald disappeared for four long years.

Meanwhile, Weidenreich began to assemble numerous previous discoveries hitherto remaining unclassified and misclassified—because they did not properly fit into the evolutionary pattern of man's supposed development. He recalled the giant teeth from China—called *Gigantopithecus*—which von Königswald had shipped him a number of years before. They, too, were obviously not teeth of apes, but of human beings—men of GIANT proportions!

Of Weidenreich's arduous research work we read: "By comparing the teeth and bones with those of living animals

and from careful anatomical measurements he decided that the Java giant was much larger than any living gorilla, and the Chinese giant was one and a half times LARGER STILL. That would have made him twice as large as a male gorilla! The Biblical words came inevitably to mind: "There were giants in the earth in those days" (Genesis vi, 4)."

You may find this quotation on page 251 of the worthwhile book *Man, Time, and Fossils* by Ruth Moore.

Healthier Than Man Today

Yes, "There WERE giants in the earth in those days" (Gen. 6:4)—some translations, such as Moffatt's, read, "It was in these days that the Nephilim giants arose on earth." They were not malformed, diseased human beings suffering from glandular trouble, as you might see in a circus sideshow—but robust, enormously powerful human beings with healthy teeth and broad jaws that make the cavity-filled, misshapen teeth of modern civilized man appear sick by contrast!

Weidenreich quickly recognized that the GIANTS of old had well-proportioned jaws and teeth; whereas modern freakish giantism due to glandular imbalance produces ill-proportioned teeth about the same size as those of ordinary individuals, but in gigantic jaw bones.

These findings—which add one more link to the undeniable evidence confirming the inspiration of Scripture—Weidenreich published in 1946 in his immensely intriguing book *Apes, Giants and Man*.

Revising the Theory of Evolution

This discovery, coupled with many previously unexplained finds, radically alters the theory of evolution. Those giants of old had a brain capacity much greater than modern man—yet the big-

gest gorilla has a brain only one half the size of the average human being today. How could the brain of early man have SUDDENLY become many times larger than a gorilla's?

Certainly NOT by a process of evolution, which presupposes immense vistas of time for gradual development.

Besides, those giants of old are found buried with remains of animals and of men of present-day size in a twisted and mangled state due to "great natural forces," says Ruth Moore on page 251.

What kind of "natural forces" could have buried such an array of life in a mangled state?—the Scripture tells us! Catastrophic forces of a gigantic flood of waters—"Noah's flood"—that dwarfed into insignificance the local floods which even today entirely wash away cities and destroy unprotected thousands!

Notice! "And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high mountains that were under the whole heaven were covered . . . And all flesh perished that moved upon the earth"—and that included the giants (Genesis 7:19-21).

Exactly as the Scripture states, the remains of giants, and multitudes of other human and animal bones have been found buried throughout the world as a result of raging torrents of waters.

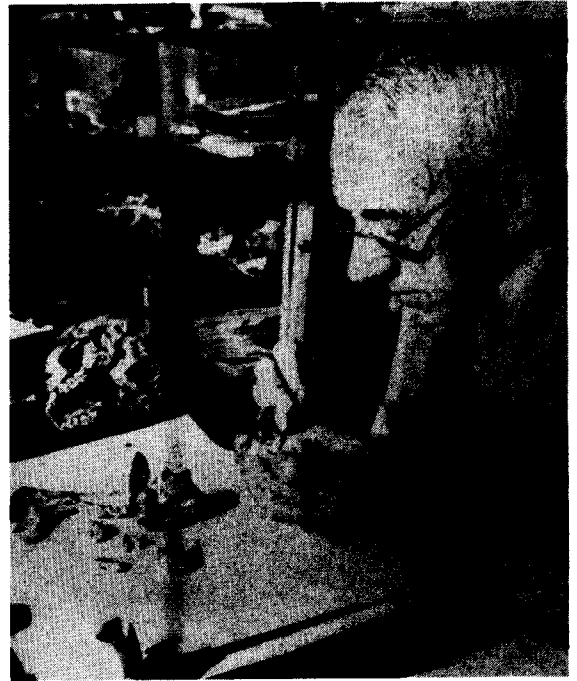
From Europe came the disturbing discovery decades ago of the immense Heidelberg jaw—always an enigma to evolutionary science.

And from Africa have come very recent discoveries of giants. Said Dr. Robert Broom, the Scottish discoverer of the South-African giant, "It almost seems to confirm the view of the noted paleontologist Dr. Weidenreich that there were giants on the earth in those days!"

Even nature is filled with proofs of
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The picture to the right is one of the first photographs of the teeth of a giant man—misnamed "ape-man" because of his size—found near Johannesburg, South Africa. The photograph shows the discoverer, Dr. Robert Broom, comparing the giant "Swartkrans Man" teeth with half of a normal-sized human jaw on the table. Dr. Broom said the jaw of the fossil GIANT is massive, and LARGER THAN THOSE IN THE RECENTLY DISCOVERED GIANT OF JAVA!

—Wide World Photo



Here are two pictures exposing the "Pitdown Man" hoax! The skull was cleverly formed from an ape's jawbone, a canine tooth, and a human skull. To the right you see the British version of the fake "Pitdown Man." Above, on the far right, is the American version. These different clay models from ape, human and canine bones are merely imaginative—only GUESSWORK! It's the skin, hair, nose and lips that appear savage—yet these are the parts that no scientist has ever found!

—Wide World Photo



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Scientists Discover GIANTS

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inherited gigantism today—giant sunflowers, zinnias, primroses, chickens, to name a few—the result of mutations from original parent stock. Giant mutations were, and to a limited extent still are, inherent possibilities which merely vary within the bounds of the original kinds created by the Almighty Himself.

Did Adam Live 930 Years?

The latest discoveries are but the climax to a whole series of discoveries of robust human beings who were LARGER and STRONGER and LONGER-LIVED than humanity today.

Caves of Europe are filled with such evidence. The Cro-magnon race of France—though not a giant race—was of great stature, some skeletons approaching seven feet in height and affording evidence of immense muscular development.

One of the chief characteristics of all these remains is the EXTREME LONGEVITY characteristic of the skeletons! The massive proportions of the body, the great development of the muscular processes, the EXTREME WEARING of the teeth—without our characteristic amount of decay—the OBLITERATION OF THE SUTURES OR SEAMS BETWEEN THE VARIOUS BONES OF THE SKULL, the indications of SLOW OSSIFICATION of the ends of the long bones all point to the inevitable conclusion that the earliest man matured slowly and attained great length of life—just as Genesis declares. *Such characteristics of the skeletal frame are totally absent from modern degenerate man.*

That those ancient men did attain great age is demonstrated by the further fact that their remains are usually found with fragmentary skeletons of youths and babies not exhibiting those characteristics.

Still More Discoveries!

While in England last summer I had the opportunity to view the artifacts or tools of ancient European man. Some of the fist axes were as broad as my outstretched hand—yet those men who manufactured them could hold them securely in the palms of their hands!

William Howells in his book *Man-kind So Far* tells us that “. . . the excellence of their stone-working, which was as good as anything which had yet been achieved . . .” was amazing. Their characteristic tool—the fist ax which I saw in England—was “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! There were many men of gigantic power as well as stature scattered throughout the world before the deluge.

Most every child has heard of the cave-men or the Neanderthal Man, the remains of which have been found scattered throughout vast portions of the ancient world. Far from being sub-men, they were of *gigantic muscular build—giants in strength* when compared with us today. 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* in muscular devel-

opment 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).

Science PROVES It

Their *heavy bones* are proof *not* of their primitiveness, but of their terrific muscular build. A recent scientific experiment demonstrated this. Dr. Sherwood L. Washburn operated on newborn rats and removed certain of the MUSCLES on one side of the jaw and skull. After rapid recovery, the rats matured. Then they were killed and their

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skeletons examined. Says Ruth Moore: "A notable change had come about in the head. On the side that had not been operated, the rats had the usual deep creases seen in the skull of the Neanderthal man and some of the other early men, and taken as a sign of their primitiveness. On the other side, the operated side, the skull of the rats was smooth, very much as the skull of modern man is smooth."

She continues: "One side of the rats' head was Neanderthal, so to speak, and the other was modern. . . . The muscle apparently controlled the form of the skull; the ridges . . . were superstructures created to withstand the pull of the powerful jaw muscles" (pp. 383-4).

Rather than indicating primitiveness, the heavy skulls of ancient man indicate muscular power and physical health which we cannot match today!

In Rhodesia, Africa, a skull has been found of the same general type which is "really colossal in size . . ." (p. 176 of Howells' work).

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).

Violence Filled the Earth

Now let us turn to the Biblical record. Where did the wandering tribes of ancient "stone-age" man come from? Let's notice the answer of Scripture:

After Cain *murdered* Abel, God sentenced Cain to become a "fugitive and a vagabond"—or "wanderer"—"in the earth" (Gen. 4:12). Cain was a criminal. He was sentenced to become a fugitive—a wanderer. That was his punishment! And from him and other sons of Adam we have the spreading abroad of human beings throughout the world—and the spreading abroad of VIOLENCE!

"And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was FILLED WITH VIOLENCE!"

The record in Genesis says that God, in mercy, destroyed life off the earth to save man from himself. Evil and violence made life unbearable. 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 of Howells' book).

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*, perhaps?

The stone cultures of the vagabonds, though separated from the main centers of civilization in the Near East, existed contemporaneously with cultures using copper, bronze and iron—*just as stone age cultures still exist today, side by side with civilizations empowered with atomic weapons*.

That does not prove the theory of evolution, but the shocking process of *degeneration* in the human race!

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

Did Angels Marry Women Before the Flood?

Open your Bible, now, to the sixth chapter of Genesis. Read the first four verses: "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the *sons of God* saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives, whomsoever they chose. And the Lord said: 'My spirit shall not strive with man forever, for that he is also flesh . . . *The Nephilim were in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bore children to them; the same were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown*'" (Gen. 6:1-4, Jewish trans.).

Who were these "sons of God"? Were they "angels" who married women and produced the "giants"? Were they the "pious sons of Seth"?

Thousands of people are being deceived by fables and superstitions that

masquerade under the guise of *truth*. Most "modern" religious 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*.

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 the facts we have just learned into a lie (Rom. 1:25). They confused the little-known sins of angels, which occurred before Adam's creation—we will read about this in a moment—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.

You can read any Biblical Encyclopedia for this information. It is time that Christians come out of this Babylonian superstition and believe what the Bible *really teaches*.

First of all, notice that the "giants" or "nephilim" were *not* the progeny of angels and women. Moses was inspired to preserve the record that *long before* the flood "giants" existed on the earth. They were descendants of Adam. Genesis 1:9 proves that they could not have been living before Adam's time. But notice especially Genesis 6:4.

Not only were there giant men in early times, during Adam's life, but "ALSO AFTER THAT, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men . . ."

So the giants existed side by side with the "sons of God," but were *not* the progeny of those marriages. The *giants lived even before the sons of God married!*

Numerous modern translations of the Bible—such as Moffatt's and Goodspeed's—MISTRANSLATE this passage in Genesis 6:4. The original *inspired* Hebrew text is that preserved in the authorized versions. The giants were *not* the children of the sons of God, and *neither were the sons of God angels*, as we shall now prove!

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 I 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 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). Besides, no where in the Bible do we find that *degraded angels* have the power to manifest themselves in the form of human beings—a power now manifested only by righteous angels who serve God.

The True Answer

Years after the flood there was re-

corded 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 great 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! Notice that God said because of those marriages He would *DESTROY man*—not angels!

Angels are spirits and could not be destroyed by water.

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 apparent 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.” They *knew* God was their Creator and they were His creation—his sons! They lived near enough to creation to *know* that!

A 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 only 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 from God and into the cares and evils of this world.

BIBLE Definitions of “Sons of God”

The Bible employs the phrase “sons of God” in several ways. Therefore we have need of 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 Testament 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).

How plain, then! Angels cannot marry women. Jesus said so. Those “sons of God” who were *destroyed* because they sinned by contracting marriages which ruined them could NOT have been angels. The angels were *not* destroyed at the flood. They are spirit and could *not* be destroyed by drowning.

Since the “sons of God” were carnal, sinful human beings—hence not the begotten sons of God—they were the “sons of God” *by CREATION!* The Scripture permits no other conclusion!

Would that learned men of science and professing Christians would open their minds to the Bible revelation and let it *guide* their reasoning to the astounding TRUTH!

Western Alliance in TROUBLE

It's time you knew the FACTS! America and Britain are losing ground fast in the "cold war." And our alliance with Germany may BOOMERANG. Read what this means to YOU!

by Roderick C. Meredith

DEMOCRACY IS in *distress* throughout the world! This year may well be the crucial "turning point" in the war between democracy and totalitarianism.

Behind the headlines, there lies an ominous pattern of events which indicate that democracy as a prominent form of government is on the way *down*—and *out*. And before very many years, this will include *Britain and America!*

Dangerous Situation

Ever since World War II—another "war to end all wars"—America, Britain and France have been losing prestige throughout the world. The Western "Big Three" during and after the war—we have been having a mighty comedown.

Thousands of lives were lost and billions of dollars spent in the Korean debacle. But this time we came out *second best* to the declared aggressor—*Communist China*. Then there was the sad case of the war in Indo China—another loss of prestige and power for the Western Allies, and a victory for the Reds.

Now the great postwar illusion of France as a first-class power has been permanently ended. The sickening result of the French elections now leave that nation hamstrung between Communists, neo-Fascists, and divided, warring factions of the center parties.

A record turnout of voters reveal that this is an accurate picture of France itself. A stable French government is now, more than ever, an impossibility.

Remember that France is *supposed to be* part of the western alliance *against* Communism. But how does that sound when we read that over *five million* Frenchmen voted for *Communism?*

Our leaders are beginning to realize that France—long reckoned as one of our staunchest allies—can *no longer be counted on* as a bulwark against the inroads of world Communism.

Britain Loses Out

Meanwhile, the long funeral procession of British colonialism seems only to

have started. In recent years, Britain has lost India, Burma, the Sudan, and Malaya. Now she seems destined to lose Cyprus and Singapore, and her hold on South Africa is slipping fast.

The Cyprus situation is stirring up hatred for Britain throughout the Balkan and Middle-Eastern nations. Greece, long one of Britain's warmest friends, is now filled with an intense hatred for the British because of their refusal to allow self-determination to the people of Cyprus. The United States is also receiving a share of the hatred because we have thus far supported Britain in her Cyprus policies.

It seems only a matter of time until Britain is forced to abandon Cyprus. In doing so, she will be losing her main base in the Middle East, which will weaken not only British but NATO defense in this area.

But the Communists are doing everything possible to add fuel to the fire in these areas, and their propaganda against "western imperialism" and "outmoded Colonialism" seems very effective at the present time.

In the Far East, the same tactics are taking their toll in Singapore. British leaders are hopeful about Singapore, but latest reports indicate that this very strategic British base and colony will soon be under Communist control.

In Britain itself, the conservative government is under fire and Prime Minister Eden is being denounced for lack of a decisive policy in the Middle East and in domestic affairs. Many Britons are beginning to realize that the once proud British empire is rapidly becoming only a faded dream as the angry monster of Communism continues to swallow up whole sections of the royal domain.

The facts show that the British Empire is going *down*—and *OUT!* It is time the United States realizes that Great Britain—its most powerful ally—is in *mortal danger!*

Friends for Dollars?

America seems wedded to the idea

that it can *buy* friends and allies around the world with ready American cash. We intend to hold friendly nations to us by generously supplying money and arms.

But it isn't working!

European and Asiatic nations have noticed that there are always "strings" attached to American help. Word has gotten around that we are trying to control and dictate policies to our allies. This idea puts a sour taste in their mouth—often turns them *away* from the U.S. and *closer* to Communism.

These nations also notice that the U.S. always tends to support the entrenched powers of British and French colonialism—powers that are being openly defied and *hated* in many parts of Asia and Africa. This always bodes ill for America.

Communist Deceit

Standard Russian policy is to side with these colonial nations and "befriend" them in their struggle against "capitalistic imperialism," then sell them cut-rate *arms* while talking *peace*.

Along with the relatively minor economic aid Russia gives, there is much ballyhoo and propaganda—much talk about the great "friendship" of the Soviet peoples for these "oppressed" nations. Naturally, the advantage of joining the Communist bloc is played to the hilt—and many newly independent nations decide to either embrace or tolerate this new-found doctrine—not realizing they are embracing an octopus whose tentacles seldom release its unsuspecting "friends."

This Communist program is *paying off*. The results are almost *fantastic!*

The startling facts are that since 1939 the Communist bloc has gained control over 740 *million* people and 5 million square miles in 17 countries.

Talk about *imperialism!* This is easily the smashing record of modern times.

But meanwhile, the American theory of "dollar diplomacy" is continuing to cost the West *friends* as well as *dollars*.

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Upper left: Police and spectators stand near body of man slain outside a tavern. Police later captured a robber suspect who admitted the slaying occurred after an argument which started inside the tavern.

—Wide World Photo

Lower Left: A typical American murder scene—murder and suicide! A patient, being treated for stomach ulcers, shot the doctor, then committed suicide.

—Wide World Photo



Upper right: Five dungaree-clad boys stand in front of booking officer in police station. They were among some 90 persons picked up by police in major city in drive on juvenile delinquents and "generally undesirable characters."

—Wide World Photo

Lower right: Nationally known football quarterback is carried off the field after he received a back injury in a rough pro grid clash.

—Wide World Photo



U.S.A. Riding to TOTAL COLLAPSE

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Why WAR Is Coming

Maybe you don't believe it when you read in Jeremiah in the 30th chapter and the 14th verse where God says this: "All thy lovers,"—that's King James English for "your allies"—we've been making many allies thinking that we could rely on them—"All your allies," let's read it that way, "have forgotten thee. They seek thee not. For I," God says, "have wounded thee with the wound of an *enemy*, with the chastisement of a cruel one, FOR THE MULTITUDE OF THINE INIQUITY." Why? "BECAUSE THY SINS WERE INCREASED!" We don't believe our SINS have increased! But they have!

There is more crime in the United States *than in any other nation now on the face of this earth*, or more crime than has ever existed in any nation in the history of this world. It's about time we wake up!

The DECAY of RELIGION

The fifth and the FINAL major cause for the collapse of Rome was the *decay of true religion*. Religion was becoming more popular, but fading into a mere form, losing touch with life and with God, becoming *impotent* to guide the people.

Here of all places, America is DECEIVED TODAY! We've been having a popular *upsurge* of religious interest, that's true. Church attendance is at an all time high, but just as your Bible foretold, *there has come a great falling away from the truth of God*, and from OBEDIENCE TO GOD.

These are the days that you will find described in your Bible in II Timothy 3:1-5. "Know this also, that in the last days, perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy"—and it continues to mention many other kinds of transgressions of God's Ten Commandments—and in the 5th verse, "*having a FORM of godliness*,"—yes, we attend church, we sit there sanctimoniously for an hour on Sunday, "*having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. From such*," says God, "TURN AWAY!"

Yes, we have much of the *form* of religion, but almost NONE of the real POWER OF GOD in our private lives—in our national life. We have an EMPTY

FORM of religion, but our *sins*—our *crimes*—are FAST INCREASING!

Now *maybe you don't believe it*, when you read in Ezekiel 5:12: "A third part of thee shall *die with the pestilence*, and with the *famine*." This is a prophecy for America!

Even the assistant chief of the Weather Bureau at Washington is telling us that there is going to be a devastating drought, a great national drought in less than 20 years! Bible prophecy says it's going to happen even sooner than that. Notice!

"A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and the famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee, and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee, and," God says, "I will scatter the third part," that is the *remaining third*, of course, "to the winds and draw out a sword after them."

Next, notice the 6th chapter and the sixth verse. "In ALL your dwelling places, *the cities shall be laid waste*." That could *not* have happened in all of our cities until NOW, because it couldn't have happened until our enemies had the *hydrogen bomb*!

We have been told that it is now possible to lay waste the entire North American Continent *overnight*. *The Russians have the hydrogen bomb*! You don't know WHEN it might come!

Prophesied to HAPPEN

I've shown you from the very word of God what is *next* coming in prophesied events—the *famine*, the *disease epidemic* to be followed almost immediately by *World War III*! It's prophesied for 15 to 20 years or less.

Now notice Jeremiah 30, again, and verse 11. God says, telling that this is all going to happen to us, that we are going to be scattered in an invasion: "But I," He says, "*will CORRECT thee in measure, and will NOT leave thee altogether unpunished*." Now that's just a verse or two ahead of where He says, "*because OUR SINS HAVE INCREASED!*"

God help you to heed. THE HANDWRITING IS ON THE WALL OF AMERICA, NOW!

You are living in the *very END* of this world, but soon God Almighty is going to step in and *intervene* to SAVE humanity from committing suicide—yes, the suicide of the human race—and to usher in the happy WORLD TOMORROW!

Western Alliance in TROUBLE

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We have no effective propaganda or talking point. We have no real *faith* in democracy—no real *goal* to inspire our allies.

Instead, we have *lost* our moral and spiritual strength. We are content just to "coexist" with *Communism*, and with our own *sins*—*hoping* that the worst will not happen—*hoping* that the trend of events in the world against us will somehow change. Stubbornly, blindly, we still hope to buy *peace* with *dollars*.

When will we *wake up*?

America Decays Within

The obvious decay of America is in its collective character and ideals. The growth of *crime* and *violence*, the increase in *divorces* and *broken homes*, and the shocking *disrespect* for society and all constituted authority—all these are indicators of a nation that is in serious trouble within.

But the *corrosion* and *decay* of our moral principles in the international arena have largely gone unnoticed by the American people. A sage pronouncement on this condition was made in a speech recently by George Meany, president of the newly merged AFL and CIO labor unions. Study his words carefully:

"Too many in the free world seem to have lost their capacity for *moral indignation* against the most brutal inhumanities when they are perpetrated by Communists. It is painful, but *we must face the cruel facts of life*."

Yes, America and Britain have now come to the point where "*peace at any price*" is the popular sentiment. No longer do we *stand for something*—we are just plain *fearful*.

Not too many months ago, Red China was labeled by Britain, America, and the United Nations as the real international gangster nation which engineered the Korean war. Over 33,000 American young men were slaughtered in that needless conflict. And *no peace papers* have as yet been signed by the United Nations and the "outlaw" Red China regime.

But at this moment it seems almost certain that the British and American leaders are going to let this murderous outlaw regime—the regime which was *officially declared the aggressor in the Korean war* we are now going to let this regime come *into the United Nations*!

And, remember, Red China is still *officially* (and in fact) *AT WAR* with the United Nations!

In these matters a new vocabulary is

being employed by western leaders. Such words as "expediency" and "universality" are being used to explain these devious actions. Such words as "principle" and "honor" are neglected—and FORGOTTEN.

Mr. Meany knew whereof he spoke when he said we have lost our capacity for *moral indignation*. As a nation, we have LOST our sense of *honor*—our *principles*—our collective *character*.

GOD HELP this nation to realize it and *wake up—before it's too late!*

Military Emergency

The rather nightmarish fact is now coming out in the news that *within a short time* the American Strategic Air Command will be measurably weaker than its Red Air Force counterpart. The present production rates of both countries in the field of long range jet bombers and jet fighters indicate that the balance of air-atomic power must inevitably shift to Russia's favor.

When you realize that the next war will be centered around these weapons—the news of our declining air superiority takes on SHOCKING proportions!

In a recent address, General Nathan F. Twining, Air Force Chief of Staff, sounded this ominous warning: "This year Russia will graduate 120,000 new scientists and engineers of all types, which will compare to our total of 70,000. We have slipped into *low gear* in turning out chemists and physicists. The Russian educational system has moved firmly into *high gear*."

"We are not in an arms race in the traditional sense," Twining said. "It has become a race for quality—for better, more effective weapons."

And note that General Twining's own words indicate that we are in danger of LOSING that race also! He said Russia is "*outripping us* in the education of scientists and engineers."

America is in DANGER. She has lost her *moral strength*. Now she seems destined to lose her air-atomic superiority—her *military advantage*.

These are *sobering facts*. America and the entire western alliance is in *serious trouble*. We are losing our *moral principles* and *ideals*—and at the same time we are losing the "*cold war*" and the *atomic arms race*.

Where will we turn for help?

Will Germany Save Us?

Only a little over ten years ago it took the greatest armed force ever assembled in earth's history to crush Nazi Germany. For the second time within a generation, Germany had tried to unite with other European powers and conquer the world.

But the allied armies under Dwight Eisenhower and the Russian armies under Marshall Zhukov united to crush

Germany's hopes of world rule. As the war ended, many of the Nazi generals and leaders were indicted as international "war criminals" and given prison sentences. After two "world wars" against Germany and her allies, we had learned our lesson, we thought, and would put a stop to the militaristic ambitions of the Germans.

Learned our lesson?

The sad truth is that people—and nations—*forget* some things all too quickly.

Now the same western allies who finally *defeated* Germany after four terrible years of war are intent on *rebuilding* Germany as a military power. They *hope* that Germany will serve as a "bulwark against the East"—meaning Russia and her communist allies.

The politicians admit that this policy is a "calculated risk."

How GREAT that risk is they little dream!

Where It's All Leading

The *truth* is that the revival of German nationalism in its *extreme forms* is proving very disturbing to German chancellor, Konrad Adenauer. Adenauer, now 80, is the *only* leader in West Germany believed to be capable, and willing, to keep Germany aligned with the West. And his age indicates retirement before long.

Neo-Nazi extremists are capturing important farm votes in West Germany. Supposed "ex"-Nazis who worked with Hitler and Goebbels are infiltrating the farmers, stirring them up, and turning them against the present West German government.

And every few months news bulletins report the release of some former Nazi general or colonel from the war crimes prisons. Then—startling as it seems—it is not long until we read that this ex-Hitler general or colonel is being groomed for a *key position* in the new 500,000-man German army *your* tax dollars are helping to build. We are even training German officers in America!

We have revealed in past issues of *The PLAIN TRUTH* how Alfred Krupp—chief munitions maker for Hitler—is presently rebuilding his industrial empire around the world. Many of his plants could be quickly converted to produce *war machinery* when the time is ripe.

Now a new item comes to light. *Willy Messerschmidt*, manufacturer of the famous fighter planes bearing his name for Hitler's *Luftwaffe*, now plans to build a jet factory next year to turn out *jet fighters* and *cargo ships*.

Do we in America and Britain really believe that these German industrialists and generals have been converted in a few short years from Naziism to De-

mocracy? Does the leopard change its spots overnight?

Do these ex-Nazis *love us* for bombing their cities, for crushing their armies, for sentencing them to prison and labeling them as *war criminals*? Will they use the military power we propose to give them to defend us against Russia? When will our people WAKE UP?

God's Warning

But America, Britain, and the other nations of modern Israel have *forgotten* God. Hosea was inspired to write of our modern, 20th century Israel: "Ephraim"—the British Commonwealth today—*"allows himself to be mixed up with foreigners; Ephraim has become a cake unturned as it was baked. Foreigners eat away his strength, unknown to him"* (Hosea 7:8-9; Moffatt trans.). In the prophecies, God continually warned both ancient *and* modern Israel to rely on *Him* for protection—and *quit* seeking alliances with gentile nations.

God continued in verse 11: "Ephraim is like a silly, senseless dove, crying to *Egypt* (which we are doing), flying to *Assyria*" (modern *Germany*, on whom we rely for protection instead of *God*).

Then God decrees this sentence: "*Woe* betide them for forsaking me! DEATH to them for deserting me!" (Verse 13).

God intends for His people Israel to learn to *trust Him* for deliverance instead of relying on treacherous *gentile* allies, a thing God has *commanded* us not to do.

We are forsaking Him. As God said of us in His indictment of Israel in this same chapter of Hosea: "Though it was I who redeemed them, they have lied to me; *they never put their HEART into their prayers*" (verse 14).

For years we have been showing the grave danger of rearming Germany, and have revealed the prophecy of the coming "beast" of Revelation 17. *Watch* future issues of *The PLAIN TRUTH* for news of the fulfillment of these prophecies.

If you do not yet understand that Britain and America are the physical descendants of the so-called "lost" ten tribes of the *House of Israel*—and that the prophecies of *Israel's* future refer to *our peoples today*—write *immediately* for Mr. Armstrong's amazing *free* booklet, "*The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*."

Meanwhile, God's Word is *sure*. His prophecies are *certain* to come to pass. Time is running out. *Danger* lies ahead for America and Britain—for *you*.

Your *ONLY* real protection is in *God*. You will have to open your mind and heart to His Word, His way—to *accept* it and *live* it.

Will you trust and obey *Him*?

THE MILLENNIUM...

Fact or Fiction?

We bring you here, in print, the full text of the recent
Coast-to-Coast Telecast on this vital subject.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THIS WORLD is changing fast. What would Abraham Lincoln think, or, even later, Queen Victoria, if they could see our world today?

Science and industry are working feverishly to usher in the fantastic push-button world that they promise by 1975.

Today, we begin to hear increasing talk about a millennium—and it's *no fiction*.

WHERE Are We Headed?

Now I have before me a clipping out of a magazine that I was reading on a non-stop flight from Chicago to Los Angeles not so long ago. It's intended to be funny, but it set me to thinking. The caption is, "The Millennium." Here is what it says:

"A poor farm has been shut down because of the shortage of inmates." Here is another part: "A light and power company asked the state's Public Service Commission for permission to reduce its rates about 15%."

That is a common conception of a *millennium*.

But here is even a better one: "The United States Post Office Department has purchased 20,000 ballpoint pens to be installed in post offices." If you have had the experience I have had with cloggy thick ink, and the worn out, scratchy old pens in post offices, maybe you would think that *WOULD be a millennium!*

But the truth is much more serious than that. Take a look at what is happening today. We're witnessing a spurt in the development of modern science, technology, inventive genius, and of industry such as never occurred before in history. American industry has grown to *remendous* proportions.

We have made this **THE MACHINE AGE**. There has never been anything like it in the world's history. Our mass-assembly line production is the marvel of the world. But where is it leading? Is all of *this* leading to utopia? to the millennium?

Is *man* really bringing about a *millennium*? Is all this bringing us *happiness* and *peace*?

I once knew a country doctor who was also quite a philosopher. He startled me by saying that every particle of God's creation that man has ever put his hands on, he has ruined or perverted, or turned into a wrong use.

I didn't believe him then. It just **SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE!** But the longer I live—the more I have observed, the more it appears to me that he was right.

TODAY—

Today, we are in a transition out of the machine age **INTO THE ATOMIC AGE!** But what do we do with these new forces we produce? Man invents motor cars and trucks, and he then begins to make *tanks*. Man invents the steam ship, and soon, he turns it into a *warship*. Man invents airplanes, and he turns them into *warplanes*.

And *today*, in this atomic age, we find ourselves a divided world in a race to see *which* power can produce and invent engines of destruction capable of *laying waste an ENTIRE CONTINENT—BEFORE an enemy wipes us off the map*.

Today, world famous scientists tell us that it is becoming possible to *annihilate* human life from off the face of this planet. *Today*, we find ourselves in the throes of world revolution, though many of us don't *realize* that fact.

Today, we have **MAD** men in seats of irresponsible power with vast armies and with the terrifying **HYDROGEN BOMB** in their possession.

Today, while modern industry is working on a peaceful pushbutton world that they hope is coming, we're facing a *revolution in the weather*. Do you know what **THAT** means? What one factor more than any other controls the economy of a nation? The answer is the weather, believe it or not!

All production, everything that we use or consume in our economy comes out of the ground. Material **LIFE** grows out of the ground. It requires both rain and sunshine. Yes, the weather has more to do with our prosperity than perhaps we realize. And when Assistant Chief of the nation's Weather Bureau, Mr. Tannahill, tells this nation that he is worried

about the coming **TOTAL DROUGHT** of 1975, and when prophecy tells us that it's coming *sooner* than that, then it's time that we realize we are headed in less than 20 short years for the **biggest** economic "bust" any nation ever had.

Today, *all nature* is beginning to shake with *convulsions*, preparatory to the mightiest events of earth's history.

Today, we are being hurled straight into the **CATASTROPHIC END** of this present world. *Today*, we're in the very crisis at the **CLOSE** of this age. **BUT, WE ARE ALSO BEING HURLED INTO THE DAWN OF THE HAPPY, PEACEFUL, PROSPEROUS WORLD TOMORROW!**

A **MILLENNIUM** is coming, but not in the way that men think. It isn't a millennium that **MEN** are going to be able to produce.

Behind the Scenes

There is a meaning behind today's chaotic world events, and it's time that we wake up to what it all means.

There is only one source of understanding, and that's the source that almost everyone neglects—**THE BIBLE**. Yes, the world's best seller, and also the world's least understood book.

Most of you have never understood the Bible. Nearly everybody says, "Well, I just can't understand the Bible." And yet it's the *only* source of *understanding* **WORLD CONDITIONS** — of **KNOWING what's coming in YOUR life!** It explains the meaning of all this fast-mounting crescendo of *revolution*, of *crime*, this *march of science*, this coming **WORLD CATAclysm!**

It tells **WHY**, and it tells *the outcome*. It tells of the **REAL MILLENNIUM** that is going to *follow!* This is more important than anything in your life. Let's understand this.

Man Must CHOOSE

I have explained before that **GOD** is the Creator. Almighty God is the Creator not only of the static matter and of the material things you see, but of force and energy, of every power, every energy, every law that operates. And God con-

trols and rules over the entire universe by these forces, these energies, these laws that He controls.

When God put man on this earth, He also established the principle of free moral agency. He said to our first parents, "CHOOSE." He said to ancient Israel, "I set before you *life and death*—on the ONE hand, *peace*, and *blessings* and *eternal life*; and on the OTHER hand, *curse* and *death*," and He said for man to *choose*.

Our first parents and all mankind after them have chosen *rebellion* against God. Somehow, the mind of man seems to believe that the ways of God are all wrong. Man thinks he knows a better way.

God, of necessity, *allows* this rebellion. The only way that we can come under the government of God and let God rule our lives, our economy, yes, our society, and enjoy the blessings of that rule, is to do it *VOLUNTARILY*. We can only be governed by God if we *CHOOSE* to be governed by God. Otherwise, God Almighty allows us to reject Him, to reject His laws, to reject His government, to set up our own way of society.

The Day of Man

We live in the END of THE DAY OF MAN! God has set aside 6,000 years to allow man to be a free moral agent, to allow him to resist the laws of God—to defy God, and to set up *his own* society upon this earth.

But *now*, in perhaps only another 20 years, we're going to come to *the day of the Eternal*, a 1000-year day of the Eternal. We're now almost at the END of the 6000-year day of man!

We're coming to the time when world-famous scientists tell us that soon it will be possible to wipe human life from off the face of this planet.

Do you realize that Jesus Christ said that same thing 1900 years ago? Today, world famous scientists tell us that the only hope of preventing that is WORLD GOVERNMENT. Unless we can have world government in the *very near future*, there will not be a human life left on this planet. Jesus Christ also said that same thing 1900 years ago. He said in Matthew 24:21-22:

"Then shall be GREAT TRIBULATION." That's a time of world upheaval, a time of world revolution, of world chaos such as the world has never known before. He said, "great tribulation *such as was not from the beginning of the world to this time*, no nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved alive." The word "alive" you will find in the Moffatt translation. "Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved *alive*." But, He said, "For the elect's sake, those days *shall be shortened*."

God Almighty is going to intervene, and that is precisely what Jesus Christ foretold. MAN is not going to be able to bring about the millennium. It's going to take the divine SUPERNATURAL INTERVENTION OF ALMIGHTY GOD!

Jesus also said in the 14th chapter of John and the 3rd verse—when He was still on this earth 1900 years ago—that He was going away, that He was going to heaven; but He concluded:

"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will COME AGAIN and receive you unto myself. That where I am," when He comes, to EARTH, again, "*there ye may be also*."

WHY DID Christ come? He came, first of all to challenge Satan the Devil, to unseat him, and to *qualify* to rule this world. He came to proclaim a *message*, and He came to call out and to train disciples. He also came to bear the sins of the world.

But He said He was coming again. Now *why* is He coming again?

Why the Second Coming of Christ?

Jesus is coming again TO RESTORE—to restore the RULE OF GOD on this earth.

Notice in Acts 3:20-21, Peter said—and he was thrown in prison for saying this: "And God the Father, God Almighty, shall SEND Jesus Christ which before was preached unto you, whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things which God hath spoken of by the mouth of all of the holy prophets since the world began." The heavens *have* received Jesus Christ UNTIL the times of *restitution* of all things.

The second coming of Christ is pictured in the nineteenth chapter of Revelation. It's in symbolic language. John is recording the things he saw in vision. Beginning with the 11th verse, John says, "I saw [of course, *in vision*] heaven opened, and behold a white horse, and He that sat on him was called Faithful and True." This is a picture of Jesus Christ. "And IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, He doth judge and make war." If we only had that kind of government upon the earth today, then we might have a *millennium*.

"His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns, and He had a name written that no man knew, but He himself. And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood, and His name is called the Word of God." That is always applied to Christ.

"And the armies which were in heaven, followed Him upon white horses," and those armies, you will find in Matthew 25 are all the holy angels—*more powerful than MEN*, "clothed in white linen, white and clean"—that's the symbol of *righteousness*. "And out of His

mouth goeth a sharp sword that with it He should smite the nations." Not a physical sword of steel, but the sword, as other scriptures explain, *the WORD OF GOD, the Bible—the words of the Bible*.

Jesus is the *living* Word of God, and the Bible is the *written* Word of God.

"And He shall *rule* them," that is, all of the nations of the earth, "He shall rule them with a rod of iron." It mentions, also, that He had on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, *King of kings, and Lord of lords*." That means a *world ruler*, king of kings, king over ALL the kings of *all* the world.

For 1000 Years

Notice parts of Revelation 20:1-6. John wrote: "I saw [that is, *in vision*] THRONES, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them, and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, nor had received his mark upon their foreheads and in their hands, and *they lived, and reigned with Christ A THOUSAND YEARS*." This is speaking of a *resurrection* of those that have been dead, of those who were the saints in Christ.

And in the 6th verse it says that "they shall be *priests* of God and of Christ, and *they shall reign with Him a thousand years*." It says they're going to *reign* with Him when He comes to rule the world and to set up WORLD GOVERNMENT, *divine supernatural* WORLD GOVERNMENT!

The saints are going to be changed to immortality at that time. It will *not* be the government of *man*! It will be *the government of God*!

Why are *some* people *now* being called by God to be converted at this time? Many are predestined to be called *now*. Do you know WHY?

In Revelation 3:21 you find the whole thing explained. Jesus said, "To Him that overcometh," He didn't say to him that just has an *empty faith*, that just says, "I profess Christ," but *doesn't do anything* about it—you have to do something about it—He said, "To Him that OVERCOMETH, will I grant to sit with me in my throne" when He rules this world, "even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne." Turn to Rev. 2:26, and here is Christ speaking again. He says:

"He that overcometh"—there's some overcoming to do in the Christian life—"and keepeth my works unto the end"—there you have *works*, though many today try to tell you that there are "*no works*" to a Christian life—the one who keeps HIS works unto the end, "*to him* will I give POWER OVER THE NATIONS, and He shall RULE THEM with a rod of iron."

There you have it! In I Corinthians 6:2 the apostle Paul said to the saints, the Christians at Corinth: "Do you not know that the saints shall judge the world, and if the world shall be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?"

The saints are to JUDGE THE WORLD! Why do so few understand this?

Even the *religious world* has LOST the message of Christ. It has LOST the purpose of God. It has LOST the plan of God. I want you to notice it! In II Peter 3:8 you read that God has set aside a 6000 year period in which He has allowed man to do as man has pleased: "But Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as 1000 years, and 1000 years as ONE day."

The Example of Creation Week

Now he is using here the idea of the original six days of re-creation, and then the one Sabbath day of rest. The six days of creation, then, are merely a type and a figure of the 6,000-year days that God has set aside for man in which He has made man a free moral agent, in which He allows man to resist Him, and to resist His government, His ways, His laws—to set up MAN'S OWN society upon this earth.

This world IS NOT GOD'S WORLD! Have you thought it was? Oh, NO! This world is not run God's way. THIS is MAN'S world. This is the day of man, and now the seventh thousand years—the promised Sabbath millennium—is about to dawn.

That will be the REAL MILLENNIUM. That is going to be a real utopia. We SHOULD have it. Is there any reason why we SHOULDN'T have utopia?

God has allowed this 6000 years for man to learn A LESSON, by experience. We haven't learned it yet, but we've written that lesson, in human suffering and anguish.

"And to this agree the words of the prophets, as it is written, after this, I will return and build again the tabernacle of David which is fallen down," we find in Acts 15:17.

Now remember, a tabernacle is a place of worship. This verse, then, indicates a TIME OF SALVATION. "After this, I will return and build again the tabernacle"—or place of salvation or worship of David "which is fallen down, and I will build again the ruins thereof and set it up that the residue of men"—that's the remainder of mankind—"might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known to God are all His works from the beginning of the world." And it could be known to all of us, if we would only understand the Bible.

A Blinded World!

Consider ISRAEL—they are mostly *spiritually blinded* at this time. And GOD has blinded them. I wonder if you realize that? That's all given in the 11th chapter of Romans. Do you ever read this wonderful 11th chapter of Romans? Paul says here in the first two verses:

"Has God cast away His people," speaking of Israel. "God forbid! God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew." But then, He goes on to show that they have *become blinded*. He says, "What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for, but the election [those called now] hath obtained it"—just a *small portion* compared to the FEW that had NOT bowed the knee to Baal back in Elijah's time—which was one out of several hundred. And the rest were blinded. It's speaking spiritually—of spiritual blindness. Did they blind themselves?

Notice: "According as it is written, GOD hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, ears that they should not hear unto this day."

But does that mean that they are *lost*, and *lost forever*? He just said NOT! Turn to the 25th verse, and you will get the answer. "For he said, I would not brethren that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part," or to part, "is happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in"—only until a certain time! They're not *permanently* lost—not *permanently* blinded. And so he says here, "ALL ISRAEL SHALL BE SAVED. As it is written, there shall come out of Zion the deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." That is at the second coming of Christ. That is one of the reasons that Jesus Christ is coming—to turn away ungodliness from Israel.

What About the Gentiles?

Turn to Isaiah 66:16 where you notice this: "For behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with His Chariots like a whirlwind to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire." Now notice the 19th and the 20th verses:

"And I will set a sign among them, and I will send them that escape of them unto the nations to Tarsus, to Pul, to Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, to Javan, the islands afar off, that have not heard my fame." In other words, the *heathen*, the *Gentiles*. Many of them have never heard the name of Jesus Christ—"that have never heard my fame, neither have seen my glory, and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles."

I don't think you've heard much of that part of your Bible, but that's in your

Bible. When Christ comes, He is coming to turn away ungodliness from Israel, and from Judah. He is coming to save all Israel from their enemies and He's coming in order that the *Gentiles* that have never heard His name *may hear it!*

When He comes, is the world just going to receive Him with open arms? as the Saviour? as the Messiah to bring us world peace? Are they going to rejoice in His coming?

No, they are not! Most of the world is going to *fight* Christ at His coming.

You find them described in the 17th chapter of Revelation.

A Time of War FIRST

"These shall make war with the Lamb"—that is Christ at His second coming—"and the Lamb shall overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings" (Rev. 17:14). Jesus Christ will never be the Lord of lords, the King of kings until His second coming. He is now the High Priest up in heaven. Do you know *what He is doing, now*? You should read the book of Hebrews and see what Christ is doing right now.

When Christ comes, He is coming in supernatural power. So, He is going to *put down* these forces that will rebel against Him.

Read the *picture of the millennium*, in Micah the 4th chapter, the first three verses. "But in the *last days*, it shall come to pass that the mountain of the Lord," which is the Kingdom of God, "will be established in the top of all the nations." Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the Kingdom of God"—the mountain of the Lord—"and to the house of the God of Jacob, and He will teach us His ways."

The only reason we don't have WORLD PEACE now is that we're going *man's* ways, and *not* GOD'S ways. THEN, they are going to want *God's* ways; they are going to seek them. "And we will walk in His paths, and the law"—the law of God, *God's rule*, *God's government*—"shall go forth from Zion, and the Word of the Eternal from Jerusalem, and He"—that's Christ, at His second coming—"shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off till they beat their swords into plowshares, their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

That's a *time of world peace!* That's the time of the *millennium*, and it's going to be a happy time.

What's Wrong with PEACE?

I want you to notice Isaiah 11. This is the companion chapter with *Romans 11*. Notice just quickly the 3rd and 4th verses, speaking of Christ at His second coming. "He shall not judge after the

sight of His eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of His ears." He isn't going to judge the world in His ruling, according to *hearsay*, and *circumstantial* evidence, and the type of thing that we use today, "but with *righteousness* shall He judge the poor, and reprove with *equity* the meek of the earth."

He has the power to know men's minds and to read their hearts.

And now, notice the 9th and 10th verses: "They will not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Eternal." Notice that. The earth is going to be FULL of the knowledge of God. In our educational institutions today, God has not been retained *in their knowledge*. Not very much of the truth is disseminated.

"And in that day, there shall be a root of Jesse, and it shall stand for an ensign of the people, and *to it shall the Gentiles seek*." Christ is the root of Jesse. Jesse was the Father of David, and Jesus Christ was the Maker of all things. All things were made by Him, as you read in the first chapter of John. He is, therefore, the root of Jesse, the Father of David.

To him, when He returns at His second coming, will *the Gentiles* seek.

"In that day, the Lord set His hand again *the second time* to recover the remnant of His people"—Israel!

But did you notice the 6th verse? At that time, "the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf, and the young

lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them."

Yes, THE MILLENNIUM IS COMING, the World Tomorrow. It's a different world—it's The WORLD TOMORROW.

What's Wrong with Today's World?

Now what's wrong with the world today? Just one thing. *Rebellion* against *the law* and *the rule of God*. God does rule the entire universe, but in His rule He has ruled that man must choose. He has allowed man to rebel. Look what we've brought upon ourselves. Look at the *unhappiness*, the *suffering*, the *sorrow*, the *heartaches*, the *headaches*, in this world today.

GOD rules this universe. God hasn't gone way off as some people seem to

GENIUS is only the power of making continuous efforts. The line between failure and success is so fine that we scarcely know when we pass it: so fine that we are often on the line and do not know it. How many a man has thrown up his hands at a time when a little more effort, a little more patience, would have achieved success. As the tide goes clear out, so it comes clear in. A little more persistence, a little more effort, and what seemed hopeless failure may turn to glorious success.

There is no failure except in no longer trying. There is no defeat except from within, no really unsurmountable barrier save our own inherent weakness of purpose.

—Elbert Hubbard

think. He hasn't lost interest in this earth or in humanity. God has just *allowed* us to go *our own way*. That's all! God *rules* for *our own good*. Soon He's going to make us learn our lesson! That's the lesson that most of humanity *still has to learn*, but we have written it in human blood and sorrow, and suffering.

Now when God soon steps in and intervenes in world affairs and sends Jesus Christ *in all the power and the glory that upholds and sustains and rules this universe*, then all men shall learn the lesson that has been written in 6000 years of human suffering.

Yes, thank God THE MILLENNIUM is coming, mighty soon! The WORLD TOMORROW—*it's coming soon!*

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