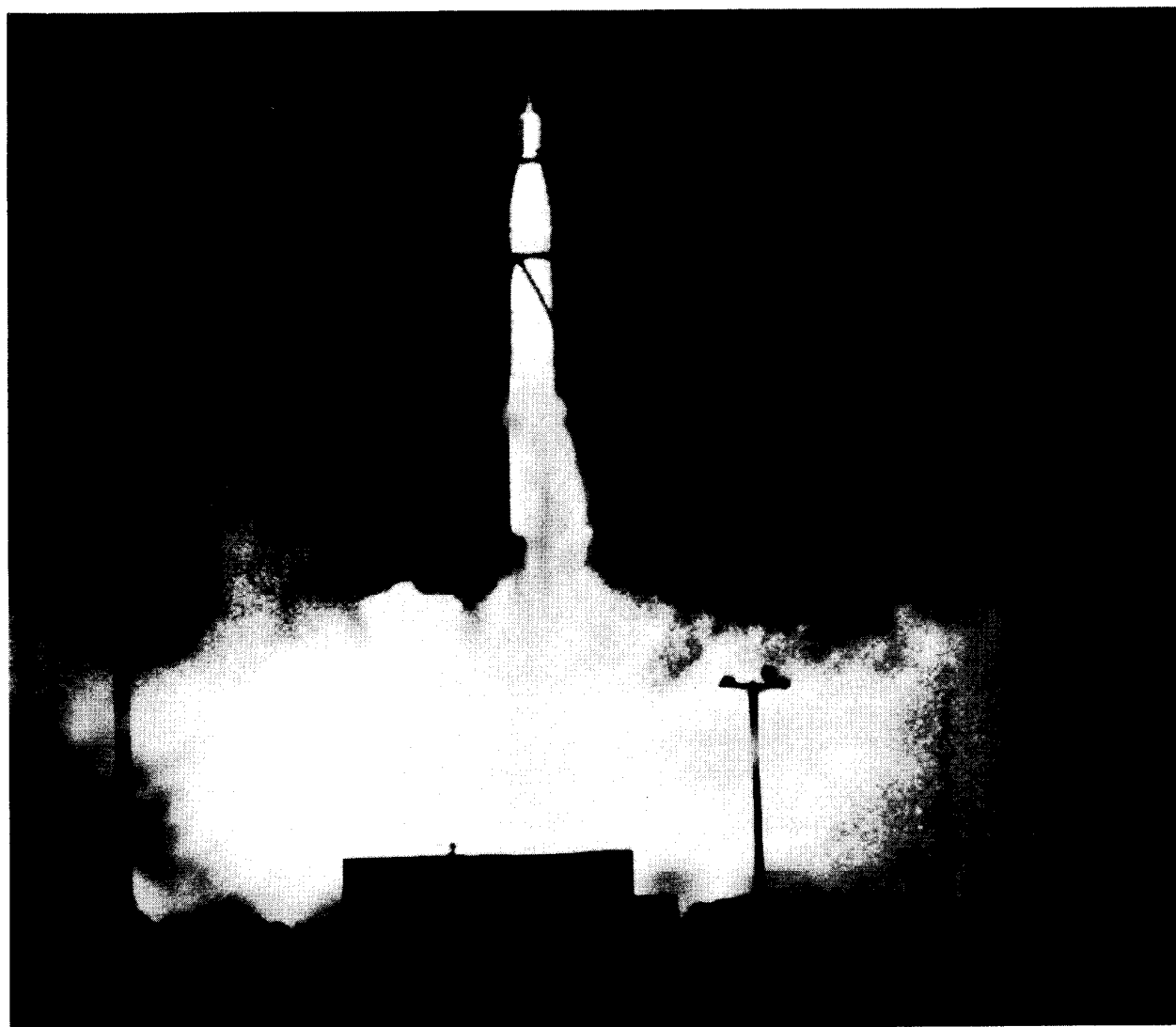


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AMERICA'S FIRST EARTH SATELLITE heads toward outer space. Here pictured is the successful launching by Jupiter-C rocket of the "Explorer" satellite. Who is now winning the struggle for control of the universe? Read the lead article in this issue for the answer!

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Instruments being installed in "Explorer" satellite. Two transmitters, one at top and one below in the sleeve, are to convey scientific information to tracking stations. Scientists hope to learn if it will be safe for human beings to venture into outer space.

America's First Earth Satellite!

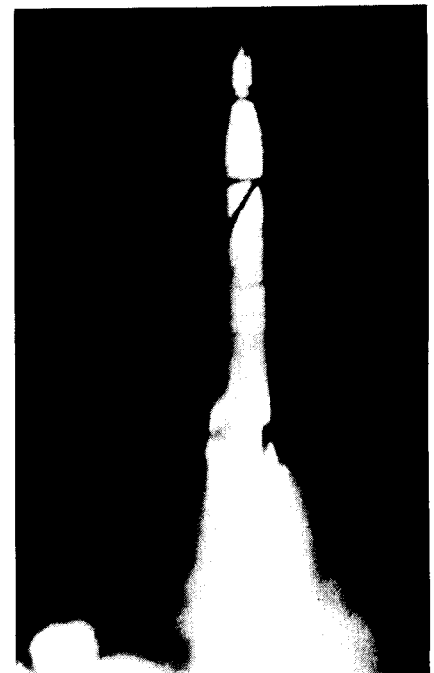


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Scientists hold aloft the duplicate of "Explorer" satellite. Unlike first Russian satellite, which has already fallen, the American satellite is expected by some scientists to stay in orbit around earth for possibly 10 years! The scientists pictured above are, from left, Dr. William Pickering, Dr. James van Allen, and Dr. Wernher von Braun. Von Braun is German-born scientist who designed Jupiter-C. He also worked on Hitler's V-2 rocket during World War II.

Flame pours out from missile as it roars skywards to put first U. S. satellite into outer space. Steam from intense heat trails rocket. The cylinder above the top black mark is the spin-table section which hurled satellite, perched atop it, into orbit.

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WAR with Russia Ahead?

Is WAR with Russia unavoidable? Does the Soviet lead in missiles mean imminent ATTACK? What does PROPHECY say about WAR WITH RUSSIA?

by Garner Ted Armstrong

“WE HAVE already won over you,” boasted Communist Party boss Nikita Khrushchev to a party of American newsmen in November, 1957. With close-set beady eyes, he blandly stared across the conference table at three foremost American newsmen; William Randolph Hearst, Jr., Frank Conniff, and Bob Considine. Alternately speaking calmly reflectively, and then vociferously pounding the desk, this leader of growing Soviet power hurled threats of *global war* and destruction of *whole populations*, all the while calling for a renunciation of war, and the “necessary controls to follow.”

Has Russia Won?

In tomorrow's missile age, our foremost leaders warn it will be 35 minutes at the MOST, from Soviet missile bases to any point in the United States.

Advanced networks of radar, and modern warning systems will be able to give little, if any time to alert the populace before the actual blow would fall! It would be possible to PUSH A BUTTON in Russia, and exactly 35 minutes later, much of the United States could be laid waste—with power to retaliate limited.

In the U.S. News and World Report, December 13, 1957, the following grave warning appeared: “In the missile age, warning of attack would be measured in minutes, at best—not hours. From the time a missile is launched in Soviet Russia until it strikes New York, Chicago, Detroit, Seattle, Houston or any other major American city would be 35 minutes at most. A warning of 3 to 5 minutes might be all you could expect.”

THINK OF IT!

These are NOT the wild imaginings of an “alarmist,” but the down-to-earth, calmly calculated statements of foremost scientists and news analysts—government officials and military leaders!

It is possible for an enemy nation to ANNIHILATE OUR ENTIRE POPULATION

with only MINUTES of advance warning! Can you imagine it? *Can* your mind conceive of such fantastic happenings?

Perhaps not. But are YOU sound asleep to the *dangers* of this pulsating age—are you like the sluggish, drowsy sleeper, who, when he is awakened from his sleep, merely rolls over, and drifts back into dreamland?

IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP!

No, Russia HAS NOT WON—yet!

Russia Attempts Control of SPACE

In recent issues of *The Plain Truth* magazine, you've been reading of this amazing *Space Age* we see developing around us. Russia is attempting to *control space*, just as the British once ruled the seas. And they have a *head start* toward developing their rocket and missile capacity!

But *your Bible* shows God is soon going to INTERVENE, and *stop* this hellish race to conquer space! God is going to save man from himself, before he literally destroys this whole earth—and every living thing on it!

But what about these next few years—PRIOR to that Supreme intervention? Will God allow RUSSIA to *attack* the United States with her guided missiles, atom and hydrogen bombs?

Russia startled the world by launching successfully her “Sputniks” into outer space—causing them to orbit about the earth. The United States glibly began to give advance publicity to her own feeble attempts, and finally had to eat a lot of crow when the much-publicized (and ridiculed) “baby” satellite, with its Vanguard rocket, exploded and burned in a pall of smoke and flames. All over Europe, and throughout the world, the peoples of other nations watched the winking light reflected from the “Sputniks” as they passed swiftly overhead, while they joked and laughed at the “grapefruit” America was feebly attempting to launch into space.

Political cartoonists had a hey-day of

humor—but, strangely enough, no one laughed—not even Russia, when our satellite blew up in our faces. Perhaps they, too, were ashamed.

This failure was a shocking blow to United States prestige in a world threatened by the red plague of international Communism!

Then, on January 30, the United States announced a successful launching of a cylindrical satellite, called the “Explorer” that was rocketed into space by the huge Army missile, the Jupiter-C. Clusters of smaller rockets pushed the tiny satellite into orbital speed.

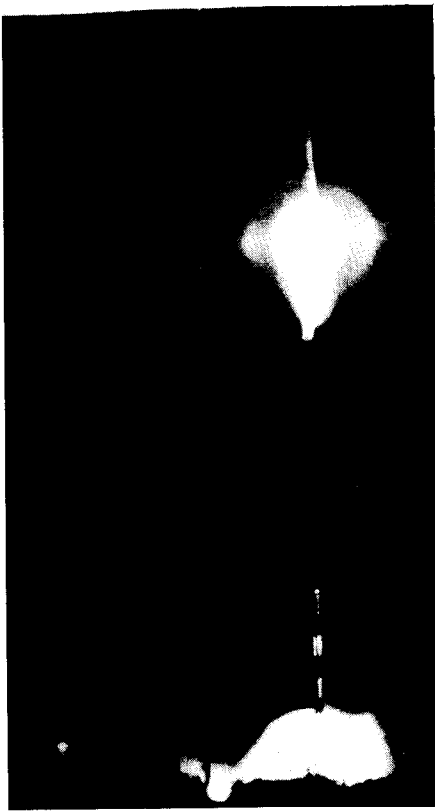
But the publicity of the launching could not totally blot from people's minds the fact that Russia had been *first* with the *most*. (The second Russian satellite, Sputnik II, weighed 1,120 lbs., and carried a live dog. Weight of U.S. satellite, Explorer, a total of 29.7 lbs., including instruments.

Looking for the Answer

After the launching of the first Russian satellite, politicians and government leaders began demanding an answer! Immediately, frantic measures were taken to *consolidate* the efforts of the Western Powers in pooling their atomic and rocket strength, to avoid duplication of scientific endeavor in any given specialized field—opening and building new training centers and bases.

Finally, the spotlight narrowed down to the American school systems. It was realized Soviet Russia had been making a bid for world supremacy in the missile field by *training scientists*, and by a concerted effort to bend her schools to that need. Russian pupils were being offered attractive benefits for taking subjects such as mathematics, physics, and other sciences.

In the meantime, American school systems were haggling over whether or not UNIFORMED POLICEMEN are needed to patrol the hallways of some schools, to prevent murder, rape, acid-throwing,



—Wide World Photo

America's second try at launching Vanguard, carrying earth satellite, fails. Above, the Navy rocket roars upward leaving steam and smoke behind around the launching pad and tower.

muggings, vandalism, fights, sex offences of all descriptions, and general debauchery. The suggestion has since been approved, and uniformed officers now actually patrol the schools in some areas!

What a parallel!

Recently, a flurry of articles and statements have been appearing over the problems confronting American school systems.

American teachers, disgusted with being stripped of authority to discipline their pupils, were gradually applying for jobs in rural areas, wanting transfers from the big city areas, where much of the trouble was centered.

In the meantime, the many thousands of *new* teachers added each year were being placed over classes they had no qualifications to teach—no training for.

An average high-school graduate could in some instances begin immediately to teach lower grades.

When the idiocy of "progressive education" jumped the rails over a quarter of a century ago, educators began the

march toward "child-centered education" by allowing the children to study or do projects on whatever they *liked*, and were *already* excited about. Chances are, it would have been last night's date! And—before you laugh at such a ridiculous postulation, maybe it's well to realize that one educational commission in an eastern state seriously recommended that high-school students be asked to "make studies of how the last war affected the dating pattern in our culture."

Children were allowed to build mud huts—and mud pies—and make mud balls. All the while, "teacher" stood by, taking notes on their behavior. She was "observing" them—and they were pretending to be aborigines, it was explained to an inquisitive bystander.

THIS WAS EDUCATION!

Today, however, educators are awakening to the lamentable situation confronting the United States—and beginning to blame the school systems!

For example, in an article appearing in a recent U.S. News and World Report, Dr. Arthur Bestor, professor of history at the University of Illinois, who is a founder and former president of the Council for Basic Education, was interviewed concerning the serious problems confronting American education.

Dr. Bestor said, "We have wasted an appalling part of the time of our young people on trivialities. The Russians have had sense enough not to do so. That's why the first satellite bears the label, 'Made in Russia.'"

The Amazing Statistics

Prof. Bestor went on to summarize the entire problem by referring to President Eisenhower's broadcast of Nov. 13, 1957, and the memorandum of Dec. 30, 1957 by Marion B. Folsom, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Pres. Eisenhower said, "Remember that, when a Russian graduates from high school, he has had five years of physics, four years of chemistry, one year of astronomy, five years of biology, 10 years of mathematics through trigonometry, and five years of a foreign language."

Marion B. Folsom said, "Studies indicate, for example, that only 1 out of 3 high school graduates (in the United

States) has had a year of chemistry, only 1 out of 4 has taken a year of physics, and only 1 out of 3 has had more than one year of algebra."

What an appalling comparison—but *what is more*—HOW FAR WE MISS THE MARK, AND FAIL TO UNDERSTAND!

Read those statistics again!

Did you notice THEY ARE ENTIRELY MATERIALISTIC?

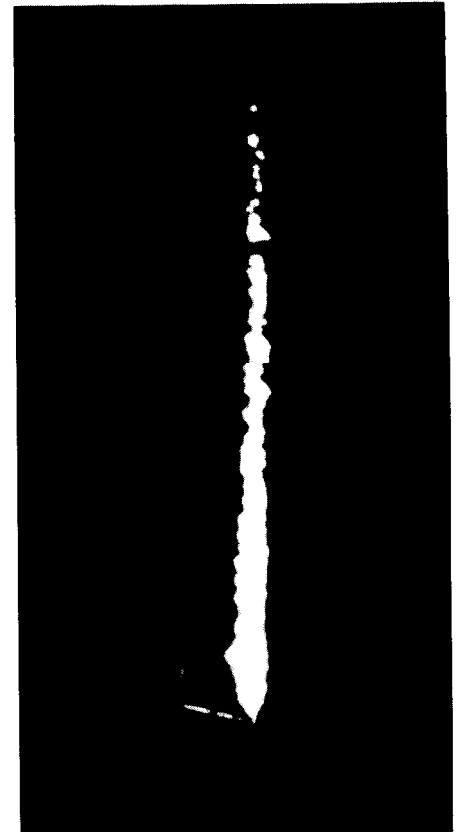
Dr. Vannevar Bush and A. W. Davison told a division of the American Chemical Society that Russia was believed to be spending one fifth of its budget on education, with emphasis on mathematics and science, in its drive for technological supremacy.

In an article appearing in the *Los Angeles Times*, November 9, 1955, Dr. Davison cited estimates that Russia, which graduated only 28,000 engineers to our 50,000 in 1950, had nearly three times our output of engineers in 1955, with 54,000 to our 19,000.

Again, notice how we look to *material*

After 60 seconds of flight the Navy Vanguard rocket was purposely destroyed when it developed erratic flight. Below, the rocket after it was exploded tumbles to the ground trailing flame.

—Wide World Photo



science to rescue us from the threat of Communism.

Our Colossal Error

While busily researching to find the lack in our school systems, we are failing to see the FOUNDATION for all education.

Today, we are concentrating all efforts, contemplating the use of government funds to give scholarships to science students, diligently trying to find a way to step up the MATERIALISTIC side of knowledge. We are in a frenzy over methods of training future scientists who can develop even greater *weapons of destruction and death!*

Have we gone utterly mad?

God says, of our modern-day educational philosophies, "And even as THEY DID NOT LIKE TO RETAIN GOD IN THEIR KNOWLEDGE, God gave them over to a *reprobate mind*, to do those things which are not convenient" (Rom. 1:28).

The Almighty Creator tells His people, "My people are destroyed for LACK OF KNOWLEDGE: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also *reject thee* . . ." (Hos. 4:6)

But notice WHAT KIND of knowledge!

Does God express His wrath against His people for letting the Russians surge ahead in SCIENCE? Is He angry because we have neglected mathematics, physics, chemistry, trigonometry, and other material sciences?

Most certainly not! Read it! ". . . seeing thou has forgotten THE LAW OF THY GOD, I will also forget thy children" (Hos. 4:6).

WE HAVE FORGOTTEN GOD—AND HIS LAWS!

That is the colossal error of the American school systems!

But doesn't this sound a bit "old fashioned" and "idealistic?" Isn't it INCREDIBLE to assume we should begin accentuating a study of the BIBLE—instead of merely the persual of physical, material knowledge—so that we may have God's help to win this race against a physical enemy—world Communism?

Some may feel it is an impractical "idea" or panacea—but it will work!

Yes—WHAT A FAITHLESS DEGENERATE NATION WE HAVE BECOME!

The Apostle Paul, standing before a

King of a nation, said: "Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?" (Acts 26:8).

What about it? Do YOU believe the INTERVENTION OF GOD is a "thing incredible?" Do YOU scoff at the *power* of God to DELIVER WHOLE NATIONS?

U.S. to Give Away Space Secrets

The United States is desperately trying to stem the tide of Communist advances by an intensive development of science and technology—and forming alliances with other nations!

We look to NATO, the Baghdad Pact and other agreements to form a bulwark against the Red hordes. Lately, the trend of events has clearly shown the United States fully intends to cooperate to the limit in giving away our secrets of rocket and missile development, including nuclear weapons information, to our present allies!

Here lies our UNSEEN, and *GREATEST DANGER!*

While we are fascinated by the impending danger of Russia's advances in science, and threat of world superiority, we ignorantly BUILD, with American tax dollars, a monster of such hideous proportions it will AMAZE its builders!

There are *many* news analysts and leading politicians who have trumpeted an alarm about the unification of Europe in a common trade bloc, as well as a nuclear power bloc!

For *many years*, the pages of this Plain Truth magazine have been bringing you the definite, specific prophecies of Almighty God as revealed in the Bible about what is going to happen unless we wake up!

We are turning to foreign allies for protection—and God sternly warns that the very protectors we are cultivating will turn on us!

A Strange Message

Doesn't it seem a little odd to you that you repeatedly hear, over the *World Tomorrow* program, and constantly read in the pages of *The Plain Truth*, that seemingly insignificant *Germany* is destined to play such an overwhelming part in future world affairs?

We are being warned of the "ultimate peril" we face from Soviet Russia. Speak-

ing of Russia, the still secret and unreleased Gaither report has been paraphrased, "The United States is in the gravest danger of its history."

We are investigating every weakness—trying every means to compete against *Russia*. The whole world seems confident only TWO arch-enemies exist: Democracy and Communism.

And all the while this work of God has been proclaiming the absolute and SURE prophecies of God's word—that RUSSIA WILL NOT ATTACK THE UNITED STATES!

We are being warned that Russian missiles can strike any spot on earth. Russia is openly and unavoidably the enemy of the United States, and many citizens in this country, and others around the world fully expect a future war between the United States and Russia!

And still—in the face of such an overwhelming amount of opinion and seeming evidence to the contrary—your Bible says RUSSIA WILL NOT ATTACK THE UNITED STATES!

But another nation will!

Russia in Prophecy

Almost all Bible students agree on the identity of Russia in prophecy!

The tribes of Russia are almost named—exactly as they are today. Let's notice it. In the "tables of nations" listed in Genesis 10, *Meshech* and *Tubal*, sons of Japheth, are named. The other sons of Japheth: Gomer, Togarmah, and Magog, migrated to the northeast into Asia from the Tigris and Euphrates valley.

The word Moscow is an English spelling of the Russian "Moskva," a word almost identical to the one used by the Assyrians to refer to the *people of Meshech!* Tubal, who formed another branch of the Great Russians, went farther to the North, and toward the East, where his descendants founded the city of *Tobolsk* in Siberia and named the *Tobol* River.

There are two definite branches among the Great Russians, with slight divergencies of language and type—and DEEP DIVERSITIES OF NATIONAL CHARACTER. (*Encyclopaedia Britannica*, article "Russia.")

ALL THIS WAS EXPLAINED IN DETAIL IN THE JULY, 1957, PLAIN TRUTH—a

few copies of which are still available.

Ezekiel the 38th chapter holds the key to Russia's future!

Here a world power is called "Gog," the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal! (Ezek. 38:2). But the margin indicates a mistranslation here! The correct translation should be, "*the prince of Rosh (RUSSIA), Meshech and Tubal.*"

In order to understand this prophecy of Ezekiel 38, it is necessary to find the *time setting* of the prophecy!

Ezekiel writes in closer *chronological order* than do Isaiah and Jeremiah. His prophecies *begin* with warnings against *Israel*, who stands positively identified as OUR peoples—the United States and Great Britain, together with the democracies of Northwestern Europe! (If you have not yet read this amazing proof, write in for the booklet, "United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy.")

Through *many* chapters, Ezekiel shows impending CAPTIVITY to come on our peoples—at the hands of enemy nations! But RUSSIA is not mentioned once until *after* that captivity and subsequent *delivery from it* have taken place!

Our nations are vividly portrayed in a time of great national disaster!

Plagued by economic catastrophe, by famine and drought, with resultant disease epidemics within, we will be so weakened we will present a prime target for an armed enemy! That enemy to seize the opportunity will NOT be *Russia!*

A Third World Power

God's time has not quite been fulfilled for our downfall! A few years yet remain for the *work* of God to be completed. Jesus commissioned His Church to PREACH THE GOSPEL to *all nations*, and THEN, and not *until* then, "shall the end come!" (Matt. 24:14).

But after that time, God will allow a third world power bloc we little suspect to rise swiftly—seizing the opportunity *ahead* of Russia to *attack and destroy* our countries!

It's prophesied!

For years, we've been warning you of a coming "United States of Europe!" The Bible shows a union of TEN KINGS (ten separate nations) in Europe, within the boundaries of the ancient Roman

Empire (Revelation 17:12-13).

These ten kings, or ten governments, will form a *union* OVER which rides the "woman" who is a great CHURCH! It will be a union of Church and State!

The European Trades Union, already mentioned in previous issues of The Plain Truth, is only the beginning! First, it is necessary for the nations in Europe to reach *economic agreement*. And then POLITICAL agreement, under a strong

leader and religious influence, will follow! Make no mistake about it!

A UNITED STATES OF EUROPE IS COMING!

Russia will NOT attack the United States! But Russia WILL STRIKE! Prophecy shows a great WAR, *in which Russia will be a major contender, is yet future!*

But WHEN? With WHOM?

Future articles in The Plain Truth Magazine will reveal the answers!

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Where Will the Millennium Be Spent?

In Heaven? or on Earth?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WHERE are the saints of God going to REIGN for the coming thousand years?

Some say: "On the Earth!"

Others say, "Up in heaven! All unsaved people shall be destroyed by the brightness of Christ's coming. The earth will be desolate during this thousand years."

But WHAT DOES THE WORD OF GOD SAY?

Will you notice, now, Revelation 20:6: "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God, and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

This THOUSAND YEARS is commonly called "the MILLENNIUM." But the question we now want to settle—and settle it rightly out of God's Word—is, WHERE shall we SPEND that thousand years? And over WHOM shall we reign?

What Are the Facts?

The facts of the resurrection and second coming of Christ are plainly expressed in I Thes. 4:14-17, and I Cor. 15:52. The dead in Christ are resurrected, and the living in Christ are changed, and all are caught up to MEET the Lord in the clouds, in the air of the earth's atmosphere.

But the question is, WHERE DO WE GO FROM THERE?

Now, in order to reign, these saints must have someone to reign OVER. To rule is to RULE over. A king reigns over his subjects. The subjects are always of inferior station and power to the king. The king is in authority OVER his subjects. And so, whether in heaven or on earth, there will have to be someone of INFERIOR RANK—of LOWER POSITION, over whom the saints shall have POWER and AUTHORITY! Now WHO will the immortal saints reign over? And where will they reign?

Notice Rev. 3:21. Jesus said: "To him

that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne."

Jesus spoke those words. He says that He is, at this time, sitting in WHOSE throne?—notice it—He says "as I . . . AM set down with my FATHER in HIS throne." The Father's throne is in heaven. The heavens have received Jesus UNTIL the times of restitution of all things (Acts 3:21). During this age He is sitting on HIS FATHER'S throne. And HIS FATHER'S THRONE IS IN HEAVEN! as the Scriptures plainly state.

TWO Thrones in Heaven?

Then, my friends, WHERE WILL JESUS' THRONE BE, when He LEAVES His Father's throne?—when the times of restitution of all things comes?—and when He sits on HIS OWN throne? He does not say that the saints shall sit with Him on the Father's throne *in heaven*. He says they shall sit with Him IN HIS THRONE. Will His throne, too, be in heaven? Will there be TWO thrones in heaven? Will Jesus have a throne there, competing with the Father?

A Kingdom with TWO thrones is a kingdom divided, and Jesus said a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus is not now, at this time, sitting on HIS own throne, but on HIS FATHER'S throne, reigning WITH His Father in exactly the same manner the saints shall sit with Him, on HIS throne, reigning with Him.

Where, then, will HIS throne be?

Why, we read in Luke 1:30-32 that Jesus will be given the throne of DAVID. And DAVID'S THRONE IS ON THE EARTH! According to Jer. 23:5 and Ezek. 21:27, that throne, which will be located in the city of Jerusalem, ON THIS EARTH, is to be given to JESUS, whose right it is.

Now notice carefully. GOD'S throne is in heaven. DAVID'S throne is existing

today on EARTH. At THIS time now, Jesus is on HIS FATHER'S throne, *in heaven*—but when the saints reign for a thousand years, they shall be sitting with Him, on HIS throne, the throne of DAVID, which throne is located ON THE EARTH!

Saints to Rule the Nations!

Now notice Rev. 2:26-27: "And he that overcometh . . . will I give POWER over the NATIONS, and he shall RULE them with a rod of iron." Notice it!—these same overcomers who shall reign with Jesus ON HIS THRONE, are to be given POWER over other people. And the ones they shall RULE are THE NATIONS. The nations of THIS EARTH! Can you conceive of nations in heaven so sinful they need to be RULED with a rod of iron?

Then again, notice Luke 1:33: "And He—Jesus—shall reign over THE HOUSE OF JACOB forever." It is the HOUSE OF JACOB—the nations of Israel and Judah—whom God has BLINDED during this time (Rom. 11:7-8), whose blindness shall be removed and who shall find salvation (Rom. 11:25-26), when God sets His Hand again the SECOND TIME to recover the remnant of His people Israel (Isa. 11:11), during the times of restitution of all things! What a glorious GOSPEL! What wonderful GOOD NEWS!

Now notice one more text which tells in the PLAINEST OF LANGUAGE when the saints shall reign. Remember they are to reign OVER—to rule the nations. They shall reign *a thousand years*. Now turn to Rev. 5:10, and let us see whether we shall be willing to believe the plain words of GOD. Here we read of a new song about Christ who redeemed "men of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation and hast made them unto our God kings and priests: and they shall reign ON THE EARTH!"

There it is, properly translated and in PLAIN LANGUAGE. "They shall reign

ON THE EARTH." God give us willingness to believe it!

How Jesus Will Return to Earth!

Let us see now HOW Jesus will return to earth. In Acts 1:9-11, we read: "And when He [Jesus] had spoken those things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

We know He shall return at the close of this age, just prior to the battle at Jerusalem which climaxes this world's defiance of God's rule. His coming is described in the 19th Chapter of Revelation, beginning the 11th verse. All nations are gathered against Jerusalem for this great battle, their armies having previously assembled at Armageddon (notice also Rev. 16:13-16). This same battle is described in the 14th chapter of the Book of Zechariah.

Notice it: "Behold the day of the Lord cometh . . . for I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle" (Zech. 14:1-2). This can be only the last battle of the great day of God Almighty, for it is the only time described in Scripture where ALL NATIONS are to be gathered against Jerusalem for battle, prior to the millennium.

Now notice the 3rd and 4th verses: "Then shall the Lord go forth"—second coming of Christ—"and fight against those nations . . . and His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east." Notice it—Jesus' feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives—WHEN? It says "IN THAT DAY"—not a thousand years AFTER that day when this battle is being fought, but IN that day.

And so we see Jesus shall so come in like manner as He went, just as the Scriptures say. When He went, He was standing on the Mount of Olives. He was visibly caught up. A cloud received Him out of the disciples' sight. As many Scriptures affirm, He shall COME with clouds. And in the very DAY of

the battle before Jerusalem, Jesus' feet shall stand once more on the Mount of Olives! Yes, He is coming AS HE WENT. He WENT from the Mount of Olives, and He shall RETURN to the Mount of Olives!

Now will He remain on the earth from that time, or immediately return to heaven? Notice verse 8: "And it shall be IN THAT DAY, that living waters [salvation, thru the Holy Spirit] shall go out from Jerusalem . . . in summer and in winter shall it be." Beginning from that very day when He comes, this event, the work of the times of restitution of all things, shall continue on thru SUMMER, and thru WINTER!

Shall the land be desolate and uninhabited from that time on for a thousand years?

Notice verse 10: "All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: AND IT SHALL BE LIFTED UP, AND INHABITED."

And again notice in the 16th verse, those left of the heathen, *Gentile nations* whose people were not destroyed in the battle at Armageddon, "shall even go up FROM YEAR TO YEAR to worship the KING, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles." Here we find the picture of these nations being ruled over WITH A ROD OF IRON—notice verses 17-19—when Jesus is KING over all the earth (verse 9), sitting on David's throne and when the resurrected and immortal saints are reigning WITH Him a thousand years, ON THE EARTH, ruling THESE NATIONS from year to year—notice it—from YEAR TO YEAR, from the time of the second coming of Christ! How plain!

And notice, too, that the nations which come from year to year are not altogether obedient—observe, in verse 17-19 how God will punish those who will refuse to obey. So these are not immortal saints. They are GENTILES. And notice carefully that these mortal sinning Gentiles shall be required to come up to JERUSALEM—and Jerusalem is ON THE EARTH. And it is AT THE TIME when Jesus Christ has returned to rule as KING of Kings, and LORD of Lords—yet future. It cannot be BEFORE the millennium. It cannot be AFTER it. It MUST be during the millennium. And the

place is ON THE EARTH. Here, my friends, are unanswerable Scriptures!

Will Israel Ever Accept Christ and Be Saved?

Now what about the JEWS? What about ISRAEL? Has God cast them eternally away? Some seem to think so. What do the SCRIPTURES say?

Back in the 26th chapter of Leviticus we read how God warned His chosen race that IF they would not obey Him, He would PUNISH THEM—for a duration of 2520 years! Not with eternal loss of salvation—but a duration of 2520 long years—the prophetic "seven times" mentioned in verse 28. The children of Israel became divided into TWO NATIONS—one called the House of Israel, the TEN tribes—the other the House of JUDAH, consisting of Judah and Benjamin, called the Jews. Israel sinned first, and was driven among the Gentiles, losing their identity. The world today commonly believes they are Gentiles.

Then Judah sinned worse than Israel, and the Jews were taken to Babylon B.C. 604-585. God took away national dominance from Judah, and turned it over to the Gentiles.

Now I want you to study carefully one of the most wonderful, important chapters in all the Bible—the eleventh of Romans. Notice the question in verse 1: Has God cast away the Israelites? In verse 2 Paul says "NO!" Study verses 7 and 8. A few of them accepted salvation, but the rest were BLINDED—and—note it—GOD blinded them! Notice verse 11. They have not stumbled that they should FALL, or lose salvation, but salvation has come to the Gentiles—WHY?—to provoke Israel to JEALOUSY, so they, too, will turn. Notice verse 15—they are to be received again—and as life from the dead. Verse 23 says those who abide not still in unbelief shall YET receive salvation. Now study carefully beginning verse 25: "Blindness in part is happened until Israel"—HOW LONG? Forever? No—note it—"UNTIL the fulness of the Gentiles be come in"—the end of this age during which God is calling a people from among the Gentiles to bear His name (Acts 15:14). And so, says verse 26, "all Israel SHALL BE SAVED"—how? "As it is

written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." The Deliverer, Jesus Christ, is coming again!

When He comes, the Gentile times will be over—the BLINDNESS will be removed from the Israelites—and their opportunity—their FIRST chance—of salvation will then come to those whom God had blinded! This is at the time when He comes to REIGN on HIS THRONE—the throne of David, with the saints made immortal reigning and ruling with Him—and the time is DURING THE THOUSAND YEARS!

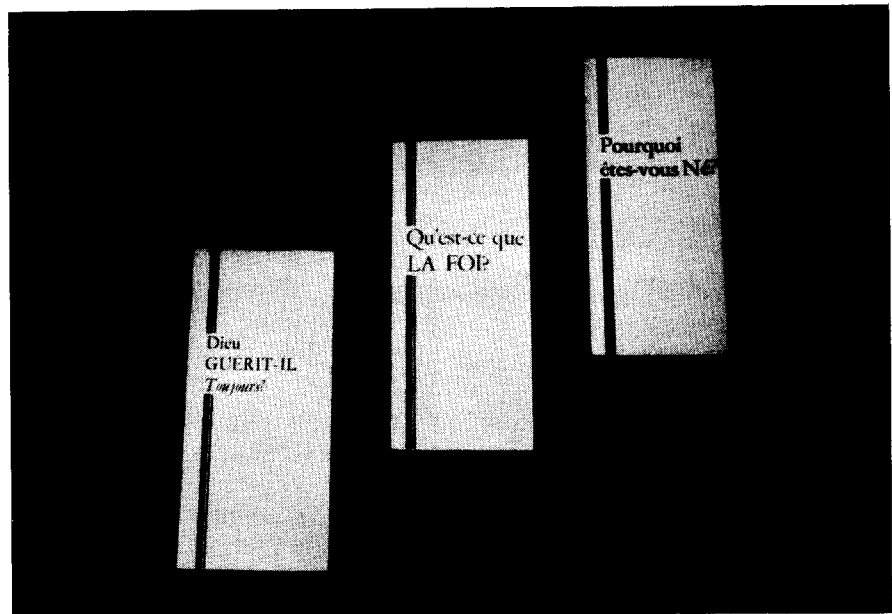
Notice verse 31. These blinded Israelites have not now, in this age, received mercy, that thru the mercy of the Gentiles saved in this age, they MAY, THEN, obtain mercy and salvation. How? Because these saved Gentiles will then be kings and priests, assisting in this wonderful work!

WHAT Will the Millennium Be Like?

Now compare what we read with the wonderful 11th chapter of Isaiah. This is the time when (verse 11) God is going to set His hand again the SECOND TIME to recover the remnant of HIS PEOPLE, who have been dispersed around the world. It is the time when they shall be regathered to the Holy Land—a time yet future. Observe verse 1: the Branch is Jesus Christ.

Observe that He shall, at this time, RULE and REIGN (verse 4). Now when is this time? Verse 6: the time when wild animals are so tame that wolves and lambs play together—when leopards lie down peacefully with little kids—the calf and the young lion—and a little child shall lead them, unharmed. Verse 7, the lion will no longer eat raw meat—but HAY like the ox. Now wild animals will not be this tame BEFORE the millennium. It will be during, or AFTER the thousand years, then. Will these wild animals be taken to HEAVEN?—or will this take place ON EARTH?

Observe the 8th verse: there will be NURSING babies, and weaned babies there unharmed as they play with the most deadly snakes. At this time, then, BABIES ARE BEING BORN. Will there be NURSING babies IN HEAVEN? Will there be nursing babes in the promised NEW EARTH—after the thousand years?



Nous sommes heureux d'informer nos lecteurs que nous tenons à la disposition de ceux qui nous en font la demande une copie des livrets suivants, traduits en français:

"Dieu guérit-Il toujours?"
 "Qu'est-ce que la Foi?"
 "Pourquoi êtes-vous né?"

THINK! Will babes be playing, without harm, with deadly snakes BEFORE the millennium?

No! This MUST be during the thousand years, and it MUST be ON THE EARTH!—not in heaven as Ellen G. White teaches in her deceptive book "The Great Controversy."

Now come to verse 9. Animals will not be killing one another for food, and the WHOLE EARTH will then be FULL of the knowledge of the Lord!

That cannot be PRIOR to the millennium. The earth could not be full of the knowledge of the Lord if it were then desolate, and without an inhabitant! This proves the place of the thousand years is ON THE EARTH!—not in heaven as Seventh Day Adventists teach.

And now notice, in THAT DAY—the very same day when wild animals are tamed—when children are still being born—and when the EARTH is full of the knowledge of the Lord, and when the Lord is reigning and ruling with a rod of iron—verse 11 says that in THAT DAY—that very same time—the Lord shall set His hand again the SECOND TIME to recover the remnant of His people, Israel!

And in THAT SAME DAY (verse 10) the Gentiles shall seek Christ the "root of Jesse"—and so there will be GENTILES present, seeking the Lord and His salvation! Study verse 12. Jesus shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah. It is the time of the great REGATHERING OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH! And notice verse 14—during this same time the Israelites shall spoil, or conquer the nations of the east, and lay hands on the Edomites, the Moabites, and the Ammonites!

The End of HUMAN Reign

After the national punishment of the Jews, God turned the reign of world government over to a succession of GENTILE kingdoms. There were to be just FOUR great universal world-ruling kingdoms—The Chaldean Empire, called "BABYLON"; the Persian Empire; Alexander's Greco-Macedonian Empire with its four divisions; and the ROMAN EMPIRE, which has had six past revivals and is destined to arise once more as a union of ten fascist dictator nations in Europe—ruled over by a great religious power (Rev. 17:12).

This Gentile reign, and its END, is pictured in Daniel 2, and 7. You are prob-

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ably familiar with the dream IMAGE of Nebuchadnezzar, described in the prophecy of Daniel 2.

At the END of this Gentile reign, what is to happen? Notice Daniel 2:44: "And IN THE DAYS OF THESE KINGS [not a thousand years after their reign] shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom . . . but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand FOREVER."

Now where will that kingdom be? The dream, interpreted by this verse, says: "the stone that smote the image"—Christ and His Kingdom, which consumes these Gentile kingdoms (I Cor. 10:4), "became a great mountain [nation], and filled THE WHOLE EARTH."

And in Daniel 7:27, we read: "And the KINGDOM [God's Kingdom] . . . under the whole heavens, shall be given to the people of the SAINTS." Not IN heaven, but UNDER it! Now WHEN? The "little horn" (a persecuting religious power) of this prophecy in Daniel 7, "made war with the saints, and prevailed against them UNTIL the Ancient of Days came, and . . . the saints possessed the Kingdom." The leader of this persecuting power is called the false prophet (Rev. 19:20), and he lasts UNTIL we reign UNDER the whole heaven. This prophecy positively precludes any 1,000 year reign IN HEAVEN!

Three Misunderstood Texts

Now consider three texts that are often woefully misinterpreted to reject the undeniable truth of other Scripture.

II THESSALONIANS 2:8: This is the text supposed by Seventh Day Adventists to teach that all wicked people will be destroyed by the brightness of Christ's coming.

Notice verse 3. His coming will not occur until the MAN OF SIN is revealed. Who is the man of sin?

The same as the false prophet for he does the same deeds. Now notice verse 6—he is to be revealed in his time. Continue into verse 8: "And then shall THAT Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall . . . destroy with the brightness of his coming: EVEN HIM, whose coming is after the working of Satan." (Verses 8 and 9.)

Note it! Does this say ALL the wicked and unsaved people shall be destroyed by the brightness of Christ's coming?

No! The Bible does NOT say that—it says THAT Wicked person who is to BE REVEALED—"EVEN HIM"—just one man! He is the FALSE PROPHET, and his destruction is also described in Rev. 19:20. How plain!

JEREMIAH 4:23-27: This is deliberately misapplied by Adventists to the WHOLE earth during the millennium.

Study the book of Jeremiah from the first chapter. God commissioned Jehovah to WARN JUDAH to turn from their sins. If they did not, Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon was to bring his armies against them, make THEIR LAND desolate, their cities empty, and carry the Jews to Babylon as slaves.

Note Chapter 4, verse 5: Nebuchadnezzar, "the destroyer of the Gentiles" (verse 7), is on his way "to make THY LAND DESOLATE; and thy cities shall be laid waste without an inhabitant." This is the cities of Judah. Study verses 13-17. It is only the cities of JUDAH (verse 16) to be made waste. Notice verse 30—"When thou"—the Jews of Jeremiah's day—"art spoiled, what wilt thou do?"

This passage has no reference whatsoever to the thousand years, or to the

whole earth, but the land of Palestine ONLY, and during the sieges of Nebuchadnezzar, 604 to 585 B.C. The original Hebrew word for "land" in this chapter is the same word which is wrongly translated "earth."

Jeremiah was speaking of the whole land!—the whole land of Judah!

JOHN 14:1-3: This text is also used as a proof-text for going to heaven. Jesus said "If I go, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself." He receives us unto Himself WHEN HE WILL HAVE COME AGAIN—right here in the earth. We are to meet Him IN THE CLOUDS, and airplanes fly higher than that every day. That same day we come on down WITH HIM upon the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4, 5). "Thar where I am, THERE ye may be also." After Jesus receives us unto Himself, He will remain here on this earth. We shall ever BE with Him. We shall sit with Him IN HIS THRONE—which is the throne of David ON THIS EARTH.

The places that Jesus is preparing are positions of responsibility in the KINGDOM He went to receive (Luke 19:12 and Mat. 25:34—note the kingdom is PREPARED, and its PLACE is on the earth!

What glorious Good News—WE SHALL REIGN ON THE EARTH DURING THE MILLENNIUM! (Rev. 5:10).

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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

This is the fourth installment of the unusual story of Mr. Armstrong's life—the experiences of formative years, the groundwork for his later ministry—his conversion, disillusioning experiences with preachers, seeking the TRUE Church.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

MY WIFE was reflecting on what *might* have happened to us. "What if we had never met," she mused. "What if we had never been brought thru the failure of our own plans—the hunger and poverty that brought us to God and His TRUTH. We probably never would have found HIS way to *abundant living*—the joys of His salvation. Think how drab and dull and empty our lives might have been! How *grateful* we ought to be!"

WHY This Is Written

Yes, our lives have been eventful, exciting, filled with action, effort, unusual experiences, travel. God has given us *abundant living*, freedom from usual fears and worries. There have been problems, reverses, chastenings, sufferings. But there has been happiness and JOY! We have been kept *busy*. We have *really lived!*

So, let me repeat, this autobiography is being written in the hope that these unusual life experiences may bring inspiration, encouragement, and benefit to many.

I have been influenced by the great impress on my life that resulted from a triple reading of Benjamin Franklin's autobiography. After reading that, I sought to learn by the experiences of other successful men. God has given us, in His Holy Word, the story of the life of Christ. The Apostle Paul's life experiences, those of Abraham, Job, David, and others, were written to bring us the very Gospel—to influence and inspire us in living *our* lives.

And so it is in the hope that this story of my own life may be a means of bringing to many, in an inspirational

and interesting manner, the very Gospel, as you read of how God brought it to me, that these successive installments are written.

A Quick Synopsis

Previous installments have told how, at age 16, I became fired with a dynamic ambition to achieve success in life; of deciding, as a result of a self-analysis made from a book titled "*Choosing a Vocation*," at age 18, that I fitted best into the advertising profession; of going immediately for counsel to my uncle, Frank Armstrong, leading advertising man in the state of Iowa, and of his steering my life for some years.

On my uncle's advice, I devoted one year in the "first grade" of the advertising school, which was the want-ad department of a Des Moines newspaper; became side-tracked by the flattering offer of a job as time-keeper and paymaster in a southern Mississippi lumber mill for six months. Down there a "square peg in a round hole," I was overworked into the hospital with typhoid fever; was sent back to Des Moines.

It was now the summer of 1912. My uncle now steered me over to *The Merchants Trade Journal*, the largest national trade paper in the country, published in Des Moines. They didn't need any help, but persistent cocky self-confidence refused to be turned down. I hired myself a job.

On this magazine, read by retail merchants in all fields, my uncle told me, I would be immediately under the two men whom he regarded as the two best advertising and merchandising men in the country. This was the high school

and college training for the advertising profession. The job was sought and taken for what could be *learned*, rather than for what could be earned.

Soon I was placed in the Service Department, which acted as a trade-paper advertising agency, learning, under tutelage of A. I. Boreman and R. H. Miles, the principles of effective advertising and merchandising. I was trained in acquiring a large vocabulary of ordinary, simple words in general use, understandable to people of even little education. I was taught to develop an effective, fast-moving, dynamic, yet sincere style in writing, achieving literary quality by phraseology and word-grouping rather than by 15-letter words. I was trained in using words to make the meaning *plain* and *clear*, so that everyone would UNDERSTAND—to make a message *interesting*, as well as convincing.

Without realizing it then, I was being trained for God's ministry! These same principles and techniques are required to make God's message *interesting, plain and understandable*, as well as convincing and desirable! And the principles I was there taught apply, whether in oral preaching, broadcasting, or putting the Gospel into print!

Learning Magazine Make-Up

For one six months' period, during the first two years on *The Journal*, I was given the job of "making up the magazine." That is, of taking all of the galley proofs of articles, proofs of all the ads, and pasting them in a dummy magazine the way each issue was to be designed.

During this six months I was given a desk out at the Successful Farming plant



Mr. Armstrong, left, at age 21, displaying dignity with a black derby, considered "smart" in January, 1914. This was taken somewhere in New York state on first "Idea Man" tour. Companion, right, a passing acquaintance, name long since forgotten.

in their composing room.

I learned, as the publishers of *The Journal* knew, that a smaller-circulation magazine can have their publication printed each month in the plant of a larger magazine, or some large-operation printing establishment, at less cost than operating their own printing plant. The reason is obvious. The presses turn only one or two days a month on a single smaller publication. To keep all the machinery idle, besides printers, most of the month is to tie up capital that is not working. It doesn't pay.

This lesson is of very practical benefit to us today in GOD'S WORK. Today we have allocated the entire publishing division of the work to Ambassador College. The college maintains a printing department, with three presses. But these are small presses doing minor work only—printing all our booklets, letter-heads, etc. We are able to keep this printing plant busy every working day in the month.

But we do not have the far larger presses and type-setting equipment that would be required to print *The PLAIN TRUTH*, or the Correspondence Course, or our College Catalog. These are all printed at Pacific Press, largest printing plant west of Chicago, where the Coast

editions of *Life*, *Time* and *Newsweek* and other smaller magazines are printed. It is a huge plant, employing hundreds of workers, operating on shifts around the clock daily. Thus all our printing today is produced at the lowest possible cost, but with the best possible quality.

More and more I'm sure the reader will see how all this early business training was fitting me for the WORK OF GOD.

Coddling a Temper

One rather dramatic incident occurred at the Successful Farming printing plant. It contains a lesson worth, I think, the telling.

The foreman of the printing plant at Successful Farming was an old experienced printer named Ed Condon. It seemed to me that printers were, in those days at least, more profane than any class of men. Perhaps it was because, in the days of hand-setting all type, a printer often would "pie" the type—that is, it would slip out of his hand and fall in a jumbled mass, whereupon every single letter of type would have to be sorted out, put back into the case and then set all over again. It was a severe test on patience. Mr. Condon not only could "cuss"—he also had a *temper!*

The only thing wrong with Mr. Condon's temper was that he made no attempt to control it. He was proud of it. He bragged about it.

One day he "flew off the handle" at

me for some reason I no longer remember. He raved, swore, shouted, called names. I left the composing room, returned to the *Journal* offices. Mr. Boreman either went out or called him on the telephone. He received the same treatment—only more violently. He then went into the office of our publisher and editor, Mr. W. J. Pilkington. Mr. Pilkington called Mr. Charles E. Lynde, then general manager of Successful Farming. He asked Mr. Pilkington if he would have Mr. Boreman and me come to his office.

When we arrived, Mr. Condon was called into Mr. Lynde's office.

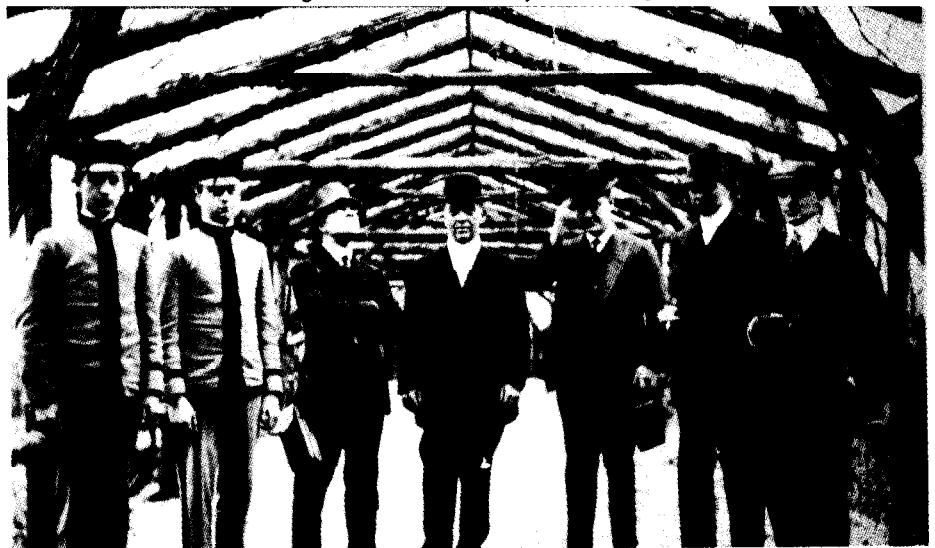
"Ed," said Mr. Lynde sternly, "we cannot have our good customers insulted. You may either apologize to Mr. Boreman and Mr. Armstrong, and also give me, and them, your word of honor that this burst of temper will never be repeated, or you are fired on the spot."

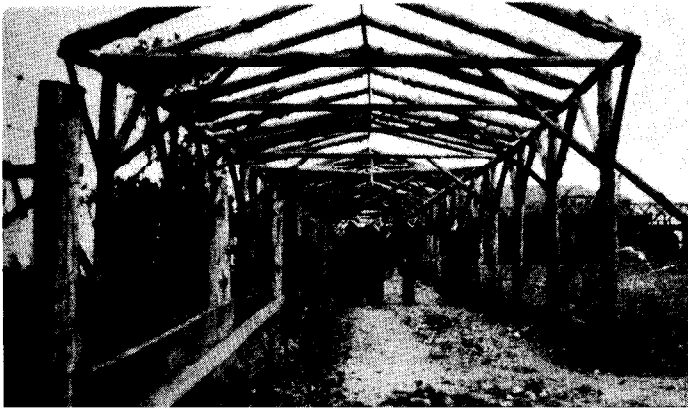
Ed Condon humbly apologized.

"May I say a word to Ed?" asked Mr. Boreman.

"Ed, you're a very competent printer, and a fine and likeable fellow—except when you let loose a burst of temper. I'd like to give you a little advice as a friend—for we like you. I've noticed that you have *bragged* about that temper of yours. You've been proud of your ability to lose your head. You've nursed it along as if it were your baby you love. You've never tried to control it. Now a temper is a mighty good thing

A Sunday at the artistic farm, Greenwood, South Carolina. From left, two boys from military academy at Greenwood; next is Herbert Armstrong; center, hotel and farm owner; two travelling men; right, Ward B. Perley, with whom Mr. Armstrong chummed five days covering three towns together.





Another view of artistic arbor at farm near Greenwood, South Carolina. This picture taken by Mr. Armstrong.



Here you see the taupe-colored silk gloves described in article, and group of colored children posing with the travelling salesmen on Sunday afternoon visit to farm near Greenwood, S.C.

—as long as it is under perfect control and directed by the mind in good judgment. When you learn to *control* it, then *that's* something to be proud of! You've just been proud of it in the wrong state of action, Ed—that's all that's wrong."

Mr. Condon took the advice—he had to, standing in front of his top boss. He said he'd never thought of it that way, and thanked Mr. Boreman.

Perhaps some of our readers never thought of it that way. Mr. Boreman's advice was very sound! Never let tempers get out of control!

Becoming "the Idea Man"

After about two years of training in advertising copy writing and layout, selling advertising space, office work in dictating and letter-answering, and composing-room make-up with *The Merchants Trade Journal*, I was put on a new and unique activity.

I have never heard of anything like it. I became *The Journal's* "Idea Man."

This was the most unusual training and experience of all. I was now transferred into the Editorial Department, under Ben R. Vardeman, Associate Editor. Also, on this job, which lasted a year or more, I was kept partially under supervision of Mr. Boreman.

Mr. Vardeman was a tall, dignified man who was author of a book on the principles of retail salesmanship, and a Chautauqua lecturer. Also, I believe, he had written a correspondence course on retail salesmanship. He wrote most of

the articles that composed the reading content of *The Journal*.

The editorial and reading columns of *The Journal* were devoted mainly to IDEAS that had been successfully used by retail merchants in increasing sales, reducing costs, principles and methods of business management, training of personnel, improving public relations. Also they put emphasis on community betterment and chamber of commerce activity.

This reading material was not written out of theoretical imagination. The *Journal* maintained an "Idea Man" who travelled all over the country, visiting stores in all lines, discussing problems and methods with merchants. The actual experiences of successful merchants, as sought out and reported by the "Idea Man" were written up by the editors into article form in the magazine.

I was equipped with a Hotel Credit Letter and a large post-card size folding camera. The Credit Letter authorized me to cash checks, or write out and draw drafts on *The Merchants Trade Journal*, up to a total of \$100 per week, ample in those days to cover travelling expenses. A book of instruction in photography was given me. I had to learn to take pictures of a quality worth publishing.

Expense Account Troubles

I was allowed a reasonably liberal expense account, but no extravagances or luxuries. The *Journal* expected their men to stop at leading hotels, but I

always took a minimum-price single room if available. Breakfasts were nearly always taken at the lunch-counter, lunches at the coffee-shop or lunch counter, but the evening meal quite often in the hotel's main dining room.

I had not been out long before I put down on my expense account: "Ice Cream Soda—10c" and "Movie—25c"—or whatever the prices of those items were in those days. Mr. Vardeman was a man who was meticulously careful of details. He frowned on these expense items, and was about to disallow them, when Mr. Boreman came to my rescue. He urged Mr. Vardeman to let it go, this time, saying that he, Mr. Boreman, would write me proper instructions about these expense items.

"Next time, Herbert," Mr. Boreman's letter advised, "put any little items like that down grouped under 'Miscellaneous.'" So after that the occasional ice cream sodas and movies were called "Miscellaneous."

This is an incident that I had forgotten. But just at this juncture, in order to refresh my memory on one or two other incidents as I have come to the writing of this stage of my experiences with *The Journal*, I today called Mr. Boreman by long distance telephone. This expense account incident was one of two that he remembered vividly after all these years. He seemed to enjoy reminding me of the incident immensely.

This incident reminds me of an experience Benjamin Franklin related in

his autobiography. During the Revolutionary War all people were required to contribute for the purchase of gunpowder. The Quakers of Pennsylvania found it contrary to their doctrine and conscience to do this. Yet they wanted to be loyal. So they solved their dilemma by contributing money for "corn, oats, and other grain." The "other grain," Franklin explained with a chuckle, was gunpowder!

The other incident which Mr. Bore-

and inexperienced in my "Idea" job, they somehow had escaped my attention. I thought I had made a wonderful new discovery. This demonstrates again that most of us learn, not by observation, but by cruel experience.

Ending Sluggishness

The first "Idea Man" tour took me to New York state and back.

I must have visited a number of towns across Iowa and Illinois, but the first

out" at times when I was not getting sufficient exercise. At this time I thought a treatment might make me more alert and help the sluggish feeling I was having to fight.

"Well now," said the Osteopath, "I'll be glad to give you a treatment and take your money for it if you insist, but I can tell you something without any charge that will do you a lot more good. *Quit eating so many eggs!*"

"Why," I exclaimed in surprise, "how



This shows Herbert Armstrong at age 21—with his first custom-tailored overcoat with velvet collar, and the silk gloves purchased in Atlanta—at falls which furnished power for large cotton mill at Greenville.



Spring in February, 1914. Herbert Armstrong caught in breeze in front of Greenville, South Carolina, cotton mill power "falls." New overcoat was shed, but not the "smart" silk gloves.

man today recalled to my memory was the time I "discovered" a most remarkable and practical invention being used in a grocery store. It was only a few days after I had started on my first trip. I was still pretty "green" on this job of recognizing good ideas used by merchants.

It was a vegetable rack, with water dripping down slowly over the vegetables. Now this was not only ingenious, I thought, but a most *practical* idea. It attracted attention, and kept the vegetables fresh. So I carefully took several camera shots of it, as I remember it. But as Mr. Boreman remembers it, I hired a photographer to come and photograph it for me. Enthusiastically I sent in a glowing report of my new discovery.

There was, apparently, quite a reaction in *The Journal* office when this report, with pictures, reached them. It seems that their laughter almost shook the building down. Groceries had been using this type of vegetable rack for many years—but never having been in the grocery business, and being new

that comes back to mind, now, is traveling across southern Michigan. I remember staying overnight at the Post Tavern in Battle Creek. My mother had been an ardent postum drinker, but I had never liked it. Here at the Post company's own hotel, however, I was induced to order their specialty, iced postum with whipped cream. The way they prepared it, it was so delicious I have never forgotten it. It seems to me that Mr. C. W. Post was still alive, and that I saw him either in the hotel lobby or in the dining room.

I remember stopping off at Ann Arbor, home of the University of Michigan. Probably I went south from there, making stops at Toledo, Fostoria, Upper Sandusky, Bucyrus, Mansfield, Wooster, Massillon, Canton, Alliance, and Youngstown in Ohio.

Next, I entered Pennsylvania, with Franklin as the first stop. By this time I was feeling so sluggish, I hunted up an Osteopath in Franklin. I had occasionally taken Osteopath treatments, not as a medicine for any sickness, but more to take the place of an athletic "work-

did *you* know I've been eating a lot of eggs?"

"By your color, and condition of your liver," he said.

He explained that I had a somewhat torpid liver that would not readily assimilate an excess of eggs, corn, or peanuts. Some people seem to be able to eat eggs every morning for breakfast without harm. I found, from this Osteopath's advice and subsequent experience, that my liver is apparently different. I can eat eggs occasionally without harm—but I must avoid eating them regularly. I have found that lemon juice seems to be the antidote. Accordingly, ever since that experience in Franklin, Pennsylvania, I have eaten sparingly of eggs, and taken generously of lemon juice. If I may seem to have some fair degree of energy, vitality, and physical stamina, it is largely due to being careful about diet, among other things.

I mention this because some of our readers may be suffering from the same inert sluggishness, feeling dopey, and drowsy a good deal of the time, caused by the same kind of liver. If so, try

eliminating the eggs, corn and peanuts for a while, and start drinking lemon juice every morning before breakfast (without sugar)

The Niagara River Lesson

Next I went north, stopping at Oil City and Titusville in Pennsylvania, and on to Buffalo. I spent December 25th, 1913 at Niagara Falls. I shall never forget that first visit to Niagara Falls. There had been a silver thaw. All the trees glistened in the bright sun like millions of brilliantly sparkling diamonds, especially over on Goat Island.

This visit to Niagara Falls allowed me to leave the United States for the first time in my life—walking across International Bridge into Niagara Falls, Canada.

There was an experience on Goat Island I shall never forget. I had walked up the island, away from the falls, some little distance. The Niagara River is very swift at that point. Out in the river I noticed one huge rock. It seemed like a great, insurmountable barrier standing in the way of the waters rushing toward it from above-stream. To me it was like the insurmountable barriers that frequently seem to confront us—that threaten to *stop* us in our progress. So many people get discouraged and quit.

But not those waters!

The waters of that river swirled *around* the great rock, struck it head-on and splashed *over* it. One way or

another, the waters got past it, and hurried on to their destination—the falls, and then down the swift rapids of the river on into Lake Ontario. The waters didn't lie down. They didn't become discouraged. They didn't quit. They found a way *around* the impassable barrier, and on to their destination. The waters *wouldn't quit!*

I decided that if inanimate mindless elements could surmount and find a way past obstacles, so could I. This experience has often come back to mind when the going has gotten tough, or when I was tempted to become discouraged and quit.

While at Niagara Falls I went thru the Shredded Wheat plant. They had many visitors, who were taken thru the plant on guided tours. At the end of the tour the guests are served shredded wheat the way the factory serves it. Always before it had tasted like straw, or a miniature bale of hay to me, but the way they served it—with sliced bananas and rich cream, and with a wonderful cup of coffee—it was simply delicious.

Visiting Elbert Hubbard

Having a Sunday lay-over in Buffalo I was able to indulge a personal adventure and pleasure. On two or three occasions I had met Elbert Hubbard, world famous writer, author, publisher, and lecturer. Hubbard edited and published two national magazines with a literary flair—*The Philistine*, and *The FRA*.

He himself managed to write most of the contents.

Elbert Hubbard was no shrinking violet. He readily admitted to possessing the largest vocabulary of any man since Shakespeare. In his own ranking of American authors from the days of Washington, Franklin and Jefferson, he "modestly" rated himself number one. When the dictionary contained no word to fit his need, he coined a word that did. He wore semi-long hair, a great broad-brimmed hat, and an artist's bow tie. He hob-nobbed with the great and the near-great, wrote them up in flattering rhetoric—for a price befitting his superlatives.

He wrote "*A Message to Garcia*," which, next to the Bible, sold more copies than anything ever written in that day.

For a few years now, I had been reading Elbert Hubbard regularly. I read his stuff, on my Uncle Frank Armstrong's advice, for style, for flair, for vocabulary, and for ideas in philosophy—tho my uncle had cautioned me against absorbing without question his philosophies and ideas of religion. Hubbard was an agnostic. He seemed to possess a deal of wisdom about men and methods and things—but he was utterly devoid of spiritual knowledge.

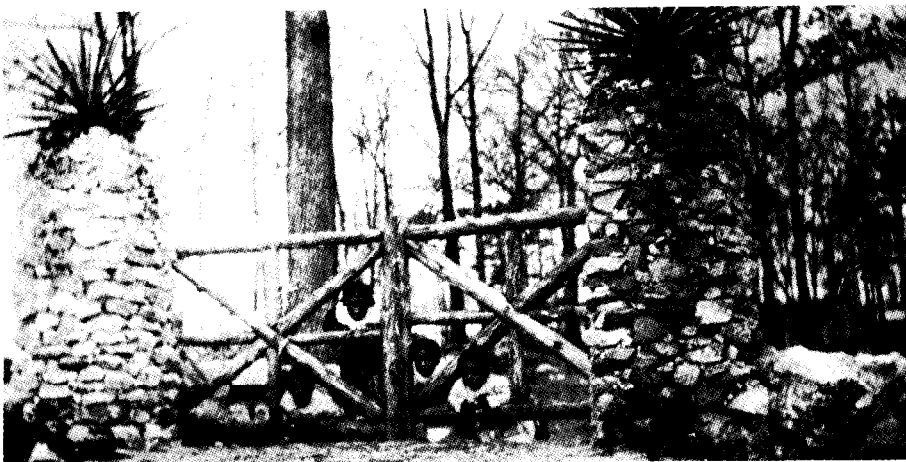
And now my opportunity came to visit this noted sage at his famous Roycroft Inn and Shops, in East Aurora, New York, a short distance south of Buffalo.

The morning was spent at the Inn, browsing around among books and booklets and copies of *The FRA* and *The Philistine*. After lunch at the Inn, Elbert Hubbard came in. He remembered me, from former meetings in Chicago and Des Moines on his lecture tours.

He led the way out on the wide veranda, and started throwing the medicine ball around. As I remember, there were four of us—Hubbard, his daughter Miriam, not far from my age, and another guest. Once I caught Hubbard napping, and socked him on the side of the head with the big medicine ball—and daughter Miriam soon returned the compliment, jolting me with a lalalaloozer. It was fun.

Next, Fra Elbertus, as he liked to style himself, piloted me and the other

This picture showing artistic gate entrance to Greenwood, S.C., hotel proprietor's farm, taken late afternoon at dusk, no direct sunlight, by Herbert Armstrong. He thought of entering this shot in some camera contest, never did, but after 44 years it gets published. These little children are now about fifty years of age!





This camera picture taken, apparently, winter or spring, 1914 or 1915, probably at Des Moines, Iowa, or at farm of relatives 25 miles south of Des Moines.

guest on a tour of the Roycroft shops, where artistic and quality printing was done. Along the way, he picked up a deluxe leather-bound copy of *The Message to Garcia*, inscribed my name in it with his autograph, and presented it to me; and a little later, inscribed in the same manner, he gave me a copy of his "American Bible."

When my mother heard that Elbert Hubbard had published a new Bible of his own, she was gravely shocked—until I explained. Hubbard's own explanation was that the word "bible" simply means "book." It comes from the Greek *biblia*, and by itself has no sacred meaning, merely designating any book. Of course Hubbard's "American Bible" was intended as an agnostic's answer to The Holy Bible, which he regarded merely as the literary and religious writings of the Hebrews.

Since the Bible is composed of a collection of various Books written by various men, combined into one large Book, Hubbard thought he would assemble together a selection of writings of outstanding Americans, including Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, Emerson and Lincoln—and, of course—HUBBARD! A faint insight into Hubbard's rating of the value and

importance of the writings of these Americans may be gleaned from the fact that slightly more than half of the whole book was filled with the writings of all other American writers *combined*, while the writings of Hubbard *alone* filled almost half of the entire book!

Somewhere, thru the years since 1933, these two books personally autographed and presented by Elbert Hubbard have become lost.

Happiness Out of WORK?

Returning to the Inn, Hubbard called out: "Everybody down the basement!"

Here I was put to work, beside Mr. Hubbard, wrapping large scrubbed Idaho potatoes in tissue paper, for packing in "Goodie Boxes." The Roycrofters at that time were advertising in their publications as deluxe gifts these "Goodie Boxes," which were attractive wooden boxes filled with choice vegetables, fruits, nuts, and other "goodies."

As Mr. Hubbard and I chatted away, he began suddenly to chuckle.

"What's so funny?" I queried.

"I was just wondering what you really think of me," he mused. "You visit me as my guest. I charge you full price for your lunch. I try to induce you to stay overnight as a paying guest in my hotel. And at the same time I put you to work without wages."

"Well, who," I asked, "was that self-admitted great philosopher who said: 'Get your happiness out of your work!'"

That pleased him. It was his own quotation, oft repeated in his magazines.

I continued, "I was trying to decide what I really think of you once, and I asked a Unitarian minister who reads your stuff whether he knew what your religion is. He said he wasn't sure whether you have any, but if you do, he was quite sure it originated in your pocket-book."

"Ho! Ho!" roared the Fra gleefully, and then he quickly replied, "Well, anyway, I get away with it, don't I?"

After perhaps an hour of this "getting happiness out of our work" we adjourned to the music salon of the Inn on the ground floor. Sunday evening concerts were frequently held in this room, which contained three Stein-

way grand pianos. By this time, mid-afternoon or later, several other guests had arrived. Hubbard ascertained that three of us played the piano. We compared notes and found only one tune all three could play from memory, the waltz "The Pink Lady."

So, with Elbert Hubbard leading like a maestro with great gusto and sweeping arm motions, the three pianos rang out while those assembled sang or waltzed.

As we broke up, Hubbard again urged me to stay overnight, but I had to be on the job early Monday morning, so caught the late afternoon train back to Buffalo.

That's about all I remember of that first "Idea Man" trip. From Buffalo I continued on east to Rochester, Syracuse, Rome, Utica, Troy and Albany, from whence I returned back to Des Moines I may have stopped off at a number of towns and small cities thru Ohio, Indiana and Illinois on the return trip. I do not now remember whether I did this, or returned on a thru train to Chicago, and then directly to Des Moines.

Write Your Autobiography As You Go!

At this point I am constrained to offer the reader some advice on how to write an autobiography. Don't wait until you are 65 to write it. Start writing it at age 3 or 5, and turn it out on the installment plan—as you go. Write it while the events are fresh on your mind. Of course you'll find this method has its drawbacks, too. You won't know at the time which events will stand out in later life as important or interesting, and probably you'll write down about fifty times as much as you'll finally use.

But I find that trying to write the whole thing in retrospect later in life is rather frustrating, too. A lot of things begin to seem all jumbled up. I was sure, when I started writing about these "Idea Man" trips, that the very first one took me west as far as Grand Island, Nebraska, south thru Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, east thru Louisiana and Mississippi, then north thru Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky. I started to write it that way, but found it wouldn't work out. Then it came back to mind from somewhere in those

mysterious recesses of memory how the first trip was the one into New York State and back. So that portion had to be re-written.

Even now, it seems I must have started on this "Idea Man" work earlier than I had remembered, and that the period spent on the magazine "make-up" at the Successful Farming composing room was spent somewhere in between these editorial trips. In any event every effort is being made toward accuracy, and this account, as you are reading it, is approximately accurate I'm sure.

One reason why I am mentioning the names of most of the towns and cities visited on these trips is that The PLAIN TRUTH has readers in all these places, and I have felt it might add a certain interest to those particular readers to know I had visited their towns. I think that in most of them I could still name the hotels where I stayed.

Becoming An "Early Bird"

The second Idea Tour took me to Atlanta, Georgia, up the Atlantic Coast to Virginia, and back across from there. I do remember some events from this tour, and a few may be worth recording.

As memory serves me now, I believe this must have been the trip during which I travelled some days down the Mississippi River on a large river steamer. I remember such a trip, and it doesn't seem to fit in at any other time.

As I remember it now, I went first to Davenport, Iowa, possibly making stops in search of ideas at Iowa City and other towns along the way, and travelling by river boat to Muscatine, Ft. Madison, and Keokuk, Iowa, where the boat was lowered thru the locks of the big dam; then terminating the river-boat mode of transportation at Quincy, Illinois. This river boat travel was quite intriguing at the time.

The itinerary next took me across Illinois to Springfield, Decatur, and Mattoon, and to Terre Haute, Indiana; then south to Vincennes, and Evansville, then Henderson and Hopkinsville, Kentucky. At Hopkinsville, I remember, I was assigned to the "Bridal Suite" of the hotel, of which the hotel employes seemed effusively proud. It was a large

room, rather old fashioned, but dolled up in a manner the staff thought quite distinguished. There were stops at Clarksville and Nashville, Tennessee, and then a night I well remember at the Patton Hotel in Chattanooga.

At this time I was sleeping so well nights that I was having a fight with will-power to awaken and get up mornings. Everything I had read about the lives of great and successful men on the subject indicated that all such men are early risers. Not that I desired worms, but I did want to be the early bird. I wanted to be a success. A successful man must discipline himself. I had determined to establish the habit of being an early riser. I could not always depend on hotel clerks getting me up by a call in the mornings, especially in smaller town hotels, so I had purchased a Baby Ben alarm clock which I carried with me.

But I found myself drowsily turning off the alarm and going back to sleep. I was getting good and determined. At the Hotel Patton, before retiring for the night, I called for a bell boy.

"You going to be on duty at 6 in the morning?" I asked.

"Yassuh, Ah'll be heah," he assured me.

"Well then, do you see this half dollar on the dresser?"

His eyes glistened. The usual tip in those days was a dime. A half dollar was a very EXTRA SPECIAL big tip.

"You pound on my door at 6 A.M. until I get up and let you in. Then you stay here until you see I am dressed, and that half dollar is yours."

You may be sure I didn't go back to bed, roll over and go back to sleep at 6 A.M. next morning. This system worked so well I kept it up until the "early-bird" HABIT was established. This was one more example of having to put a *prod* on myself, to *drive* the self to do what *ought* to be done, instead of giving in to inclination or impulse.

Silk Gloves

This trip must have been taken in the winter—probably immediately after the New York State trip which had ended in early January. In Iowa we had worn gloves in the winter, kid gloves

for dress. In Atlanta it was too warm for kid gloves. I'm not at all sure, now, that any gloves were needed. We never think of wearing gloves in Southern California, and it probably is not noticeably colder in Atlanta. Probably the main incentive was to "look sharp," rather than cold hands, but I bought taupe colored silk gloves with three stripes of black braid trim on the back. If vanity is the main ingredient of human nature, I had a lot of human nature. I suppose a peacock feels about like I did.

In Atlanta I stopped at the narrow but very tall Wynecoff Hotel—the hotel made nationally famous by a terrible fire several years ago. I remember I went there because it was "fireproof."

Starting back north, stops were made in search of merchandising ideas at Gainsville, Ga., and then Greenville, South Carolina. Near Greenville was a famous rustic-fenced ranch. A Sunday was spent there, and with other travelling men the day was spent going out to this unusual ranch. I still have a picture or two taken at the place, which I'll let you see with this article.

Then on to Spartanburg, Charlotte, and Greensboro, North Carolina, and Lynchburg, Virginia, from which point I turned back west, stopping at Roanoke, then Bluefield, West Virginia, and on to Ironton and Portsmouth, Ohio. Next stops were made at Chillicothe, Columbus, Springfield, Piqua, Dayton, in Ohio.

You Can't TASTE Smoke

Next, another Sunday layover was spent in Richmond, Indiana. On the mezzanine floor of the hotel a Sunday afternoon argument ensued between five or six travelling men.

One of the men made the ridiculous and outlandish statement that no one can *taste* smoke. The other fellows laughed at him.

"You're crazy," exclaimed one. "Why, all the cigar and cigarette manufacturers advertise that *their* brand TASTES better!"

"Sure," answered the "crazy" fellow, "but it isn't true. You only *smell* the smoke of tobacco—you can't taste it!"

He offered to prove it. We went to the cigar counter and bought about three
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WHY Ministers say:

"You don't need to *understand* the Bible"!

by Roderick C. Meredith

IN THIS AGE of the "Sputnik" and "Explorer" earth satellites—in this age of TREMENDOUS change in all life and thought, caused by the fantastic scientific inventions of man—*where* is the voice of God's *PROPHET*?

What does Almighty GOD have to say about the awesome time in which we live?

IS THERE REALLY A GOD? Has God *forsaken* His creatures? Why do we behold the deafening SILENCE from the professing ministers of God about the real *meaning* of the age in which we live?

Or, if we hear anything at all, why is the message couched in generalities, in uncertainties, in empty platitudes, in the mumbo-jumbo double talk so familiar to theologians?

Yes, WHY—if God is speaking through the ministers today?

The Shocking Truth

Part of the answer is revealed in recent surveys of American church-goers.

Notice! One recent survey found that more than half of those interviewed were unable to name even *one* of the four Gospels!

Another survey asked people whether they felt that religion was "very important." A vast majority of Americans said that it *was*. But then they were asked: "Would you say that your religious beliefs have any effect on your ideas on politics and business?"

Fifty-four per cent said, "No."

Pollsters found that eighty per cent of Americans believe Christ is God. But when thirty outstanding Americans were recently asked to name the hundred most important events in history, the birth of Christ came *fourteenth*—tied with the discovery of X-ray and the Wright brothers' first plane flight!

In the light of these facts, is it any wonder that the American church-goer is IGNORANT of any possible relationship between the Bible and the *mo-*

mentous times in which we live?

Same Shocking Conditions in Britain

It is significant that a Gallup Poll in Britain last year disclosed similar findings. As reported by the London "News Chronicle," the religious poll in Britain revealed that: "Only *one* in *nine* regards acceptance of the New Testament as the hallmark of a Christian. In the view of most people it is no longer essential to accept the Bible as Gospel to be a Christian."

The poll also revealed: "The trend today is away from the churches and from the concept of a personal God, towards the uncertainty of agnosticism and the impersonality of a life force."

It may be painful to admit—especially in the face of growing "modernism" and moral laxity—but *people follow their leaders!* If the ministers of Britain and America were thundering to their congregations the message of the Bible, if they were *reading, explaining and expounding* the very word of God in the church services, their flocks would *automatically* come to understand the *reality* of God and the importance of His will and way.

There is a REASON for the appalling *ignorance* and spiritual *lethargy* existing even among those who attend church regularly!

Why No Prophets Today?

Many people have wondered why God Almighty has not inspired the lips of denominational preachers with prophetic messages on the *meaning* of the awesome events occurring before our eyes. WHY are the pulpits so silent or so vague in the face of some of the most dramatic events in earth's history?

Here again, the real *reason* is that the ministers are not *studying* and *preaching* the BIBLE as the solid foundation of all their ministry. Remember that Jesus said we are to live by EVERY word of God.

Did you know that fully ONE THIRD

of the Bible is *prophecy*? How many sermons on Bible PROPHECY have you heard in church during the past year? Does this number represent about *one third* of the total? If not, WHY not?

God revealed to the apostle Paul the spiritual degeneracy that would dominate in these last days. Under inspiration, Paul warned Timothy: "Preach the WORD; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." How FEW are the ministers who preach this way *today!*

Paul continued: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and *they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables*" (II Timothy 4:2-4).

Paul's prophetic warning has become a sad REALITY!

In increasing number, the new leaders of this professed Christianity consist of modernists, psychologists and "do-gooder" sociologists—all of whom have practically *no knowledge whatever* of the Bible, and very little interest in acquiring any. Is it any wonder that church members themselves exhibit an *abysmal ignorance* of what is supposedly the very *source* of their beliefs?

How the Bible is Regarded

Perhaps many of you have not fully realized the extent to which our modern day organized church denominations have departed *completely* and *absolutely* from the Bible in their faith and practice—and in many cases without any apologies whatever.

The following newspaper headline illustrates this heathenish trend: "*Biblical Law Ignored; Ladies Will Preach.*"

The newspaper article continues: "Two of the nation's largest Protestant denominations are making a clean break with St. Paul's classic advice to early Christians: 'Let your women keep silent in the churches.' Henceforth, women

will be able to speak—with the full authority of ordained ministers. . . .”

Ask yourself candidly, how do you think Jesus Christ feels about that headline—“Biblical Law Ignored”?

Did you notice the careful way in which this newspaper writer worded his announcement of *rank heresy*? He said the denominations were making a break with Paul’s “classic” advice to “early” Christians.

Let us correct that misleading statement! These two large denominations are making a clean break with Paul’s inspired COMMAND to ALL Christians of EVERY generation!

God’s Word tells us: “ALL scripture is given by *inspiration* of God, and is profitable for *doctrine*, for *reproof*, for *correction*, for *instruction* in righteousness” (II Tim. 3:16).

No matter how well organized, how deeply entrenched within our social structure, how highly regarded by this world’s society any group of ministers may be, they CANNOT be the true ministers of God if they *reject* His Word and *refuse* obedience to His commands!

When men openly substitute *human reason* and the *customs* of worldly society for the divine revelation of God, then we have “respectable” PAGANISM! Such worship is a *vain thing* in the eyes of God. Jesus said: “Howbeit *in vain* do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men” (Mark 7:7). Then He added: “Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition” (verse 9).

How often do the dignified clergymen of today announce that such and such a custom has been “hallowed” by “traditional” observance in their particular denomination? Since when does *human reason* or *human tradition* hallow—or make *holy*—anything?

No, it is GOD who sets the standards. It is Almighty GOD who determines what is right and what is wrong—not a divided and confused “churchianity.”

What Is Sin?

Another example of how denominational leaders cast aside the Bible authority was given to me the other day in the form of a newspaper advertisement. It was a religious advertisement by a

major Protestant denomination, and the heading read: “*What is SIN?*”

In the key paragraph which answers the question, this Church publicly states: “The way we look at it—that is, the way it’s interpreted to us—sin is defined as the error of imposing our own wills over God’s will.”

To anyone who does not know his Bible, this might not seem like such a bad definition. But if you think about it, this “definition” of sin is not a definition of sin at all!

It leaves completely open for interpretation *what God’s will really is*. And only the answer to THAT defines *what sin is!*

Moreover, this man-made definition completely *overlooks* and *evades* the plain, clear, divinely inspired definition of sin given in the Bible. In I John 3:4, God says: “*Sin is the transgression of the law.*”

What is wrong with GOD’S definition of sin?

The truth of the matter is that churchmen *don’t like* God’s definition and they *don’t like* God’s law as summarized in the Ten Commandments. Taken for what it says, that law strips bare all the *rottenness* and *perversity* that has crept into modern churchianity!

Instead of admitting this—and *correcting* it—men prefer to reason: “The way WE look at it—that is, the way it’s interpreted [by whom?] to us . . .”

It’s time to WAKE UP!

Do you begin to realize how FAR modern “Christendom” has departed from the Christianity of the New Testament? Do you see WHY God has not raised up any inspired *prophets* as a part of modern churchianity? Why such little *understanding* of these times is voiced from the pulpits? Why the inspired voice of Divine AUTHORITY is lacking among today’s prominent religious leaders?

Can We UNDERSTAND?

Many people become frustrated and turn away from religion altogether because their ministers do not *understand* the meaning of these turbulent times. They seem able to preach only empty platitudes which have *no connection* with the dramatic happenings about us.

The obvious reason is that these min-

isters do NOT study or understand *whole sections* of the Bible. The vital *one third* of the Bible which is devoted to prophecy is particularly neglected. But many other parts which make possible a right *understanding* of prophecy are also considered “unimportant” and *unknown*.

Shocking as it may seem, even the *very plan of salvation* is not considered “important” to understand by some of the well known evangelists touring the nation and the world!

Just the other day, on a radio broadcast, I was surprised to hear one such well known evangelist say in effect: “You say you can’t understand all the complexities of God’s plan as revealed in the Gospels? Well, *you don’t need to understand it. Don’t TRY to understand it now.* Just come to God through simple faith in Jesus Christ.”

Without being sarcastic, I would like to ask—how “simple” can your faith be when you don’t even attempt to understand the truth on which God’s Plan is founded?

The apostle Paul was inspired to write: “Wherefore be ye not unwise, but UNDERSTANDING what the will of the Lord is” (Eph. 5:17).

The instruction he gave Timothy is recorded for Christians of all ages: “*Study* to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (II Tim. 2:15).

We can understand the Bible if we will *study* it, and if we will OBEY it. *The lack of willingness to obey God has caused many a minister and many a church to close their eyes for all time to basic scriptural truth.*

All too often, ministers hire themselves out to the people and preach *only* what the people want to hear. As a warning to ministers of every age, God says: “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children” (Hosea 4:6).

If any church or any individual is willing to OBEY God’s law, and to *walk* in the light as God reveals that light, God’s *plan* and *purpose* WILL be undestroyed.

But the Holy Spirit is given *only* to

those who OBEY God (Acts 5:32). "A good understanding have all they that DO his commandments" (Psalm 111:10).

And an *inspired understanding* of Bible prophecy is available to those who will *obey God's law!* You can KNOW what lies just ahead, and understand the real *meaning* of the dramatic age in which we live!

God's Prophetic Warning Is Being Preached

God has NOT left this confused, divided, war-torn world without an *inspired* PROPHETIC MESSAGE revealing the *exact course* of future events—and the vital *meaning* of these times in God's great Plan.

There is *one* work—ONE Church—which alone is preaching to the nations the *same message* of repentance and obedience which Jesus preached, and which is being *used* and *empowered* by Almighty God in preaching His prophetic WARNING to the entire world.

It is not a big, popular, organized denomination of men—because God NEVER used such an organization to carry His prophetic warnings. You will search the Bible *in vain* for an example of this.

God's Church today is not "accepted" by the ecclesiastical organizations of men. *And it should not be!* Jesus said: "WOE unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the *false prophets*" (Luke 6:26).

Christ called His Church the "little flock" (Luke 12:32). He said it would be *scattered* and *persecuted* (John 15:20). But God always describes His Church as an *obedient* Church—*keeping ALL of His commandments*. "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12).

Because of their willingness to *obey*, God has opened wide to understanding the Bible prophecies to His servants. His Church is now preaching with Divine AUTHORITY the *exact, specific* and DEFINITE prophesied events that lie just ahead in world affairs. His Church is the *only* one that is warning America and Britain of the imminent DANGER that looms just ahead for our peoples—of *where* that danger lies, *when* it will manifest itself, *how* it will come about,

and WHY God is permitting it.

No, *God's inspired prophets have NOT vanished from the earth!* In specific terms, His servants are now beginning to THUNDER His warning message to a misguided, heedless world!

You are NOW reading part of that message! *Within this present living generation, men and nations will come to realize that the message you hear over "The World Tomorrow" broadcast and read in The PLAIN TRUTH magazine is directly from Almighty God, the Creator-Ruler of the universe!*

"Responsible" Ministers?

Regardless of the PROOF of *fulfilled prophecy* and the evidence of an *inspired understanding* of God's Word, carnal human church leaders will always seek to justify themselves. They will viciously attack, slander, and label as "irresponsible" anyone who disagrees with their basic doctrines and who will not join or "co-operate" with their ecclesiastical-political machine.

The charge of "irresponsible" is the one most frequently leveled against those who refuse to conform. In actual fact, by "irresponsible" ministers they mean those who are not *appointed* or *elected* by some board or human organization of men which, in turn, is *elected* by the lay church members.

Also, to be considered "responsible" the minister and church must be an active part of the ecclesiastical organizations and councils of the land. They must show an attitude of going along with and co-operating with the various church agencies established and controlled by the major Protestant denominations. In order to have a "clean bill of health," their doctrine must not be considered "offensive" to any of the major denominations.

The "responsible" minister must also take an active part in the political and social life of his community. He should be a member of the Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary Club or similar organizations. In all things, he should demonstrate his *approval* and *participation* in the community's civic and social organizations.

In plain language, to be considered "responsible" a minister must be PART AND PARCEL WITH THIS HELL-BENT WORLD!

In the final analysis, he must be "responsible" to the *people* and *preach what THEY want to hear*, take part in their PAGAN traditions, and approve of their SINFUL ways!

Now let's get this straight once and for all!

God's *true* ministers are NOT called by *men*. They are called and inspired by *Him*. They are NOT responsible to men—but to GOD!

They are to *serve* the people by preaching God's message whether the people like it or not!

God's ministers must come OUT of this world—its human organizations and societies (James 4:4). They must preach the TRUTH—regardless of whom it offends.

A true minister must be *totally* SURRENDERED to the *rule* and *will* of Almighty God. He must STUDY the Bible humbly as a little child to drink God's will *out* of it—not to read his denomination's doctrine *into* it. He must let God's Word CORRECT and REPROVE him where he is wrong.

He must *obey* ALL of God's commandments through Christ in Him. Not trying to argue or reason around it, he must strive to LIVE by EVERY word of God. He must *surrender* to let God *guide* him, *use* him, *speak through* him.

Is such a man a "responsible" minister?

Yes, he is totally "responsible" to Almighty GOD!

Now do you understand?

As proof, turn and read some of the other fascinating articles in this magazine! Some of them in each issue are *prophetic*—and they will tell you EXACTLY and SPECIFICALLY what is soon going to occur. The doctrinal articles will reveal a depth of *understanding* of God's Word, plan and purpose that is unsurpassed. This is the ONLY work on earth where this *spiritual* and *prophetic understanding* is available. There is NO OTHER source!

Many of you have realized this and have wondered *why*. That is because the ministers in this Work of God are *truly* "responsible." They are *God's* ministers—and this is the work of *God's true Church!*

"He that hath ears to hear, *let him hear.*"

Is the BIBLE out-of-date in the SPACE AGE?

Read the answers to this CHALLENGING question!

by Herman L. Hoeh

THE CREATION of earth satellites has shocked the world. Everywhere we hear world leaders cry out for a "new concept of God and morality."

But *where* are we to find this "new concept" in this materialistic SPACE AGE?

Is the Bible the source?—or is it a Book of outdated superstition and errors?

Something is needed to reverse the world's plunge to doom. But can the world be rescued by *throwing away* the Holy Scripture?

What would take its place?

The World in CONFUSION!

We live in an age of mass education, an age of tremendous technological advancement. But instead of peace and security, we are reaping the fruits of fear and of war! Everyone seems to be crying out for SECURITY! Governments promise security from the cradle to the grave—**BUT WHO WILL MAKE THE GOVERNMENTS SECURE?**

The great and the near-great of our era have been predominantly *agnostic*. Many publicly admit they don't know that God exists or what life is all about. Think of it! Developers of space travel just don't know what life is all about!

In this age of increasing knowledge—or is it *misknowledge*?—many of the greatest men plead ignorance to life's most important problems. "We have outgrown God," they contend. "He was suitable for a period of superstition and ignorance when religion predominated. But we do not live in a religious age. We have created a scientifically minded world."

Almost everywhere the Bible account of astronomy, of geography, of the origin of life and the human family is considered so primitive that it is not worth our study. Even its spiritual prin-

ciples of human conduct—which the world calls "morals"—are regarded as narrow-minded.

Jesus, they contend, uttered noble platitudes. But His teachings are considered quite impractical for today's needs. After all, how could Jesus know what would take place today? He lived in a small section of the world at a time when travel was slow—when the world was *not* threatened with human annihilation! Today things are different. We need to be practical and face realities. And so the Bible is declared out-of-date—impractical. *But is it?*

Beside all this, we are told the Bible is filled with errors and contradictions. Ask almost anyone about Bible contradictions and he is likely to reply that the Book abounds with them. Ask him where they are, and he will probably respond: "Well, I don't know where one is at the moment. I just don't bother to study the Bible—but I know there are contradictions in it!"

"You can prove anything by the Bible," is another common expression. Surely you can prove anything by the Bible—*IF you twist its meaning and turn its truth upside down* as hundreds of church denominations have been doing.

WHY Bible Is Rejected!

A strange paradox exists today. After nearly 6000 years of human history, noted men still admit that they do not know what life is all about. They have *not found the path to understanding the purpose of human existence.*

And *why* haven't they?

In our enlightened era, the masses are being swayed *to take for granted* that the Bible has been outgrown—that it has served its purpose. Of course, it is still used in taking oaths. It is read from the pulpits. It is translated anew as though it were merely ancient litera-

ture—**BUT ITS TEACHINGS HAVE BEEN REJECTED!** Its *solution* of the world's ills has been repudiated without being tested!

Why?

Because people have **TAKEN FOR GRANTED** what the Churches say about the Bible.

They have *assumed* that the Bible teaches what hundreds of conflicting and disputing sects claim it does. But they have not really examined it themselves *with an open mind* to learn what it does say. If they did, they would be mightily surprised. It does not teach what is commonly supposed!

The Bible is indeed the Book that almost nobody knows. And no wonder!

Most ministers have strayed far from its teachings. Malachi said that the people ought to go to the ministers for an understanding of the **LAW** of God which can bring us peace. But what has happened? "Ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble *at the LAW . . .*" (Malachi 2:8). The ministers today have invented their own traditions and altered the *law of God*—the very law that would bring us security in this SPACE AGE!

What Ministers Say About the Bible

It would probably be **SHOCKING** to you if you knew what many leading ministers personally think and publicly say about the Bible! Here is what *Harry Emerson Fosdick*, a noted American minister of New York, wrote in his book *The Modern Use of the Bible*:

"We know now that every idea in the Bible started from primitive and child-like origins . . ." and that it is an "impossible attempt to harmonize the Bible with itself, to make it speak with unanimous voice, to resolve its conflicts and contradictions. . . ."

Why did Dr. Fosdick write this? Was he convinced that there was no proof of

the inspiration of the Bible? OR WAS HE OVERLOOKING THE PROOF—AND NEGLECTING THE TRUTH?

Dr. James Moffatt, who produced a famous English rendering of the Bible, says in his introduction to the Bible that many of its books are "notes by disciples, worked up into literary papers which have been repeatedly edited, sometimes by pious collectors."

To this learned man the earlier portions of the Bible stemmed from "the natural desire to gather up the primitive traditions of the people."

Notice! Here is one of the foremost Biblical scholars declaring that the Bible has a natural origin in human *traditions!*—implying that it is *not* backed by *fact!* What made him believe such an idea? Was he without proof of the inspiration of Scripture? Surely, if there were proof for the inspiration of the Bible, these men would not have overlooked it—would they? . . . or DID THEY FIND THE PROOF AND REJECT IT?

Sincere, but Ignorant?

SHOCKING UTTERANCES SUCH AS THESE ARE THE PRODUCT OF HUMAN REASON! To the natural mind the Bible is merely a book of tales and stories, and fabulous solutions to the question of human origin and destiny. What irrefutable *proof* do these men offer for propounding the concept that the Bible was fraudulently written by Hebrews who only "claimed" divine authority for their mere human utterances?

None!

HAVE THESE MEN BEEN ABLE TO DISPROVE THE BIBLE?—to disprove the existence of its great characters—to disprove the occurrence of its outstanding historic events?

No!

Would man go to all this trouble to imply the Bible were false if he thought it to be actually true?

INDEED MAN WOULD!

People secretly *want* to serve their own lusts. They want to be in ignorance of God's law and way of life! They do not want the astounding proof that the Bible is true, that it is inspired—that it can be proved right!

As Jeremiah the prophet was inspired to write: "An appalling and horrible thing is come to pass in the land: the

prophets prophesy in the service of *falsehood*, and the priests bear rule at their beck; and My people love to have it so" (Jer. 5:30-31).

The ministers just won't preach the truth!

Where Is the PROOF?

Everyone today demands proof of the authority of the Bible! People have a chip on their shoulders, so to speak. They want someone to prove whether the Bible is true. Christ prophesied this condition would exist in these end days (Luke 18:8). Of course it is right that we should prove it! And there is proof—proof of the most amazing kind—proof that ought to rock civilization to its foundation! But the world is wilfully ignorant of it.

Believe it or not, THE WORLD ALREADY KNOWS OF THE PROOF but is unwilling to accept it. It has seen the proof; it has felt it; it has dug it up; it has read it; it has published it—but the world has *rejected* it because it does not want to believe and *surrender its will* to the Bible.

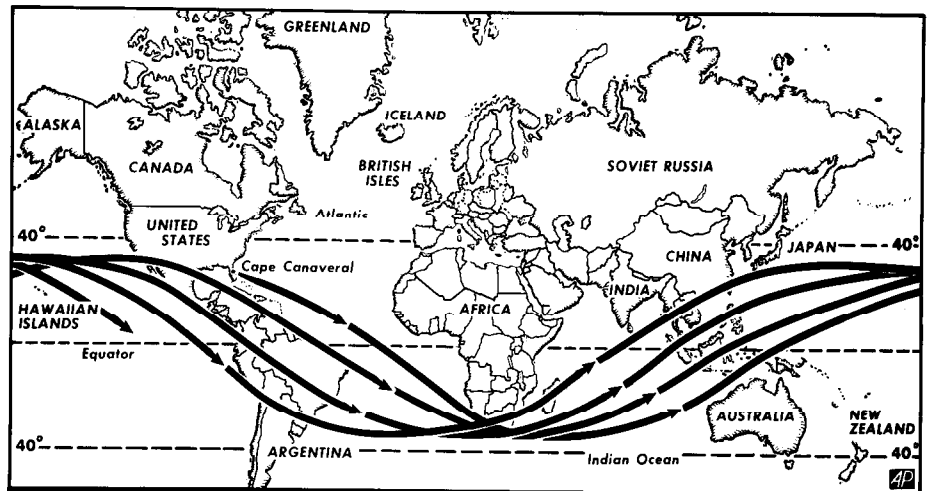
ONLY THE FOOL WOULD REJECT THE EVIDENCE of creation and of prophecy. But, sadly, the world is filled with fools! It has rejected both.

The world has not only turned the truth upside down, but it has also turned the proof upside down—making right *seem* wrong and true proof *seem* disproof.

If you do not yet realize this incom-

This map locates the first four projected passes over the earth of the Army's Jupiter-C missile. It was launched to orbit at about a 20° angle to the equator. America's crying need for trained scientists is obscuring her much greater need for a knowledge of God's Revelation of man's eternal destiny!

—Wide World Photo



prehensible paradox, here is an example of it!

Jesus Is NOT a MYTH

Are you aware of the fact that most people have taken the existence of Jesus of Nazareth for granted? They have never proved whether the New Testament record of Jesus is really true! HAVE YOU EVER PROVED WHETHER JESUS ACTUALLY LIVED?

As this article is being written, I have in front of me a daring book entitled *Jesus—God, Man or Myth?* by Herbert Cutner. According to its publishers, "This book, the result of extensive research, proves that Jesus never lived. The non-historical character of the Bible Jesus is established by carefully-sifted data that will surprise those who have given little thought to the subject.

"The cumulative evidence that Jesus is an *invented* character," say the publishers, "is presented with telling force and the book shows also that the Jesus, the man who went around 'doing good' was no . . . flesh-and-blood man. . . ."

Our question is this: IF JESUS, THE CENTRAL FIGURE IN THE BIBLE, DID NOT EXIST, THEN WHY PRETEND TO BELIEVE THE BIBLE—and if Jesus did exist, then why continue to reject what He said and taught?

What proof is there that Jesus lived, performed miracles and chose apostles? What proof is there that He was born of a young virgin?

The Bible, of course, states these as

Nearly 13 years ago America dropped first atomic bombs on Hiroshima (right) and Nagasaki (below), Japan. Each of these cities was blasted off map by one bomb. Today, the space age makes it possible to wipe out whole nations in a moment of time. Man has now developed the Frankenstein Monster that will destroy him unless God intervenes in world affairs as He has promised to do!

—Wide World Photos



not want Jesus to rule over them.

Jesus' Miracles Recorded

The Talmud records Jesus' HEALING of the blind, the halt and the leprous. It also MENTIONS HIS WALKING ON THE SEA! There is also a FULL LIST OF REFERENCES TO JESUS' MOTHER, the virgin Mary. These events are therefore here admitted to be historical *fact*—they are recorded history!

Josephus, the Jewish *historian* of the first century, also ADMITS THE HISTORICITY OF JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES, as he does also of John the Baptist. He calls John the Baptist "the good man" (*Antiquities of the Jews*, xviii: 5, 2). Scholars accept the genuineness of Josephus' statement about the death of James, "the brother of Jesus who was called Christ" (*Ant.*, xx.9, 1).

Did the ROMANS KNOW that Pontius Pilate gave sentence for the crucifixion of Jesus? Says Tacitus, around 115 A.D., in *Annals*, xv, 44: "Christ, from whom they [Christians] derive their name was condemned to death by the procurator Pontius Pilate in the reign of the Emperor Tiberius."

If Jesus did not live, how could He have been crucified? And why would the pagan Roman historian Tacitus acknowledge Him if He were only a *myth*? Let the agnostic answer that!

Here is the proof outside of the Bible

facts. But can we believe the Bible? What PROOF OUTSIDE OF THE BIBLE ITSELF is there that Jesus was a historical figure? Certainly of all people the Jews ought to know!

If Jesus did not exist, they would have had no reason to reject Him! *Although these Jews disliked Christ, they were forced by the very circumstance of His power, to take recognition of Him in their records.* What do the Jewish records admit? What did Herbert Cutner overlook when he pretended to deny the reality of Jesus the Christ?

Jesus Mentioned in Jewish Talmud

Jesus is often mentioned in the JEWISH TALMUD! The Talmud is the record of Jewish debates, doctrines, stories and traditions written in the time of Christ and in the centuries that immediately followed. These references have been shown in detail by many scholars.

The *Jewish Encyclopaedia* tabulates the places where Jesus is mentioned in the Talmud. This Encyclopaedia terms as a mere "subterfuge" the attempt of atheists to run from these references which apply to Jesus of Nazareth.

The MIRACLES OF JESUS WERE NOT DENIED. *Instead the Jews who saw Jesus perform those miracles said He learned sorcery in Egypt*—which is merely another way of stating what we read in Matthew 12:24: "But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This man doth not cast out demons but by Beelzebul, prince of the demons."

Jesus not only lived, but the Jews witnessed His miracles! Let the ignorant atheist deny that!!

The Jews also admitted that Jesus preached *the gospel*. The Talmud called the gospel—represented by the Greek word *evangel* which means "good news"—an *avengil* or "blank paper." They did

—proof that Jesus was born of a virgin
—that His miracles did happen—that
He did preach the gospel of the King-
dom—that He did call disciples—that
He did have brothers!

SINCE THESE FACTS ARE TRUE, THEN THE NEW TESTAMENT RECORD LOGICALLY MUST BE TRUE! And since Jesus declared the Old Testament is authoritative and inspired, *it is also true.*

The ONLY Cure

Thus far, God has let humanity reject the Bible and reap the consequences of rebelling against His rule. Soon, if God would allow humanity free reign, this world would bring such a terrible penalty upon itself that NO HUMAN LIFE WOULD ESCAPE DESTRUCTION. Jesus said so! *"For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation . . . until this time, neither shall be. And except the Lord had shortened those days, NO FLESH SHOULD BE SAVED"* (Mark 13:19-20).

This is a prophecy for today!

But thank God that human beings won't be allowed to destroy themselves. God WILL INTERVENE in human affairs. "We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty . . . because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast REIGNED" (Rev. 11:17). "Of the increase of his government and PEACE there shall be no end" (Isaiah 9:7).

We hear a great deal of talk about peace—but there is no peace! Why? Because "the way of peace they know not" (Isaiah 59:8 and Romans 3:17). Our world leaders do not know the way of peace, because they disregard the source of peace. "The ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly" when they see the cities destroyed and the highways desolate in hydrogen-bomb warfare (Isaiah 33:7).

The Bible is, indeed, the only guide to point the way in this present age of human trial. It has *never* been out of date. *IT IS HUMAN BEINGS WHO ARE BEHIND THE TIME—MENTALLY AND MORALLY UNABLE TO KEEP PACE WITH INVENTIONS OF INDESCRIBABLE HORROR.*

The Bible is indeed the only rational explanation of human existence—and it is meant not only for this SPACE AGE, but for ALL AGES!

Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

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sets of cigars, two of each exactly alike, then returned to the Mezannine. The first doubter was asked to put the two identical cigars in his mouth, one at a time, lighting only one of them. Then he was blindfolded, and one of the other fellows held his nose so he could not smell. The lighted cigar was then put in his mouth.

"Now tell us which cigar I put in your mouth—the lighted one or the one not lighted. Go ahead, puff on it. Tell us which cigar you are puffing on." This was the challenge of the "crazy loon."

The guinea-pig gave two or three big puffs.

"Aw," he exclaimed, "this is silly. Why should I puff on *this* cigar? It isn't lit. There's no smoke coming out of this."

The blindfold was jerked off his eyes, and he was amazed to find himself puffing out smoke like a smoke stack!

The experiment was tried on two or three others, with cigarettes as well as cigars. All of us were convinced that you CAN'T TASTE SMOKE—but then, *you* probably will say we were *all* crazy! Nevertheless, from that time it has been difficult for me to believe any manufacturer's brand of cigarettes "taste better," for the simple reason I became convinced they don't TASTE at all—*they SMELL!* I mean that, literally!!

After visiting Muncie, Anderson, Indianapolis, and Lafayette in Indiana, I went on to Chicago and back to Des Moines.

In the next installment I will tell you how I was forced to learn to write on the typewriter in two short weeks, and how I was provoked into originating the survey method of determining attitudes and conditions by representative sampling of opinion, and basing fact-finding on the law of averages; and how I got into Chamber of Commerce work; landed in a town without money for the next meal or a room for the night, with no one I could telegraph for money, and too proud to beg—and how I worked out of that spot, and finally got into business for myself.

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