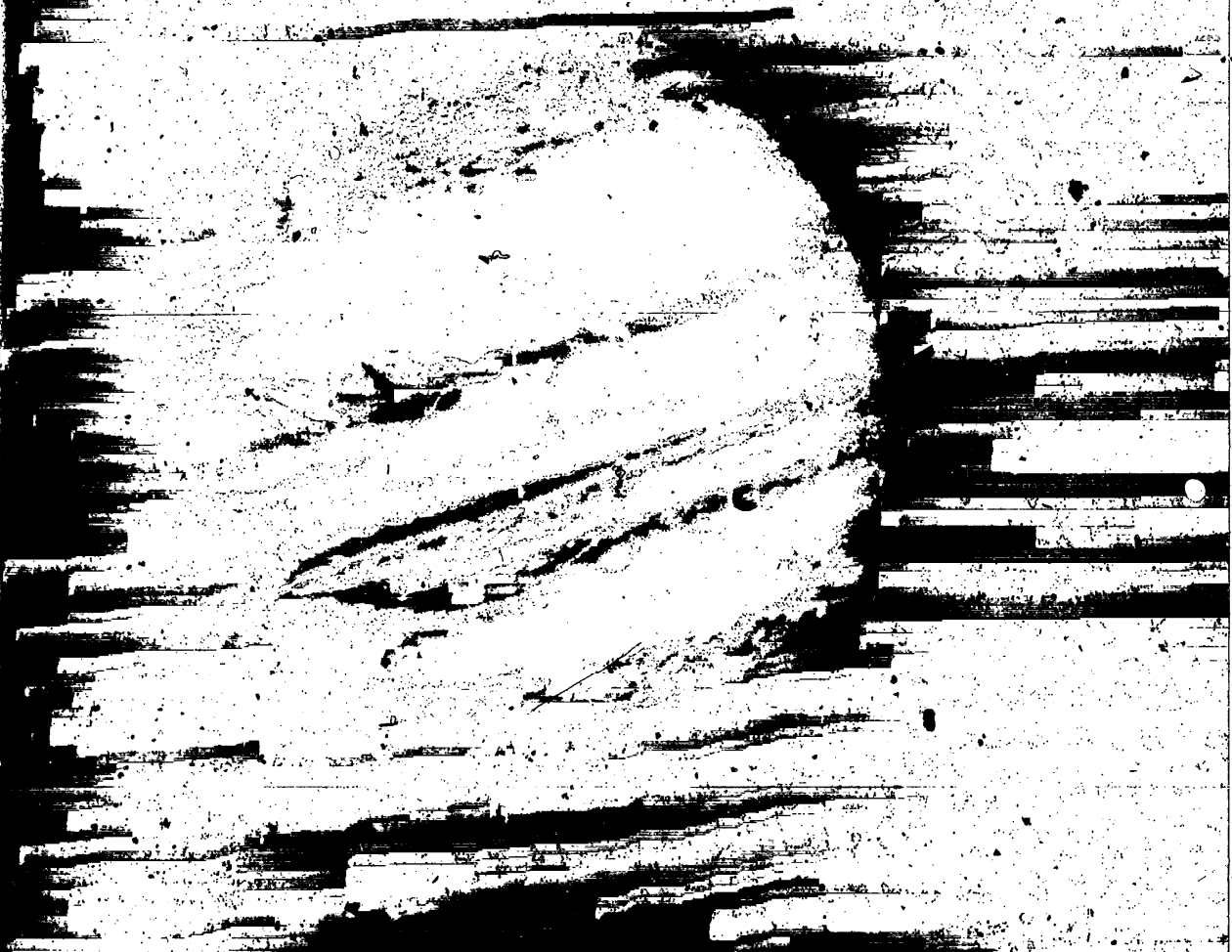


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Personal from...

Robert J. Chamberling

How Do We Know the Answers?

Today the whole world needs a voice to *speak out*, in positive authority, with the ANSWERS to humanity's problems. *The Plain Truth* is that voice. But how do we know the answers? News media, TV documentaries, and books report the news, describe the world's ills; we make plain the meaning. *The Plain Truth* reveals the causes, gives you the solutions, tells how these problems *will be* solved. But how did we come to know?

Today people are bewildered. They are told they must adjust to living in a world of evils, *with no solutions!* Unrest, discontent, protest, violence are escalating. The big question, now, is that of human survival!

In all this moral and social decay, people vent their frustrations in politics. "Let's throw out the party in power," they cry. They vote for a candidate who does no better. People get behind movements—civil rights, black power, the New Left.

Whittaker Chambers, writing in his book *Witness*, said two faiths were on trial. He said human societies, like human beings, live by faith and die when faith dies. He implied that this sick society needed a man whose faith in it—in this sick society—was so great that he would even give his life to defend it. He implied that he was that man. And he implied that the issue was a test of that faith against the equal faith of communism.

All history is the chronicle of man replacing one unworkable and decadent system or culture with another, equally unworkable.

In a United States presidential election, one man was quoted as saying, "Thank God, *both* candidates can't win."

The Plain Truth dares to speak out *above* politics. It dares enlighten its readers of the causes, and the solutions that *will come*. It tells with positive assurance that a world of *PEACE*—a happy, prosperous, joyful WORLD TOMORROW—is just around the corner! *And this is no wishful thinking!*

But how did we come to know? We feel it ought to be made plain to our readers *how* we came to

UNDERSTAND. In the development of its organization, worldwide operations, and UNDERSTANDING, this activity is indeed unique. I know of no one—of no organization—that ever approached these bewildering questions in the same manner.

Often I have asked: How did *you* come to believe what you believe? Few, indeed, ever stop to inquire in retrospect *HOW* they came to believe the things they believe. Everyone has ideas, convictions, beliefs. And others hold entirely *different* beliefs. Yet each is certain, in his own mind, that he is right. What he probably does not realize is *how* these ideas found their way into his mind.

Few realize that *most* of the things they believe were simply taken for granted—carelessly assumed without any proof whatsoever. They believe *that* or *that* because they have "always heard it"—they have read it—or been taught it. They simply accept it. It lodges in the mind. It may be totally untrue, but they *BELIEVE* it and often would fight to uphold its supposed factuality. That careless method probably accounts for 90 to 98 percent of what is in the average mind.

Then, secondly, people believe what they *want* to believe. They *refuse* to accept what they *don't* want to believe, right or wrong. Prejudice is a barrier to the entrance of *fact*, or truth, into the mind.

One says: "My mind is made up—don't disturb me with the *facts*!" Then too, most want to "belong." They go along with their group, their club, their party.

The system of education in this world is primarily one of memory training. One is expected to accept without question, and to believe, whatever is stated in the textbook, or whatever is taught in class. When final exams come along, one is graded not on having investigated and proved or disproved what was taught, but on having memorized and recorded the teaching without question, true or false.

When scientists met at a convention, they agreed in advance that nothing supernatural or miraculous was to be introduced or even

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Part Four:

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PROOFS OF GOD'S TRUE CHURCH

Where is the one and only true Church today—the Church founded by Jesus Christ in A.D. 31? Seven major eye-opening proofs identify it unmistakably.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

The first four proofs of the true Church appeared, in the February, March and April Plain Truths. This installment continues with proof number five.

Proof Five:

THE TRUE GOSPEL

Could anything sound more unbelievable? To say the true gospel of Jesus Christ was not proclaimed to the world during 19 whole centuries—from the middle of the first century until the middle of the twentieth—may sound preposterous!

Incredible! But TRUE!

The world has heard much preaching about Jesus Christ as a person. That is good—but the gospel of Christ is the MESSAGE Christ proclaimed and taught.

Jesus Himself said that many would come in His name, claiming

to represent Him—saying that He, Jesus, is the Christ—and deceiving the MANY (Matt. 24:4-5).

Good News Proclaimed

But the gospel of Jesus Christ is the good news—the message—He proclaimed and taught.

The word *gospel* means "GOOD NEWS." Jesus brought the GOOD NEWS of the world's ONLY and SURE HOPE! And I do not mean an ethereal, spiritualized, unreal hope. He brought the good news of a coming, entirely new and real world. A time when the earth will be filled with PEACE, HAPPINESS, JOY and ETERNAL SALVATION!

God's one original true Church is virtually alone in proclaiming that good news today!

What was that gospel message? One of the proofs that identifies God's one true Church in our time is the fact that, as Jesus foretold, His Church would at this crisis end time be proclaiming that same gospel at last!

But first, notice what was written

in the book of Galatians around A.D. 53 to 58 to the churches in Galatia:

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel; Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ" (Gal. 1:6-7).

Again, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness suppress the truth" (Rom. 1:18, RSV).

No wonder we read of "the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world" (Rev. 12:9).

Gospel Prophesied

The prophet Malachi foretold the proclamation of the gospel, saying,

"the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant" (Mal. 3:1).

Jesus Christ was that Messenger of the New Covenant. Actually Malachi here is referring to the two appearances of Christ on

earth—but verses 2 to 6 definitely refer to His yet-future SECOND coming.

Yet, he did refer also (in verse 1) to Christ's first coming, because this prophecy is quoted in Mark 1:1-2: "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; as it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee."

Actually, this latter statement applies to *both* Jesus' appearing more than 1,900 years ago and to preparing the way before His second coming in power and glory as WORLD RULER. The latter is *now* being prepared from within the one true Church of God! That is another evidence of its identity!

However, in Mark 1, verses 14-15, the account continues describing John the Baptist preparing the way before His first appearing then: "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the KINGDOM OF GOD is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."

Gospel of the Coming Kingdom

The gospel Jesus brought from God, which Christ proclaimed and taught His apostles, was the prophetic message of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD.

Jesus went all over the Holy Land teaching this same gospel. "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom . . ." (Matt. 4:23).

He taught in parables about the KINGDOM OF GOD. Jesus said, "Unto what is the KINGDOM OF GOD like? It is like a grain of mustard seed. . ." (Luke 13:18-19). Again, the KINGDOM OF GOD " . . . is like heaven. . ." (Luke 13:21).

Again: "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the KINGDOM OF GOD, and you yourselves thrust out" (Luke 13:28).

Jesus sent His twelve disciples out to proclaim the KINGDOM. "And he

sent them to preach the KINGDOM OF GOD, and to heal the sick" (Luke 9:2).

He sent another seventy disciples out on a special mission: " . . . the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two . . . into every city and place, whither he himself would come. . ." And He said to them, " . . . heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you" (Luke 10:1, 9).

After His resurrection: " . . . unto the apostles whom he had chosen . . . being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to [concerning] the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:2-3).

The apostles proclaimed the gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD. Philip, who became an evangelist, proclaimed it: "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God . . ." (Acts 8:12).

Gospel Proclaimed to Gentiles

The apostle Paul proclaimed the Kingdom of God to the Gentiles: "And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the KINGDOM OF GOD, shall see my face no more" (Acts 20:25).

Again, Paul "expounded and testified the KINGDOM OF GOD" (Acts 28:23) and "preach[ed] the KINGDOM OF GOD . . ." (verse 31).

To the Corinthian church Paul wrote: "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the KINGDOM OF GOD . . ." (1 Cor. 15:50).

To the Galatians Paul wrote: "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:8). And in verse 9 it was made a DOUBLE curse to preach any other gospel!

Yet THAT GOSPEL WAS SUPPRESSED about or just past the middle of the first century and was not again proclaimed to the world until 1953—19 centuries later—and THEN by the present living generation of that same ONE and ONLY true original Church of God, established by Jesus Christ in A.D. 31!

The proclaiming of that *only* true

gospel message taught by Jesus *identifies* the one and only true Church of God TODAY!

What is the Kingdom of God?

If "traditional Christianity" has NOT proclaimed that gospel—when the Bible is replete with passages showing that was the gospel Jesus preached—HOW DO THEY EXPLAIN IGNORING IT? The Roman Catholic Church simply claims that their church is the Kingdom of God. It is not generally realized, but the pope's title, "Vicar of Christ," means, literally, "in place of Christ." Not one merely serving Christ, but one who has REPLACED Christ! The Kingdom of God was already here! The papacy had come IN PLACE OF Christ, to rule the nations for 1,000 years. And the papacy did rule the "Holy Roman Empire" of Europe 1,260 years—A.D. 554 to 1814! But the popes and all Catholics are flesh and blood, and flesh and blood cannot inherit or enter into the Kingdom of God!

Many Protestant churches have simply designated the Kingdom of God as "the church" in general, not necessarily their particular denomination.

Others have spoken of the Kingdom of God as an ethereal something (or nothing) "set up in men's hearts."

But none of those ideas square with the teaching of Christ and of Paul about what the Kingdom of God is.

The Prophet Daniel Knew

The prophet Daniel, who lived 600 years before Christ, knew that the Kingdom of God was a real kingdom—a *government* ruling over literal PEOPLE on the earth.

Jesus Christ brought additional knowledge about it, which the prophet Daniel might not have known. Still, Daniel knew there was going to be a real, literal Kingdom of God on the earth.

Daniel was one of four extraordinary and brilliant Jewish lads in the Judean captivity. These four men were stationed in the palace of King Nebuchadnezzar, of the Chaldean Empire, in training for special responsibilities in the Babylonian gov-

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THE "PITIFUL, HELPLESS GIANT"

Around the world America is taking a beating. The U.S. stands by helplessly—fearful of "other Vietnams"—while free-world interests crumble in the Middle East and elsewhere. How long will it be before Washington's allies are forced to make other arrangements to protect themselves?

by Gene H. Hogberg

There's a growing view that America is an international patsy," complains Tennessee Senator Howard Baker. Baker's comment cannot be dismissed as mere 1980 presidential campaign rhetoric—although Republican hopefuls are attempting to capitalize on President Jimmy Carter's string of recent foreign policy setbacks.

Another G.O.P. contender, John Connally of Texas, is equally critical. He proclaims that "we seem to have lost our zest for strong leadership—we have to recapture our pride and self-respect before others can feel it for us."

Allies Mystified

America's allies and trade partners around the world are mystified as to why the United States no longer is the active, assertive and purposeful leader of the free world. Instead, Washington gives the impression to friend and foe alike that it is, in the words of the *Wall Street Journal*, a "pushover," and that it appears to be, to quote *Time* magazine, a "baffled, dismayed, uncertain spectator" on the world scene.

America's overall public relations image is so low that even the recently signed peace treaty between Israel

and Egypt is unlikely to have a lasting beneficial effect.

Europeans especially are concerned about America's fall from power. Editorializes the Paris daily *Le Figaro*: "U.S. influence has shrunk in all directions. It has lost Angola, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Yemen, Afghanistan, Laos, Cambodia and most recently a kingpin in Iran, guardian of the Gulf's oil... the Yankee umbrella has more and more holes in it. The free world now asks itself the question: Must it still count on Americans?"

The deepening concern in Europe only confirms what American columnists Roland Evans and Robert Novak label "stark new evidence of America's decline and the fears it has unleashed among U.S. allies."

Through failure to project clear intentions and follow through on announced policy—often backing away from one "firm stand" after another—the current Administration in Washington has reaffirmed the image of the "pitiful, helpless giant," a phrase coined by Richard Nixon following the closing sad scene in Vietnam: the U.S. ambassador being lifted by helicopter from the roof of the U.S. embassy, the American flag tucked under one arm, barely eluding

the clutches of pro-U.S. Vietnamese who desperately wanted to be airlifted from certain death.

America's Most Humiliating Week

During the week of February 11-17, 1979, the United States suffered one of its most shattering series of foreign prestige blows ever—most of them occurring during a single 24-hour period.

First of all, the U.S. ambassador in Afghanistan was kidnapped, then slain in the presence of Soviet advisers. Next, in Iran, U.S. Marines were ordered to surrender rather than resist kidnappers who captured the ambassador and embassy staff.

Immediately after the U.S. showed it lacked the power, and most of all the will, to protect its embassies abroad, President Carter paid an official visit to Mexico where he was treated to a public tongue-lashing by President López Portillo. All the President could muster in response was a self-debasing joke about "Montezuma's revenge."

The siniting of the Mexico City incident was doubly embarrassing, as columnists Evans and Novak reported: "Turning the other cheek to the Mexican president's insult on the same day that the U.S. ambassador

to Afghanistan, was murdered and the U.S. embassy in Iran was stormed precisely mirrored the White House mood and its deficiencies."

Viewing America's crumbling world position, the *Wall Street Journal* in an editorial urged the Administration to "show some backbone somewhere," adding that "in the world of geopolitics, if you lose in one place you will be tested in another. If you lose successively you will be tested in more ways. If you start not even to put up a fight, everyone will start to bully you."

Fatal Sickness

It is doubtful that, given America's current mood, the nation will ever recover from what some have called its case of "terminal timidity."

The reaction to the turmoil in Iran, which led to the Shah's ouster, is a case in point. As the situation deteriorated, Mr. Carter ordered the carrier *Constellation* to sail from the Philippines to the Persian Gulf; three days later he changed signals and ordered the vessel into port at Singapore.

America's fatal sickness could be summed up in a three-word diagnosis: "no more Vietnams." The Vietnam experience shattered American self-confidence—the "pride of your power" (Leviticus 26:19). Nearly every foreign policy gauntlet thrown down by the shrewd strategists in the Kremlin since then has been side-stepped out of fear of getting involved in "another Vietnam."

"The Administration's response to the multiplying challenges and disorders abroad," reports George F. Will in the March 19, 1979 issue of *Newsweek*, "has been a litany of things it will not do; interventions it will not contemplate, bases it will not seek, weapons it will not build. Its policy has been symbolized by two aircraft carriers, the one Carter vetoed and the one he changed his mind about sending toward the Persian Gulf."

"Unreciprocated concessions in diplomacy, unilateral restraint in preparedness, willfully sanguine assessments of Soviet acts . . . and reliance on gestures, all these have accel-

ated the decline of confidence in America's ability to influence events."

A Two-Decade Slide

President Carter, as public opinion polls show, has suffered a great deal because of America's string of foreign policy setbacks. But no single person or cause is to blame. "Rome wasn't built in a day," laments news analyst William Rusher, "and the current image of the United States as a paper tiger is the product of nearly two decades of craven bipartisan kowtowing to 'world opinion.'"

A case in point is the decision to relinquish control over the U.S.-built and operated Panama Canal. Attempting to appease world and Latin American public opinion, Washington caved in to what amounted to blackmail, roughly summed up as: "Give us the waterway or we'll dynamite the locks." Washington's magnanimous decision was supposed to usher in a new era of harmonious relations in the hemisphere.

"Somebody must have forgotten to tell that to President López Portillo of Mexico," adds Rusher. "I repeat: There is no point in getting mad at López Portillo about this. He correctly perceived the true meaning of the canal giveaway, and he has every reason to keep right on giving Uncle Sam the caveman treatment until and unless it stops working."

"The architects of our present low estate respond by caricaturing the point. Anybody who warns that a great nation can ill afford to allow itself to be pushed around by midgets is depicted as a hairy bully determined to force America to maintain a 'macho' posture beyond its power and contrary to its real interests."

The word "macho" has become an epithet among politically involved young Americans who use it to decry almost any show or threat of show of force, regardless of the provocation. The young leaders of today, products of the Vietnam-traumatized '60s generation, have one thing much in common, according to observer Georgie Ann Geyer: "a consuming guilt, a view of America as an evil giant that must be leveled down, a provincial attitude toward the rest of

the world, a lack of any sense of history and a horror of dealing from a position of power."

This hesitation to act when action is called for is producing a very dangerous world, one in which the Soviet Union and its proxy forces, the Cubans, the East Germans and others, are emboldened to take chances with little fear of retaliation.

"Today we see the world order coming unglued," editorialized the *Wall Street Journal* on February 21, 1979. "The last time that happened [in the 1930s] the result was world war."

"Meanwhile, American influence fades. We . . . demonstrate that we no longer have the power or will to defend our own embassies. This is not good for us, not good for our friends, not good for the people of the world."

"The spiral into disorder can be averted only if the U.S. starts to assert itself once again. This does not mean sending the Marines to settle every quarrel in the world. It means . . . asserting our rights unapologetically and keeping our promises to allies."

Failure of Leadership

America's accelerating erosion of power and influence—and the effect this has had on both the economic and military structure of the entire free world—was detailed graphically in a special 30-page section of the March 12, 1979 issue of *Business Week*. The theme of this special report was summed up by the director of an American bank in London who said: "The most talked-about subject in the world is the erosion of American power."

The blunt *Business Week* account pulled no punches whatsoever. It said the United States clearly faces a "crisis of the decay of power" and that this crisis is so pervasive that "there appears to be a failure of leadership at the core."

As in other analyses, the *Business Week* staffers traced the decline back over twenty years. Specifically, they said: "The beginning of the decline goes back to 1956, when the British and French captured the Suez Canal to protect the passage of oil through

it." The Eisenhower Administration decried the move. Unable to see the tie of Mideast oil to power and economic growth, the Administration forced the European powers to back off.

"That significant miscalculation," continued *Business Week*, "underlies a myopia that has afflicted every succeeding Administration: the inability (or unwillingness) to see the economic and monetary implications in foreign policy."

Then, over parts of the next two decades, the United States got mired in Southeast Asia, a far-off place of little economic or strategic importance, especially when stacked up against the Middle East.

At the same time, chronic inflation in the U.S. and endless payments deficits—due in large part to the huge cost of the Vietnam war—sapped the economic health of the U.S. dollar, once the kingpin currency of the free world. America's trading partners have literally been left holding the bag—a monstrous sack of over 500 billion surplus and cheapening dollars!

"Now there are signs of U.S. weakness everywhere," adds *Business Week*; "and cracks are appearing in the [free world's economic] system. The policies set in motion during the Vietnam war are now threatening the way of life built since World War II."

"The biggest reason we've lost our zip is because of the decline of the dollar," says Raymund A. Kathe, a senior vice-president of Citibank in Japan who has been in Asia for 33 years. "We wasted ourselves in Vietnam. Now we've got too many of our dollars abroad that sooner or later we'll have to redeem, and you can't maintain a military abroad when people won't accept your currency."

Alliance Structure at Stake

Europe and Japan are absolutely dependent upon a continuous, reliable flow of oil from the Middle East. And access to the same oil means the difference between continued prosperity or economic depression for the United States.

This sober realization is undoubt-

edly the reason why Washington has dispatched military aid to a beleaguered North Yemen government under assault by troops from Marxist South Yemen in the Arabian peninsula's southwest corner. The South Yemeni forces are aided by Cuban and East German "advisers."

Should the government of North Yemen be overthrown, the shock waves in neighboring Saudi Arabia, its prime patron, would be great. Over a million Yemenis work in Saudi Arabia.

The U.S.—finally showing some backbone—also dispatched several warships to stand watch off the southern Arabian coast. Washington's action, not a very risky one, seems to have made the invaders think twice. Yet, in parts of the U.S. predictable cries of "another Vietnam" were raised.

Few Americans and others in the free world realize that much more is at stake in the Middle East than the supply of oil. The real danger, according to the *Business Week* special report, "is that a vast, global shift in political alignments could occur if control of the Persian Gulf's oil were to fall into hostile hands. There would be a dramatic shift in the regional balance of power," says Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger. "Given their dependency on that part of the world, Japan and Western Europe would have to change their orientation."

In which direction?

"Such a geopolitical realignment," continued this noted economic weekly, "could force the U.S. allies to seek accommodation with a militant Islamic bloc or with the Soviet Union. The result, in either case, would be a loosening of ties with the U.S., which up to now has been the main guarantor of the oil flow from the area. The strain on U.S. military alliances with Europe and Japan, in turn, would weaken the political framework of the Western economic system."

Dangerous Days

The world is heading into a very dangerous period. And the overriding single cause of world instability is the precipitous decline of the power and prestige of the United States.

Even the "peace" negotiated between the Middle East's two most powerful foes, Egypt and Israel, could be dangerous in a broader context. Saudi Arabia, for one, may be forced closer to the radical Arab "rejectionist" cause, as well as into a cozier relationship with the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, the Soviets continue to pick off areas of strategic import around the world once controlled by Britain and the United States. They are close to controlling the southern entrance to the Red Sea with clients Ethiopia on one side and South Yemen (formerly the British protectorate of Aden) on the other.

With the overthrow of the pro-Western Shah, the Strait of Hormuz between Iran and Oman (where Communist insurgents have periodically erupted) is also dangerously exposed. The strait is roughly 30 miles wide and through it from Iran, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, and the various smaller emirates passes approximately two-thirds of international oil exports.

The Soviets know what they want. They want control of the key entrances to the world's oceans, the so-called "narrow seas"—or, as Soviet military strategists sometimes refer to them, "chokepoints."

The Bible calls these straits and canals "gates" (Genesis 22:17 and 24:60) and predicted thousands of years ago that their possession would be part of the birthright of the English-speaking world in the "latter days."

Britain's sun has already set. She has abandoned Aden and the entire line of bases "east of Suez." The United States is giving up the Panama Canal. The Soviets are filling the vacuum.

The nations of Western Europe, as well as Japan, are viewing events in the Middle East with deepening concern. It is becoming plain for all to see that the United States is no longer willing to forcefully contest the inroads of the Soviet Union into regions vital to the free world.

Watch world events in the next few months. A dramatic shift in world power alignments is certain to take shape. □

PART SEVEN:

THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY

Just why did the Ten Tribes of Israel lose their identity? Was it merely because they migrated to different parts of the earth—or was it because they rejected the one and only sign that would show they were God's people? And what does it all have to do with your life today?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

The mystery is now revealed! Not only the answer to what happened to the "Lost Ten Tribes"—but also why they so completely lost their identity!

The main vanguard of the Israelites—the northern kingdom—who bore the national name "Kingdom of ISRAEL"—became a nation *lost* in all history.

So far as historic records are concerned, the earth might as well have opened her mouth and swallowed them.

History does record their captivity by Assyria, 721-718 B.C. They were removed from their cities, towns and farms in their northern part of Palestine, taken as slaves to Assyria, on the southern shores of the Caspian Sea. But by 604-585 B.C., when the southern kingdom of JUDAH was taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, the Assyrians had migrated northwest—and the ten-tribed Israelites with them!

Utterly Lost

They were utterly GONE! They were lost from view! How far northwest they proceeded, or where they finally settled, comes to a blank page in history.

How do historians and theologians explain this?

Not knowing the true answer, they explain it erroneously.

ly. They *assume*, in error, that *all* Israelites were Jews, and that the thirteen million Jews in the world today constitute the entire population of Israelites remaining alive at this time. Some theologians falsely claim that all of the ten tribes who went into Assyrian captivity in 721-718 B.C. returned to Jerusalem with the Jews who returned to build the temple there seventy years after Judah's captivity, 604-585 B.C. But that is total error. Only *part* of Judah went back. And those who returned were *all* of the three tribes of Judah, Benjamin and Levi. Check the genealogies in Ezra and Nehemiah.

The Jews are supposed to be Israel—and *all* of Israel—because they *never* lost their identity! There is a reason why the Jews did *not* lose their identity, while the house of ISRAEL *did*!

GOD HAD GIVEN THEM A VERY SPECIAL EVERLASTING COVENANT containing a SIGN of IDENTITY.

The Special Covenant of Identity

It is not generally known or recognized that the Eternal made with His people, while still at Mt. Sinai, a separate, special, eternally binding COVENANT, providing for a SIGN of IDENTITY.

At this juncture, it must be pointed out that these



people Israel were the *only* people on earth with whom God then dealt personally as HIS PEOPLE.

Remember, Adam and Eve had rejected the symbolic tree that represented God's Holy Spirit, and a Father-and-son relationship with Him. Their descendants, cut off from God, strayed so far from His ways that by the time of Noah the earth was filled with corruption and violence.

After the Flood, within two generations the world as a whole was following the apostate ways of Nimrod (Gen. 10:8-12; 11:1-9), and his mother-wife founded the apostate pagan religion that has engulfed and deceived the world ever since. This apostate religious system, started by Semipamis, flowed into all nations. In its perversions of truth, it evolved into different *varieties* and appeared under different national *names* in different nations. But it was the same basic system of apostasy. It cut the world off from God! And it grips a deceived world *TODAY* in its various forms, called by the names of various religions.

God selected these children of Israel because of the OBEEDIENCE of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. While they were in servitude and slavery He called them as His people, to whom His TRUTH—His true religion and way of life and intended DESTINY for mankind—should be revealed.

God's TRUTH and God's WAY revealed to these Israelites is simply God's TRUTH and His WAY for all peoples in all times and ages! Israel, had they followed God's ways, was intended to be a living EXAMPLE to all nations.

Jesus came, not to do away with God's TRUTH or God's WAY, not to bring a new religion, but to reveal additional truth about the coming Kingdom of God and how we may be born into it.

True, Old Testament Israel was given certain sacrificial rites and rituals which served merely as a *reminder* of sin (Heb. 10:1-4; 9:10), only as a temporary *substitute* for Christ *until* He should come. When the reality came, the substitute was dropped. But God's TRUTH and way remain eternally! Therefore God was revealing to Israel what His WAY is for all people of all time—including TODAY!

This special identifying COVENANT, then, ordained FOR EVER, applies to all Christians today—to all who are reconciled to God as His PEOPLE!

This special eternally binding COVENANT is found in Exodus 31:12-17. It has to do with one of those two *test commandments*, which, we saw in the last installment, Israel was driven out and deprived of the birthright for violating.

The Identifying Sign

"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep." (Ex. 31:12-13)

Notice *which* day is "the Lord's day." The Eternal calls the Sabbaths "*my sabbaths*." The Sabbaths are His.



BABYLONIAN MOTHERS bowing before Nimrod, high priest of the sun god, present their babies to be purified by being sacrificed in fire. Nimrod founded an apostate pagan religious system that has engulfed and deceived the world.

they did not belong to Israel—they are not *our* days, but the Lord's. They are not "the Jewish Sabbaths" or "the Gentile Sabbaths." The Sabbath is a space of time. That time, whenever it arrives, is *not ours*, but God's.

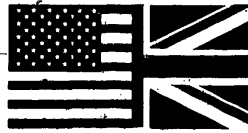
And it applies the same to us today as to our forefathers then. If we appropriate it for ourselves—for our own use, whether work, pleasure, or whatever—we are stealing that time from God!

Notice again! He said "My sabbaths ye shall keep." In Exodus 20:8 He commanded us to "keep [the Sabbath] holy." God *made* it holy first and commanded us to *keep* it holy—not to profane what is holy to God!

Now study this special covenant a little further for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you" (Ex. 31:13). What *remembrance* meaning is packed in that portion of this sentence? Yet our people read right past it, failing to get the vital truth it contains!

Notice! Here is the purpose of the Sabbath. "for it is a sign." What is a sign?

You walk down a main street in the business section of a city. Everywhere you see signs identifying stores, offices, factories. If you want to know what a sign is, just turn to the word in the Yellow Pages (the classified business listings of your telephone directory). You will find such names as "Jones Neon Sign Company" or "Smith Brothers Signs." If you call one of them on the telephone and



ask, "What do you make or sell?" he will tell you that they make signs for business firms, institutions, or professional individuals to hang in front of their places of business. The sign identifies whose establishment, institution or office is inside.

It identifies

A sign is a badge, symbol, or token of identity. You see the sign, "A. B. Brown, Furniture and Furnishings." The sign identifies the owner. It tells you what kind of business he owns. Webster's dictionary defines a sign thus: "A publicly displayed notice on a building, office, etc. to advertise the business there transacted, or the name of the person or firm conducting it. Something indicating the existence of a thing; a token." And, of course, there are the special technical meanings in mathematics, medicine, astronomy.

The word which Moses wrote in the Hebrew language which is translated "sign" is *owth*, and the Hebrew-English dictionary defines it as "signal, as a flag, beacon, monument, evidence, etc. - mark, miracle, sign, token." A flag identifies a nation. A beacon is a signal to announce the existence of something warned about. A token is a visible sign, something that serves as an identifying signal to make something known, as a white flag is a token of surrender.

God commanded His people to keep His Sabbath as a sign. It is a sign between God's people and God. "A sign between me and you," the commandment says. It is a badge or token of identity. It advertises, or announces, or proclaims certain identifying knowledge. But what knowledge? God answers: "that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you."

Who is God?

Note those words carefully! It is the sign that identifies to them who is their God! It is the sign by which we may know that He is the Lord! It identifies God!

But doesn't everybody know who God is? Absolutely not! This whole world is deceived - so says your Bible.

This world has a god - a false god - Satan the devil! He pretends to be "an angel of light" (II Cor. 11:14). He has his religious organizations - his churches. Not all are Buddhist, Shintoist, Taoist, Confucianist. Many have appropriated the very name "Christian," but their ministers, says your Bible, actually are Satan's ministers. "And no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness" (II Cor. 11:14-15).

But do they actually call themselves the ministers of Christ? Read the verse just before the two just quoted verse 14: "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ." Yes, Satan is the great counterfeiter. He palms himself off as God. He is called, in your Bible, the god of this world (II Cor. 4:4). He palms off his ministers as the ministers of

CHRIST - and they accuse the true ministers of Christ of being "false apostles" to divert suspicion from themselves!

Does this world's "Christianity" really know the TRUE God? It is deceived into believing it does, and a deceived world may be sincere in that false belief. One's god is the one, or the thing, whom he serves and obeys. But the true God is the One whom we should obey.

This world is not taught to OBEY God! Its false "Christianity" teaches that God's law is "done away." It actually puts human conscience, actuated by Satan's false teaching, in place of God's law! It does not teach, as did Christ, that we must actually live by every word of GOD—all of the BIBLE! It OBEYS Satan by sinning! Satan, therefore, is this world's god!

The Purpose of the Sabbath

God gave man His Sabbath for the purpose of keeping mankind in the true knowledge and true worship of the true God. But how does the Sabbath identify God—how does it point to the true God, rather than the false? Does not Sunday do just as well? Positively not!

Notice verse 17 of this special Sabbath covenant: "It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed" (Ex. 31:17).

It was on the seventh day of that creation week that He rested from the work of creation. Not Sunday, the first day of the week. Only the seventh day of the week points back to CREATION.

How does that identify who God is?

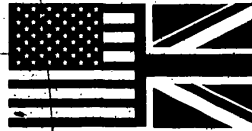
If you believe anyone else or anything else is God, I will prove that my God is the true God, because whatever else you may think is god was made or created by the true God. He who created and made everything else is GREATER than whatever He made—superior to anything else that could be called god.

CREATION is the proof of God—of His existence. It—the act of creating—identifies Him!

So God took the most enduring, lasting, imperishable thing man can know—a recurring space of time—the only day that is a memorial of the act of creating. He took the only day which points, constantly, every seventh day of the week, to God's resting on the seventh day of creation week from creating, which points to the existence of the Almighty, All-Powerful, All-Ruling God—the Creator!

And God set that particular day apart from others as His day. God made that particular day sacred and holy to Him, designating it as the very day on which He commands His people to assemble for worship—the day man is commanded to rest from his own work and physical pleasure and to be refreshed by assembling with other obedient worshipers in spiritual fellowship!

No other day is a memorial and reminder of CREATION. True, Satan has deceived a deluded world into supposing that Christ's resurrection occurred on Sunday morning at sun-



rise the very time which has always been the time of pagan SUN worship. But this supposition is not true! Write for our free booklet about the resurrection (*The Resurrection Was Not on Sunday!*). You will be amazed! Also write for our special free booklet on Easter (*The Plain Truth About Easter*). They are shocking eye-openers—and the truth you can verify and prove at your public library.

The resurrection of Christ actually occurred on *the Sabbath*, not on Sunday! And, further, *nowhere* in the Bible does God tell us to celebrate the day of Christ's resurrection! That is a pagan custom of MĒN, an apostate man's authority alone—contrary to the commands of GŌD!

Identifies People of God

So here we find a GREAT PURPOSE in the Sabbath. It identifies God! The very day which God set aside for assembly and worship points as a memorial to whom we are to worship—the CREATOR-RULER of all that is!

But *that is not all!* The Sabbath also was given as a sign which identifies WHO are the PEOPLE of God and who are not! Notice! Not only does this special covenant say, "... that ye may know that I am the LORD ..." but read the remainder of that sentence: "... that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you" (Ex. 31:13).

Notice the tremendous MEANING of that!

What does the word "sanctify" mean? It means "to set apart for holy use or purpose." On the seventh day of the very creation week, the Eternal *sanctified*—that is, HE SET APART for HOLY use—the Sabbath day. But now we see that God says it is, a sign that He, the Eternal, also sanctifies—sets apart from other people as *His*, FOR HIS HOLY PURPOSE—those who are His people.

In Old Testament times His people were the people of ISRAEL. In New Testament times, His people are those of God's own Church—the truly converted, spirit-begotten CHRISTIANS!

But HOW does the Sabbath set them apart—separate them—from those who are *not* God's own true people?

Well, if you have begun to keep God's Sabbath holy, as He commands, you have found the answer already, by actual experience. If you haven't, just start keeping God's Sabbath holy as He commands you—and you'll soon learn that you are automatically *set apart* from all other people! The world, people you *know*—some of your family and relatives, business associates, or contacts—they will set you apart!

The Sabbath is God's SIGN, which identifies not only GOD as CREATOR-RULER, but it also identifies those who are truly His people!

But HOW?

Definition of God

Let me give you still another definition of GOD. Although the only wise and true God is the Great Creator-Ruler of

the universe, there are many false or counterfeit gods. Satan palms himself off to the deceived as God—and indeed the Bible plainly calls him the god of this world. Idols were worshiped as gods—and still are, today, even in so-called "Christian" churches. Whoever, or whatever, you *serve* and *obey* is your god!

The very word "Lord" means ruler, master, boss—the one you obey! Jesus exclaimed: "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and *do not* the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46.) If they did not OBEY Him, then He was *not* their Lord! So WHY did they *call* Him LORD, when He was *not* their Lord?

Then again, Jesus said: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). Only they who OBEY God can be His children and enter His Kingdom! Your God is the one you OBEY!

Notice again: "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to OBEY, his servants ye are to whom ye OBEY?" (Rom. 6:16.)

Regarding idols as false and counterfeit gods, the second commandment says: "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, *nor serve them* [that is, OBEY them], for I the Eternal thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity [disobedience] of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments" (Ex. 20:5-6).

The Real Test Commandment

How significant! The Sabbath command is the *ONLY* one of the ten which is a SIGN identifying WHO are the real and true Christians today! It is the real test command!

A man may be honest and upright in his dealings with others—he may have a reputation of not lying or stealing. But that does not IDENTIFY him—set him apart—especially as a *Christian*!

Many non-Christians honor their parents—at least so far as other people know. Many are regarded by others as truthful, true to husband or wife; many do not swear or use profanity; and most are not murderers—in the eyes of others.

But their supposed conformity to *these* commandments does not stamp them as *different*—as being God's people! Actually, few keep even *these* commandments in the *spirit*, but that is not obvious to the world. But it is *VERY* obvious to the world when one keeps God's Sabbath!

That's why few do! People don't want to be identified as being apart from the world—as belonging to GOD, *apart from* the world! People want to be identified, in the eyes of others, as belonging to the world—but feel ashamed to be identified, in the eyes of friends, business contacts, relatives, as belonging to God.

The people of the world are willing to acknowledge the other nine commandments—but the Sabbath command is



the one they positively REBEL against! It is THE ONE that is the crucial test of obedience! It IDENTIFIES those who have *surrendered* their wills to God—who OBEY God, regardless of persecution or cost!

Oh, it sets you apart, all right! What a SIGN!

It identifies the TRUE GOD on the very DAY He set apart for assembly and worship. It identifies the REAL people of God! It identifies those who keep the Sabbath as being God's people—to the world, that is! Actually, few Jews really keep the Sabbath HOLY! It may not identify them to God as His people, *spiritually*! But they *do* at least acknowledge that particular day! And even though in God's sight they profane it, it identifies them to the world!

God's SIGN is one you accept voluntarily—of your own volition, or not at all. But the "beast" (symbol of the coming resurrected, so-called Holy Roman Empire in Europe) has a MARK, which is soon going to be BRANDED ON, by physical FORCE! And it has something to do with "buying or selling"—trading, business, earning a living, having a job (Rev. 13:16-17; Rev. 13 and 17). Yes, this is the TEST COMMAND—the one on which YOUR VERY SALVATION and ETERNITY DEPEND!

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I have said that God made the Sabbath a separate, eternal, and perpetual covenant entirely separate and apart from what we term "the Old Covenant" made at Mt. Sinai. How, then, is it a COVENANT?

But is it a Covenant?

Let's define the word "covenant." Webster defines a covenant as: "An agreement between persons or parties. A solemn compact." A covenant is a contract, or agreement, by which one party promises certain rewards or payments in return for certain stipulated performance by the other party.

The Old Covenant between God and the children of Israel made at Mt. Sinai imposed upon the people certain terms and conditions to be performed: obedience to the Ten Commandments. It *promised* the reward of making Israel a nation "ABOVE all people." The promises were purely national and material, for *this* world. The NEW Covenant is founded on BETTER PROMISES (Heb. 8:6), which consist of an "ETERNAL inheritance" (Heb. 9:15).

Once a covenant is signed, sealed, or ratified—con-

firmed—it cannot be added to (Gal. 3:15). Anything appearing beneath the signature is not legally any part of the covenant. You read of the actual *making* of the Old Covenant and sealing it *with blood* in Exodus 24:6-8. And notice (verse 8), it concludes with the words "the covenant, which the LORD *hath made* with you." It was then already made—completed.

We do not come to the making of this special eternal Sabbath covenant until seven chapters *later*. It is, therefore, NO PART OF the Old Covenant!

But, again, *is it* a COVENANT?

The wording in your Bible says it is! Notice Exodus 31:16: "Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant."

"Perpetual" means continuous and unbroken. But was it to last FOREVER? Read the following verse: "It is a SIGN between me and the children of Israel *for ever*."

Now what is the condition to be performed? The keeping holy of the Sabbath! "It is HOLY unto you," says God (verse 14). And what is the reward promised upon performance of the condition? It is not only a SIGN, but also a compact or COVENANT "between me and you," says God, "that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you."

There it is! God promises TO SANCTIFY THEM—He will set them apart as HOLY—as HIS HOLY PEOPLE! Can you ask for a BIGGER promise?

Yes, it is a COVENANT! It is a *separate*, totally different covenant. Even if one tries to argue that the Old Covenant is "abolished" and that therefore the Ten Commandments are abolished, he cannot argue that *this* covenant was to last only until the cross. The covenant is binding "throughout your generations" (verse 13); "a perpetual covenant" (verse 16) and "for ever" (verse 17).

Sign for Israel Only?

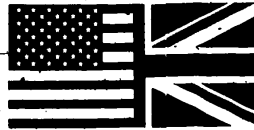
"Yes," says the rebellious one who would argue his way out of obedience, "but it is between God and the children of ISRAEL. It is throughout Israel's generations; it is between God and the ISRAELITES forever."

Oh—then you admit it is binding FOREVER on ISRAELITES—and throughout *their* generations? There are two answers to that argument that will condemn you, if you so argue, to the LAKE OF FIRE!

1) No one can deny that this absolutely BINDS the people of Israel to keep the Sabbath FOREVER, and throughout their generations perpetually. Their generations are still going on. Therefore it is binding on them today.

Also you have to admit that salvation and Christianity are open to Jews and all Israelites. The gospel "is the power of God UNTO SALVATION to every one that believeth; TO THE JEW FIRST, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

So then the Jew can be a converted CHRISTIAN! Indeed,



the Church at the beginning was nearly altogether Jewish! So the JEW, even though a Christian in God's CHURCH, is BOUND to keep God's Sabbath as a perpetual covenant, throughout his generations, FOREVER!

Now, does God have TWO KINDS of Christians? Is it SIN for a Jewish Christian to break the Sabbath, and sin for all others to KEEP it? Must Jewish Christians assemble on the Sabbath, and those of other nationalities on Sunday? Didn't Jesus say a house divided against itself would fall?

Are there TWO KINDS of Christians? Read Galatians 3:28-29: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS." And if ye [Gentiles] be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

So, since the Sabbath is BINDING TODAY on the Jewish part of God's Church, and there is no difference—we are all ONE in Christ—it is also binding on Gentiles!

We Are Israel

2) But there is another answer to this argument: The peoples of the United States, the British Commonwealth nations, and the nations of northwestern Europe are, in fact, the peoples of the TEN TRIBES of the HOUSE OF ISRAEL. The Jewish people are the house of JUDAH.

But IF the Sabbath is God's SIGN to identify His people Israel, then why don't our nations keep it today?

The answer to that question is the answer to another: Why are the Ten Tribes of the HOUSE OF ISRAEL called "the LOST Ten Tribes"? And why do our nations think they are Gentiles? Why don't they KNOW their true identity?

Ah, now we have a staggering, startling, surprising truth to reveal! Here's a dumbfounding truth, far stranger than fiction!

Here are FACTS, hidden for centuries, more intriguing than a mystery novel! Why is the Sabbath called, disrespectfully, sneeringly, "the Jewish Sabbath"? WHY does the world think all Israelites are Jews, and that the Jews are ALL of the Israelites?

Here's an astonishing surprise to those who have believed that! The Jews are only a small minority of the Israelites.

Israel Lost Sign

Nowhere in all the Bible are any of the ten-tribed nation of Israel called Jews. That name—Jews—applies only to the kingdom of JUDAH. Jews are Israelites, truly—but only *part* of the Israelites are Jews!

Almost immediately on being made a king, Jeroboam became afraid that, when his people journeyed to Jerusalem to attend the annual festivals, they would see and desire Rehoboam again for their king. He took swift action to protect his own position.

The tribe of Levi composed the priesthood. They were

the leaders—the best educated. The Levites, living off the tithes, had enjoyed incomes two or three times larger than the other tribes. With one swift stroke, Jeroboam demoted the Levites, set the lowest and most ignorant of people to be the priests. He could control them! Thus he would control the religion, like Gentile kings had always done. Thereupon many, if not most, of the Levites went back into the kingdom of JUDAH—and became known as JEWS.

So immediately Jeroboam set up two great idols for his people to worship. He ordered the fall festivals to be observed in the *eight* month, at a place of *his* choosing north of Palestine—instead of in the seventh month, and at Jerusalem as GOD ordered (1 Kings 12:28-32). Also Jeroboam changed the Sabbath day from the seventh to the eighth—that is, to the day *following* the seventh day, which, of course, was actually the *first* day of the week. Thus he set the day for worship to coincide with the pagan DAY OF THE SUN, now called Sunday!

Through the rule of 19 kings and seven successive dynasties, the ten-tribed house of Israel continued in the basic twin sins of Jeroboam: idolatry and Sabbath-breaking. Several of the kings added other evil and sinful practices.

Israel Made Slaves

But in 721-718 B.C., God caused the house of Israel to be invaded and conquered by the kingdom of Assyria. These Israelites were removed from their farms and their cities and taken to Assyria on the southern shores of the Caspian Sea as slaves. But the house of JUDAH—the Jews, a separate and different nation—were not invaded until 604 B.C.

Two or three generations after the captivity of Israel, however, the Chaldeans rose to WORLD POWER, forming the first WORLD-RULING empire. Under Nebuchadnezzar the Chaldeans (Babylon) invaded JUDAH (604-585 B.C.).

The Assyrians—before 604 B.C.—left their land north of Babylon and migrated northwest—through the lands that are now Georgia, the Ukraine, Poland, and into the land that is called GERMANY today. Today the descendants of those Assyrians are known to us as the GERMAN people.

The people of ten-tribed Israel also migrated northwest. Though the Assyrians had taken Israel into captivity, the Israelites did not remain as slaves of the Assyrians in Europe. They continued on a little further—into Western Europe, the Scandinavian peninsula, and the British Isles!

Now why did they come to be known as the "LOST Ten Tribes"? They had lost their national identifying sign!

King Jeroboam had changed their day of worship from the seventh to the first day of the week—the day of the SUN—Sunday! All succeeding kings followed this practice, as well as idolatry!



As long as they remained in the LAND of Israel and called themselves "the KINGDOM OF ISRAEL" their identity was known. But in Assyria they were no longer a nation with their own government and their own king. They were mere slaves. They took up the language of the Assyrians as succeeding generations grew up. They lost the Hebrew language as Biblical prophecy said they would. They lost all national identity.

After several generations the tribe of Joseph, divided into the two tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, came to call themselves British. They retained a few Hebrew earmarks. *Berith* or *b'rithan* Hebrew means "covenant," and *ish* means "man." Thus, in Hebrew, *British* means "covenant man," which, truly, they are.

The tribe of Reuben settled in the country that is France today. They had lost their national identity. But the French have the very characteristics of their ancestor, Reuben. Today, through our free booklet in the French language revealing this ancestry and national identity, thousands of French people are beginning to learn their own true identity.

The TEN TRIBES, known as the house of ISRAEL, lost their identifying tag—God's Sabbath.

That is why they lost their national identity!

Why Jews Are Recognized

But JUDAH kept the Sabbath! They did not continue long to keep it holy, or to keep it *God's way*—but they did recognize it, as they do today, as the day of rest they acknowledge and observe. Result? All the world looks on them as the chosen people of God! The world thinks they are ISRAEL—not merely Judah!

The Jews' identity has not been lost! And since their identity as racial descendants from ancient Israel is known—and that of the far more numerous "LOST TEN TRIBES" is *not* known—the world supposes that the Jews are ISRAEL, instead of JUDAH. The Jewish people believe it themselves! And so, here again, the whole world is deceived, even as to the true identity of who really are the chosen birthright people of God!

Yes, the Sabbath, God's day—the true Lord's day—is, after all, the day for our people doubly: first, because it is for *ALL* people of God, even Gentile-born people who are now Christ's; secondly, because racially, even by fleshly birth, it is God's day which He gave our own forefathers and commanded to keep holy FOREVER!

Why Israel Made Slaves

Do you know WHY the kingdom of Israel was invaded by Assyria, conquered, removed from their land as slaves in 721-718 B.C.? Do you know WHY the Jews (kingdom of Judah) were later taken captive and scattered over the world? Both houses of Israel were sent into national punishment and banishment from Palestine because they broke God's Sabbath!

Does it make any difference? It certainly made a lot of



Ezekiel prophesied: "As I was among the captives by the river of Chebar the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God..." (Ezekiel 1:1).

difference to God! And He says He has not changed—He is the *same* yesterday, today, and forever! (Heb. 13:8.)

First, see why the Jews were invaded, conquered by Nebuchadnezzar and taken into Babylonian captivity during the years 604-585 B.C.

Seventy years after that captivity, according to Jeremiah's prophecy (Jer. 29:10), many of the Jews returned to Palestine to rebuild the temple and restore the worship there. The prophet Nehemiah tells why they had been driven into captive slavery 70 years before: "In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem *on the sabbath day*: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals.... Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? Yet ye



bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath" (Neh. 13:15-18).

There it is in plain language! Sabbath-breaking was a prime cause of Judah's captivity! It was so *important* to God that He punished His own chosen people with this most severe national punishment—defeat in war, being taken from their land and made SLAVES in a foreign land! SIN is defined by GOD as the transgression of His LAW (1 John 3:4). His LAW says: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. . . . the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy GOD." To work on the Sabbath, to defile it by your own pleasure seeking, doing business, etc. is a MAJOR SIN, punishable by ETERNAL DEATH!

Jews Were Warned

The Jews were without excuse. They had been warned by the prophets. Notice the warning through Jeremiah: "Thus saith the Eternal; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day . . . neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. . . . But if ye will not hearken unto me, to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched" (Jer. 17:21-22, 27).

That was the warning. The Jews did not heed it. Now see what happened!

"Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard [today we would call him general of the armies, or field marshal], which served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem, and burned the house of the Eternal, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem; and all the houses of the great men, burned he with fire" (Jer. 52:12-13).

When God warns, the punishment is SURE!

Why Israel Defeated

Now see what happened to the *other* nation of Israelites, the kingdom of Israel, 117 years before Judah's captivity.

God had laid down the choice to these people in the days of Moses; long before they were divided into two nations. This was fully covered in last month's installment regarding Leviticus 26. Now see what God said about it through the prophet Ezekiel.

Ezekiel was given a message from God to the HOUSE OF ISRAEL (not Judah—the Jews). Ezekiel was among the Jewish captives after *their* captivity, which occurred more than a hundred years after Israel's captivity. By that time the Assyrians had long since left their land on the southern shores of the Caspian Sea and migrated northwest, finally settling in the land today called Germany.

The people of the house of Israel also migrated northwest across Europe. But they did not stop in Germany. They continued on farther west and north—into Western

Europe—France, Belgium, Holland, the Scandinavian countries, and the British Isles—where they are to this day, except for the tribe of Manasseh, which much later migrated to North America and became the United States.

The prophet Ezekiel was commissioned to go from where he was, among the Jews, to the HOUSE OF ISRAEL. "Go speak unto the HOUSE OF ISRAEL," said God (Ezek. 3:1), and again: "Go, get thee unto the house of Israel" (verse 4).

But Ezekiel never took that message to the lost house of Israel. He couldn't. He was a slave among the Jews.

Yet he is taking it to them, today, by means of having written it in his book in the Bible—and by the fact that it is being taken to those very people today by *The Plain Truth* and *The World Tomorrow* broadcast!

It is a prophecy! It is a message for our peoples today! You are reading it NOW! God help you to heed!

Prophecy to Us, Today

Speaking first of ancient Israel, God says, in Ezekiel 20: "Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. And I gave them *my* statutes, and shewed them *my* judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them. Moreover also I gave them *my* sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them" (verses 10-12).

Notice, this passage repeats the exact wording of the forever-binding Sabbath covenant of Exodus 31:12-17! Now continue: "But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in *my* statutes, and they despised *my* judgments. . . . and *my* sabbaths they greatly polluted" (verse 13).

Then God pleaded with their children, a generation later: "But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe *their* judgments, nor defile yourselves with *their* idols: I am the Eternal your God; walk in *my* statutes, and keep *my* judgments, and do them; and hallow *my* sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Eternal your God" (verses 18-20).

The entire emphasis here is differentiating between God's statutes, judgments and sabbaths on the one hand, and *their fathers'* different sabbaths, statutes and judgments. They were observing a *different day* from God's Sabbath! They had already turned to the pagans' day, today called SUNDAY—the day of the SUN and SUN worship!

"Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me," continued God, through the prophet Ezekiel. " . . . They polluted *my* sabbaths" (verse 21).

So what did God finally do—generations later?

He scattered them, in national captivity and slavery (verse 23). But WHY?



"Because they had not executed *my* judgments, but had despised *my* statutes, and had polluted *my* sabbaths, and their eyes were after *their fathers'* idols" (verse 24). That's why! Did it make any DIFFERENCE?

But now continue on in this amazing prophecy! Notice the prophecy FOR US, TODAY!

Speaking of a time, sometime soon, in OUR time, God says to OUR peoples: "As I live, saith the Lord Eternal, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with FURY poured out, will I RULE OVER YOU" (verse 33).

The expression "fury poured out" refers to the SEVEN LAST PLAGUES, at the very time of the second coming of Christ (compare Rev. 16:1). The time when Christ will RULE over us is at and after His second coming. So this, then, is a PROPHECY for OUR TIME!

Every prophecy in the Bible showing *where* our people (Israel) will be, at the second coming of Christ and the coming great exodus back to Palestine, pictures them in *captivity and slavery* ONCE AGAIN.

Continue the prophecy: "And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries where-in ye are scattered . . . with FURY POURED OUT. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people. [COMING EXODUS Jer. 23:7-8], and there will I plead with you FACE TO FACE" (verses 34-35).

Notice it! This is the Word speaking—CHRIST! He will then be on earth again in person! And then He is going to plead with our people FACE TO FACE.

It's time to awake to the *imminency* and the stark SERIOUSNESS of this!

Perhaps only one lone voice is warning you! But God used one lone voice to warn the world in Noah's day, one lone voice in Elijah's day; one lone voice in the day of John the Baptist; and after John the Baptist was put in prison, one voice in the person of Christ Himself! If you rely on the majority of sinning people, you will suffer their penalties with them!

Notice how He will plead!

"Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord Eternal. And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me . . . and ye shall know that I am the Lord" (verses 36-38).

How did He plead with them? He pleaded "Hallow my sabbaths, instead of your fathers' so that you may KNOW that I am the LORD." And those of us who do go into Palestine shall KNOW He is the LORD.

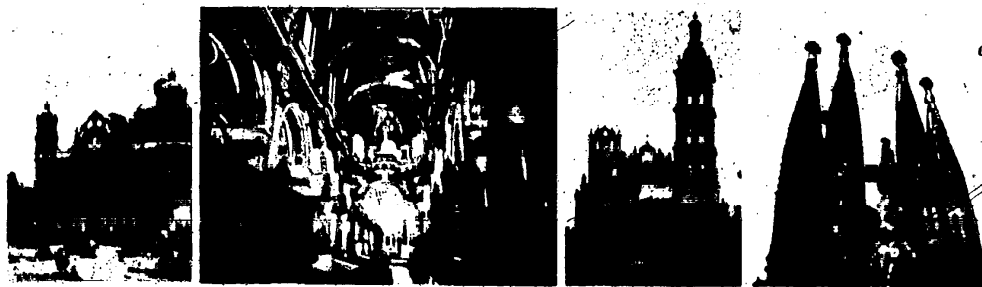
How shall we know?

By His Sabbath sign!

Read verses 42-44 in your own Bible! He says our people, when they are no longer rebellious and who will then be keeping His Sabbath, shall remember their ways in which they were defiled and shall LOATHE themselves for their Sabbath-breaking!

This is pretty strong teaching! It is the Word of God speaking to you!

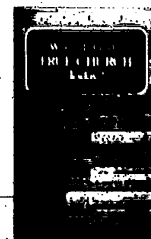
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WHERE IS GOD'S TRUE CHURCH TODAY?

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Increasingly, the government and the news media are intruding into the personal lives of private citizens. Tacit acceptance by an apathetic public of illegal and unethical surveillance practices is pushing us ever closer to the nightmare world of 1984!

Big Brother Is Watching You: THE ASSAULT ON PRIVACY!

by Stanley R. Hader and Keith W. Stump

You had to live in the assumption that every sound you made was overheard, and, except in darkness, every movement scrutinized.

That is the frightening world of George Orwell's *1984*—a world where two-way "telescreens" and unrelenting surveillance make solitude an impossibility, privacy a punishable crime. It is the government of "Big Brother," a government that pries into all aspects of citizens' lives.

It is also a world which hes nearer at hand than most of us would like to admit. It is a world which many well-meaning people are unwittingly helping to usher in.

Our lives today are increasingly becoming an open book. No one lives a truly private life anymore. We are being watched, scrutinized, examined. We live in a goldfish bowl. We are citizens of the "naked society."

A surprising amount of what we do or say in public—and often in private—is gathered, summarized, evaluated, codified, transferred, combined and filed away by number. The erosion of personal privacy has become a hallmark of our computerized, technologically sophisticated age. Indeed, the right to privacy now stands in greater jeopardy than at any time in the history of mankind!

What emerges, upon investigation, is a chilling picture of a democracy being eaten away by the unrestrained

use of intrusive technology, a democracy being undermined by governmental and private institutions left to their own devices through the apathy of the citizenry. The implications are frightening.

This erosion of privacy can be traced to the workings of two main power centers: government and the news media.

The Right to Privacy

Privacy is customarily defined as the right of an individual to withhold himself and his property from public scrutiny if he so chooses. It has often been noted, however, that the "right to privacy" is not specifically mentioned in the U.S. Constitution; indeed, the word "privacy" itself never appears.

Most legal authorities nevertheless regard the right to privacy as unquestionably inherent in the Bill of Rights. The late Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis recognized this in his dissenting opinion in *Olmstead vs. U.S.* (1928): "The makers of our constitution sought to protect Americans in their beliefs, their thoughts, their emotions and their sensations. They conferred, as against the government, the right to be left alone—the most comprehensive of rights and the right most valued by civilized men."

The main protection for privacy in the Constitution is the Fourth Amendment, which asserts that "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects; against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated..." The Fifth Amendment is

also pertinent, stating in part that "no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation."

Moreover, the Supreme Court has acted to strengthen the concept of privacy, holding in *Roy vs. U.S.* that the doctrines of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments "apply to all invasions on the part of the government and its employees of the sanctity of a man's home and the privacies of life..." Many states have also enacted privacy laws. The state constitution of California, for example, specifies the "inalienable right" to privacy.

The framers of the U.S. Constitution well remembered the infamous British "writs of assistance"—general warrants authorizing wide-ranging searches. It was not uncommon for officials of the British Crown to burst unannounced into colonial homes and businesses, arresting the occupants and seizing property.

Nevertheless, that "most valued" right of privacy which the Founding Fathers built into the Constitution is now being increasingly trampled upon, pushing us ever closer to the brink of Orwell's "Big Brother" world of 1984. Few realize the extreme gravity of the situation. Let us briefly examine the many ways by which government and the news media are undermining this most basic of rights—the right to privacy.

"This Is Your Life!"

How would you react were Congress to announce that it was considering a



bill permitting the government to establish a large-scale computerized system by which, at the mere touch of a few buttons and a little cross-checking with other agencies, government employees would have, for detailed scrutiny, almost instant access to a full picture of your life—financial data, tax information, medical and employment histories, educational records, a family profile, arrest records, political and religious affiliations, and much, much more?

Would you protest? Unfortunately, you'd be a bit late. The government has had such a capability for a number of years now. And it's all legal.

Chances are good that your personal life is all recorded on tape somewhere in the government's computer data banks. An immense accumulation of chillingly complete personal data—often including the most intimate details of the private lives of citizens—is being stored in a vast network of government computers. As many national newsmagazines have reported, every American is the subject of some ten to twenty government files. Distressingly, this information is available not only to government employees conducting routine government business, but is often accessible to unauthorized persons outside the government as well.

There is, of course, no malicious intent on the part of the government in its data collection. Record-keeping in itself does not constitute a violation of privacy. It is what is done with that documentation that is important. Despite the passage of legislation such as the Freedom of Information Act (as amended in 1974) and the Privacy Act of 1974, the potential for misuse and abuse remains real. "These laws leave large gaps," admits Representative Barry M. Goldwater, Jr. (R-Calif.)

"At some point in the not-too-distant future," warns David F. Linowes, former head of the now-defunct Privacy Protection Study Commission, "data collection, maintenance and dissemination may no longer be merely a tool of society, but will instead become an end in itself—a force with awesome powers of surveillance and control over the lives of individuals."

Were a dictator ever to take

charge of this country, he would have at his fingertips the technological capacity to impose *total* and *absolute* tyranny on its citizens. Government data banks could become the basis for a system of harassment, surveillance and manipulation.

The Walls Have Ears!

From the advent of Watergate nearly seven years ago, nationwide public attention has been drawn again and again to yet another form of government snooping: electronic eavesdropping. Disclosures of illicit government—as well as private—wiretapping, bugging and other forms of electronic surveillance have increased in recent years, despite attempts at regulation. No one really knows how widespread government electronic surveillance is.

Electronic eavesdropping is defined as the act of electronically intercepting conversations without the knowledge or consent of the participants. It includes the clandestine taping of telephone and other personal conversations by means of wiretapping (making a secret connection with a telephone line), bugging (the placing of a miniature microphone in a room, usually necessitating a break-in or trespass), the use of ultra-sensitive directional microphones to listen to conversations from a distance, laser beams which pick up distant conversations and relay them back to the listener, and dozens of other sophisticated techniques. Cervantes' famous observation four centuries ago in *Don Quixote* has today literally come to pass: "Walls have ears!"

Present law prohibits electronic eavesdropping by private individuals. A great deal of illegal private electronic surveillance is nevertheless regularly carried on. Private electronic espionage has become so widespread that it has spawned a whole new business—that of electronic countersurveillance or "debugging," the detection and removal of illicit surveillance devices.

Recognizing that taps and bugs are a serious assault upon our privacy and the fundamental values of our democracy, a number of states have enacted electronic eavesdropping laws. The California Penal Code, for example, provides fines up

to \$2500, prison sentences up to three years, or both, for any person who intentionally taps or makes any unauthorized connection with any telegraph or telephone wire, line, cable or instrument, including any internal telephonic communication system. It also protects against those who would, intentionally and without the consent of all parties to a confidential communication, eavesdrop upon or record such confidential communication by means of any electronic amplifying or recording device.

Such laws, however, are violated daily.

When it comes to federal or state governments, electronic eavesdropping is legally permissible under certain circumstances. If a federal or state police agency, for example, desires to use a bug or wiretap in a domestic criminal or domestic security case, it must first obtain a valid court order. This usually entails convincing a judge that there is probable cause to believe a crime is being committed and that the police would be best aided in solving it by electronic eavesdropping. In the case of electronic surveillance requests by federal agencies, the agency must first get the approval of the Attorney General before going to court to obtain an order. No court order is necessary in cases of national security wiretaps. The federal agency involved has only to get the written authorization of the Attorney General.

Frequently, as we have witnessed in recent years, all these "formalities" are bypassed completely by police or federal agents who place taps and bugs without obtaining the proper court orders or other authorization. While evidence seized illegally is usually not admissible in criminal proceedings, such unconscionable practices nevertheless constitute a gross violation and betrayal of the right to privacy, and a potential threat to our democratic system.

Efforts to rigidly define the point at which a valid objective of law enforcement in the detection and documentation of crime becomes an invasion of privacy have generally failed. Thus the controversy over the use by government of electronic surveillance techniques persists. Meanwhile, electronic eavesdropping—legal and ille-

gal, governmental and private—continues unabated.

Journalistic Eavesdropping

Government is not the only realm in which such techniques are enjoying increased popularity. Hidden bugging devices and other types of eavesdropping equipment are rapidly becoming accepted tools of the trade of the investigative journalist.

As one recently published book on investigative reporting puts it: "After all, how many reporters wouldn't use a good phone tap if they could buy one for \$20? Or a \$15 microphone that looks like a dead cockroach and could be surreptitiously dropped under a mayor's desk? Some reporters we know are already beginning to think in these terms" (David Anderson and Peter Benjaminson, *Investigative Reporting*, p. 146). The book also predicts that "eventually such devices will be readily and cheaply available and will become a very common part of politics and business." Interestingly, the book spends little time discussing legal and ethical considerations of such practices.

In addition to the growing unauthorized use of electronic eavesdropping techniques, the news media are increasingly engaging in yet another, equally insidious form of privacy invasion: the reckless and unprincipled use of informants and tipsters for surreptitious surveillance.

Informants who possess definite, tangible and personal knowledge of criminal wrongdoing should naturally come forward and present their information in confidence to the proper authorities for investigation. Such actions are not at issue.

What is at issue is the increasing use by the press of unsubstantiated tips provided by often questionable individuals as the primary basis for many of their "news" stories. While journalism textbooks strongly caution reporters to be *highly suspect* of any information provided by informants or "inside dopesters," such cautions go largely unheeded.

A need for caution on the part of journalists unquestionably exists. As has been repeatedly demonstrated, the motives of many informants are often, to say the least, less than pure. Some sources, for example, have provided their "information"—some-

times highly exaggerated, distorted or even fabricated—to the news media in an attempt to avenge themselves on their superiors or colleagues who they feel have done them injury. Others have done it for personal financial gain. Still others are simply on a personal ego trip, deriving a sense of self-importance from snooping around and playing "spy."

In the first place, the very fact that these individuals would take it upon themselves to invade the privacy and betray the trust of their employers and associates by violating the confidentiality of private conversations and other personal information should in itself be a tip-off to reporters that their moral integrity is seriously in question.

As the previously cited book on investigative reporting observes, informants "are not necessarily ethical... and every one of their tips must be thoroughly checked out, especially if the reporter senses that the newly discovered journalistic egos of the volunteer aides are driving them to exaggeration." In the end, the book stresses, "it's the reporter, not the source, who is responsible for reportorial inaccuracies."

Nevertheless, lazy and irresponsible newsmen persist in docilely passing on to the reading and viewing public the wild allegations, insinuations, innuendos, hearsay and gossip being fed to them by informants without properly checking the information out. Reputations are thereby irreparably damaged, character is defamed, human dignity is debased. And when the unsubstantiated charges and allegations are later disproved by documentation or litigation, more often than not little or no mention of the fact is made on the air or in the press. So much for journalistic "fair play."

It is true that when a person becomes involved in a news event, he forfeits the right to privacy. But that does not constitute a license for the unwarranted and unrestrained publishing of damaging and unsubstantiated allegation and hearsay. As the French philosopher Voltaire wisely advised: "When we hear news, we should always wait for the sacrament of confirmation." Evidently few journalists are reading Voltaire.

In response to such charges, many

newsmen are quick to cry "freedom of the press!" They assert that if society is to benefit from a free press, reporters and editors must have free and total access to all types of information and freedom to print it without prior restraint or excessive reprisal. At issue is the clash between the First Amendment right of a newspaper to collect news and an individual's or organization's Fourth Amendment right to privacy.

Some journalists have gone so far as to assert that freedom of the press must be absolutely protected even when used irresponsibly, unethically or even illegally. Such newsmen confuse liberty with license. The Founding Fathers provided for freedom of the press, but he who used that freedom was still to be responsible in the event of its abuse—just as surely as a person must pay a penalty if, in the course of exercising his freedom to bear arms, he should use his firearm to commit murder.

Accurately reporting a libelous assertion does not absolve the journalist of culpability. Bias and reckless disregard of the truth are totally indefensible. Many reporters nevertheless continue to coast bliply along, giving little thought to questions of the ethics of their profession, let alone of law and of the constitutionality of some of their questionable "news-gathering" techniques. They are seemingly willing, through some strange form of contradictory reasoning, to infringe upon personal freedoms in order to perform their mission of "preserving" our freedoms. And amid it all, the vast majority of people—people whose personal liberties are not *for the moment* being encroached upon—sit idly back, oblivious to the ominous implications for the future.

Such cavalier disregard and unconcern for journalistic ethics and legal and constitutional considerations was highlighted recently when a nationally known network investigative reporter remarked publicly, in a somewhat offhand manner, that he *did not know* where a tape of a private conversation in his possession came from, or indeed whether the tape was legally obtained.

The public's "right to know" is no excuse for crime and constitutional violation. In short, many journalists

today are found to be aligning themselves with "Big Brother"—just as surely as some government agencies, in the name of "security" and "law enforcement," are found to be breaking and subverting the law in order to "enforce" the law. The media's blatant disregard for decency, impartiality, accuracy and fair play and its deliberate pandering to vicious instincts are a disgrace to the journalistic profession and an affront to the First Amendment. "Democracy's weapon," as the press has often been called, has become a two-edged sword.

Gradual Encroachments

What ultimately happens when a government becomes so obsessed with security that laws are freely violated; when the media resort to extralegal, unethical and unconstitutional means to fulfill their highly touted "watchdog" role? What happens when people begin to reason that the "higher" interests of the nation transcend those of the individual—that people, to use the words of former FBI Director Clarence Kelley, "must be willing to surrender a small measure of their liberties to preserve the great bulk of them"?

To answer these questions, consider the following statement: "It is necessary that the individual should finally come to realize that his own ego is of no importance in comparison with the existence of his nation . . . that the higher interests involved in the life of the whole must here set the limits and lay down the duties and the interests of the individual." The author? Adolf Hitler.

As the 18th-century Scottish philosopher and historian David Hume observed: "It is seldom that liberty of any kind is lost all at once." Few men will willingly relinquish their rights and liberties wholesale. But when citizens begin to gradually and without protest surrender to government and to other segments of society (including the Fourth Estate) even the smallest part of their individual liberties; their inevitable fate is sealed. Ultimately, the Bill of Rights and democracy itself are doomed.

Caesar Augustus, a sincere and generally well-meaning individual, did not intend to beget the creeping tyranny that led ultimately to the reign of Nero. The gradual and, at

first, virtually unnoticeable abridgment of liberties begun in his reign nevertheless gave rise, at length, to despotism. As President Madison astutely observed: "Since the general civilization of mankind, I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."

As long as the personal life-style of the individual citizen is not perceived to be threatened, that individual will usually choose to ignore silent encroachments upon his freedoms. The gradual loss of liberties is endured without protest. Ideals are sold out to personal affluence and comfort.

But the time will inevitably come when the effects of "creeping authoritarianism" will not be able to be ignored. It is usually only after it is too late that the majority finally wakes up and sees for the first time the shackles which by degrees have been placed upon them by those who, more often than not, have purported to have been working for the welfare and safety of society.

From God With Love

As a motion picture, they were acclaimed by the world. As the law of God, they have been loved by some, hated by others—but transgressed by all. To most people they remain a puzzling enigma. They are, of course, the Ten Commandments. But just how are they applicable to today's world? Our free booklet *The Ten Commandments* explains these living laws and shows how God, in His love, gave them to mankind for the good of us all. To receive your copy, just write to *The Plain Truth* at the address nearest you. (See inside front cover for worldwide addresses.) Your free copy is waiting for you.



As Mr. Justice Brandeis observed: "Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the government's purposes are beneficent. Men born to freedom are naturally alert to repel invasion of their liberty by evil-minded rulers. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in the insidious encroachments by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding."

The right to privacy is but one of many constitutional freedoms that today stand in jeopardy. Other freedoms—most notably the very freedom of religion upon which many of our states were founded—also stand in grave peril.

The liberties we have been given in this nation are blessings which must be preserved and protected against encroachment. They are liberties and freedoms denied to the majority of mankind. They must be jealously guarded as well as enjoyed.

But if the forces of subversion continue to hold sway as they do at present, the novel 1984 may prove to have been more a prophecy than a fantasy. When snooping police helicopters begin hovering outside your windows, when omnipresent tele-screens begin monitoring your every movement and recording your every word, when your neighbors and friends, in the service of Big Brother, begin informing on your private words and deeds—then it will be too late for the private citizen to speak up. For then there will be no private citizens!

The time to stand up for the noble ideals of a private life and the inalienable rights of the individual is now, before things get further out of hand. For if public action is not taken—and taken quickly—to protect and reaffirm the Constitution, there will soon be precious few rights left to preserve. The record of history bears witness to that certainty.

But even if the worst is ultimately realized, we as Christians will derive hope from the knowledge that a better system is not far off. The time is fast approaching when the entire earth will at last be ruled in perfect wisdom, justice and discretion by the very government of God—a time when true and complete freedom will finally be known among all men for the first time. □

IN BRIEF

THE COUNSELS OF RESTRAINT

by Stanley R. Rader

We live in a world of great complexity. Simplistic solutions rarely bear much fruit in this modern world of incredible technology and vastly complicated human engineering. Yet sometimes great institutions allow themselves to indulge in cut-rate remedies to solve infinitely complex and deep-rooted problems. Especially is this so when a quick face-saver is urgently needed to smooth over a major embarrassment.

One of the greatest states in the Union found itself flushed with embarrassment over the untimely death of 900 of its citizens in the nation of Guyana. Worldwide attention was now acutely riveted on the ecclesiastical affairs of the state of California, famous for its fanatical religions.

A very few radical religious sects had clearly gotten out of hand. The media were filled with titles such as: "Behind the Cult Craze"; "The Bizarre Tragedy in Guyana"; and "Why Cults Turn to Violence." Editors of major newsweeklies called for a tight rein on lunatic cult leaders. Some few were even hinting at a cut-back of religious liberty. The heat had been turned up.

California was then enjoying a soaring employment rate, renewed population growth and a big boom in construction. Moreover, Californians considered their "golden state of mind" one of their matchless assets. With the tragedy of Guyana, this golden image was suddenly and hopelessly tarnished. Public outcry for quick, concerted action pressured the government into the proverbial trap of opening Pandora's box.

The easy, on-the-shelf solution is always readily available for those gullible enough to reach over and dust it off. The convenient coinci-

dence nearly always presents itself in these situations. It just so happened that at the time six dissident members were seeking ways to overthrow the leadership of the Worldwide Church of God. They took their supposed grievances to one of the California assistant attorneys general. The state leaped at the unforeseen opportunity. The time was just too ripe and the temptation too great. This was one game they couldn't lose.

In due course a lawsuit was filed. The complaint against the Church called for, among other things, the removal of the existing directors of the Church and the appointment of a temporary receiver. Then, on January 3, 1979, the receiver showed up on Church premises with attorneys for the relators, security forces, and representatives of the attorney general's office. Next, without any prior notice, he commenced his attempt to seize the operations of the Church. The rest you probably have already read in your local newspaper.

Forgotten in this almost involuntary spasm of retributive action following in the wake of the Guyana tragedy was the First Amendment to the Constitution, the age-old principle of separation of church and state, the overall unconstitutionality of any such action, and the uncalled-for governmental entanglements into everyday ecclesiastical affairs. A state government just cannot walk in and take over a church without a determined reaction from not only the accused church itself, but also the whole of the American world of religion.

The fight is currently progressing, and religious freedom will win out in the end no matter how many unscheduled rounds are needed to end the bout.

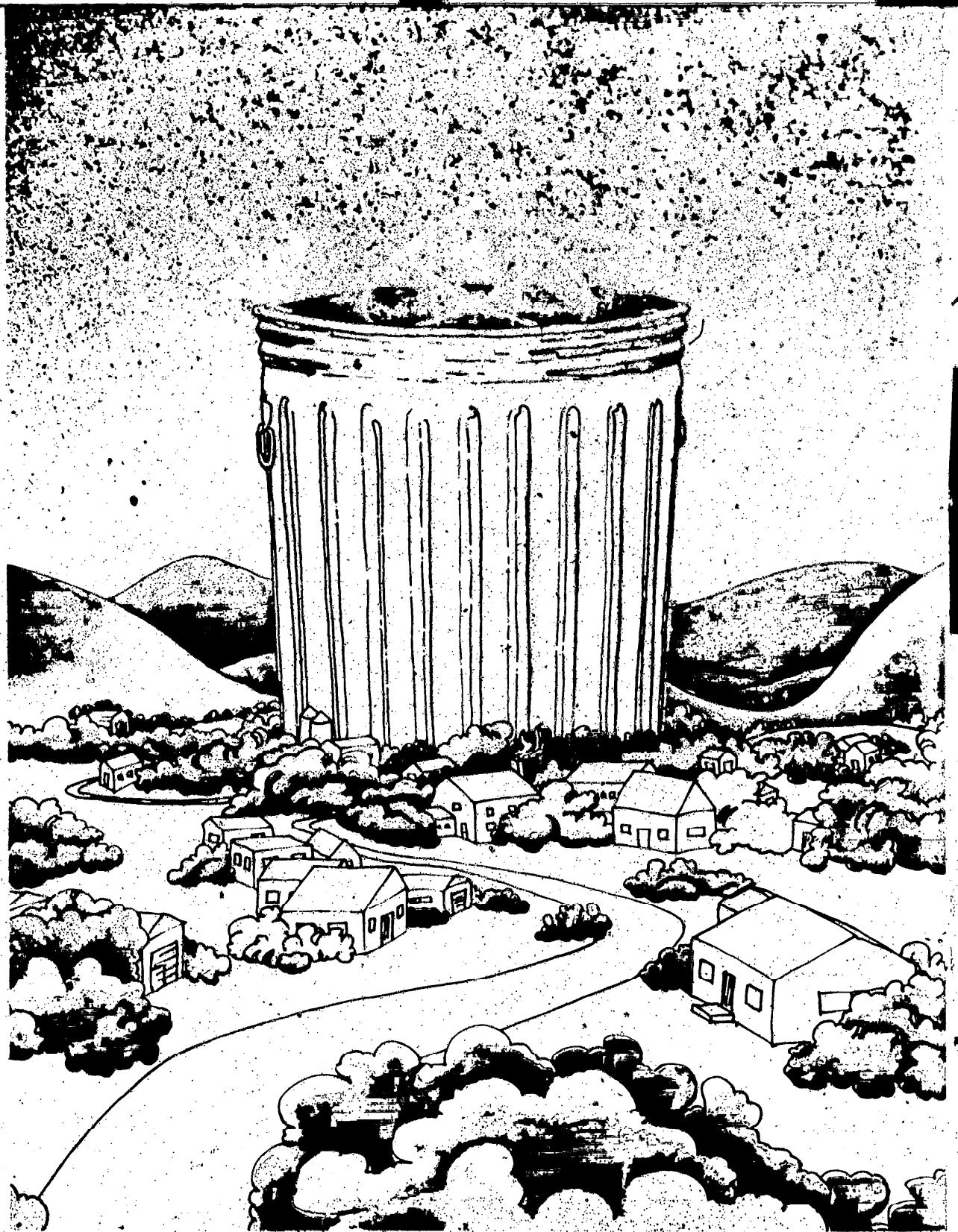
But for the purposes of this monthly column, let's look at the whole episode from a very detached, philosophical point of view. Forget, for the moment, the enormous damage the Church has already sustained. Indeed, history will eventually forget even this headline-grabbing breach of religious liberty. In the long term, the important thing is the lesson to be learned and the character growth to be instilled in the lives of the participants.

Let's widen our perspective just a little. The ancient admonition that fools rush in where angels fear to tread has probably been repeated time and time again for many centuries. That's because it's fundamentally true—being based on a sound biblical principle. The proverb says: "A prudent man sees danger, and hides himself; but the simple go on, and suffer for it" (Prov. 22:3, RSV).

Am I suggesting that any particular individuals or groups employed by the California state government are fools and simpletons? Emphatically not! No one can even casually read through the book of Proverbs and find himself completely unsatisfied. The specific stated purpose of these aphorisms of antiquity is to make men "know wisdom and instruction . . . in wise dealing . . . that prudence may be given to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth" and even that "the wise man also may hear and increase in learning" (Prov. 1:3-5, RSV).

These biblical lessons were not lost on Abraham Lincoln. Churchill so aptly described his wise and positive reactions to the enormous pressures of the Civil War. Sir Winston stated: "Through his [Lincoln's] office flowed a stream of politicians, newspaper editors, and other men of influence. Most of them clamoured for quick victory with no conception of the hazards of war. . . . At the same time his spirit was sustained by a deepening belief in Providence. When the toll of war rose steeply and plans went wrong he appealed for strength in his inmost thoughts to a power higher than man's. Strength was certainly given him. It is sometimes necessary at the summit of au-

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Radioactive waste—the "thousand-year problem"—threatens the world of tomorrow.

Some thirty blocks from Utah's State Capitol building and downtown Salt Lake City is a 3.4-billion-pound pile of rather ordinary-looking sand. Nobody thought it was dangerous. And contractors reported that the fine sandy tailings from the uranium mill made excellent fill for homes and other buildings.

Before 1968, over 22,000 tons of the tailings were used as fill at an unknown number of building sites. Eight hundred tons, compacted into a six-foot layer, went under Salt Lake City's main fire station when it was built in 1958.

But the sand was not harmless, and it in fact poses a monumental problem that nobody likes to think or talk about.

Deadly Hazards

"Thousands of people work and live in close proximity to the pile and are exposed to radioactive dust, radon gas, decay products of radon gas, and gamma radiation," says Lyman J. Olsen, director of the Utah State Division of Health.

The biggest hazard from uranium mill tailings is radon-222, a radioactive gas that emits cancer-causing radiation as it decays into other radioactive elements. A tailings pile may exude radon gas at up to 500 times the natural background rate. The hazard is especially great if radon and its decay products are allowed to accumulate in a confined space such as the basement of a home. And scientists are now finding that Salt Lake City firemen are being exposed to radiation levels seven times higher than those allowed for underground uranium miners, and 50 times greater than those acceptable for the general public.

The volume of these hazardous tailings—500 million cubic feet—is immense. The amount is enough to cover

a football field with a pile over two miles high. Besides the 27 million tons of tailings found at inactive sites such as the one in Salt Lake City, another 113 million tons have accumulated at sites where uranium is presently milled. By the year 2000, there could be a billion tons of such wastes.

And perhaps surprisingly, the tailings still contain 85 percent of the radioactivity originally in the uranium ore.

NUCLEAR GARBAGE THE DEADLY POTENTIAL

by Robert A. Ginskey

In Durango, Colorado, dust blown from a 230-foot-high uranium tailing pile located near the town has covered rooftops of homes and blanketed the countryside.

Contractors in Grand Junction, Colorado, availed themselves of free tailings and used them in the construction of over 700 homes, businesses, schools, and churches, plus sidewalks and city streets. From 1950 through 1966 some 300,000 tons of tailings were incorporated into various building sites. Now, Colorado Health Department studies show that Mesa County, where Grand Junction is located, has an acute leukemia rate twice the state average. (Cancer often does not manifest itself for 15 to 20 years after exposure to a carcinogenic substance, and uranium miners in Europe and the U.S. have a notoriously

high incidence of cancer, especially lung cancer, from breathing in radioactive elements.)

Perhaps equally disturbing is that the now defunct Atomic Energy Commission was unaccountably (and irresponsibly?) ignorant of the potential dangers of the tailings. As late as 1959, the AEC authorized the selling of tailings for the construction of buildings in Salt Lake City and elsewhere.

Alarming Radiation Exposure

Victor Gilinsky, a nuclear physicist and member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, points out that the exposed tailings will continue to release deadly radon for more than 100,000 years, becoming "the dominant contribution to radiation exposure from the nuclear fuel cycle." A recent American Physical Society report states that the ingestion hazard from tailings becomes greater than that from high-level wastes from nuclear reactors within the first 1,000 years!

In light of such deadly realities, people are becoming increasingly alarmed.

The fact is, millions of people are now living with a dangerous legacy of the atomic age: the nuclear garbage of uranium mines which has been distributed and scattered over thousands of locations throughout the western United States.

What can be done? The piles of tailings could be buried under 20 to 30 feet of soil or an 8-foot layer of concrete. But to bury these millions of tons of radioactive remains will be equivalent to moving and burying a small mountain. To decontaminate all the homes and buildings that have incorporated the tailings may be virtually impossible, short of tearing them down and burying them. Attempts are being made to remove some of the tailing fill from buildings with radiation levels exceeding limits set by the U.S. Surgeon General, but remedial work is going slowly.

Whatever the ultimate solution to the dangers now being created by exposed piles of uranium tailings, it promises to be an expensive lesson in the cost of dealing with the dangerous debris of the nuclear era.

Reactor Wastes

Yet the frightful problems associated with tailings may seem almost trivial compared to the gigantic headache of safely disposing of highly radioactive wastes from nuclear reactors used for both military weapons production and power generation.

The first nuclear reactors were built during World War II for the production of plutonium for atomic bombs. Now government officials are admitting that military nuclear wastes have in some cases leaked out of their storage containers and could threaten the environment. At the government's Hanford Nuclear Works near Richland in southeastern Washington State, over 100,000 gallons of highly radioactive wastes leaked from a 30-year-old storage tank back in 1973. More than 400,000 gallons of high-level radioactive wastes have leaked into the soil from tanks at Richland and Savannah River, Georgia. Some of this deadly garbage may eventually penetrate the soil and enter the water table.

The record of past years shows that the military nuclear program has often employed woefully inadequate methods of waste storage.

Lethal Legacy

A similar problem faces the nuclear power industry. About 30 tons of spent nuclear fuel are discharged from a typical reactor each year. Plutonium and other radioactive products in spent fuel must be isolated for thousands of years before the radioactivity decays to a safe level. Otherwise, genetic disorders, cancer and other illnesses can result from contact with even minute particles of the deadly wastes.

But the fact is, almost two decades after commercial nuclear reactors began producing electricity, the United States still has not decided how to get rid of dangerous radioactive by-products. Finding a cemetery to contain these wastes safely for half a million years has not been easy.

At Maxey Flats, in northeastern

Kentucky, industrial nuclear wastes containing plutonium and other deadly radioisotopes have been slowly leaking out of a burial ground into the surrounding soil and water.

The nuclear weapons factory just outside Denver, Colorado, known as Rocky Flats, has also leaked plutonium and other radioactive substances into the air, water and soil—for years before anyone discovered it.

Attempts to recycle radioactive wastes have also been fraught with unnerving if not alarming problems. In 1966, at West Valley, New York, the Davison Chemical Company opened the world's first commercial nuclear-waste plant. The plant reprocessed about 625 tons of nuclear waste during its six years of operation. But in 1972, West Valley was closed and will probably never reopen. Why? The plant was found unsafe and was contaminating the countryside with radioactivity. Today, the legacy of West Valley's brief excursion into the nuclear-fuel reprocessing business is some 600,000 gallons of highly radioactive liquid wastes held in tanks buried in the ground, and some two million cubic feet of buried radioactive trash.

Sadly, the radioactive trash has contaminated ground water which flows into Lake Erie, from which the city of Buffalo obtains its drinking water. The cost of cleaning up the nuclear garbage at the defunct West Valley plant may total a billion dollars—paid by the taxpayer.

At Morris, Illinois, General Electric spent \$65 million to construct a nuclear-waste reprocessing plant. But the emerging problems of disposing of nuclear wastes may preclude the plant from ever opening. At Barnwell, South Carolina, a \$250-million plant has been constructed by Allied General Nuclear Services. Yet this plant, too, may find the cost of safely doing business is simply too high and the risks unacceptable.

Significantly, Russian defectors report that, in December of 1957, a nuclear-waste depot apparently exploded in central Russia, killing hundreds of people. Though the Soviets are understandably reluctant to discuss it, many hundreds—possibly thousands—of square miles are said to remain contaminated to this day from that tragic accident.

In England, drums containing over 100,000 cubic feet of plutonium-contaminated wastes have started corroding in their storage bunkers near Windscale on the northwest coast.

Needed: Fail-safe Disposal

What can be done to ensure that nuclear wastes are isolated from the environment? No one yet has a final answer. But pressures are rapidly building to find an adequate long-term answer. An estimated 5,000 tons of spent nuclear-reactor fuel currently exist in the United States, and experts expect 10,000 tons by 1984. More than 100,000 tons are anticipated by the end of the century.

Whatever the solution, the minimum requirement is isolation for at least 1,000 years, in which time most of the radioactive elements will have decayed to stable substances. Some wastes, however, will have to be isolated for over 250,000 years.

One possibility is to bury radioactive wastes in abandoned salt mines. The Atomic Energy Commission originally felt this was the solution to the nuclear-waste problem. But nagging questions have postponed such schemes indefinitely: Can we be sure the wastes will not contaminate underground reservoirs of water, or perhaps be spewed out of the ground by a buildup of heat or an earthquake?

In Lyons, Kansas, the AEC planned to bury wastes in an abandoned salt mine, but then found, much to its chagrin, that over 175,000 gallons of water had "disappeared" in a nearby mine. Since no one could be sure that the missing water might not undermine the integrity of the AEC's mine, the scheme to bury highly radioactive wastes at Lyons was scuttled. Still, nuclear experts hope some type of burial plan may succeed and are actively considering at least one salt mine site in New Mexico.

Another suggestion has been some type of man-made facility consisting of giant casks arranged above the ground in a pattern reminiscent of Stonehenge. The casks would be literally hot because of the decaying radioactive elements inside, but natural air convection would keep the temperature within bounds. Perhaps a new kind of "priesthood" would

watch over the casks—hopefully from a safe distance.

Still another possibility is to dispose of the wastes in the uninhabited areas of Greenland, the Arctic or the Antarctic. But climatic changes might melt the glaciers and ice caps, releasing the radioactive garbage which was stored there.

The abyssal plain of the seabeds might also provide a burial place for at least low-level wastes. But we know so little about ocean currents and how the seabeds change over long periods of time that disposal at sea could be potentially disastrous, with the oceans dispersing deadly radioactivity throughout the world.

Finally, some have suggested that toxic nuclear wastes be rocketed into space—perhaps into the sun. As attractive as this solution may sound, it is impractical and dangerous. First, the cost would be about \$2,000,000 per reactor per year, just for waste disposal. Moreover, there would always be the danger of rocket failure which would cause highly radioactive garbage to rain down over wide areas on earth.

What is really needed is a fail-safe disposal system good for half a million years. Thus the price of nuclear power will be a future of eternal vigilance and a legacy of radioactive wastes for future generations.

Considering the grim possibilities associated with nuclear wastes, we might be tempted to simply reject the atom as a source of power, but this would raise the specter of a world depleted of fossil fuels. Do we wish to leave the future generations without fossil materials—coal, gas and oil—from which to extract fertilizers, medicines, and plastics because we decided to burn them instead of using nuclear power? No easy answers are yet forthcoming.

The Last Days: A Time of Danger

Nuclear wastes, if not carefully controlled and monitored, have the potential of causing great suffering and death in the future—in a period the Bible calls "the time of the end."

The apostle Paul, in describing this period, said, "In the last days the times will be full of danger . . . (II Tim. 3:1, Phillips translation). The Bible indicates that conditions on this earth will eventually be so

dangerous that all life, human or otherwise, will be threatened with extinction. Only the intervention of the returning Christ will prevent global catastrophe. Jesus described this soon-coming period in Matthew 24:22: "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved [alive]. . . ."

Scripture also indicates that when Christ returns, a great ecological restoration will be necessary (Acts 3:20-21). Perhaps this restoration may at least in part be due to the nuclear contamination of the earth's surface. Dr. John Gofman, professor emeritus of medical physics at the University of California, contends that if just one-thousandth of the radiation emitted by nuclear wastes is lost in storage—that is, if storage is 99.9 percent perfect—then some 190,000 cancer fatalities will ultimately be added to the national death tolls each year. Indeed, the exposure standards for nuclear radiation have been lowered by a factor of 100 over the past 30 years and may be lowered again.

Can mankind enjoy the almost unlimited power of the atom and yet avoid its almost immortal pollution? For many, the dilemma of nuclear energy and its deadly wastes is a modern form of the Faustian bargain—for temporary benefits mankind may commit itself to an endless future of suffering.

But Dr. Edward Teller, father of the H-bomb, prefers a different analogy. "Instead of the medieval tale of Dr. Faust," observes Teller, "I would like to remind you of an older story: Adam ate the apple of knowledge and was expelled from paradise. It is true that all knowledge is dangerous. It is also true that we must work hard, using our heads and hearts as well as our hands, if knowledge is to bear good fruit."

One thing is certain: In recent decades, man's technological knowledge has rapidly increased at a staggering rate. Yet so have man's problems. Man apparently does not have the wisdom to rightly use the technology at his disposal. "We run the risk," says environmental scientist Barry Commoner, "of destroying this planet as a suitable place for human habitation."

The lethal legacy of nuclear waste is a case in point. □



ARE WE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS?

For centuries, prophets, evangelists and assorted religious gurus have been launching impassioned warnings about the end of the world. Every natural or unnatural disaster has been seen as a sure sign of the end. Because so many harebrained predictions have been made in the past, people have become skeptical. The religious prophets have cried "Wo!" once too often. But today, a whole new "school of prophets" is raising a collective voice of warning about a number of human problems that appear to be reaching "critical mass." The population explosion, the energy crisis, global pollution, and the potential for nuclear war are only a few of the gigantic problems that currently plague mankind. Is doomsday at our door? The free booklet *Are We Living in the Last Days?* gives the answer. To receive your copy, write to *The Plain Truth* at the address nearest you (See inside front cover for addresses worldwide or use the coupon on the back cover of this issue.) Request your free copy today.



A Crusade for SANITY!

Here's why our literature has no subscription price. Here's why thousands of people from many nations feel they have a genuine part in changing this world!

by Roderick C. Meredith

This is a wretched world. Every thinking man and woman in America now knows that. And you know it.

Wretched crime and violence now run rampant. Vicious killers are regularly set free by permissive courts. The evils of rebellion, perversion and pornography have free rein while religious liberty is under attack. Now even God's own Work is being viciously persecuted!

This ought *not* be. It makes no sense whatever in this "land of the free and home of the brave."

Although Almighty God certainly *permits* our modern society to fester with its wretched sickness, He has revealed a way that would prevent all the confusion, the suffering, the hate and violence that we see growing around us daily. And most of you realize deeply and fully that *man*—the politicians, scientists and leaders—simply does *NOT* have the answer.

The Crusade for Sanity

There is a last train to sanity. It's about to leave the station. Would you like to get aboard?

That may sound rather metaphorical. But in all too many ways it is terrifyingly true.

Of course, men have always had their "crusades" and their causes in this mixed-up, confused world. Most are very sincere in this type of thing.

But they do *NOT* give solutions for the swiftly mounting crisis of worldwide FAMINE. They do *NOT* give any real solutions to the nuclear arms race—daily threatening EXTINCTION of all human life from the face of this earth! They do not even *propose* full solutions to the mushrooming problems of polluted lakes and rivers and polluted air. Too many votes would be lost if they did! And how many voters would literally *switch parties* if some candidate came out with a ringing condemnation of parents, educators, preachers, child psychologists and theorists for utterly FAILING to instill in the new generation a deep and abiding respect for the laws of God and man?

Do you get the picture?

"The way of PEACE have they *not known*" (Romans 3:17). But our God and Creator has REVEALED a way to *peace and happiness* within our borders, and for mutual respect and tranquility among all nations of the world.

The proclamation of THAT WAY is what this Work of God is all about! It is to be given to the world as a "witness" just before the END of this present age (Matthew 24:14). It is a literal CRUSADE for SANITY—involving a willingness on man's part to obey the revealed physical and spiritual LAWS that would produce peace, happiness and universal prosperity.

The power of this crusade is GROWING mightily—and increasing tens of thousands of men and women are beginning to take part in what

they see is "the last train to sanity."

Frankly, this Work is sponsored and endowed by *NO ONE* except God Himself. As the work of John the Baptist—"the voice of one crying out in the wilderness"—so this present Work of God stands *ALONE* and is *set apart* from all other groups and organizations of men in proclaiming Christ's true message.

Your Bible says in Amos 3:7: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he REVEALETH his secret unto his servants the prophets." This Work stands *ALONE* in revealing the *meaning* of what is taking place on the world scene today and what *WILL* very-soon take place in major world events! As our longtime readers well know, we no longer merely say something is "going" to happen, but often that it is happening *right now*.

As Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's voice has thundered over the air for more than a third of a century, Britain is swiftly descending in dignity and might as a world power. As we have *specifically* prophesied ahead of time for decades, the British Empire is virtually GONE! The greatest sea gate on earth—the Suez Canal—is *gone* from the British Empire and Western control! Spain is pressuring Britain for control of Gibraltar. And America has *given away* another great sea gate, the Panama Canal!

Again, as we have warned for more than a third of a century, a United States of Europe is swiftly rising, which portends terrible trouble for the British Commonwealth

and American peoples in this generation! With the move to a new united European monetary system, the election of an activist Polish Pope, and the Russian Communist hold weakening on the nations of eastern Europe, restraints are being removed from holding back the full-scale resurrection of the "yeast," pictured prophetically in Revelation 17.

A Preparation for Christ's Return

Notice this striking prophecy for our day: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse" (Malachi 4:5-6).

This basic but little-understood prophecy obviously refers to a man or work preparing the way for Christ's second coming at the time of God's intervention in human affairs, prophetically called "the day of the Lord."

The work of John the Baptist was a first and typical fulfillment of the prophecy referring to this great end-time Work. For Luke was inspired to write about the work of John: "And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias [Elijah], to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1:17). You will notice here that Luke said John was "in the spirit and power of Elijah," not that he WAS Elijah. But the work was that empowered by the same spirit which guided Elijah to turn Israel's eyes of old to the true God, to help the fathers' hearts be turned to their children and to the preservation of the family, and to cause many disobedient to begin walking in the wisdom of the just.

When you read in *The Plain Truth* about solutions and real ANSWERS to the problems of dating, courtship, marriage, child rearing and such basic issues dealing with the preservation of the family—do you realize that Bible prophecy is being fulfilled before your very eyes? WHERE ELSE on this earth can you

obtain real ANSWERS to such basic questions as "What is the incredible human potential?" Answers to the problems of human suffering, war and the fact that only a VERY FEW are being called to any kind of "Christian" salvation in this age, when you consider that most of the earth is Communist, pagan or at best agnostic?

Again, you read, in *The Plain Truth* the real MEANING of such current problems as "punk rock," the jangling, dissonant "music" we are forced to endure, the curse of venereal disease, the chaos and upheaval in modern universities and education, and many other social problems. As you read these things—and the specific and detailed prophecies for the future—don't you realize deep within yourself that there is NO PLACE ELSE

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on earth today where this understanding is made available?

Increasing thousands do feel this way. They have become co-workers with us, and with Christ, in this vast, worldwide Work of God. That is why your *Plain Truth* has no subscription price. That is WHY there is no whining, begging, nagging, pleading or even hinting over *The World Tomorrow* broadcast for money or financial help of any sort. So far as we know, we stand completely ALONE in this God-inspired policy, too!

Why God's Work Grows

God's Work is multiplying in power and effectiveness every few years. How? It has been made possible only through the combined efforts of thousands of co-workers whom God has called to help financially support this great Work.

In the earlier days of Mr. Armstrong's ministry, he alone was able to reach only a handful of people through his preaching. But as the number of dedicated co-workers who voluntarily gave their contributions, their tithes and their offerings increased, so did the scope and power of God's Work. This Work of God has continued to grow at a fantastic rate.

Today Mr. Armstrong's efforts are multiplied millions of times through the modern miracles of radio and the printing press.

In this age of jet travel, Mr. Armstrong is now able to go before kings and world leaders with Christ's true message. Also millions of people all over the world read about God's prophecies for these end times every month in *The Plain Truth* magazine. Hundreds of thousands receive strong spiritual meat in *The Good News* magazine, and thousands of others are studying their Bibles with the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. And Ambassador College continues to train additional men and women so desperately needed in God's growing Work.

All this obviously costs money! And it has all been made possible through the financial support of a comparatively few thousand co-workers who have, of their own accord, decided they wanted to have a part in helping to preach and publish God's warning message as a witness to all nations!

What Is a Co-Worker?

God's prophets and leading ministers have always had disciples, helpers and co-workers in carrying out their mission. Mention of the latter is especially prevalent in the New Testament.

Notice: "We then, as WORKERS together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain" (II Corinthians 6:1). In context, this scripture clearly shows that all true Christians should be workers together with Christ in reaching the unconverted world with His message.

For there is certainly WORK to do!

Yet, God commands His ministers

NOT to ask the public for money to carry on this vital Work. Jesus said, "Freely ye have received, FREELY GIVE" (Matthew 10:8). We cannot, therefore, put a price tag on the precious truth of God and the WARNING MESSAGE which must go to all the world regardless of its acceptance or its rejection.

So, as in apostolic times, God has raised up a growing family of co-workers—laborers together with Christ—who are helping out financially, with their moral support and encouragement; and in their faithful, fervent prayers for this Work of God!

Rather than using some wealthy benefactor or millionaire—who, many suppose, might be backing this Work—God is using a growing band of sincere, dedicated co-workers who are doing *their part* by supplying the financial need of this Work, that the truth may go free to others.

God has always given many others the privilege and opportunity of being *direct helpers* in carrying out His Work, whether in helping, housing, or feeding a minister of God or sending him on his way with food and money. The apostle John encouraged those called in his time to receive and support the true servants of God, "... that we might be *fellowhelpers to the truth*" (III John 8).

In writing to Philemon, the apostle Paul said: "There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus; Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my *fellowlabourers*" (Philemon 23-24).

Again, Paul beseeches: "And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel; with Clement also, and with other my *FELLOWLABOURERS* [co-workers], whose names are in the book of life" (Philippians 4:3).

God's Way in Action

It is clearly God's way to use many, many scattered individuals in helping carry out His Work and in supporting and holding up the hands of His called and chosen ministers. And this very act of *laboring together with Christ* is a mighty important additional factor in the spiritual GROWTH

and *blessings* of those co-workers. Notice above that Paul describes the "fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life." Those individuals who GIVE THEIR LIVES—here and now—as *living sacrifices* in carrying out God's Work are certainly laying up treasure in heaven! For Jesus said: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21).

Many of our co-workers obey Jesus' instruction to NOT leave undone the matter of paying God's tithe—the *first tenth* of the income to God, with additional offerings as they are able. But, in any case, their hearts are increasingly involved in God's Work as they *labor together* in this end-time crusade for sanity—a crusade to restore the knowledge of God's truth to man before he blows himself off this planet!

After a person has *voluntarily*, of his own free will, expressed a desire to HELP with this great Work, Mr. Armstrong sends personal monthly letters informing these individuals in our family of co-workers of the financial conditions of God's Work. Others just *add themselves* to our co-worker list by *voluntarily* sending in tithes and offerings regularly to show they are *fellow laborers* in the Work of Christ.

It is ONLY this inner circle of co-workers who are ever told about the financial needs of this Work, the details of its growth, or are asked for money in any way. There is NO OTHER SOURCE of income for the Work of God today! There is absolutely NO ONE in the millionaire or multimillionaire class who is "sponsoring" this Work of God! Frankly, if there were, such an individual might well decide to start dictating what would be preached. But *God Himself* has so worked it out that His servants can proclaim the *specific warning* prophecies affecting our nations and explain and expound God's LIVING LAWS of success and happiness completely without fear or favor to any human being!

Comments From Those Who Serve

Perhaps some misguided people get the idea that those who help in carrying out the true Work of God are

"suffering" or "being-taken advantage of." NOTHING could be further from the truth!

It has been my personal privilege—as a minister in the Worldwide Church of God—to visit literally *hundreds* of our listeners and co-workers throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain and South Africa over the last twenty-five years. I have continually noticed that those who have their hearts in God's Work have, as Jesus promised, been BLESSED in every way.

God specifically *promises* to bless the tither (Malachi 3:10). And although we do not press or pressure even our co-workers to tithe, we are COMMANDED to teach God's truth on this subject, and we do. To illustrate that tithing is a BLESSING in every way, I want to share with you the following comments which have come in from our co-workers around the world, which have been inspiring to me and to many of us here in the Work of God.

From Mrs. Harold R.:

Believe me, we have found out that tithing really works. My husband was fired from his job about two months ago. We had been faithfully paying tithes and I knew we would be taken care of. He stayed out of work about a month and a half. We had no savings. We had no other means of income and to anyone else it looked as if we were at the end of our rope. We have a year-old baby and my dad is staying with us. But we never went hungry. We had plenty. Other people remarked that we weren't in as bad shape as they were, although we weren't receiving much income. You tell me how a family of four can live comfortably for nearly two months without a job, without any savings, without any visible means of support, and without using credit. Of course you already know, but I can tell a skeptic a few things. We've found out. God is alive! Let someone tell me tithing is a lot of baloney and I'm afraid I'll laugh in his face with no sarcasm meant!

A man from Schertz, Texas writes:

My wife and I have learned that tithing does pay! One month we gave God His portion; the next month we did not tithe. The month we tithed, good things happened fi-

nancially; but during the time we did not tithe, it cost us plenty. You name it, and it needed repair work or replacing. We put God to the test and found He sticks to an agreement.

From Mr. and Mrs. Daryl T.:

Things never happened to us till we began tithing about three years ago. Since then we have been paying our bills without borrowing money for them. We haven't had to charge our groceries. We have purchased a washer, dryer, new kitchen stove, numerous other household items and our own home to put them in. Tithing works, and as the old saying goes, "If you haven't tried it, don't knock it."

From Christine H.:

In Malachi 3:10 God commands us to prove Him—to put Him to the test to see if He really will bless us. I can personally attest to the fact that God does pour out His blessings on us if we faithfully pay His tithes and offerings. For years I have worked as a power-sewing-machine operator in the garment industry, which isn't a very high-paying job; however, I have faithfully paid all the tithes from my income. Early this spring several incidents occurred which were too unusual to have been mere "happenstance," and the results were that I was able to go into business for myself as an independent contractor for one of the largest and most reliable manufacturers of women's dresses and sportswear in this area. I now have nine women employed, all of whom are able to earn 50 percent over minimum wage while working at home. My own income has increased almost four times what I have ever earned before. Yes, God truly does mean what He says, and will pour out more blessings than we will have room to receive if we will only believe Him and let Him. Incidentally, I have been working out of my third bedroom all summer, but now I literally do not have room enough to receive it, and I am going to be forced into larger quarters to accommodate the volume of work we are getting.

Now this doesn't mean that all those who begin tithing suddenly inherit a huge sum of money or that God immediately performs some incredible miracle. But over the long

haul God blesses those who faithfully pay His tithes so that the 90 percent of the income that they keep for themselves will spread out to accomplish what the 100 percent would have. God promises to prosper the tither. And God keeps His promises!

This Crusade Is Genuine

As the dollar shrinks, as energy shortages, inflation, and economic ills steadily get worse, as Communism continues to gobble up country after country, and as specifically TEN nations in central Europe under a great false church slowly but surely form the final Frankenstein monster which God prophesies will destroy our English-speaking peoples, you will know that this CRUSADE FOR SANITY was not a work or idea of men. You will know that this is the Work of the great GOD who guides the destinies of men and nations.

If you are able to visit the Ambassador College campus or our foreign offices and see—with your own eyes—this sense of purpose, the happiness, peace and understanding possessed by those being used full time in this Work of God, you will realize that this is indeed the Work that is being used to restore the RIGHT WAY of God and His laws to this earth.

We have facts and PROOF behind what we are doing. *Never forget that!* Do not be too naive or too lazy to check in your Bible, and with history, and with current events, to PROVE the truth or error of what we say. We sincerely challenge you to do this—for your eternal good!

We and our growing family of co-workers are not just SINCERE. We have the truth of God, and we want to share it with you FREELY and without fear or favor from men!

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TENNESSEE

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FLORIDA

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ILLINOIS

WCIU, Chicago — 26, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
WFLD, Chicago — 32, 7:30 a.m., Sat.
WRAU, Peoria — 19, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

INDIANA

WKJG, Ft. Wayne — 33, 9:30 a.m., Sun.
WISH, Indianapolis — 8, 8:30 a.m., Sun.
WSBT, South Bend — 22, 10 p.m., Sun.

IOWA

KWWL, Waterloo — 7, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

KANSAS

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KARD, Wichita — 3, 4:30 p.m., Sun.

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MAINE

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MARYLAND

WBFF, Baltimore — 45, 12 noon, Sun.

MASSACHUSETTS

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MICHIGAN

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WXON, Detroit — 20, 9:30 a.m., Sun.
WJRT, Flint — 12, 8 a.m., Sun.
WLX, Lansing — 10, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

MINNESOTA

WTCN, Minneapolis — 11, 7:30 a.m., Sun.

MISSOURI

WDAF, Kansas City — 4, 12 noon, Sat.
KMTC, Springfield — 27, 6:30 a.m., Sun.
KNOL, St. Louis — 30, 9 a.m., Sun.

NEBRASKA

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KWNB, Hayes Center — 6, 8 a.m., Sun.
KHGI, Kearney — 13, 8 a.m., Sun.
KSNS, Superior — 4, 8 a.m., Sun.

NEW MEXICO

KGGM, Albuquerque — 13, 7 a.m., Sun.

NEW YORK

WTEN, Albany — 10, 8:30 a.m., Sun.
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WOR, New York — 9, 10 p.m., Sun.
WROC, Rochester — 8, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

NORTH CAROLINA

WRET, Charlotte — 36, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
WNCT, Greenville — 9, 11:30 a.m., Sun.

OHIO

WAKR, Akron — 23, 11 p.m., Sun.
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WSPD, Toledo — 13, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

OREGON

KPTV, Portland — 12, 11 a.m., Sat.

PENNSYLVANIA

WBSA, Harrisburg — 43, 12 noon, Sun.

RHODE ISLAND

WPRN, Providence — 12, 11:30 a.m., Sun.

TENNESSEE

WRCS, Chattanooga — 3, 12:30 p.m., Sun.
WKPT, Kingsport — 19, 12 noon, Sun.

TEXAS

KTVV, Austin — 36, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

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In the World Tomorrow: TRUE JUSTICE!

Why, do innocent people suffer in the courts of this world? Why do violent criminals go free? Why is justice such a scarce commodity in this day and age? This article not only reveals the root cause behind the rank injustice which is part of this world but also shows how it is all going to be changed for the better in the near future!

by Jeff Calkins

Any woman who has ever been raped knows the terrible, almost cruel lack of justice which permeates this world's legal systems. Some moral barbarian has assaulted and violated her very body and caused her terrible suffering. But are things made right? Are there any assurances that he will be properly punished because he *deserves* to be punished? Are there any assurances that the poor woman will be spared further anguish?

The tragic answer to these questions is no. No court in the world can undo something which is in the past. The trauma of the assault can never be erased. But much worse is the fact that justice itself may be violated: The criminal may never be caught; if he is caught, the chances that he will get what he deserves—a good bellyful of the suffering he has inflicted on others—are slim indeed.

And even worse than that, if the criminal is to be punished at all, the

unfortunate woman who was raped will have to suffer again in the court system. She will have to take time out during work hours to testify. She will have to relive the terrible event again as she describes it to the court in her own words. She will have to state in her own words every gross, intimate detail of her assailant's act. She will be mercilessly cross-examined by a defense lawyer who will try to make her look like a liar. She may have to state the intimate details of her personal sex life to an open public courtroom. She may even be forced to undergo psychiatric examination to see if she is not given to lying.

But even after all this, the criminal may still be able to escape the punishment he deserves if the judge doesn't have the stomach to send him to prison. Or, even if he is sent to prison, the criminal may easily get off with a light sentence or be paroled after a few months.

The prophet Ezekiel was inspired to hit the nail right on the head when he declared: "... the land is full of blood, and the city full of injustice" (Ezek. 9:9, RSV). The prophet Isaiah also stated this same truth

about man's legal system: "Judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter" (Isa. 59:14).

While the example of rape is probably the starkest example of injustice in this present evil world (Gal. 1:4), other examples, especially when you are the victim, are just as poignant. Whether your home is burglarized, you are physically beaten on a city street and sustain painful injuries, or whether your good name and honesty are maliciously attacked, it is the same legal system which will govern all these cases.

At its very best, man's legal system may succeed in punishing a wrongdoer and compensating you for your injuries. But, at the very least, you will *still* be out large amounts of your time, and maybe some of your money (attorneys' fees). And in many cases, there will still be *nothing* a court can do to repair the damage. For example, according to Scripture, a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches (Prov. 22:1). And yet, if your good name and reputation are held up to ridicule in the

public press as the result of a slur on your character, it is literally impossible for a court to go inside the minds of perhaps millions of people and change the wrongful impression they have of you.

Root Cause of Injustice

This is Satan's world (II Cor. 4:4). One writer once described the earth for Christians as "enemy-occupied territory." As such, all of man's legal systems, no matter how much good they can sometimes do, suffer from certain fatal flaws. When Adam chose to follow Satan rather than God (Gen. 3:6), mankind came under a curse (Gen. 3:17). Man was condemned to go his own way. Mankind, with all his inherent limitations, would have to rule himself without the benefit of God's supernatural help.

Human judges are just that: *human*. They are not all-knowing. They are subject to pulls and urges of physical flesh, and, as all men are, subject to the direct spiritual influence of the devil himself.

And so in this world, justice is in the hands of puny man. Often judges abuse their office. This often happens when they have a lifetime tenure and become accountable to virtually no one. Christ's parable of the "unjust judge," who feared neither God nor man (Luke 18:2-8), recognizes this problem. The point of this parable is that if a sour, unjust and (presumably) life-tenured judge will grant relief to a poor widow because of her continual pleadings, how much more will a just God grant relief to His people who pray to Him!

The parable shows that the judges of this world are very fallible human beings. The apostle Paul made this precise point when he chastised the members of the Church of God at Corinth for going "to law before the unjust" (I Cor. 6:1).

It is because of the natural tendency of human judges to be subject to the sway of the devil that God continually admonished the leaders of His people in ancient Israel to judge legal matters rightly. "Thus speaketh the Eternal of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment" (Zech. 7:9).

But true judgment easily escapes,

fallible human judges. No man can know everything about a matter. Only God views all human events with an *objective* and right perspective.

Through a Glass, Darkly

The apostle Paul spoke of the human limits to man's judgment when he said that in this life now "we see through a glass, darkly" (I Cor. 13:12). Man's five physical senses aren't always equal to the task of discovering the real truth of a matter.

For this reason, all of man's legal systems get mired down in problems of evidence. What is the truth of a matter? How can we absolutely know how a certain event occurred? To return to our rape victim—she has to tell a court what happened if

often literally cannot afford justice. Going to court takes time, and many people cannot afford to leave their work for any extended period, and then do so only at great cost.

Worse, legal battles in some countries can take literally years! An individual could be stripped of his life savings, or severely injured, and yet it can be years before he ever sees any restitution. Court rules of procedure are fiendishly complicated, and a lawyer is usually necessary if one is going to get anything accomplished. Yet in America, lawyers charge around \$50 an hour, and going through a trial can take scores of hours! Moreover, even if one is completely in the right, he will still have to pay for his own lawyer. This fact alone virtually ensures that in many instances of rank injustice, one will still be much worse off than when he started—even if he wins!

In some countries, very poor people have access to "free" legal services in such matters as welfare payments, school integration, or disputes with their landlords. But even then, poor people still do not have access to free services for their most pressing problems, which almost always involve child support and alimony payments.

No wonder God absolutely condemns a situation where the poor are taken advantage of, cast off (as in divorce), often literally robbed or swindled, and yet are provided no justice: "[Wicked men] judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Eternal: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?" (Jer. 5:28-29.) "Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts [bribes], and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them" (Isa. 1:23).

In This Present Evil World

Perhaps the most aggravating thing about man's legal systems—particularly the Anglo-American common-law system—is that *until* the government of God is restored to this earth, we aren't going to be able to do too

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the criminal is ever to be punished. Else there is simply no way that human beings can ever know if she really was attacked!

The Bible recognizes these human limitations. In fact, one of God's Ten Commandments, "Thou shalt not bear false witness" (Ex. 20:16), centers on a courtroom-type situation. Often the *only* way you can know something is by human testimony, and human memory is often a dull, inaccurate instrument. This is why many contracts must be in writing. And it is also the reason that, when courts do rely on human memory, God Himself has commanded that the testimony not be false.

Time and Money

Another defect in man's legal systems is that those who aren't rich

much better. This is because it is an abomination when an innocent person suffers wrongly (Deut. 19:10, 13; Job 4:7).

Consider the rape example again. There are, in this present evil world, women who will falsely accuse a man of rape. For this reason, there have to be some procedures to make sure that an accuser is telling the truth. The woman will have to go to court because a man should have the right to confront his accusers. And she ought to be subject to what could indeed be the horrible trauma of having to tell her story over again, because the painful fact is that human beings are swayed by Satan the devil and, like the devil (John 8:44), do not always tell the truth.

The Proverbs also speak of the need for such legal procedures as cross-examination. "He that is first in his own cause seemeth just, but his neighbor cometh and searcheth him" (Prov. 18:17).

It is a cruel fact of Satan's world that certain legal rules are necessary to ensure that innocent people do not suffer. And even with these rules, the fact is that innocent people do suffer.

For this reason, we can be thankful when, under the government of man, courts properly think before they act, and when there are numerous legal procedures to ensure that all sides of a controversy are heard, and that there has been opportunity for each side to be heard. Lawyers call this "due process," and its roots go directly back at least to the Magna Carta. Even today, the most horrendous violations of fair play take place when courts do not give all sides the opportunity to be heard and make their case.

The Bible puts its stamp of approval on the idea of "due process" also. That is why God commanded the ancient Israelites that testimony in capital crimes could not be entered unless it was corroborated by at least two witnesses (Deut. 17:6). Even though they may cause frustrating delay, the complicated rules of procedure in modern legal systems prevent worse injustice: the kind of kangaroo-court situation where a man or an institution is condemned without getting the opportunity to be heard,

sometimes even without notice that a trial is going on at all!

It seems that, in Satan's world, we only have the distasteful choice of delay and expense or—even worse—the punishment of the innocent.

The Glorious World Tomorrow

When God restores His government to the whole earth, things are going to change. For once there is going to be justice, fair play, and equity in the affairs of men. The blatant, anguishing wrongs of Satan's world will be forever banned.

In the first place, God will not allow the kind of evil event to take place which today cannot be remedied. Evil acts which hurt and maim and wound will simply not happen. "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain" (Isa. 11:9). People will be instructed in the right, just way of life *before* they do any harm. "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left" (Isa. 30:21).

Moreover, the hurts and wounds of past wrongs in Satan's world will be made right. "I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Eternal" (Jer. 30:17). "Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Eternal" (Heb. 10:30).

Unlike puny men, God is omniscient and knows the real truth about any given matter. Many legal matters rest on someone's *intent*—what he actually believed in his heart! Feeble man must rely on circumstantial evidence to judge intent. Not so with God! "God knoweth the secrets of the heart" (Ps. 44:21).

Man is often unable to surmount his very limited faculties to be able to know anything. But God reveals knowledge! God knows all the facts! Job asked the question, "How doth God know? Can he judge through the dark cloud?" (Job 22:13). The apostle Paul answered him when he declared that "God shall judge the secrets of men" (Rom. 2:16).

God is the perfect Judge. He is "no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34). "With righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for

the meek of the earth" (Isa. 11:4). Under God's government, leaders "shall no more oppress [God's] people... [and they will] remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice" (Ezek. 45:8-9). God is a "God of truth" (Isa. 65:16), and "justice and judgment are the habitation of [His] throne" (Ps. 89:14). Indeed, one of the very reasons that Jesus Christ will return to earth is to establish justice: "... for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth" (Ps. 96:13).

When God Shall Wipe Away All Tears

God put something into the human spirit which cries out for justice when a wrong has been done. This something is a natural part of the human mind and is one of the reasons why we always feel good when we see a Western movie and, in the end, the bad guy gets what he really deserves.

Of course, in Satan's world, innocent people suffer and guilty criminals go free. For this reason, men have invented the doctrine of purgatory—the idea is that everyone has to pay for all his wrongs before he can be admitted to heaven. And men's natural need to see justice done is why some people cling to the doctrine of an ever-burning hell. In their minds, justice demands that people like Hitler and Stalin deserve to literally fry forever in eternal agony.

The true God, of course, is not so cruel that He would condemn someone to eternal torture. But He will not compromise with justice (that is, His perfect, just and holy law) either. For that reason God sent His Son Christ to suffer and die to pay the penalty for all the hurtful wrongs which have occurred in this present evil world. On the "eternal ledger," Christ's life easily makes up for all the wrongs which sinful men have committed since the time of Adam. When all is said and done, the problem of eternal justice will be solved by the very sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This same Christ is the One who will soon return to establish justice on earth. □

In His Image... HEIRS Together

"In the beginning . . . God said, Let us make man in our image . . . in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them . . . heirs together of the grace of life . . . that as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God."

by Jon Hill

God never intended there be any "battle of the sexes" . . . God always considered men and women equally "in his image."

But mankind—male and female—has been responsible for many contradictions of God's intent. That's where our problems have come from.

The ideal circumstances of the Garden of Eden provided equality before God of Adam and Eve: man and woman.

Since mankind's expulsion from the Garden, circumstances have never provided the God-intended equality. A marked deterioration in every facet of life has ensued, varying in degree from generation to generation. The ideal woman, so artfully described in Proverbs 31, has probably never existed in an actual, living, case history. There is no counterpart chapter in the Bible to describe the ideal man, and obviously, even if there were, there would be no living example completely fulfilling that ideal, either.

Jesus was a man. He was perfect—that is, no sin was found in Him. Yet, He did not marry, have a family, produce progeny. That was not His purpose. The purpose of His

life was to provide the perfect sacrifice for sin required for you and me—male or female.

There are no other examples of perfect men, or women, in the Bible. Every other man or woman mentioned is flawed with error of one nature or another. Some are basically righteous, some basically evil. Some have names to identify them, others are anonymous. Their examples, in the light of God's perfect law, give us guidelines in two directions: 1) how to act to achieve good; 2) how to act—or not act—to avoid evil.

In striving to achieve the best record in this life and to become qualified to inherit eternal life, applying the principles of these examples is very helpful. Here are some examples, good and bad, of the conduct of women in the Bible. I hope all the men reading this will be able to learn helpful points regarding their own lives; and of course it is the primary intent of this article to aid women in attaining the very most of their human potential.

Powerful examples of women in the Bible are an inspiration to any human being, regardless of sex. Outstanding examples of faith. Admirable stories of intelligence, intrigue and cleverness. Strength of character when all the men had given up, fortitude in the face of adversity, sheer guts in performing action necessary

for the freedom of a nation. Passion and compassion. Mercy, love and patience. All examples of spiritual character, which knows no boundary of sex—yet makes for a sparkling jewel in the crown of God.

Yet, just as with the tales of men in the Bible, there are other accounts of jealousy, evil incarnate, depravity—deliberate, ugly sins and sins of omission and ignorance, sometimes with the best of intentions.

Let's look at a few.

Miriam the Prophetess

We all remember the song of Moses in Exodus 15—why don't more recognize that Moses himself also records in the same chapter his sister Miriam's song? She was a prophetess, leader of all the women of Israel, Moses' older sister who had watched over him as he floated helpless down the Nile, a baby in his reed basket. Miriam spoke, Moses recorded, and God inspired and included as a part of His eternal Word the powerful promise: "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Ex. 15:26.)

We know that Miriam made a mistake: She accused Moses of a bad marriage with an Ethiopian woman—even God was furious, and punished her severely. So, who said she was perfect? She was just a human being made in the image of God who, in her overall life, is an out-

standing example of leadership and basically righteous conduct. Women are equal with men: Both make mistakes! Read the story in Numbers 12 and you'll find Aaron was in on the deal (although he's mentioned second—"Miriam and Aaron"). If we are going to find fault with people, men and women alike (which is obviously a bad habit to follow, since Satan is the accuser), it seems to me that I remember a little boo-boo Aaron pulled regarding a golden calf or something like that (Exodus 32). Jesus may have had reference to this kind of thinking when He said, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her" - in the defense of an accused woman!

And speaking of that judgment of Jesus: Haven't you ever wondered why the men, who in their righteous pomposity brought the woman "caught in the act" to Jesus, didn't also bring the man involved? It wouldn't have made any difference: Jesus' judgment was a matter of principle, not sex!

Stamp of Approval

Now let's talk about Rahab, even if she was a harlot. Here was a woman, who by the exercise of *faith* (Heb. 11) not only saved her own life and that of her family, but aided in the fulfillment of God's promise of Israel's occupation of the land. Being in a position to hear all the news of the day, she could perceive that the future was with God's Israel. She determined to become a part of that future - a dangerous and daring as well as faithful decision. She aided and abetted Israeli spies, outfoxed the secret police of Jericho, and survived the downfall of that city in the only house left when the walls fell flat! If that's not an example of courage you can profit from, no matter what your sex, then maybe you lack guts - or finesse - or faith - or all three!

At any rate, God certainly put His stamp of approval on Rahab, citing her as one of the examples of faith in Hebrews 11 and including her in the genealogy of Jesus Christ. Let him who is without sin cast the first stone.

And what about Deborah, prophetess and female Judge in Israel, who,

when there seemed to be no men among the boys of Israel, not only withstood the enemy, but devised a plan of attack to conquer? She made no accusations, started no liberation movements just for females, made no attempt to prove she was "equal" - she already knew she was. She dealt from strength, not frustration. She comforted, consoled, encouraged and inspired "Sweet Lightning" (Barak) to do his job with faith. She strengthened and supported - and those are not unequal responsibilities. And she won!

Sometimes in the scope of the story we forget the act of another woman in that day of need: Jael. Not many women, and *no man*, could do what she did that day. She entertained the enemy's commanding general in her tent, and when he was refreshed and sound asleep, she drove a tent nail through one temple and out of the other into the ground! (This act should be judged *in the context* of the book of Judges. It's not recommended for Christian women today!) So ended another occupation of Israel by the concerted action, indirect and direct, of *two great women!*

Overcoming Prejudice

Naomi and Ruth fell on hard times. Since they were living in a foreign country, the death of their husbands proved a catastrophe. But with sterling character, determined action and clever conduct, honest, hard-working and undoubtedly beautiful Ruth, with the help of her mother-in-law, won her place in history. Would that all mother-in-law/daughter-in-law teams could get along as well!

Suffering under the stigma of being a woman, Ruth came penniless to the land of her former husband. Overcoming every prejudice with patient calm, she not only restored her family fortunes by marriage to Boaz, but became the grandmother of David and an ancestor of Christ. No male ever achieved a similar record! But the principles she used are applicable to all, and she herself will, undoubtedly stand tall in the Kingdom of God! I doubt very much that she ever despaired of being "just a woman."

Take Esther for example. Here was a woman who proved beyond a shadow of doubt that beauty and intelligence can share billing in one character. Cast into the web of international intrigue, with the extermination of her own Jewish race hanging in the balance, she had to act with uncommon brilliance in an uncommon situation. She proved *equal* to the task!

The winner of a worldwide beauty contest, tender in age and experience, offspring of a despised race, having powerful enemies to boot, she didn't exactly have everything going for her. She was faced with a unique dilemma of history - and, but for her wise and courageous conduct, many of you would not be alive today.

Fasting, praying, seeking counsel from her uncle and trusting God completely, she put her life on the line for her entire nation - *AND WON!* She cleverly maneuvered Haman into a trap that caused him to be hung on the same gibbet he had built for her uncle Mordecai. She so ingratiated herself in the eyes of her husband, Emperor Ahasuerus, that he managed to change the law of the Medes and the Persians from a death sentence for all Jews to a *carte blanche*. Let's face it, fellows, even though we must be this woman's equal, we never could have done that!

But the principles she employed, we can *all* employ! Faith, patience, intelligence, willingness to listen to counsel, fasting, prayer, determination, guts!

Snapped Shower Cap

Abigail has long been a hero (or should I say heroine?) of mine. Her example in the face of extremely frustrating life circumstances gives confidence and helps prevent precipitate action in times of stress. Abigail was married to a no-good, bombastic, self-righteous, demanding, selfish bigot named Nabal (the very meaning of his name in English is "folly"). David and his guerrilla band were surviving in the hills nearby. They had protected Nabal's flocks from bandits, brigands and marauding animals. They wanted some food in return.

Nabal refused. David's temper flared. Muttering some nasty invective against Nabal (1 Sam. 25:22), he and hundreds of armed men set out to teach Nabal a lesson*he would never remember (since he would die by the lesson!). Anticipating the manly responses of both Nabal and David, Abigail quietly got some food together and met David before he could do bodily harm to Nabal. Using the utmost of tact and diplomacy, she managed to bring David to a screeching halt in an action he would later have regretted. David recognized the wisdom of her advice (even if she was "just a woman") and said: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me: and blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand. . . . Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person" (1 Sam. 25:32-35.)

Are you man enough to take good advice, even if it comes from "just a woman"? Man enough to accept the person, to see beyond prejudice, to recognize truth when you see it?

Are you woman enough . . . ?

But the story is not finished—it would make a great movie!

When Abigail got back home, Nabal was in a drunken stupor, so she waited until the morning, when he was undoubtedly suffering from one of the greatest hangovers of history, before she told him what she had done—patiently, softly, plainly. Nabal snapped his shower cap, went into a blind rage, had an apoplectic fit, suffered a stroke that paralyzed him for ten days, and died! David married Abigail, inherited all of Nabal's earthly goods, and they lived happily ever after.

Now, for all you women who have husbands like Nabal . . .

David and Bathsheba

There's good news and bad news in the story of David and Bathsheba. Adultery and murder, shame and disgust, repentance and faith, forgiveness and hope. Most remember David, but what about Bathsheba?—there is another side of the coin.

David lusted. But why was Bathsheba bathing where she knew she could be seen? David committed adultery, but it takes two to tango. David arranged for Uriah's untimely death, but did Bathsheba know nothing of the plot?

David repented totally, and wrote perhaps the most beautiful of all his psalms as a result: Psalm 51. But do we think Bathsheba did not also repent? David remained married. So Bathsheba remained married. And together they produced Solomon. Solomon means "peace"—with God, with men, with each other: David AND Bathsheba.

It was Bathsheba, frivolous and costly act of passion forgiven, who later in her illustrious life, together with Nathan, prophet of God, convinced David that he must name Solomon his successor to the throne before his death. Strong and subtle, for bad and good, Bathsheba is quite a woman—person—being.

By the way, Lemuel, as quoted by Solomon, may have written the words that describe the ideal woman of Proverbs 31, but the Bible says he was taught them by his mother! Some say that "Lemuel" was another name for Solomon. If that is indeed true, then Bathsheba inspired Proverbs 31!

Jezebel was bad. Michal was bad. No need to dwell on that. Manasseh was bad. Pharaoh was bad.

After all, only people are bad.

Unsung Heroine

Elijah is a luminary of biblical record without peer. His miracles (God's miracles performed at Elijah's request) are stirring examples with which most laymen are familiar. But do you remember the woman (unnamed as were many famous men in the biblical record) whose pot of oil and barrel of flour stayed full? The widow who sustained Elijah when all others turned him away? The woman whose son Elijah revived from the dead? I think I spot an unsung heroine here. A widow alone against a hostile world, having only her faith and good deeds to keep the wolf from the door. A woman of strong character. A woman with whom God was acquainted: "I have

commanded a widow woman . . . to sustain thee" (1 King 17:9).

Many unkind things must have been said regarding their relationship. Undoubtedly all untrue, but hurtful and difficult to live with. His political and religious views were anathema to the community they lived in. Her aiding and abetting him in her home could not have been popular. Unnamed, she yet receives her crown of victory in the words of Hebrews 11:35—the faith chapter: "Women [so there must have been others] received their dead raised to life again."

Elijah knew her name; God knows her name, and it won't make any difference that she is unnamed or "just a woman" when she is resurrected to eternal life, a member of the family of God in that better resurrection that same verse mentions. She will be equally one with God along with Elijah. A spirit being, all-powerful, ever-living: THAT'S EQUALITY!

Preferred Company

God chooses "woman" throughout the entire Bible as the symbol of the Church of God, the Body of Christ. He refers to the entire group of saved human beings as the Bride of Christ: THAT'S EQUALITY!

There are many prejudiced people who have critical and unkind remarks regarding Jesus' open acceptance of women—even more critical and unkind remarks were made in His own day, as the status of women then was worse by far than it now is.

Mary Magdalene, a person of tragic background, with spiritual, mental and physical problems, was one of those closest to Christ, respected, loved, forgiven and encouraged by Him. He pointedly preferred her company to that of the male self-important, high officials of the religions of His day. He was not afraid of being seen carrying on a conversation with a woman (remember the woman at the well?) contrary to the tradition of His day. There were many women who were His disciples, though most of them remained unnamed in the record—and women furnished an important part in the foundation of the early Church. And

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It was a hugely successful voyage of discovery; an intimate peek at an awesome, beautiful, yet forbidding world: a mini solar system in our own celestial backyard. From nearly half a billion miles away, the breathtakingly spectacular color photos of Jupiter and its moons provided new insights—and raised some puzzling questions—about a giant planet that, at 1,300 times the volume of Earth, is almost another star.

Voyager 1, launched from Cape Canaveral in September 1977, journeyed for 18 months and 400 million miles before threading its way past Jupiter and its 13 known moons. At one point the 1,800-pound spacecraft came within 173,000 miles of the solar system's largest planet. Equipped with eleven different scientific instruments plus special cameras, Voyager found Jupiter to be sizzling with powerful radiation and covered with colorful and violently turbulent clouds. Over a dozen orange and white bands were seen rotating in the ever-changing atmosphere.

The famed Great Red Spot—several times the size of Earth—was revealed as a gigantic swirling pattern of deep orange clouds with long-braided flows in shades of tan and amber streaming away from colossal pinwheel-like spirals and vortices. The Red Spot, first discovered some 300 years ago, appears to be a "permanent hurricane." Indeed, there are many storms on Jupiter with lifetimes so great that by Earth standards they defy the imagination.

Io, one of the four so-called Galilean satellites discovered by Galileo in 1610, looks like an orange that has been scarred with an ice pick (see photo). It has dry salt plains, long cliffs, dome-shaped features, mesas, channels, fault lines and even an active volcano! But Io is strangely free of impact craters, a fact that continues to puzzle scientists. (Most planets and moons of the solar system testify to a time of great meteoric bombardment in the distant past. Mars, Venus, Mercury, and the moon, for example, all show evidence of extensive bombardment and craters.) Could the surface of Io have been created more recently than the surfaces of other planets and moons? Speculation abounds that well-established



JUPITER—A COLOSS





GIANT PLANET JUPITER (left) and two of its moons, **Io** and **Europa**, were photographed by **Voyager 1** from 12 million miles away. **Io** is seen passing over Jupiter's **Great Red Spot**. Close-up of turbulent **Great Red Spot** (lower left), colorful scarred surface of **Io** (lower center), and the **Moon-like** appearance of the Jovian satellite **Ganymede** show the awesome and forbidding worlds revealed by the **Voyager** mission.

lished theories about the formation of the solar system may have to be extensively revised.

Speeding along at up to 84,000 miles per hour, **Voyager** also photographed the surfaces of the moons **Ganymede**, **Europa** and **Callisto**, the remaining Galilean moons. **Callisto**, darkest and outmost of the Galilean satellites, has a gigantic circular basin rimmed with wavelike ridges. **Europa** seems to have an ice crust. **Voyager** photos of **Ganymede** showed a desertlike floor crisscrossed by faults or valleys that look like marks made by dune buggies.

One of the greatest surprises of the **Voyager** probe was the discovery of a flat thin ring of particles around the equator of **Jupiter**. When only **Saturn** was known to have such a ring system, astronomers often considered its formation to be a fluke. But in March 1977, **Uranus** was also found to have a ring. And now, **Jupiter**. With three planets known to have bracelets of extraplanetary material around them, scientists are being forced to come up with a reasonable explanation. The "fluke hypothesis" no longer seems viable.

Voyager 1 is now headed for a close-up look at **Saturn**, its rings and its moons. But **Saturn** is about twice the distance of **Jupiter** from the sun and the spacecraft will not arrive until November 1980. Meanwhile, another probe, **Voyager 2**, will arrive at **Jupiter** in July of this year, on the tenth anniversary of **Apollo 11**.

The unprecedented **Voyager** exploration of **Jupiter**, **Saturn** and other distant planets will provide new understanding of man's place in the universe; at the same time, the stark desolation and hostile conditions on these alien worlds should serve to remind us of our unique and precious home on planet **Earth**. □

SSAL ADVENTURE



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CHURCH

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ernment. Daniel was a prophet who had been given special understanding in visions and dreams (Dan. 1:17).

Nebuchadnezzar was the first real world ruler. He had conquered a vast empire, including the nation Judah. This king had a dream so impressive it troubled him—moved him to tremendous concern. He demanded that his magicians, astrologers, and sorcerers tell him both *what* he had dreamed and what it meant. They could not. They were baffled. Then Daniel was brought before the king.

Daniel disclaimed any more human ability to interpret dreams than the Chaldean magicians. "BUT," he said, "there is a GOD in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days..." (Dan. 2:28).

First, God's purpose was to reveal to this world-ruling human king that there is a GOD in heaven; that GOD is SUPREME RULER over all nations, governments and kings; that GOD RULES THE UNIVERSE—even though, during the past 6,000 years, God has *allowed* nations generally to be left altogether to their own devices. But GOD was giving Nebuchadnezzar a special opportunity to accept His rule.

This Chaldean king knew only about the many pagan demon gods. He knew nothing of the true *living* ALMIGHTY GOD. Like people and rulers, even today, he did not know that GOD is the living, *REAL*, active, *RULING* and *GOVERNING* PERSONAGE who actually and literally *governs* not only what is on earth, but the entire UNIVERSE!

The whole purpose of this DREAM was to *reveal* GOD'S GOVERNMENT; the fact that God RULES, the truth of THE KINGDOM OF GOD—the very thing that is the one and *only* true GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST! And, secondly, to reveal—preserved in writing for us TODAY—what is to happen *"in the latter days"*—probably within the next two decades—this last half of the twentieth century!

For Us Today

This is not dry, dull, dead writing for a people of 2,500 years ago. This is

living, tremendous, big news for our day! It is *advance news* for us, now. News *before it happens*—of the most colossal event of all earth's history.

Read, in your own Bible, Daniel 2, verses 28 through 35. In his dream, this king had seen a stupendous statue—larger than any image or statue ever built by man—so tremendous it was terrifying, even in a dream. Its head was of fine gold, its breast and arms of silver, the belly and thighs of brass, legs of solid iron, feet and toes a mixture of iron and clay.

There was a time element. Nebuchadnezzar had viewed it *until* a supernatural STONE came from heaven, smashing the statue on its feet. Then the whole of the statue broke into small fragments and was actually blown away by the wind—it disappeared! Then this STONE expanded miraculously and quickly became a great MOUNTAIN—so great it filled the whole earth!

What did it mean? *Did* it have meaning? Yes, because this was God's doing. Unlike ordinary dreams, this one was caused by God to convey the message of God's sovereignty to Nebuchadnezzar—and, because it is part of the written Word of God to us today—to reveal important facts of the TRUE GOSPEL.

"This is the dream," said Daniel (verse 36), "and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king."

This, then, is God's interpretation. Men ought never to *interpret* the Bible. The Bible gives us GOD'S OWN INTERPRETATION! Here it is (verse 37):

"Thou, O king, art a king of kings [he was the first real WORLD RULER over a world empire]: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory." God was revealing Himself to this human world dictator as the MOST HIGH Ruler over all.

People today, like this Chaldean king, seem not to think of God as a RULER—as the Supreme One who GOVERNS—as the Head of GOVERNMENT. The Eternal was revealing Himself through Daniel to Nebuchadnezzar—and through the Bible *to you and to me* TODAY—as a sovereign, all-powerful, governing God who is to be obeyed!

This knowledge is another PROOF

of the modern identity of God's *one* true Church!

"Thou," continued Daniel to this human emperor, "art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another KINGDOM inferior to thee, and another third KINGDOM of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth" (verses 38-39).

What is a Kingdom?

Notice! This is speaking of KINGDOMS. It is referring to kingdoms that bear rule over the people on earth. It is speaking of GOVERNMENTS. It is not speaking of ethereal sentiments "set up in the hearts of men." It is not speaking of churches. It is speaking of the kind of GOVERNMENTS that bear RULE and AUTHORITY over nations of PEOPLE here on earth. It is literal. It is specific. There is no misunderstanding here as to what is meant by the word "KINGDOM."

There is no misunderstanding the interpretation. GOD gives His own interpretation through the prophet Daniel. The great metallic image represented national and international GOVERNMENTS—real, literal KINGDOMS.

It represented a *succession* of world-ruling governments. First was the head of gold. That represented Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom—the Chaldean Empire. After him—later in time sequence—was to come a second, then a third, KINGDOM, "which shall bear RULE over all the earth"—*world empire*.

Then, verse 40, the legs of iron represent a *fourth* world empire. It was to be *strong*, even as iron is strong—stronger militarily than its predecessors. Yet, as silver is less valuable than gold, brass than silver, iron than brass, though each metal was harder and stronger, the succession would deteriorate morally and spiritually. The two legs meant the fourth empire would be divided.

After the Chaldean Empire came the still larger Persian Empire, then the Greco-Macedonian and fourth, the Roman Empire. It was divided, with capitals at Rome and Constantinople.

Now—verse 44! Read it! Get your Bible. See it with your own eyes in your own Bible. Here, in PLAIN LANGUAGE, is God's explanation of what the KINGDOM OF GOD is:

"And in the days of these kings..." It is here speaking of the ten toes, part of iron and part of brittle clay. This, by connecting the prophesy with Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 and 17, is referring to the new UNITED STATES OF EUROPE, which is now forming out of the European Common Market before your very eyes! Revelation 17:12 makes plain the detail that it shall be a union of ten KINGS OR KINGDOMS that (Rev. 17:8) shall resurrect the medieval HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE."

"So, mark carefully the time element! In the days of these kings"—in the days of these ten nations or groups of nations that shall, in our time, resurrect briefly the Roman Empire—notice what shall happen: "...shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever!"

Yes, In Our Time

Now here we have described FOUR universal world empires—the only four that ever existed! Revelation 17 shows that after the fall of the original Roman Empire there would be SEVEN revivals that would be ruled over by a Gentile CHURCH—the "daughter" of ~~ancient~~ **BABYLON**—a church claiming to be Christian, but actually named by God, "MYSTERY, ~~BABYLON the Great~~, or more plainly, **BABYLONIAN MYSTERIES!**"

Six of those have come and gone. The seventh is now forming—the last, final, brief resurrection of the "Holy Roman Empire" by ten European groups or nations. These are the ten toes of iron and clay mixed.

In their days—and they shall last but a very short space, possibly no more than two to three and a half years—shall the GOD OF HEAVEN SET UP A KINGDOM.

This, then, shall be THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

Compare with Revelation 17. Here is pictured a church. Not a small church—a GREAT church. She rules over "many waters" (verse 1), which are described in verse 15 as different nations speaking different languages. She posed as the Church of GOD—which Scripture says (Eph. 5:23; Rev. 19:7; Matthew 25:1-10) is the affianced bride of CHRIST, to be

spiritually MARRIED to Him at His second COMING.

But she has committed fornication. How? By having direct political union with HUMAN GOVERNMENTS of THIS WORLD! She "sat on" (Rev. 17:3) all seven of these resurrections of the Roman Empire—called the "Holy Roman Empire." She RULED over the human kingdoms—as a common-law and unmarried "wife" ruling her paramour "husband"—a totally unnatural and ungodly relationship.

She is, therefore, to "sit on" this last "head of the beast"—this final resurrection of the Roman Empire. It will be a union of church and state. It is to endure but a very short time. It is to FIGHT AGAINST CHRIST at His SECOND COMING! That will be its END.

We see it in process of rising now. Therefore we are CLOSE to the coming of Christ! We are now very near the END of this world!

When Christ comes, He is coming as KING of kings, ruling the whole earth (Rev. 19:11-16); and His KINGDOM—the Kingdom of God—said Daniel, is to CONSUME all these worldly kingdoms.

Revelation 11:15 states it in these words: "The kingdoms of this world are become THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD, AND OF HIS CHRIST; and he shall reign for ever and ever!"

THIS IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD. It is the END of present governments—the governments that rule Russia, China, Japan, Italy, Germany—yes, and even the United States and the British nations. They then shall become the kingdoms—the GOVERNMENTS of the Lord JESUS CHRIST, then KING of kings over the entire earth.

This makes completely PLAIN the fact that the KINGDOM OF GOD is a literal GOVERNMENT. Even as the Chaldean Empire was a KINGDOM, even as the Roman Empire was a KINGDOM—so the KINGDOM OF GOD is a government. It is to take over the GOVERNMENT of the NATIONS of the world.

Jesus Christ was BORN to be a KING—A RULER!

When He stood, on trial for His life, before Pilate, "Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I

am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world..." But Jesus also said to Pilate: "...My kingdom is not of this world..." (John 18:37, 36). His Kingdom is of THE WORLD TOMORROW!

Have you not read what the angel proclaimed to Mary, the mother of Jesus, prior to His birth? Jesus told Pilate He was born to become a KING. The angel of God said to Mary: "...thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the THRONE of his father David; And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there shall be NO END" (Luke 1:31-33).

These scriptures tell you PLAINLY that GOD is supreme RULER. They tell you in plainest language that Jesus was born to be a KING—that He is going to RULE ALL NATIONS OF THE EARTH—that His Kingdom shall rule eternally.

But all this is only part of the fantastic, amazing, actually SHOCKING TRUTH about the KINGDOM OF GOD.

The KINGDOM OF GOD will rule over the peoples and nations of the earth. Yet these mortal peoples and nations will NOT be the Kingdom, not even in the Kingdom of God. They shall merely be RULED by it!

We still have to learn OF WHAT OR OF WHOM it is composed. Can YOU, as an individual, ever become a part of this Kingdom?

Can Be Entered

In Jesus' day, the religious leaders knew He was a teacher sent from God with GOD'S TRUTH. They branded Him a false prophet, heretic and seditious. Yet they knew His was the voice of God!

One of them, a Pharisee named Nicodemus, occupying an office of authority over the Jews, came secretly by night to see Jesus.

"Rabbi," said this Pharisee, "we know that thou art a teacher come from God" (John 3:2). Yes, we Pharisees, he said, know that! He did not say, "I know it." He said, "We know"—we Pharisees! They knew He spoke the TRUTH, yet they not

only rejected it, they crucified Him!

But Jesus hewed straight to the line! He told Nicodemus about THE KINGDOM OF GOD. He told him some things you need to UNDERSTAND!

Notice! "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Yes, notice! The Kingdom of God is something that CAN be seen, but only by those who have been "born again." It is something others cannot see! Request our free booklet, *Just What Do You Mean—Born Again?*

But what about the CHURCH? Can carnal people SEE a CHURCH? Of course! But they cannot see the Kingdom of God! So SAID JESUS! Then, if you believe Jesus, the CHURCH cannot see the Kingdom of God!

Notice further: "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (verse 5). The Kingdom of God is something that can be entered into—BUT, only those "born of water and of the Spirit" can enter into it!

He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh IS FLESH; and that which is born of the Spirit IS SPIRIT" (John 3:5-6).

Notice further! In the resurrection chapter of the Bible, we read: "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption" (I Cor. 15:50). The Kingdom of God is something no human, of flesh and blood, can enter or inherit!

In Hearts of Pharisees?

Let's take a good look at this. First realize, if the Bible does say the Kingdom of God is found in men's minds or hearts, it is contradicted by all the other scriptures I am giving you in this article. If the Bible does contradict itself, you can't believe it anyway—so then it still would prove nothing.

First, to whom is Jesus speaking? Read it!

"And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of

God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:20-21).

He was speaking to the unconverted, carnal, hypocritical, lying Pharisees. Notice, "He answered them and said..." It was the Pharisees who asked Him the question. Were they in the CHURCH? No, never! If one thinks the Kingdom was "within" the Pharisees—was THE CHURCH within the Pharisees? Such an assumption is rather ridiculous, now, isn't it?

Notice again precisely WHAT JESUS SAID. Remember the CHURCH had not yet been set up. Jesus did not say, "The Kingdom of God shall be set up in your hearts." He said *none* of the things people interpret into this verse. He said to the Pharisees that "the Kingdom of God is"—present tense, now! Whatever He was saying the Kingdom of God is, He made it present tense, not future.

Luke wrote these words, originally, in the Greek language. The Greek words he wrote were translated into the English words "within you." But, if you have a Bible with the marginal references, you will notice that this is alternately rendered "in the midst of you" or "among you." The context indicates that this indeed is the better translation. If your Bible is a Moffatt translation, you will notice that the translation recognized that Jesus was talking of His reign or rule, at the head of government.

This is the Moffatt translation of the same verse: "He answered them, 'The Reign of God is not coming as you hope to catch sight of it; no one will say, "Here it is" or "There it is," for the Reign of God is NOW IN YOUR MIDST!'"

The Revised Standard translation renders it: "... the kingdom of God is in the midst of you." All these translations render it *present tense*.

Jesus was not talking about a church soon to be organized. He was not talking about sentiments in the mind or heart. He was talking about His REIGN as the Messiah! The Pharisees were not asking Him about a church. They knew nothing of any New Testament Church soon to be started. They were not asking about

a pretty sentiment. They knew, from the prophecies of Daniel, Isaiah, Jeremiah and others, that their Messiah was to come.

The Two Fateful Alternatives

This world trouble began in 1914, with World War I. There was a recess from 1918 until 1939. We are in a second recess now—although we have been in what we call "the COLD WAR." But now at last we have nuclear energy. We have hydrogen bombs stockpiled in such power and volume that they could blast all human life off this planet several times over. There are two other destructive weapons today in existence, either of which could erase humanity from the earth.

Today world-famous scientists say only a super world government can prevent world cosmocide. Yet MEN cannot and *will not* get together to form such a world-ruling government.

It's time we face the hard, cold, realistic FACT. Humanity has two alternatives: Either there is an almighty, all-powerful GOD who is about to step in and set up THE KINGDOM OF GOD to rule all nations with supernatural and supranational FORCE to bring us PEACE—or else all human life would be obliterated (Matt. 24:22).

If the deceived religionists who think the CHURCH is the Kingdom of God were right, and there is not going to be any supernatural and all-powerful WORLD GOVERNMENT, which is the Kingdom of God, then humanity is utterly without HOPE. All human life is in danger of extinction.

But notice what Jesus Christ said!

Can you BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST? Where is your trust—in the Word of God or in paganized, empty, deceiving teachings falsely labeled "Christianity"—inherited as "Christian tradition"—which say the CHURCH is the Kingdom of God, or that the Kingdom is merely a meaningless, frothy and ethereal sentiment "set up in our hearts"? It's about time you come to know who are the false prophets, and WHO is speaking the true Word of God faithfully!

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considered. This would be straying outside their field. And sometimes their "field" shrinks into tunnel vision. This is *refusal* to consider what might be fact. This closes the mind to more than is allowed by prior agreement. It is, nevertheless, the "scientific method." But it is *not* the way to truth or fact.

The educational system as established in this world perpetuates error in the guise of truth, and encourages continued pursuit of false values. Few realize this evil.

To answer the question of this "Personal"—HOW we came to UNDERSTAND—requires at least a minimal personal history. For a series of unusual circumstances and incidents led to this knowledge in a manner *entirely different* from the usual way of taking for granted what one hears, reads, or finds others believing.

My ancestors migrated to America from England with William Penn a hundred years before the United States became a nation. I was born and reared in Des Moines, Iowa, of upright and stable parents of solid Quaker ancestry. I had drifted away from religious interest by age 18. I had chosen journalism and advertising as a life profession.

From a child I had had a passion for UNDERSTANDING. Always I wanted to know the "WHY" about things. When I was only five, my father asserted that I would become a "Philadelphia lawyer" when I grew up, because I was always asking "so many tomfool questions." I always had to ask "WHY?" about everything.

About age 16 I became fired with ambition to attain status in the business world. I began to haunt the philosophy, biography, and business administration sections of the Des Moines public library after school hours, in extracurricular study. From then on I spent evenings in study while other young men were seeking pleasures.

Early business training was in newspapers and magazines. By age 22, butwarmed by a broad-based education for that age, I became the "idea man" in the editorial depart-

ment of America's largest-circulation trade journal. This assignment required continuous travel over the United States, interviewing retail merchants, industrial executives, Chamber of Commerce secretaries. I was searching out ideas successfully used in business, beside experiences in community development, social conditions and problems. This material provided most of the contents of the magazine.

During this period I pioneered in conducting surveys, based on the law-of-average principle, obtaining, analyzing, and classifying facts on business and social conditions, problems and opinions from hundreds of people of all classes.

Later, during the seven years I conducted my own business in Chicago, and subsequently on the West Coast, those surveys were continued professionally. They were conducted by personal interviews, supplemented by thousands of written questionnaires distributed by mail. In conducting the personal interviews, college graduates, specially trained for this type of questioning, were employed. These surveys were a pioneering forerunner of the public-opinion and fact-finding samplings so widely used today, such as the Gallup and Lou Harris polls.

Meanwhile, in addition, my business had involved constant close personal contacts with chief executives of major corporations in the Midwest and the East, and also with top officers of hundreds of banks of all sizes—from small-town banks to the largest banks in New York, Chicago, and other major cities. During the seven years in Chicago I attended the ABA (American Bankers' Association) national conventions besides many state bankers' conventions.

In these years devoted to fact-finding, I was being made painfully aware of the troubles, the conditions and problems of modern civilization. I came to know PEOPLE—of all classes and levels. I was collecting and classifying the FACTS.

They revealed the "WHAT"—but not the "WHY."

It became distressingly evident we are living in a very sick world. It had been a shocking disillusionment to learn that the "successful" were seldom happy. Their bank accounts

were full, but their lives were empty. I developed a passion to understand why.

Not only were the common people of affluent America filled with unrest, discontent and general unhappiness, but vast populations of earth's billions of human beings were existing in the depths of wretchedness and disease, ignorance and poverty, filth and squalor. But WHY?

WHY all this unrest, discontent, misery and suffering in the world? WHY wars? WHY no peace? It made me THINK! It ought to make *everybody* think!

Nobody had the answers. Science had never produced them. Business, commerce and industry were seeking increased profits, not solutions to humanity's ills. Religion had failed utterly to make this a better world. Governments, committed to bettering the lot of their peoples, had never found the way. Education was not turning out future leaders with either UNDERSTANDING or skills in ending strife, confusion, and suffering.

Then, in the autumn of 1926, at 34 years of age, I was shocked and dismayed when my wife accepted a doctrine that was new and strange to me, and therefore seemed like extremist religion. I had always striven for sound *balance*, in thought, and in ways of life. She said she found this doctrine in the Bible. Although I had long since allowed all religious interest to become dormant, as a child I had been reared in the traditional Christian faith. And what she claimed to have found, I knew, was certainly contrary to my childhood instruction. Therefore, I assumed, it had to be *contrary* to biblical teaching.

But arguments failed to dissuade her. Since we both believed marriage was "until death do us part," divorce offered no happy solution. Unable to settle the dispute any other way, I entered upon an intensive study of the Bible and other source materials on the particular subject.

But I was aware that, in general, science and "enlightened" education had virtually relegated that "book nobody knows," as adman Bruce Barton had called it, to the limbo of long-dead, forgotten superstition and medieval ignorance. Evolution was the current educational and scientific

concept through which all knowledge and truth was received.

At the outset I had to face the question, "Does God exist?"

In the dormant recesses of my mind, I had *assumed* the existence of God from childhood teaching. But this assumption seldom if ever came to the mental surface of active belief. Now I realized it was an assumption, taken for granted without question or proof, because I had heard it, read it, been taught it as a child.

Before I could give credence to that now-questioned book supposed to be His revelation to man, I had to know whether "He" existed. This involved new and in-depth research into the question of "evolution vs. special creation." Was evolution *proven fact* or assumed theory? How had most men in science and education come to believe it?

I knew, then, why most believe what they do and how they came to believe it! I went to "the trunk of the tree" of the evolutionary hypothesis. I read Lamarck, Darwin, Haeckel, Huxley, Spencer, Vogt. I checked thoroughly many works by learned Ph.D.s—mostly for a very few against the theory. When I got to the trunk of the tree—the one supposed fact that could constitute *proof*—it was easily chopped down. And all the supporting branch arguments, hypotheses and explanations fell down with it.

By laws of science, by logic, by reason, by many PROOFS too numerous for elaboration here, I *proved* to my satisfaction, irrefutably and conclusively, that the living God exists. No longer was this careless assumption, taken for granted on hearsay. Nor was it, for that matter, what I necessarily *wanted* to believe—for it was leading directly into that which I definitely *did not want* to believe.

The research continued—virtually night and day—often until 1 or 2 A.M. I found incontrovertible PROOF of the inspiration and authority of the Maker's Instruction Book to the humanity which is the product of His manufacture.

To my mortification and chagrin, I discovered my wife had been correct. I was not, now, taking carelessly for granted what I had heard, read or been taught. I was not "going along" with my crowd, club, group. I was

not accepting only what I *wanted* to believe or rejecting that against which I was prejudiced. I was getting proven FACT in a humiliating and unwanted manner. But I had an analytical mind, trained in examination and logic.

My shocked disillusionment ran much deeper. Many of the teachings of traditional Christianity I remembered from boyhood now proved to be *diametrically contrary to the biblical record*.

But now I made two *positive* discoveries.

I began to UNDERSTAND WHY the scholars of higher education and of science, almost en masse, disbelieved in God and rejected the authority of revelation—at least *one* of the reasons why. They ASSUMED that the Bible taught what traditional Christianity was teaching—and these teachings were *contrary* to their trained scientific thought. Of course, other factors entered into their rejection. They had carelessly ASSUMED what they were taught in the educational process. They were accepting what they *wanted* to believe, refusing to believe what they didn't. There was the factor of prejudice. There was the factor of "belonging"—going along with their supposed intellectual associates. There was the appeal to intellectual vanity. There was the FEAR of what their scientific and educational colleagues would say.

And now I myself faced that disturbing question.

If I accepted the Bible and its WAY OF LIFE, for I discovered that was precisely what it is—the Maker's instruction in the right WAY OF LIFE—*what would my former business colleagues think?*

My life's one burning ambition had been to attain status in their eyes—to be considered "important" by these executives whom I considered important. It meant giving up my life's ambition! It meant giving up everything I had considered desirable and important, everything to which I had attached value.

But now I began to realize I had previously had a false sense of values. I began to see how most of humanity is pursuing false values which never satisfy.

Vanity was wounded. But I began to realize vanity is a false value.

I had to make a decision. It was the most difficult, the most painful decision of my life. I saw, now, *how wrong* I had been. And to admit one is wrong is perhaps the most difficult thing in life. Vanity is SELF—and SELF doesn't want to die.

It was humiliating. It was painful. But my mind had been opened. My choice was to accept what I now knew to be TRUE or deliberately reject it and try to bolster up arguments and reasonings I knew to be false to deceive others. That I couldn't do either.

I made the painful decision.

But the other really great *positive* discovery was this: In this "book nobody knows"—this book rejected through prejudice and willful ignorance—I found, at last, the *answers* to the really big and haunting questions of man's unhappy state in this world!

I found the *causes* of humanity's ills! I found the reason why religion has not solved those ills. I learned how our human problems *are going to be solved*! I found truth that *made sense*!

I found what neither science, nor education, nor religion, nor government, nor sociology can give you: THE ANSWERS to all these fast-escalating problems. That is why *The Plain Truth* speaks out today with a *positive* voice of AUTHORITY in a world so woefully needing this positive ASSISTANCE.

We did not come to believe what we believe in the usual manner. And everything about this great worldwide Work of true education is as *different* as the manner in which we were led into true UNDERSTANDING.

My study and research into truth, started in the autumn of 1926, has never ceased. Like it or not—and at the time, I *didn't*—I had found the AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE I was bound to accept. It was the FOUNDATION of true knowledge. We have built on that foundation. We are still building. We are still eliminating error wherever found.

And now, more than 50 years later, this knowledge and TRUE WAY is being heard or read by millions worldwide. Untold thousands of human lives have been changed, enriched, made more useful and happy.

The Plain Truth recognizes that the

great MISSING DIMENSION in education is the knowledge of the true meaning of life; knowledge of the true values that pay off in your own life, knowledge of THE WAY that brings you REWARDS and not troubles, unhappiness, pain, suffering, frustrations.

It is our purpose to publish those BASICS of right knowledge—and if we cannot find that knowledge in the fields of science, modern education, human philosophy, sociology, psychology or other popularly recognized sources, but we do find that *practical, workable* knowledge in the one book most seem to be prejudiced against, we are going to disseminate it without apology.

In His Image

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don't forget. His mother, whom He loved and respected above all, was a woman! Don't disparage motherhood in the name of equality.

Paul's "Woman Hater"?

Some call Paul a woman hater. He said they ought to keep quiet in the congregation, not gossip, reverence their husbands and obey them, and remember that the man is the head of the woman. But don't forget he also said: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25).

He sent his epistle to the Romans by the hand of Phebe, of whom he said: "I commend unto you Phebe, our sister, which is a servant of the church... receive her... assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. Greet Priscilla [mentioned first] and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles" (Rom. 16:1-4).

Dorcas was a good woman. Sapphira was a bad woman. Were they equal?

Titus was a good man. Demas was a bad man. Were they equal? In his second letter to Timothy, Paul says: "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am

persuaded that in thee also. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God...

(II Tim. 1:5-6). Paul was telling Timothy he had better not let down on the outstanding example of his mother and grandmother, whom he greatly admired! Paul also reminded Timothy of the scriptural knowledge he had received from these two (II Tim. 3:15).

And is it not strange that this "woman hater" is found preaching his first sermon in Europe at Philippi, where he was sent by a command in a vision—preaching by a river to a group of *women* whose custom it was to gather for prayer at that spot? And that his first convert on the new continent was Lydia—a woman?

These and many more examples show Paul rather to be a dedicated servant of God, equally respecting men and women alike—acknowledging their deeds regardless of sex, good and bad; no "woman hater" here.

Equality with God

The Bible does say that man was created first; then woman. But nowhere does it indicate that that creation priority made one superior to the other in body, mind or spirit.

The Bible does not permit, nor is there an example of, women preaching. But in the letter to the Philadelphia church in the book of Revelation, God says the overcomers, male and female, who enter His Kingdom will be *worthy of worship*.

Jesus is the member of the God family who has always done the speaking. God the Father has not permitted Himself to address us as yet. Does this mean that the Father is not on an equal plane with the Son? Decidedly not! (Of course, the Father will always be the Head of the God family in terms of authority; see I Corinthians 15:27-28; John 14:28.)

What is eminently clear is that all of us human beings, male and female alike, are offered *equality with God. Now that's equality!*

As Jesus said in prayer to His Father (John 17:11): "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are."

Amen.

IN BRIEF

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thority to bear with the intrigues of disloyal colleagues, to remain calm when others panic, and to withstand misguided popular outcries. All this Lincoln did" (*The Great Democracies*, pp. 214-215).

This is *not* to deny the reality of a fragile tension between discipline and impulse. As Churchill wrote in another context: "We shall see how the counsels of prudence and restraint may become the prime agents of mortal danger; how the middle course adopted from desires for safety and a quiet life may be found to lead direct to the bull's-eye of disaster" (*The Gathering Storm*, p. 18). This was certainly true of Western inaction in the face of the Nazi threat in the thirties. The key is knowing *when* to act quickly and *when* to heed the counsels of restraint. This takes wisdom!

Is there any real relationship or meaningful similarity between the People's Temple and the Worldwide Church of God? This question should have been asked—and the right answer should have come forth. The Jones cult was liberally laced with unscriptural principles. The very fabric of the organization was shot through with both beliefs and practices in *diametric contradiction* to the Bible. For instance, suicide—whether mass or otherwise—is a basic sin, a fundamental violation of the sixth commandment.

On the other hand, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has repeatedly said both in print and on the air: "Don't believe me. Rather believe what you read in your own Bible." Prospective Church members are continually urged to follow the example of the Bereans in New Testament times. Luke recorded it for posterity. "Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with all eagerness, examining the scriptures daily to see if these things were so" (Acts 17:11, RSV).

Would that we could all learn to heed the counsels of restraint when precipitate action will only lead us over the edge of the cliff.

DRUGS ARE EVERYBODY'S PROBLEM

In today's turbulent society, the dilemma of illicit drugs is a deepening social problem. More and more people are dropping out in a vain attempt to escape the pains of brutal reality. Drugs seem to offer a temporary respite from the stresses of modern life. Then there's tomorrow—the pain, the vomiting, the stomach cramps. Worst of all, there's dependency. The price of drug addiction is high. A serious habit often leads to violent crime. An addict will rob, and sometimes resort to murder, to feed that "monkey" on his back. In today's teeming cities, elaborate networks of suppliers, pushers and addicts produce hotbeds of crime and corruption. Virtually everyone in modern society experiences the direct or indirect effects of this serious social problem. The first line of defense is education. Our free booklet *The Dilemma of Drugs* will provide you with invaluable

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