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A harvester's cupped hands hold the world's most precious food commodity—wheat. For his photo-essay Canadian Peter Christopher spent many weeks on the Great Plains living and traveling with the nomadic harvester families of North America. This singular photo is symbolic of how small a quantity of grain separates life from death by starvation for a family in the Third World.

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Personal from...

We are near the end of this evil world. Coming soon—the wonderful world tomorrow!
Also, Sir Hans Armstrong.

RECENTLY I HAVE been writing for our millions of readers in a far more serious manner.

World events, seen through the eyes of biblical prophecy, strongly imply we are *much* nearer the END of this evil world than people realize.

Jesus said, THAT WHEN WE SEE THESE EVENTS BEGIN TO COME TO PASS, WE MAY KNOW THAT THE TIME IS NEAR—EVEN AT OUR VERY DOOR!

Also He said the end of this world shall come, SUDDENLY, catching those not watching like a rat caught in a trap. The trap springs *suddenly* before the rat knows what happened to him.

But the *good news* is the very Gospel message that Jesus taught: the KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND. The Second Coming of Christ, in supreme POWER and GLORY, as KING of kings to rule all nations.

That very time is now almost upon us!

Not a time of despair and hopelessness, but a time of WORLD PEACE—of WORLDWIDE PROSPERITY—of ETERNAL SALVATION OFFERED TO EVERYONE—a time when there shall be NO SATAN to mislead and deceive the whole world as he has done these 6,000 years!

BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE! Frightful, unprecedented evils shall strike this world briefly BEFORE the glorious coming of the Savior to usher in that wonderful WORLD TOMORROW!

You who do NOT know and understand the Holy Bible, LISTEN now while yet you may! Let me quickly take you through a fast-moving summary of what the living GOD says shall now quickly happen to this world!

God has set me as YOUR WATCHMAN, to WATCH world events—to WARN YOU of what is now near!

We are now at, close to, or just past the prophecy revealed in Revelation 12. This prophecy covers a span of approximately 2,000 years.

The apostle John was taken, in a vision, into the

time when God Almighty is going to directly intervene in world affairs. In vision the prophet was shown GOD'S PEOPLE—Israel under the Old Testament and Israel spiritually converted as the CHURCH OF GOD in the New Testament. To this Israel, a Messianic Child is about to be born (Revelation 12:1-2), foretold in Isaiah 9:6-7.

Then there appeared another wonder in his vision, a great red dragon, identified (verse 9) as Satan the devil, lying in wait to devour the Christ child as soon as He is born.

This did happen, but God preserved the Christ child safely. Satan then attempted to destroy Jesus when He was 30 years old, just before He launched on His 3½-year ministry—but Jesus Christ overcame and conquered him.

The prophecy of Revelation 12 moves swiftly—verses 3 and 4. Satan, the former archangel Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12) had with his angels invaded heaven attempting to conquer God (Isaiah 14:13-14), but now (Revelation 12:4-5) was cast back down to the earth with his one third of the angels, now demons. Here, he persecuted the true Church of God, through his great false church (Revelation 17:5), and the Church had to flee and go underground for 1,260 years (Middle Ages) (Revelation 12:6).

Then after the Middle Ages, at approximately our time now (Revelation 12:7-9), Satan and his demons made another flight to God's heaven to try once again to take over the throne of the entire UNIVERSE. This time, for this WAR IN HEAVEN, God assigned His archangel Michael with his angels to fight off Satan's invasion. God gives Michael and his angels power to win this battle for the rule of the whole universe. Satan and his demons are cast back down to earth.

In the sequence of the prophecy we are now just about at that very time.

Once cast back to the earth Satan is full of wrath. If he could not conquer GOD, he will now try to DESTROY God's true Church. Verse 10

shows this to be the time JUST BEFORE Christ returns bringing SALVATION to His saints, and setting up the KINGDOM OF GOD. Satan is here the *accuser* of God's people.

Verse 12 warns the world of the *woes* to come on the world as a result of Satan's WRATH. He now knows that he has but a short time—because when Christ comes in supreme POWER to RULE the earth, Satan shall be removed and imprisoned.

Verse 13 shows Satan angrily starting a new PERSECUTION against the true Church of God. The California government's massive armed assault against the Worldwide Church of God January 3, last year, 1979, may well be that real Church-wide persecution!

THEN WHAT? Verse 14. To the true original Church of God of this generation are GIVEN, in symbolic language, "two wings of a great eagle" that she might fly to a place in the wilderness—a place of PROTECTION and SAFETY from the "GREAT TRIBULATION" that Satan is now about to bring upon the whole world—especially the United States and the British peoples (see Jeremiah 30). This GREAT TRIBULATION is mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 24:21-22, immediately following the time when this same Church has PROCLAIMED CHRIST'S GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS TO ALL NATIONS (Matthew 24:14). For doing this very thing—proclaiming this TRUE GOSPEL message before kings and heads of governments in all continents of the earth, we were accused by the state of California of "siphoning off millions of dollars every year" for our own private accounts. Judges of the Jewish faith have no understanding whatsoever of proclaiming Christ's GOSPEL into all the world. Judaism does no such thing.

It is curious, at this point, to notice that a former, but excommunicated, angry minister now accuses God's Church of planning to go off into the wilderness to die of starvation following the ex-

ample of the cultist Jim Jones! This unfrocked exminister ought to read his Bible. It says specifically in GOD'S WORD, in this 14th verse of Revelation 12, that GOD HIMSELF will provide these "two wings of a great eagle"—the means of transportation—that we shall be TAKEN to a place, and there NOURISHED—well fed—for the nearly 3½ years of the Great Tribulation. THIS IS GOD'S doing, not ours!

Incidentally, this same generation of God's own true Church is pictured in Revelation 3:7-13. We are pictured as having but little human strength—we have gone by living faith in the power of God, but we have KEPT GOD'S WORD FAITHFULLY, and have not turned away from it, or watered it down! So God has OPENED DOORS before us to go to kings, emperors, presidents and prime ministers over the world with CHRIST'S Gospel message (Revelation 3:8).

Now back to Revelation 12:17: Satan shall be full of WRATH against the REMNANT—the last remaining generation of the Church—the "Laodicean" Church, and will terribly persecute her. But Matthew 25 shows that though that final generation of the Church shall be LUKEWARM, not less emotional, but more "liberal," more secular and less spiritual—less strictly biblical, yet half of them shall be SAVED at Christ's coming, though half shall be spewed out of Christ's mouth (Revelation 3:16).

Other prophecies speak of various phases of things covered in Revelation 12—especially of the Great Tribulation.

Speaking of the present "Philadelphia" era, it says in Revelation 3:10, that because we have kept God's Word faithfully, not liberalizing nor watering down, God will keep us from the "hour of temptation, which shall come upon all them that dwell on the earth" to try and test them. The original Greek words indicate this is speaking of the GREAT TRIBULATION. The Faucett *Critical and Experimental Commentary* says,

"the hour of temptation: the appointed season of affliction; the sore temptation coming on; the GREAT TRIBULATION before Christ's second coming."

This same time of trouble, greater than any on earth before or after, is mentioned in Daniel 12:1, as being just prior to Christ's return. It is mentioned in Jeremiah 30 as a trouble especially on the United States and the British nations.

All signs in world events imply strongly we are now on the very eve of these events to shake the world as NEVER BEFORE, just prior to Christ's return, and the coming of the HAPPY PEACEFUL WORLD TOMORROW!

Jesus taught us to pray, "THY kingdom come." We should now want God to delay no longer what MUST SHORTLY COME!

Up to this point I have covered that sequence of events revealed in Revelation 12, with a brief reference to other scriptures speaking of a certain phase of it. This chapter hits the high spots, speeding through the time from Old Testament Israel, through the birth of Christ, Satan's attempt to destroy Him, early and Middle Age persecution by Satan of the true Church, Satan's second attempted invasion of God's heaven trying to dethrone God Almighty—his being cast back down to earth, his persecution of the true Church, the flight of the Church to a place of protection against the GREAT TRIBULATION—then the Great Tribulation caused by Satan's wrath, and the final persecution of the very last generation of the Church—the Laodicean era.

But remember, the Bible is like a jigsaw puzzle. This puzzle is made up of many pieces, which must be properly fit together. Each piece by itself gives no one picture. Put together in a manner in which they do not properly fit together, you have confusion. But when all is put together properly, one sees a beautiful picture.

I have covered one chapter of
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EUROPE AT THE CROSSROADS!

American weakness coupled with Soviet strength is sending a cold chill through the capitals of Europe. The Continent's political leaders will soon be faced with two choices: submit to Moscow—or turn Europe into a third superpower force.

by Gene H. Hogberg

THE RIFT between America and its allies is growing wider by the month.

Even Britain—America's most staunch ally—is going its own way more often than not. London, for example, has defected from a united (albeit diluted) European stand supporting President Jimmy Carter's plea for trade sanctions against Iran.

Continent Slips Away

Across the Channel, President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France surprised Washington and everybody else by surfacing in Warsaw for a surprise summit conference with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev. Only days before, French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet had lectured America's new Secretary of State Edmund Muskie on the virtues of allied consultation.

The West Germans are also showing increasing signs of independence. Chancellor Helmut Schmidt wavered on his earlier support of stationing a new generation of nuclear weapons for NATO.

Moscow's tug on Bonn is getting stronger. The German chancellor went to Moscow in late June for his own summit with Mr. Brezhnev. The dependence of Western Europe upon Mideast oil is now leading to what could be the most serious rupture of all in the alliance.

To insure access to future ener-

gy supplies, the Europeans feel they must display more sympathy with the Arab cause. In their June summit in Venice, the European Economic Community (Common Market) countries stopped just short of political recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Only intense pressure from Washington forced the EEC to postpone sponsoring a controversial resolution in the United Nations Security Council calling for Palestinian "self-determination"—a code phrase for a Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Can't Trust "the Polloeman"

The reason why Europeans are showing more independence in the Western camp should be obvious. It is due to the shocking decline of American leadership in the Free World, coupled with the virtually uncontested growth of Soviet military might, right on Western Europe's doorstep.

Everywhere in Europe these days, there is loose talk about America's inconsistency and incompetence. Arthur Schlesinger Jr., former aid to President John Kennedy, notes in a report from London, that the United States is becoming the "Inspector Clouseau of nations"—likening America to the bumbling detective, played by Peter Sellers, in the popular "Pink Panther" films.

European mistrust in American leadership of the Free World

is now matched by growing doubts about Washington's ability to militarily defend its allied partners.

The debacle of the American rescue mission in Iran has had a profound impact upon Europe. One of the world's leading military strategists, Dr. Edward Luttwak of the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C., notes that "the abandonment of the dead, of secret documents and intact helicopters is contrary to all the customs of war and the usages of the service. This has a powerful effect in intensifying the great loss of prestige that the country has suffered as a result of this debacle."

This expert in military affairs also contends that the United States "hasn't carried out a single major successful military operation in the last 30 years"—ever since the brilliant Inchon landing operation in Korea conducted by General Douglas MacArthur.

The Soviet Union suffered a humiliating setback too—in October, 1962, when President Kennedy forced Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to pull his missiles out of Cuba. But the Soviets made their embarrassment pay off.

Since that time, the Russians have closed the gap in nearly all military fields with the United States. And the momentum is all in their favor. They are advancing

past "rough equivalency" with America to that of a clear advantage by the early to middle 1980s.

The Soviet Union by then will have attained strategic nuclear superiority combined with conventional weapon superiority in Europe. To go along with these advantages, the Soviets will have achieved a powerful blue-water navy capable of interdicting wartime commerce between America and Europe and cutting the Western world's access to mineral resources in Africa and elsewhere.

America Falling Further Behind

The United States has been slow to meet this challenge. Says former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger: "Rarely in history has a nation so passively accepted such a radical change in the military balance."

Instead of "closing the gap" all evidence points to the United States further dropping behind the Soviets.

Recent news analyses have revealed shocking deficiencies in the U.S. military forces. In every service branch there are serious shortages of equipment, spare parts and supplies. Manpower shortages are critical as well, especially among the ranks of skilled technicians.

The all-volunteer force idea, critics warn, isn't working. Yet a return to the draft is fraught with explosive social consequences.

From all appearances today, the military services are being used more as vehicles for achieving social goals of eliminating racial and sexual "discrimination" rather than as instruments of national defense.

Phyllis Schlafly, noted U.S. journalist, recently told a congressional subcommittee that the feminist movement, for example, is responsible for the issuance of maternity uniforms and the opening of nurseries on army posts.

"What a way to run the armed services," said Mrs. Schlafly. "We must be the laughing stock of the world."

And now, for the first time, women have graduated as officers

from the nation's service academies. Actual combat roles for women—hotly denied by military higher-ups now—won't be far behind. Even Adolf Hitler didn't commit women to combat!

Columnist Patrick J. Buchanan put it in wry perspective: "What a bulletin to send to the Kremlin: Cease your imperialist crusade toward the Arabian Sea, or confront American coeds in the Khyber Pass."

Little wonder European leaders have growing doubts about the future reliability of America's defense commitments.

The Kissinger Shock

In September, 1979, Dr. Kissinger made a "confession" of sorts about the true state of America's nuclear umbrella supposedly shielding Europe. His remarks deserved wider attention in the press. Perhaps they were just too shocking to be believed.

Nonetheless Dr. Kissinger told a NATO study group meeting in Brussels that Europeans could no longer count on the United States to guarantee their security.

American nuclear doctrine, which rests on "assured destruction" of Soviet cities, industry and population, is no longer valid, Dr. Kissinger said, because of "the total vulnerability of the United States." (Dr. Kissinger's spoken words *total vulnerability* were downgraded to *limited vulnerability* in the official transcript typed up afterwards.)

Addressing a top-level expert's conference in Brussels on "NATO the Next 30 years," the former secretary of state said: "Don't you Europeans keep asking us to multiply assurances we cannot possibly mean, and if we did mean should not want to execute, and if we did execute would destroy civilization. That is our strategic dilemma into which we have built ourselves by our theories and the encouragement of our allies. It is not a declining will, but an objective problem: Of course a President will threaten, but will he do it?"

"NATO's unity, of course, has been based for 30 years on the

premise that the United States would do it—would, in other words, treat an attack on Europe the same as an attack on the United States.

"I have contributed some of these theories so I am not casting any blame," said Dr. Kissinger. "I have sat around the NATO council table in Brussels and elsewhere and have uttered the magic words that the U.S. military commitment remained undiminished, which had a profoundly reassuring effect . . . And my successors have uttered the same reassurances. And yet if my analysis is correct these words cannot be true, and if my analysis is correct we must face the fact that it is absurd to base the strategy of the West on the credibility of the threat of mutual suicide."

Dr. Kissinger's message, reported Morton Kondracke in *New Republic* magazine, "was such a shock that it became the center of conference debate." Don Cook, writing in the *Los Angeles Times*, added: "It is a rather sobering beginning to NATO's next 30 years to have one of America's most spectacular secretaries of state now saying that all the assurances he had given the alliance in the past were eyewash."

Only Two Choices

Europe, in its exposed state, has but two choices in the long run: The first is to opt for greater accommodation with the Soviet Union. But in Europe's weakened state this would only amount to subservience to Moscow's wishes; the second choice is to pay the price in an all-out effort to become a third superpower bloc in command of its own defense.

Neither alternative is really palatable at the moment. Yet the realization of just how weak, how exposed the continent really is, and what must be done about the deteriorating situation is just beginning to dawn on its men of influence.

Claude Imbert, chief editor of the French news magazine *Le Point*, writes in the June 2, 1980, (Continued on page 41)

Part Five:

A Voice Cries Out Amid Religious Confusion

How could the world have become so mixed up? Out of this spiritual wilderness, a voice cries out in clarity and power, with the reassuring truth of the world's only and sure hope!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Editor's note: We are printing here, serially; the new book by Herbert W. Armstrong with the same title as this article. The book will appear in bookstores later this year.

Chapter 4

WHAT AND WHY IS MAN?

IT SEEMS incredible indeed! Higher education teaches technical courses in human physiology, anatomy, anthropology and psychology. The universities take man apart and study him minutely inch by inch. They study every factor and phase of man. Yet they do not know WHAT man is or WHY he came to be here on earth!

Is he merely the highest animal species, descended by resident forces, with no intelligent planning or designing, by the process

of evolution? Is he an immortal soul? Is he human flesh and blood with an immortal soul within him? Just what IS a human person, after all?

And WHY?

Why is mankind here on the earth? Did we simply *happen*? Or was there DESIGN and PURPOSE?

We say there is a CAUSE for every effect. The effect, here, is man. Man is *here*! How—WHY did he come to be here? Was he *put* here, or did he just *happen* by blind, senseless, unintelligent processes of evolution?

We ought to *want* to know!

But higher education does not know. And it doesn't *want* to know! When we invade the questions of WHAT and WHY, the intellectuals—the custodians of KNOWLEDGE—shy away or stand up and fight. Of the questions WHAT and WHY is man, they are willingly ignorant!

So, education, shuts its mind and its mouth in tight silence. Science doesn't know. Religion

does not reveal, for, it also doesn't know!

Yes, incredible—but TRUE!

God Enters the Picture

WHY this wilful ignorance? Because GOD is involved. And the primary divisions of this world's civilization—government, religion, education and science—all shy away from GOD. They want God to keep His nose out of their affairs! The mention of God embarrasses them.

In the preceding two chapters we have covered the questions of WHO and WHAT is GOD. And we find God is quite REAL—He is the Creator of all that is, and He has an ultimate PURPOSE—the creation of perfect, holy, righteous and spiritual CHARACTER, in MAN made immortal!

So the presence of MAN on the earth must have a definite relation to the PURPOSE of GOD the Creator.

With these basically important questions and statements we must ask, *WHY* all the evils in today's

sick and chaotic world? This world now faces, with no solution, its number one problem—the question of HUMAN SURVIVAL! Can human life on earth survive even through the short remainder of this 20th century?

Consider now what has been covered about God's PURPOSE for the angels that sinned on earth. For that angelic rebellion leads directly to God's PURPOSE for MAN—to our question of WHAT and WHY IS MAN?

Earth's Face in Devastation

Instead of improving, beautifying, completing earth's creation, the sinning angels brought it to desolation and ruin.

Come now to Genesis 1:1-2: "In the beginning God created the heavens [RSV] and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep...."

The original Hebrew for "without form and void" is *tohu* and *bohu*—meaning "waste, desolate, deteriorated." The word was is also translated "became." Thus possibly after millions of years, all had come to be oceanic surface—and light had been by angelic lawlessness turned into darkness.

Let me here interject a biblical principle within the immediate context. There is this instruction in Isaiah: "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? . . . precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little" (Isaiah 28:9-10). But most who try to apply this principle in biblical understanding take each "little" verse out of its context, to "interpret" their own ideas into it.

Much, directly concerned with what is in Genesis 1, is filled in, by other passages of scripture in other parts of the Bible.

So now, let's UNDERSTAND the background. Earth's angels had not completed the creation of the earth by improvement, development and beautification. Rather, they had brought it to desolation

and ruin. The GOVERNMENT OF GOD had been nullified on earth.

And now, of all living beings in the universe, ONLY GOD could be certainly relied upon never to depart from the way of His Law. No higher, more perfect being could be created than the cherub, Lucifer, who rebelled. Character cannot be automatically created by fiat. So God now determined, or had predetermined, to accomplish the SUPREME creative feat—by *reproducing Himself!* That was to be accomplished through MAN! God knew this must be brought about through MATTER.

Man in God's Image

To prepare the earth for the creation of man, God renewed the face of the earth. This is explained in Psalm 104:30: "Thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created; and thou renewest the face of the earth."

Now back to Genesis 1:2: The earth was in a state of ruin. " . . . And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

The first thing God did was turn darkness back into LIGHT as originally made. God said, "Let there be light; and there was light" (Genesis 1:3).

So in six days God RENEWED THE FACE OF THE EARTH (not its original creation) preparing it for the creation of MAN!

Once, again the earth was a perfect creation—but lacking the finishing touches.

The Purpose of Man on Earth

WHY did the Creator God put MAN on the earth? To *improve* the physical earth as God gave it to man, *finishing* its creation (which sinning angels had deliberately refused to do.) and, in so doing, to RESTORE the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, with God's WAY of life; and further, in this very process FINISHING THE CREATION OF MAN by the development of God's holy, righteous CHARACTER, with man's own assent.

Once this perfect and righteous character is instilled in man, and man converted from mortal flesh

to immortal spirit, then is to come the INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL—man being BORN INTO the divine FAMILY of God, and then participating in the completion of the CREATION over the entire endless expanse of the UNIVERSE! God shall have reproduced HIMSELF thousands of millions of times over!

So, on the sixth day of that re-creation week, God [*Elohim*] said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" (Genesis 1:26).

Man was made to have (with his assent) a special relationship with his Maker! He was made in the form and shape of God. He was given a spirit, (essence in form) to make the relationship possible. Much more of that a little later.

The Soul is Mortal

But God made MAN *wholly* of MATTER! This was necessary for the supreme accomplishment God willed.

"And the [Eternal] God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath [air] of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7). Man, formed from material dust of the ground, upon breathing air, BECAME a living soul. It does not say man is, or has, an *immortal* soul. What was formed from material ground BECAME a soul.

Therefore the SOUL is physical, composed of matter, and can die. This is a TRUTH believed by very few denominations, and probably by no other religions—another PROOF that identifies the one true Church of God!

How Human Mind Functions

Now we come to another truth, so far as I know, exclusive to the one true Church.

Did you ever wonder about the vast difference between human mind and animal brain? This, incidentally, is another PROOF of the falsity of the theory of evolution!

The physical brain of the higher vertebrates in the animal king-

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Just What Do You Mean— A CULT?

The Worldwide Church of God is not a "cult"! It is the present generation continuing the Church of God founded A.D. 31 by Jesus Christ. Here are the facts.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

A PROMINENT Baptist minister recently said, "If the Worldwide Church of God is a cult, then we Baptists were a cult during the early years of our growth."

Actually, the word *cult* is not an insulting epithet, but today it is often used insultingly. The word comes from the word *culture*, which ordinarily is used as a very complimentary term. Webster defines "cult" as, "1) formal religious veneration, worship; 2) a system of religious belief and ritual, also adherents to; 3) a religion rejected as unorthodox or spurious."

It is this third usage that was widely used in the sensational Jonestown mass-suicide incident.

Since that event occupied front-page banner headlines for several days, some who do not know the facts have been labeling any or all small churches, small in membership, as "cults." **SMALL CHURCHES ARE NOT "CULTS."**

The One True Church

Jesus Christ founded the one true Church of God on the day of Pentecost, in June, A.D. 31. It began that day with 120 members. It was not a "cult." Jesus,

during His lifetime, called those original members the "little flock" (Luke 12:32).

In the prophecies of the book of Revelation, two churches are foretold. One, in chapter 17, a great false church, is called in verse 5: "Mystery, Babylon the

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Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth." She is pictured as ruling over nations speaking different languages—large, strong, powerful. The other, the true Church of God, is described in chapter 12, as a small, persecuted church, having to flee for her safety.

By the year A.D. 53, the churches in Galatia, Asia Minor (now modern Turkey), had al-

ready removed themselves from the grace of Christ, into another gospel. The true Gospel of Jesus Christ was being suppressed.

The true Church of God, holding to the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the teachings of Christ and the apostles, soon had to go underground, meeting for services in secret. Millions were tortured and put to death for their faith.

But the TRUTH of Jesus Christ and the apostles was preserved by the persecuted "little flock," and in its fullness in the Holy Bible.

The Worldwide Church of God today holds to the SAME FAITH, same doctrines, same customs and practices, as the original Church of A.D. 31, under the original apostles.

Meanwhile, your Bible says, Revelation 12:9, the WHOLE WORLD has been DECEIVED by the invisible Satan the devil. Yet God's TRUTH has been preserved in the Bible.

If you would like to see some of that truth revealed and made plain, why not write for our free booklet, *Just What Do You Mean—Born Again?* It will open your eyes, when you see this truth **IN YOUR OWN BIBLE!** □

MOZAMBIQUE

African Leader Turns Tables on Revolution

by Gene H. Hogberg

In the grips of national economic morass, the people of Mozambique hear harsh words of reality from their president, Samora Machel.



RARELY in the history of communism had a ruling Marxist leader so boldly criticized the shortcomings of his nation.

In a marathon 4½-hour speech March 19, 1980, President Samora Machel of Mozambique "read the riot act" to his people, government and party and proposed a shocking remedy—for a Marxist—to his nation's ills: A measured dose of free enterprise!

Revolution Gone Sour

President Machel outlined candidly to his countrymen the miserable state of affairs they faced. The country's economy had gone steadily downhill ever since the Marxist revolution of 1974, with its precipitate expulsion of the Portuguese capitalist class. It now stood at the very brink of collapse.

In his long tirade, Mr. Machel tore into the "corruption, maladministration, negligence and lack of responsibility" he said he had witnessed on a quick inspection tour of state-run enterprises.

"We did not fight for years in the bush just to transform our country into a country of

thieves," he thundered. "We did not fight and get killed in the liberation war just to transform our country into a country of inept, undisciplined, lazy, good-for-nothing people," he said in particular criticism of conditions he discovered at the airport at Maputo, Mozambique's capital.

President Machel stopped short of laying the primary blame for the economic mess upon Marxist theory itself. But he did denounce "ultraleftist" control of certain facets of the economy. To stop the rot and get things moving again, he announced that all small industries and businesses which had been nationalized would be handed back to private enterprise. Under state control, said Mr. Machel, such businesses had "served only to enrich dishonest state employees."

The President made an appeal to former Portuguese whites who had fled to neighboring South Africa and elsewhere, leaving everything behind, to come back and resume their own businesses. He promised to make state loans available for this purpose.

Whether the Portuguese return, however, is a big question mark. The promise of loans is not

attractive to those who would prefer simply to have their properties and bank accounts restored. But their biggest concern is what kind of society they would return to. Despite President Machel's economic somersault, Marxist dogma has not retreated on the political and social front. The goal of "scientific socialism" remains intact. The children of the returning expatriates would have to attend state-run schools teaching strict Marxist-Leninist ideology. Religious activity has been severely curtailed.

But since Mr. Machel desperately needs Western financial and technological help, perhaps the system will bend some more. As evidence of this possibility, President Machel, shortly after his speech, promoted five more whites to cabinet posts, bringing the number of Europeans in the 20-man cabinet to eight.

Why Machel Acted

Mozambique's remarkable about-face was closely timed to the onset of independence in neighboring Zimbabwe (see the May, 1980, *Plain Truth*). Mozambique's *Frelimo* regime had supported the winner in the Zim-

babwe election, Robert Mugabe. But that support had been costly. Sanctions against the old Rhodesian government had cost Mozambique \$550 million. Its territory had suffered 350 cross border reprisal raids (Mr. Mugabe's "freedom fighters" attacked from Mozambique).

Mozambique was more intensively involved in Britain's Lancaster House settlement of the Rhodesian crisis than any other so-called "Front-line State." President Machel leaned heavily on Mr. Mugabe to go through with the negotiation leading to elections and independence.

Conflicting Ideologies

Both leaders Machel and Mugabe had depended upon the chief "foreign aid" of the Communist world—military arms—to help secure their political positions. But both now accept the fact, howbeit reluctantly, that only Western technology, expertise and at least some private enterprise (in a so-called "mixed economy") can lead the way to economic development.

They have only to look at Angola, where the revolutionary leaders are complaining about the paucity of economic aid from Eastern-bloc countries. Angola, too, is turning to the West for economic assistance.

Capitalism has its weaknesses. Western-style, democratic free enterprise is difficult to engraft on traditional, essentially tribal societies. But rigid socialism is flawed too—even more so. As Winston Churchill once quipped: "The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings while the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries."

The *Rand Daily Mail*, an influential newspaper widely read throughout Southern Africa, praised President Machel's "pragmatic realism." In an editorial it said:

"Socialism may have a lot of emotional appeal for African nationalists, as indeed it does for have-not peoples everywhere. But this appeal is proving ephemeral

because in reality socialism fails to produce the wealth the underdeveloped world so desperately needs. Africa's success stories—Kenya, Nigeria, the Ivory Coast—have all been based on the free enterprise system, and this message now appears to be getting through to the rest.

"But there is a lesson for capitalism too. The reaction against the free enterprise system was largely because blacks identified it with colonialism and racialism. If it is to take root in Africa it must shake off this identification, and in other ways, too, acquire greater empathy with the people of this continent."

Better to Adapt

President Machel and Prime Minister Mugabe show no intention of blindly following doctrinaire socialism practiced in other parts of Africa, such as in neighboring Tanzania. There, unbending commitment to collectivization, especially in agriculture, has resulted in a demoralized nation ranked among the 17 poorest countries of the world. Its leadership is criticized as having a "begging-bowl" mentality. Half of Tanzania's annual budget is supplied by Western aid and grants.

Better to adapt than to stick to unproven principles, believe the leaders of Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

The editors of the magazine *To The Point* praised Samora Machel for being willing to admit that, as they put it, "his people cannot eat the philosophy of Karl Marx, nor can his economics be stimulated without expertise, a commodity denied him when he slaughtered the golden goose [when the Portuguese left]."

A newspaper in South Africa added: "As has been shown worldwide, when you eliminate private enterprise you remove the incentive to work, to improve, to excel. When the opportunity for personal gain is removed, so is motivation and the need to achieve. An unfortunate human trait, perhaps, but a trait nevertheless and one that lies at the root of the failure of socialism.

Indolence does not feed people.

"A remarkable example that bears this out—is the fact that one American farmer produces enough food to feed 75 people while one Russian farmer produces only enough to feed 10 people. Is it any wonder, then, that Russia must import grain from America? And is it any wonder that Robert Mugabe is pursuing such a moderate course in Rhodesia? He has the ruins of Mozambique, Tanzania and others in Africa to learn from."

Yet to Come—Best System of All

Leaders such as Mr. Machel and Mr. Mugabe have displayed courage in their willingness to admit mistakes and to break out of fixed positions and try proven methods to make life more bearable, and it is to be hoped, eventually even comfortable for their peoples.

The editors of *The Plain Truth* are not party to any particular political ideology or economic "ism" of this world. The purpose of this magazine is to proclaim, in print, the good news of the coming government of God—the Kingdom of God.

The economic philosophy of the World Tomorrow will be neither free-wheeling *laissez-faire* capitalism nor initiative-stifling collectivism. It will be government from the top down—yet its citizens will enjoy freedom, own property, and have abundant opportunity to develop their "talents" (Matthew 25:14-30) and "pounds" (Luke 19:11-27) to the full. Wealth will abound as never before in history—but never again at the selfish expense of either other humans or the environment. The poor will be instructed in the seven laws of success.

As *Plain Truth* Editor-in-Chief Herbert W. Armstrong has said: "It is not a sin to be rich but it is a sin to covet riches, or to put your heart on material things. Our God is a multibillionaire heavenly Father . . . and He wants every child of His to truly prosper . . . God wants fullness, abundance in every life."

That indeed is good news. □

THE NEW STATE RELIGION

by Jeff Galkins

School will soon open. Do you know that in all likelihood your children are about to be indoctrinated in a religion that you may not believe in?

WHEN Donna Schempp was in public high school in Pennsylvania in the early 1960s, she was forced at the beginning of each school day to listen to a classmate read any 10 verses from the Bible he chose. Her parents, who were Unitarians, didn't like it one bit. The religious doctrines found in any random sampling of Bible verses usually contradicted their own religious beliefs. Donna could have been excused from the classroom, of course, but her parents thought that it would only mark her as an oddball in front of her classmates.

Donna's parents were angry. In fact, they took her case all the way to the Supreme Court. The U.S. Constitution, they pointed out, absolutely forbids the government to "establish" an official state religion. And when public schools require students to listen to a given set of religious ideas, it is doing precisely that—establishing an *official* religion.

The U.S. Supreme Court

agreed and Donna's parents won. The Court made it clear that to read, even without comment, 10 verses from the Bible as a classroom exercise breached the walls between church and state.

The Supreme Court made the legally correct decision for a nation whose Constitution guarantees separation of church and state. As long as people have human government, there can be no true freedom if any official religion is taught in the public schools. Would you want your child taught a different religion in public schools (and using your tax dollars to do it)? In some countries, of course, there is no choice. Many nations have state religions. People who don't believe in those religions are taxed to support them. But in the United States of America, people profess to believe that the government should be neutral, favoring no one's religion.

Except for one thing. While the courts have kicked the religion of the Bible out of the public

classroom, they allow another religion to be taught—dogmatically taught—every day to millions of public schools students.

That religion is the doctrine of evolution.

In many science classes in the United States, both elementary and high school teachers present evolution as a fact. The leading textbooks in biology, for example, are put out by The Biological Science Curriculum Study (BSCS). More than half of American high school students who study biology use BSCS textbooks. These books present evolution as an accomplished fact. Indeed, they go so far as to use evolution as a unifying idea throughout the entire subject of biology, not just the part that deals with the origin of man.

What Do You Mean—Evolution?

First, lest we get hopelessly confused, we must define "evolution." Evolution is the idea that "all the living forms in the world have arisen from a single source

which itself came from an inorganic form" (G. Kerkut, *Implications of Evolution*, p. 157). Another evolutionist puts the same idea into these words: "The first living organisms originated via ordinary physical and chemical processes." In other words, life came from nonlife without needing any help from a Creator God.

But let's also mark what evolution is not. It is not "natural selection." Natural selection, when properly understood, is a scientific principle you can observe. For example, a certain kind of insect is attacked by insecticide. Most of the population dies. But a few, who were resistant to start with, survive and reproduce. After a few generations of such hardy survivors, that insect's population is now made up of superinsects immune to that kind of insecticide. The insect has not "evolved"—the trait was there in some of the population. The fact that the population traits changed slightly doesn't have anything to do with where the insects came from in the first place.

It's vital that you know the difference between the theory of evolution and observable natural selection. Both scientists and theologians have often carelessly overlooked this important distinction.

Is Evolution Really Part of Science?

Evolution is different from the rest of "science." Evolution deals with origins.

Thus, unlike physics, or chemistry, evolution cannot be duplicated in a laboratory (even a big one!). Oh, you make complex amino acids, and you can do cute things with DNA, but you cannot make life from inert matter.

The creation of life, whether you believe in a Creator God or evolution, was unique in history. It cannot be repeated by physical means today.

Yet the key element of scientific "proof" is that you can repeat something and observe the results. Evolutionists cannot do

this with their doctrine. The "evolution" of life from nonlife is not occurring today. Thus evolutionists are exercising a great deal of *human faith* when they take certain physical evidence (say, what they find in the fossil record or the way certain amino acids interact in a laboratory) and draw the conclusion from that evidence that evolution *actually* happened. But they cannot know for sure—strictly scientific proof requires the elimination of every other conceivable explanation. And there *are* other explanations.

It is then a bit arrogant to claim that evolution is a "scientific fact," or as the *Biology Teacher's Handbook* says, "a body of interrelated facts." No, evolution is a *conclusion* a person draws *from* data. But if other conclusions can be drawn from the same data, then evolution is not necessarily true. There are many scientists—people who hold Ph.D.s from secular universities in biology—who do not draw the conclusion of evolution from "the facts." Therefore to teach evolution as a fact—as if no other conclusion could be drawn—is to take what some people *believe—but cannot prove*—and force it down everyone's throats.

The "Church" of Evolution

Evolution, then, is not science, because it cannot be scientifically proved. But it is part of religion. Here's why:

The question of whether the Bible is true is a matter of religion. If the Bible says anything, it is that life originated from a Creator God, not from "ordinary physical and chemical processes." But if you really believe that life, as a historical fact, came from "ordinary processes," then you don't believe the Bible. The Bible describes specific creative acts of God at distinct points in time. Evolution, on the other hand, says there were no actual distinct points of specific creation.

When a school teaches evolution as a dogmatic fact, it is

therefore telling its students two very *religious* things: 1) "You do not have to believe in the existence of God because 'scientists' can explain the existence of life without a life-giver" and 2) "The Bible is not true, at least in certain places."

But that's not science. That's religion!

The evolutionist, Sir Julian Huxley, was plain about the religious implications of evolution:

"In the evolutionary pattern of thought there is no longer either need or room for the supernatural. The earth was not created, it evolved."

Leaning Over Backwards

Yet so desperate is American society to believe that the Bible doesn't have any automatic authority that the courts have leaned over backwards to keep evolution in the schools. (At the same time, they have gone out of their way to keep the Bible out.)

For example, one state had a law which forbade the teaching of evolution in tax-supported schools. "Horrors!" said all the enlightened intellectual people. "How like the dark ages! Keeping scientific truth out of the schools all for the sake of some obsolete ignorance-infested religion!"

Not really. Think about it for a while: Most of the people of that state didn't want to pay taxes to have their children taught something directly contrary to their own religion. Theirs was hardly an unreasonable position. After all, Donna Schempp's parents didn't want to pay to have their daughter instructed in the Bible—why should these parents pay to have their children instructed in *beliefs directly contrary to the Bible*?

You would think that a law forbidding the teaching of a particular set of what are essentially religious beliefs in public school would be upheld as supporting the separation of church and state. Why should, after all, the state cram evolution down the throats of unwilling people? Ah,

but there was a big loophole! The legislators forgot to spell it out that public schools couldn't teach Genesis either. They didn't require Genesis. They just didn't forbid it. Therefore because Genesis was "allowed" (but not required) and evolution wasn't, the schools were supposedly pushing Genesis. This, said the Court, violated the separation of church and state.

The result? Today evolution is taught and Genesis isn't. This is supposed to be neutral.

But what about the countless millions of schoolchildren who were "converted" to the religious belief that the Bible is not true as a result of their public school science classes dogmatically saying that life came from "ordinary physical and chemical processes"? Didn't their beliefs also change because of what they were taught in the public schools?

Where alternatives to evolution are presented (so school children don't get the idea that evolution is the only explanation for the existence of life), evolutionists often become very angry. One such parent, for example, said she became upset when her son told her he had been converted to the proposition that the existence of a creation logically demands a creator after viewing a film presenting the creationist side of the story in a class where both views were presented.

If she were really consistent, though, this parent should oppose all teachings about origins in the public schools.

Remedies in This World . . .

If we were to keep all discussion of origins out of the public school, that at least would mean that the public schools would not become the purveyors of religious ideas. Certainly it isn't going to do anyone's *secular* education any damage if all essentially religious matters are left outside of the public school classrooms.

Another alternative, currently discussed in the news, is to require "scientific creationism"

be taught alongside the general theory of evolution. "Scientific creationism" is simply the conclusion that some scientists draw from the physical evidence, namely that the physical evidence cannot be explained without a Creator. This conclusion is at least as "scientific" as is evolution.

Yet, many evolutionists chafe at the idea that schoolchildren might hear another side of the story.

Bette Chambers, writing in the *Humanist* magazine, openly attacks the idea of presenting both sides "Since the public is led to believe . . . that an open choice between these two alternatives exists within the science itself it becomes imperative to

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state that this view [creationism] is rubbish, lest scientific education in America become the laughingstock of the civilized world."

What arrogant drivel! How can one be so sure there is no alternative to evolution? Evolution is not a "strictly scientific and nonreligious explanation for the existence and diversity of living organism," as the American Humanist Association contends. As we have seen it is by its very nature a religious issue and it is assuredly not "strictly scientific."

Some evolutionists (who are the sort of people who pride themselves on their being tolerant and liberal minded) seem to be desperately trying to protect schoolchildren from what they consider "nasty ideas." It is as if they thought even being exposed to the idea that evolution might not be true would somehow "con-

taminate" the minds of schoolchildren.

Of course, other evolutionists do see the narrow-minded approach which others among them take. George Kocan, an evolutionist and professional biologist, declares: "Unfortunately, many scientists and nonscientists have made evolution into a religion; something to be defended against infidels. In my experience, many students of biology—professors and textbook writers included—have been so carried away with the arguments for evolution that they neglect to question it. . . . They only reluctantly give attention to other views. I know. I have been through it as a student and have done the same thing as a teacher. Academic freedom has become a one-way street and a narrow one at that."

Indeed, how many evolutionists know that Clarence Darrow of the Scopes Monkey Trial fame, who fought in the courts for a teacher's right to present evolution, once said it was "bigotry for public schools to teach only one theory of origins"?

It seems some evolutionists are guilty of the narrow-minded bigotry of which they are so fond of accusing creationists!

And in the World Tomorrow

The debate will be settled once and for all—when Christ returns to earth to replace the government of man! The very existence of God will be observable: ". . . and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven . . ." (Matthew 24:30). There will be no doubt God exists: ". . . the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

In the World Tomorrow, the existence of God will be scientific fact. He will be visible to ordinary human beings.

It can only be a great irony that the false religion of evolution is today being crammed down the throats of young people by some of the very governments that Jesus Christ Himself will soon replace! ☐

AM I IN IT FOR THE MONEY?

Many are accused of preaching the "Gospel" for the money they get out of it. Here is a frank, open statement of the PLAIN TRUTH. Here I lay my life bare as an open book before you!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

HERE IS a story such as you have never read before. The state of California, through the attorney general's office, has launched a massive attack against the Worldwide Church of God, myself, and Mr. Stanley Rader. Eight-column banner newspaper headlines screamed to the world the allegation that I, with Mr. Rader, had been siphoning off millions of dollars every year from Church funds for our own accounts and use. After a year and a half, NO EVIDENCE of any wrongdoing has been found.

BUT WHAT ARE THE TRUE FACTS? Have I been in the Work of the living GOD for what I could GET out of it? Why and for what purpose did I start, 53 years ago? Just HOW MUCH have I "GOTTEN" out of it? Just how much do I have now? How much does Mr. Stanley L. Rader have now?

I had been quite successful as a young man in the advertising profession. In my own office in Chicago's "loop" in downtown Chicago, Ill., I was making, on the 1980 dollar-value more than \$175,000 per year before 30 years of age.

Then, in 1927, at age 34, the living GOD opened my eyes to HIS TRUTH, unpreached in this world. I came to see that the orthodox Christian teaching of my childhood and youth was the very antithesis of the truth God reveals in His Word, the Bible. In His Word God revealed to me that there are just two ways of life. One is "GET"—the way of SELF-centeredness—the way of "I'm in it for

what I can GET—I love ME, and I don't care about you." The other—GOD'S WAY—is the way of "GIVE"—outflowing love and concern for the good and welfare of others—the way of LOVE to God and LOVE to neighbor."

Last Sunday I saw a preacher on television say, "We can't know the CAUSE of all the troubles, evils and suffering in the world—but we know that God is suffering along with us." I don't believe that. God has revealed to me the root CAUSE of all the world's evils and sufferings. Every evil in the world has come from living by the "GET"—the "ME-FIRST" philosophy.

I wanted to GIVE this amazing truth to the world. In my conversion I did not just "GET"—RECEIVE—Christ as personal Savior. Rather I GAVE this sinful self of mine to HIM. I received Him and His truth, NOT to "GET" for myself, or to "GET" salvation and eternal life for myself—but rather, that I might GIVE this precious truth and understanding to the world—that I might SHARE it with thousands and millions of others.

I GAVE UP the business life and its rewards. Seven years later, in poverty, I began GIVING the precious truth over radio.

I started in poverty—from nothing of this world's goods. It was a work of FAITH from the start. I had one pair of shoes. They were righteous—they had "holey soles." I had a suit of clothes for every day in the week—and the one I was wearing was IT! I had no car.

And what did I preach? I preached Jesus Christ and His TRUTH—the MOST DIFFICULT teaching and doctrine in all this world's "Christianity" to proclaim—the HARDEST for my hearers to accept.

Would anyone start out with the most hard-to-accept teaching to make money? Does that make sense? It was a teaching and doctrinal TRUTH that has brought continual opposition, accusation, persecution. It's no way to make money, let me tell you!

I devoted my life to GIVING. My family and I went HUNGRY—and I do mean HUNGRY! That was part of the price paid for GIVING out of love for others, in a world adjusted to "GETTING."

Yet the living Jesus Christ blessed this Work in marvelous ways. Faith was rewarded. Prayers were answered—continually. The Work of the living GOD prospered.

In 1947 I founded my first college—GOD's college, that is! And on sheer FAITH, with no income whatsoever that was not already appropriated and obligated for radio time and operating expenses. By FAITH it survived!

I incorporated the Church and college on improper legal advice—or we should not be suffering this State versus Church lawsuit now. But I thought the legal advice was good. It was that of a lawyer who had been an attorney in the Internal Revenue Service of the government in Washington for some 12 years. But I took pains to incorporate so that I,

personally, could never GET anything out of it, except for modest salary earned. For this, I appointed this ex-government lawyer and two people not-related to me as a committee of three to set my salary. I did not even set it myself.

This work of God grew and expanded at the rate averaging 30% each year over the year preceding for 35 years—probably a record of growth unmatched. God allowed me to be responsible for handling many millions of dollars of His money. It was handled honestly.

Along the line, now about a quarter century ago, I came to know Mr. Stanley Rader, a very brilliant young certified public accountant. I employed him to establish at our headquarters an accounting system that is puncture-proof. It would be IMPOSSIBLE for me, or any officer or employee, to get away with anything more than his honestly-gained salary or compensation for services.

Mr. Rader then graduated from the University of Southern California Law School with the highest grades on record. Yale Law School awarded him a Sterling Fellowship, and all doors in the legal profession were open to him. But he was working more and more with us, and preferred to stay with the Work of God.

Finally, some years ago, we told Mr. Rader we would like to have him devote his full time with us. This meant giving up a well-paying CPA business and an established law practice—he was a member of the bar in California.

Neither Mr. Rader nor his family were then members of the Church. It is understandable that Mr. Rader did not want to lower his family living standard. We agreed to pay him a salary equal to his income at the time. It was the highest salary on our payroll—well above my own. I am reminded of a large milling company in Minneapolis that used to have a slogan for its flour—“Costs more—worth it!” A Rolls Royce car costs more than others—but will last 30 or 40

years—cheaper in the long run. God says “the servant is worthy of his hire” (Luke 10:7). God would not have had me pay him less than he was worth.

Mr. Rader’s kind of specialized talent and ability, like a Rolls Royce, may cost a little more—but is WORTH IT, and he should not be underpaid. However, let me add here that both Mr. Rader and one of his daughters now are baptized members of the Worldwide Church of God. And the whole family is firmly loyal to the Church at heart.

—Now, today, after all these many years, WHAT DO I HAVE—and WHAT DOES MR. RADER HAVE?

The government Internal Revenue Service has gone thoroughly and with a fine-tooth comb over both our personal accounts and absolved us completely of any of these false allegations.

All I have in the world is my home in Tucson, Arizona, bought 3½ years ago with small down payment and a long-term loan with many years yet to run before it is clear, the use of a 3-year-old car belonging to the Church, and a checking account in the bank. My wife owns a car, clothes and some jewelry I bought for her with personal funds after taxes, tithes and offerings. That’s all!

Mr. Rader has a bank account about double mine and his home in Pasadena and is buying an interest in a small horse ranch in Tucson. His wife has some money in her own name, but it all came from her own mother—not from the Church.

Jesus Christ suffered persecution—was finally put to death on testimony of false witnesses. He said if they persecuted Him, they would persecute those who followed His TEACHING AND WAYS.

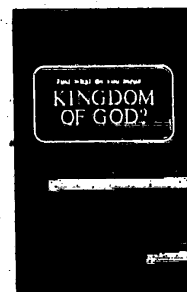
For 53 years I have lived a life devoted to the principle of *GIVING!* But those who GET do love to accuse falsely and persecute those who *GIVE!* WHEN WE ALL turn to living the *GIVING* way, there will be PEACE on this war-weary earth! □

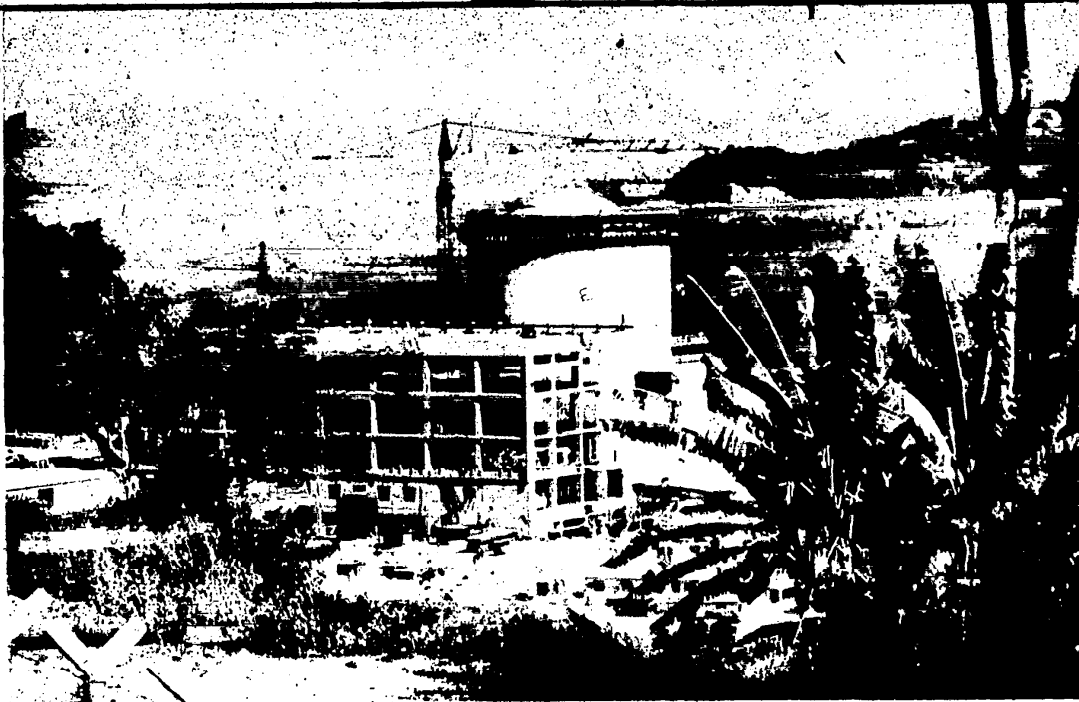
THE KINGDOM OF GOD-

What does it mean to you?

King-dom *n.* A politically organized community or major territorial unit having a monarchical form of government headed by a king or queen.

The phrase “kingdom of God,” which appears frequently in the Bible, is often heard in religious circles. It is generally assumed to be a reference to heaven or to a condition of mind held by believers. Almost no one would apply the standard dictionary definition of “kingdom”—a type of government over a specific territory. Yet that is precisely how the term is most often used in the Bible. The real meaning of the term “kingdom of God” is far more interesting and exciting than the traditional vague concepts. The booklet *Just What Do You Mean . . . Kingdom of God?* clearly explains what the Kingdom of God is and why it’s important to you. For a free copy write to *The Plain Truth* at the address nearest you. (See inside front cover for addresses worldwide.)





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Just Ahead... **NUCLEAR ARMS FOR LATIN AMERICA**

Atomic weapons are now within the reach of three Latin American nations—and more than two dozen other nations around the globe!

by Keith W. Stump

FOR YEARS, the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China were an exclusive club. They were in sole possession of the knowledge and technology necessary to produce weapons of mass destruction.

Not so today!

The "secret" of atomic and hydrogen military technology is no longer even remotely secret. By 1985 the shocking fact is that no less than 35 countries will have the technological expertise and the capacity to produce nuclear weapons!

No corner of the globe will be safe from the specter of cataclysmic destruction.

Propheesed Anciently

Nearly 3,000 years ago the prophet Joel spoke of this very time. A time when the relatively weaker nations of the globe—weaker economically and in conventional military strength—would emerge as formidable powers.

"Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles," wrote Joel, "...let the weak say, I am strong" (Joel 3:9-10).

Here is a prophecy for the end times, a time when "the day of the Lord is near" (verse 14). This prophecy of the economically weaker nations becoming strong could never have come to pass before our day. Now, for the first time in history, it is possible for nations to divert their resources not into conventional armies, but into nuclear weapons!

BRAZILIAN REACTOR, above, under construction at Itabora beach south of Rio de Janeiro, will be that country's first nuclear plant.

Only with arsenals of nuclear weapons at their disposal could the "weak" ever possess great strength!

The nuclear "genie" is out of the bottle. Events are even now impelling the world toward cataclysmic destruction. It is time to awake to the imminence of nuclear war!

Jesus Christ Himself predicted this time of woe, when all life could be wiped off the face of the earth. Read it yourself in Matthew 24, verse 22. "And except those days be shortened, there should no flesh be saved." The Moffatt translation emphasizes that a saving of physical life is intended in this verse. Moffatt uses the phrase "saved alive."

Moreover, Jesus said that such global devastation not only could happen, but that it would happen—unless He stepped in to stop it!

Given the growing instability on the world scene today, there is simply no way mass nuclear destruction is going to be stopped, short of the intervention of God Almighty Himself. Whether intentionally, or by accident or miscalculation, an eventual nuclear holocaust would be a virtual certainty.

But Jesus also brought good news: Notice the prophecy in the latter half of Matthew 24:22: "... but for the elect's sake [for the sake of protecting God's own people] those days shall be shortened." God will intervene to prevent mankind from totally destroying itself!

It Began 35 Years Ago

The world entered the prophesied Atomic Age 35 years ago this August. At eight seconds past 8:16 a.m. on August 6, 1945, a U.S. uranium bomb was detonated over Hiroshima, Japan. The violent shock wave and intense heat radiating from that huge fireball—equal to 13,500 tons of TNT—totally devastated the city. More than 75,000 people were killed or fatally injured.

Three days later, the Japanese city of Nagasaki suffered a similar fate at the hands of a U.S. plutonium bomb. In two awesome displays, the world witnessed for the first time the terrible power of the atom!

The U.S. lead in atomic weapons development was soon emulated by the Soviet Union. Later Britain, France and China became members of the exclusive "Big Five" nuclear powers.

Efforts on the parts of these nations to hold the line against the further spread of nuclear weapons ultimately proved unsuccessful. India blasted its way into the "Nuclear Club" in 1974. That country's highly publicized underground test explosion of a "peaceful nuclear device" sent shock waves throughout the world. The nuclear monopoly was broken by a Third World nation!

Officially, the expansion of the club stopped there—for the time being. Unofficially, both Israel and South Africa are reliably believed to have numerous atomic weapons ready for virtually instant assembly. Taiwan and possibly South Korea are also widely considered to possess atomic weapons. Many other countries could produce nuclear explosives almost overnight if they chose to do so.

Now, more than two dozen nations of the Third World are reportedly moving to arm themselves with nuclear weapons! Among these "near-nuclear" nations are the Latin American countries of Brazil, Argentina and Mexico.

Experts agree that both Brazil and Argentina—the two South American giants—are advanced enough technologically to design and build their own atomic weapons by 1985. Mexico too could move swiftly toward development of nuclear military power. All three of these countries have the required technology as well as a sufficiently high gross national product to finance the venture.

Here is a behind-the-scenes look at this important story which has largely escaped the notice of the world press!

Unprecedented Program

Brazil, Latin America's largest nation, has launched an ambitious nuclear program of monumental proportions.

In June, 1975, an unprecedented \$10 billion nuclear sales agreement was signed by the governments of Brazil and West Germany. It was the biggest export contract in West Germany's history. The contractor concerned is the Kraftwerke Union (KWI), a subsidiary of the giant Siemens industrial empire.

The controversial deal calls for West Germany to supply up to eight water-cooled nuclear reactors to Brazil. In addition, the Germans are scheduled to build a uranium enrichment plant in Brazil. Its purpose is to convert natural uranium into commercial-grade uranium which can be used in the reactors.

The bilateral deal also calls for West Germany to supply a plant to recycle spent uranium fuel so that it can be used again. A by-product of such reprocessing is *Plutonium-239*—a vital nuclear arms material!

Understand this: Nuclear reactors by themselves pose no major threat to world security. But nuclear plants can indirectly play an important part in providing fuel for nuclear weapons.

If nations with reactors also build plants to reprocess "burnt" or used up uranium fuel so that it can be used again, they will, in the process, produce plutonium, which can be used in nuclear bombs. When the proper quantity of plutonium is bombarded with neutrons, it undergoes a rapidly accelerating chain reaction, liberating tremendous energy in a violent explosion.

Only about seven pounds of plutonium—an unstable, silvery, radioactive metal—are needed to make an atomic bomb.

The contract between Brazil

Nuclear Power Comes of Age in Latin America

BRAZIL

Angra I—Brazil's first nuclear power plant—was supplied by the United States. This 626-megawatt Westinghouse reactor was due to come into service later this year. But various delays have moved that date back to mid-1981.

Those delays included dealing with soil problems around the foundation of the reactor, as well as numerous incidents of sabotage. In one case, a one-ton concrete block was deliberately dropped onto the power station's dome. In another, arson caused \$U.S. 10 million worth of damage.

The first in the series of West German reactors being supplied to Brazil is known as Angra II. It was initially expected to begin working in 1982. But after numerous postponements, it is now not expected to come "on stream" until 1987.

Angra I and Angra II are located at Itaorna beach in Angra dos Reis, 100 miles south of Rio de Janeiro. This is also to be the site for Angra III. Work on that plant has not yet begun.

ARGENTINA

Currently, the only operating nuclear power plant in Latin America is in Argentina. It is

the 174-megawatt Atucha I plant, outside of Buenos Aires, which went into service in 1974. It now provides approximately 10 percent of Argentina's electrical energy.

The West German-designed Atucha I is fueled by natural, rather than enriched, uranium. It has the distinction of being rated the world's most efficient nuclear power plant.

Argentina's second nuclear plant, slated to start up in 1982, is under construction at Embalse Rio Tercero. It is the 636-megawatt Candu reactor supplied by Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.

Argentina's third plant—the 700-megawatt Atucha II—and subsequent reactors will be supplied by West Germany's Kraftwerke Union (KWU) under the terms of the recently announced bilateral deal.

The heavy water plant recently contracted for by Argentina (see article) is to be constructed at Arroyito in Neuquén province near the Andes mountains southwest of Buenos Aires. The plant is reportedly capable of producing 250 tons of heavy water a year.

Heavy water is technically called deuterium oxide (D₂O). It is sometimes used as a moderator

of neutrons in atomic reactors. It slows down the fast-moving neutrons produced by fission (atom-splitting) making them more effective for producing additional nuclear changes. Both Atucha I and Argentina's Candu reactor use heavy water as a coolant.

The benefit of this type of reactor is that it is able to burn natural uranium, which is much less expensive and more easily obtainable than enriched, commercial-grade uranium.

MEXICO

Mexico's Laguna Verde plant, now under construction, is due to come on stream in 1982—some five years behind schedule. It is being supplied by the U.S. General Electric company's subsidiary, Ebasco.

This reactor, and another General Electric plant scheduled to be installed later, are designed to burn enriched uranium, to be supplied by the United States.

The two General Electric reactors will be capable of producing a joint total of 654 megawatts.

Plans for subsequent reactors have not yet been finalized. The government is still debating the respective merits of various proposed systems, including those being offered by West Germany.

and West Germany has been widely criticized. Washington, especially, has expressed fears that the deal could ultimately lead to the manufacture of atomic weapons by Brazil. U.S. intelligence reports have hinted that Brazil intends to test a nuclear device in the near future.

In 1977, U.S. Vice President Fritz Mondale flew to Bonn in an unsuccessful attempt to block the sale of German fuel reprocessing know-how to Brazil. The Carter Administration strongly urged Bonn to cancel the contract. But the West Germans understandably refused.

Brazil's nuclear program is

moving forward in earnest (see accompanying box for details). Meanwhile, fears grow in Washington and elsewhere over Brazil's increasing nuclear potential.

Argentina Forges Ahead

Neighboring Argentina is also pressing ahead with an ambitious nuclear energy program of its own. That nation is bidding to become Latin America's leading nation in the nuclear power industry.

While the nuclear accident in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (the Three Mile Island nuclear plant), sparked heated debate over the safety of atomic energy in many countries (including Brazil), Ar-

gentina has calmly forged ahead with its vast nuclear energy program.

Argentina got an early start in the field. Argentine atomic energy research and development began in the 1950s under the first Peronist regime. The country built its first experimental reactor in 1955.

Now, Argentina's Comisión Nacional de Energía Atómica (CNEA) has announced a \$10 billion, 20-year nuclear power program. The program calls for putting a total of six nuclear power plants on line by the year 2000.

This will give Argentina 3,400 megawatts of nuclear generating

capacity by the end of the century, which will account for at least 15 percent of the country's total energy output. The Argentine objective is to reduce or eliminate, if possible, its reliance on oil for the production of electrical energy.

The deal, as in the case of Brazil, was concluded with the West German Kraftwerke Union.

Argentina currently has one reactor in operation, and another slated to come into service in 1982 (see box).

Heavy Water Plant

Argentina also signed a \$33 million contract early this year to purchase an industrial heavy water plant from Switzerland's Sulzer Brothers, Ltd. (see box). The heavy water plant is considered a vital element in Argentina's nuclear master plan.

Washington, however, fears the heavy-water deal will greatly enhance Argentina's ability to produce nuclear weapons. Twice during the week in which the contract was signed, Argentina indicated an "unnamed foreign power" had tried to block the deal on the grounds that it might eventually result in the development of nuclear weapons.

Further worrying anxious U.S. officials, Argentina also plans to build an experimental plutonium reprocessing plant in the early 1980s. Full-scale reprocessing is being contemplated for the 1990s.

Some critics charge that plutonium reprocessing is not economically viable for Argentina in the foreseeable future. This has led observers to suggest that the decision to move into plutonium extraction is more political and military than economic. Even an experimental reprocessing plant could produce enough fissionable material for a nuclear weapon.

Washington Foiled

"I don't think the United States doubts our peaceful intentions."

comments Admiral Carlos Castro Madero, president of Argentina's CNEA. "But they believe that all production of plutonium is equivalent to arms proliferation."

Admiral Castro Madero maintains that for Argentina, nuclear reprocessing could become an important and economical energy alternative, and his nation does not want to forfeit the right to take advantage of it.

In response to Argentina's move into areas of nuclear technology which the United States considers "sensitive," Washington has threatened to withhold shipments of enriched uranium to Argentina. Such threats, however, fall on deaf ears. As mentioned earlier, Argentina's nuclear plants operate on easily obtainable natural uranium. What little enriched uranium is currently needed by Argentina for research plants and experimental reactors can be acquired from the Soviet Union, among other suppliers.

Argentina sells about a million tons of wheat and substantial quantities of other grains and meat to Russia each year, but imports few Russian goods. The import into Argentina of enriched uranium and related products could help to balance the trade ledgers.

Last March, a high-ranking Argentine economic mission visited Moscow for talks on subjects including scientific exchanges and cooperation in the field of atomic energy. A follow-up Russian mission to Buenos Aires in April continued the talks.

Despite the fact that the Argentine foreign ministry has repeatedly affirmed the country's desire to continue using nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, American CIA analysts continue to predict that Argentina could possess nuclear armaments by the mid-1980s.

A statement by Admiral Castro Madero that Argentina will not sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), claiming

it discriminates against nations that do not have nuclear weapons, has done little to allay such fears. (Brazil, too, has refused to sign the treaty.)

Mexico Looks Ahead

Significantly, Argentina is soon to sign an agreement with Brazil to form a consortium to offer nuclear systems to the rest of Latin America. This will present Latin American nations with an attractive alternative to U.S. suppliers and accompanying American restrictions. Mexico, Chile and Peru have already expressed interest.

Despite its huge oil reserves, the Mexican government views nuclear power as vitally important to industrial growth plans.

Consumption of electric power in Mexico is growing faster than that of energy as a whole. Nuclear experts in Mexico project that by the year 2000, hydroelectric, geothermal and coal-fired thermoelectric power stations will satisfy only about 40 to 45 percent of Mexico's demand. The rest will have to come from oil- and gas-fired stations and from nuclear power.

They calculate that for every 1,000 megawatts of nuclear power that is not installed by the year 2000, 12 million barrels of oil a year will have to be burned. Consequently, Mexico is pushing ahead with its nuclear development plans (see box).

Mexico's first two reactors are designed to burn enriched uranium. Mexico currently has no uranium enrichment plant of its own. The possibility of eventually acquiring one is under study by the Comisión Federal de Electricidad. Such a plant would cost over U.S.\$8 billion, possibly prohibitive at this time.

The alternative of reactors fueled by natural uranium—such as those being supplied to Argentina by West Germany and Canada—is also being studied in Mexico. This alternative is now all the more attractive.

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Etienne Morles — Gamma Liaison

EXPERTS ON TERRORISM SPEAK OUT!

Never before has the threat of terrorism been so great. Here we bring our readers a fascinating interview with two of the world's best minds on this frightening specter!

Christopher Dobson, British author and journalist, is a specialist on terrorism. He is a senior staff member of *Now!* magazine and author of the first study of the Palestinian terrorist group *Black September*. He has written *The Terrorists*, a guide to terrorist groups, their weapons and philosophy.

Author Walter Nelson, is a former special agent for U.S. Military Intelligence and news editor for *Radio Free Europe*. He has recently written a thriller about a daring coup in London entitled *The Siege of Buckingham Palace (or in Britain The Minstrel Code)*. A writer for many U.S. and British magazines and newspapers, Mr. Nelson for some years has made his home in London.

QUESTION. Mr. Nelson recently wrote a thriller about the kidnapping of Britain's Queen Elizabeth by terrorists. In the wake of the assassination of Lord Mountbatten by the Irish Republican Army (IRA), would terrorist groups dare to undertake such a fanatical mission as kidnapping the Queen? Could they really get past the security forces?

NELSON: A terrorist assault on the highest VIPs is certainly not out of the question. One IRA leader has even announced publicly that the British royal palaces are now on the IRA "hit list." As for whether security can be penetrated, the short answer is that it already has been. Recently, an unauthorized person was found in the private royal apartments at Windsor Castle. In this instance, even the electronic se-

curity perimeter had been breached. A few years ago, an attempt at kidnapping Princess Anne right outside Buckingham Palace almost came off. Her car was halted, and shots were exchanged. Before ex-Premier [Aldo] Moro was kidnapped in Italy, the Italian police uncovered a plot to kidnap the pope. The fact is that any security arrangements man makes can be unmade by other men. No one is safe, as the IRA's murder of Earl Mountbatten showed.

DOBSON: Given the present level of security it would be a difficult task to kidnap the Queen. The security forces are well aware of the danger and

ANTIGOVERNMENT REBELS train with pistols, above, in a remote area of violence-racked El Salvador.



A great number of terrorists are perfectly willing to die because once having become a terrorist there can be no going back.

Christopher Dobson

have worked out contingency plans to cope with all foreseeable sets of circumstances. They have even made dummy kidnap runs on the Royal Family. This does not, of course, mean that it would be impossible to kidnap the Queen—anything is possible in the world of terrorism.

The greater danger is always the assassination of the Queen. She is aware of this danger but persists in her walkabouts both at home and abroad during which she walks through crowded streets greeting people. It is impossible to guarantee her safety under these circumstances. One man with a concealed pistol could murder her. It is almost certain that he would be killed in the attempt. But many terrorists are fanatical enough to sacrifice their own lives "for the cause." It would seem that the terrorist groups have decided that the

international outrage caused by such an attempt would be counter-productive to their cause. But there is no doubt that if the IRA decided that such an attempt would benefit their cause then they would attempt it.

Q. How many terrorist organizations are there in the world today?

DOBSON. It is impossible to say precisely how many terrorist groups exist today as they are like amoebae, constantly splitting, dying and regenerating. However, a nation by nation count of the groups now operating on a *serious level*, gives us a figure of 45 to 50.

NELSON: U.S. intelligence estimates say there are at least 30 groups in the United States alone which are prepared to use terror and violence to achieve their ends, the same number has been suggested for Britain. Counting Latin America and the Middle East, there must be at least 200 worldwide. But don't forget it's hard to define who's a terrorist and who's a member of a national liberation movement. It depends on what side you're on. The classic terrorist of today is Yasser Arafat, but he's invited to address the United Nations and has Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) embassies in most countries around the world.

Q. To what extent do these groups cooperate?

DOBSON. There is no terrorist international as such but there is a great deal of free-lance cooperation. Most of this stems from a meeting of international terrorists held in Lebanon in 1972 under the auspices of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. There have been similar meetings, especially in Ireland, of so-called freedom movements which have been covers for terrorist cooperative planning. They seem to work on a basis of doing favors for one another. German members of the Red Army Faction—the successors to the Baader Meinhof Gang—took part in the Entebbe, Uganda, hijack for example. There is also

extensive exchange of arms and expertise. It is known, for example, that the Irish bombmakers have passed on their techniques to the Arabs and the Spaniards in exchange for arms.

Q. How many terrorist groups are sufficiently well organized and equipped to be a serious threat?

NELSON: All terrorist groups are a serious threat, no matter how small they are or how poorly equipped. In my fictional account of a terrorist assault on the Queen, all the terrorists needed to paralyze the entire British security apparatus was the threat to kill her, if any move were made to liberate her. That threat can be achieved with the use of a kitchen knife. But the fact is that a great many terrorist groups are extremely well organized and equipped, and unbelievably wealthy. Every gallon of petrol we buy finances the PLO, because a portion of the income of the Arab OPEC countries goes to Arafat's group. His annual income runs into countless millions. Libyan oil revenues also help finance terrorism. Both the PLO and Libya help finance the IRA, and even Latin American revolutionary groups, although the Latin Americans have millions themselves, extorted by kidnapping industrialists.

Q. To what extent could they be said to have, in the pursuit of their own individual goals, a common cause? How similar are their aims and political ideals?

DOBSON: There are a number of disparate aims. The IRA is nationalist, while the urban guerrilla groups of Europe aim to tear down the existing system of society hoping that something better will emerge. Most of the Latin American groups seek to overthrow the existing government and assume power. The Palestinians want to destroy the state of Israel—despite their denials—and reoccupy Palestine. Their objective in the long run is to extend Marxist-Leninist ideology and revolution into the "feudal" Arab states.

Care must be taken here with the IRA. The official IRA, which is *not* fighting in Ulster, is Marxist while the Provisional IRA (PIRA) which is responsible for most of the outrages in Ulster and England, comes close to fascism, although its underlying philosophical outlook is Marxist. That position is further complicated by the rise of the ruthless Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), which has carried out some of the most horrific murders. It is Trotskyist.

NELSON: Some groups have very specific *territorial* ambitions. An example is the PLO and the other Palestinian terrorist groups. Latin American organizations are very Marxist-oriented and also the IRA. It is not usually understood that the IRA isn't just against the British, but equally against the government of the Irish Republic. They want to abolish the Irish Parliament and set up a "socialist revolutionary" dictatorship in Dublin. Right-wing terrorism is another, and newer, phenomenon.

Q. Which countries in the world provide safe havens for terrorists and give substantial financial support to terrorist groups and military training and equipment?

NELSON: Iraq and Libya are two which are safe havens and produce funds. Another safe haven is the South Yemen, a Soviet bloc puppet.

DOBSON: Libya and Cuba are the two main havens for the terrorists. The various Arab nations also give shelter, training facilities, arms and money to the various groups which attach themselves to the government of the day. Russia's satellites also give succour to the terrorists, but quietly.

Q. Does the Soviet Union play a major role in supporting terrorist groups?

DOBSON: The Soviet Union has tried most successfully to present a pure image to the world over its support of terrorism. In a recent pamphlet published by the Jonathan Institute in Jerusalem,

this facade is exposed. The Russians pick likely recruits from among Third World students at Lumumba University and train them as terrorist leaders. There are terrorist training camps maintained in East Germany and Czechoslovakia. A number of Arab terrorists who have attended these camps have been captured by the Israelis and have told their stories revealing the extent of Soviet involvement. Most terrorist weapons are Soviet designed but made in and supplied from Czechoslovakia. Terrorists are also allowed to use the satellite countries as havens after carrying out operations in Europe. It is significant that not a single act of terrorism has been carried out against the Soviet Union by these terrorist groups. The latest development is the use by the Russians of Cubans to train Arab terrorists in South Yemen. They always try to hide their own responsibility but this cover is now blown.

NELSON: Soviet assistance plays a part almost everywhere. It directly assists anti-Israeli terrorist groups, but so far as I know, has not directly assisted the IRA. On the other hand, the U.S.S.R. assists those countries and groups which *do* assist the IRA. It has always been in the Soviet interest to keep the pot bloody and boiling everywhere outside the Soviet bloc. Unrest is something they always hope will play into their hands. It's different inside the Soviet Union, of course. There they crush even the slightest manifestation of anti-state activity.

Q. Would the financial support the IRA receives from Irish Americans compare with the backing such nations as Cuba and Libya give the PLO?

DOBSON: No. These are two different phenomena. The Irish Americans give money and political support out of love for an ancient cause. Many of them feel guilty that they are leading a soft life in America while their cousins are fighting and dying in the old country. This type of emo-



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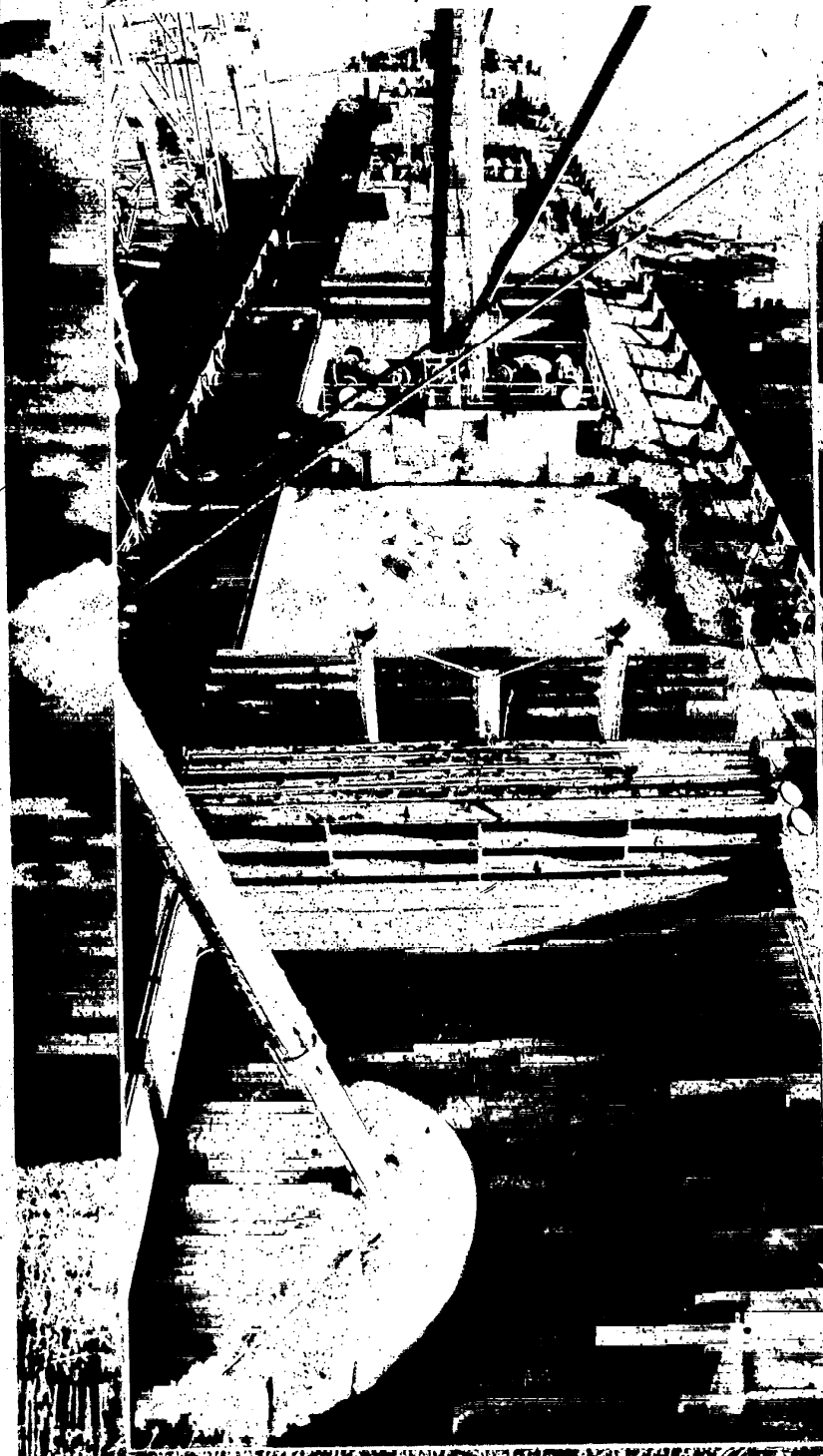
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Walter Nelson

tionism obscures the truths of the situation in Ireland and hides the fact that the men they are supporting tend to be ruthless thugs. The support given by Cuba and especially Libya is of a different quality. These countries provide training camps, weapons, finances, logistic support through the "diplomatic bag" and in fact behave like countries at war.

NELSON: The financial help which Irish-Americans give to the IRA is substantial. But that is peanuts compared to what they get elsewhere. American help is more important psychologically. It allows the IRA to indulge in the fantasy that they're respected internationally and that they pursue a legitimate cause with which others sympathize.

Q. How sophisticated is the weaponry of these groups, and
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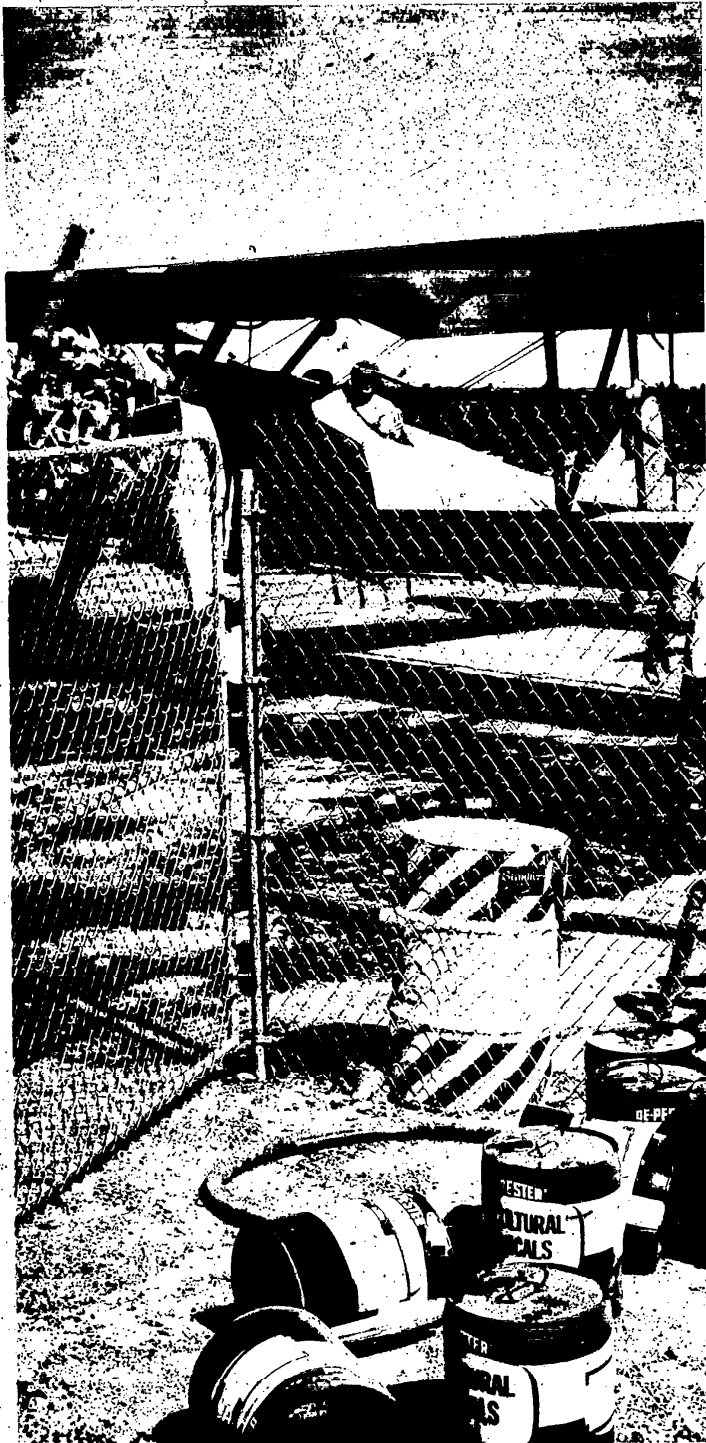
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WHO WILL FEED THE WORLD?

by Donald D. Schroeder

*A staggering set of food supply problems now
threatens mankind. No present food technology can solve it.
On these pages is revealed the one ultimate solution.*





NEVER BEFORE—even with good weather—have the great majority of nations been unable to feed themselves.

For the first time in history only four nations—plus a few others on a more limited scale—are able to feed their own populations with essential food grains and have great quantities for export.

In other words, of the 150 or so nations of the world, more than 140 are at this moment forced to import some or sizable portions of their food needs.

The four great exporters of food grains—essential for human survival and much livestock production—are the United States, Canada, Australia and Argentina. Of these, the two North American exporters, the United States and Canada, dwarf the other two.

Few Nations Food Sufficient

One geographical region, North America, finds itself in control of most of the world's exportable grain supplies. There is no historical precedent for this situation. Well over 100 nations are now dependent in some degree on U.S. and/or Canadian grain exports.

What will happen if the agricultural systems of these few great food exporters—especially the United States—are hit with widespread drought or for other reasons suffer agricultural collapse?

There are no other nations that can fill the role of these few big food exporters. The Republic of South Africa and Zimbabwe, the latter formerly known as Rhodesia, are big food exporters only within the African continent. Now they face serious political and racial difficulties. Such un-

Between the beginning of this decade and the end of this century, less than 20 years from now, world food supply must almost double! And this must occur on a food production base that in many areas is rapidly deteriorating . . .

rest could easily lead to disruption of their food as well as industrial production.

New Zealand exports great quantities of meat and dairy products, but not food grains. The geographically limited area of Western Europe also is glutted with great surpluses, but they are high-priced dairy products, not grains.

United States Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland recently states that if U.S. crop production were to drop only 10 percent during one year, stockpiles would be almost completely wiped out and food prices would soar.

Two years of bad harvests in any of the major grain producing nations—or one year of bad harvests in two or more of such nations—will cause widespread famine and grave international political disorder.

Exploding Population Growth

What an unparalleled dilemma mankind is in.

We live in a world whose yearly net population increase is 75 million. That means every three years an additional 225 million (the population of the United States) must be fed, housed and supplied with essential amenities of life.

World population will *triple* in the lifetime of middle age and older generations of people now living.

The world did not see its first billion humans until 1830. The second billion came 100 years later, in 1930. (Many of our readers or their parents were alive then.) The third billion came just 30 years after that, in 1960. The fourth billion came 15 years later, in 1975. It is 4.5 billion today. It will be—unless

world war prevents it—five billion in 1987.

Even though *birthrates* are significantly declining in both developed and developing nations, the sheer weight of child-bearing age groups will still push world population over 6 billion by the year 2000—barring some intervening global catastrophe.

Ninety percent of the earth's annual population increase is in food-short developing nations. More and more of this flood of humanity are fleeing poor rural areas for major cities. But instead of finding better living conditions, food and employment, most end up in appalling urban poverty areas. No longer are they food producers, but food consumers.

Staggering Food Demand Already Here

A shocking food crisis has happened in the developing world in the lifetime of many of our readers.

The developing nations of the world were virtually self-sufficient in food supplies in 1950. By 1970 they had to import 20 million tons of food. In 1975, 45 million tons were required. In 1979, they imported nearly 70 million tons.

These nations will have to import 85 to 100 million tons of food supplies per year by 1985 and 125 to 145 million tons per year by 1990, say food experts. This is considering "normal" weather years. It will be much more if a period of exceptionally bad weather years hit these nations.

Where will they find the money to pay for such staggering imports? Many nations even now are unable to afford to buy needed quantities of food. They

have poor foreign exchange reserves and little prospect of earning more. And the transportation facilities and networks do not exist to get such food supplies quickly to where they may be needed.

Never in the history of the world has such a food supply problem existed! Yet the world as a whole goes blithely on its way—totally unaware of the staggering increase in food production that must occur immediately to give all humanity a decent level of nutrition!

Between the beginning of this decade and the end of this century, less than 20 years from now, world food supply must *almost double!* And this must occur on a food production base that in many areas is rapidly deteriorating and declining in productivity.

The warning flags have long been flying. Already one billion humans—one quarter of mankind—are significantly or seriously malnourished. Food authorities estimated half of that number—500 million—are abjectly poverty-stricken and food famished, barely surviving. The number of these hungry mouths grow even in good weather years. Drought, political upset or other agricultural upsets merely add more.

Decade of Grace

Even greater mass famines in much of the world would already be here but for the decade of grace from mid-1960 to mid-1970.

The population-food experts miscalculated—and so did we. In the early and mid-1960s it was predicted, based on carefully analyzed population-food production trends then extant, that

AUSTRALIA'S BIG DROUGHT

Threat to Vital Food Exports

Australia has just passed through one of its worst droughts in decades. It was one of the most extensive on record. Enormous areas of the continent from New South Wales and Queensland in the east to Western Australia in the west and Victoria in the south experienced Big Dries—that is serious lack of rainfall. In some areas of the nation the duration of the drought had been several months. In other areas it had been four long, heartbreaking years.

Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland have had unexpected rainfalls, alleviating the drought in those areas. Very good rains and an expectation of excellent crops have encouraged farmers in South Australia and Western Australia.

Even if the drought has been broken continent-wide, it will have been enormously costly to the nation. Fifty percent of Australia's export dollars come from agriculture. In New South Wales alone, estimates put losses caused by the long dry at one third of the state's stock—nearly \$1.5 billion worth of sheep and cattle!

Also, winter has begun in Australia. This means that even if widespread rains continue they are late for most graziers and grain growers except those in the warmer northern half of the country. According to bureaus of meteorology in Queensland, the advent of winter means farmers have some hope of drought-breaking rains continuing to alleviate a shaky situation.

The drought's economic impact on the Australian farmer and economy is not the primary problem. Serious as it is for those directly affected, the most critical question concerns Australia's obligations as one of the world's major food-exporting nations.

At a time when many countries—including India and the Soviet Union—are experiencing food shortages because of a variety of reasons—drought, floods and the high cost of oil-based fertilizers to name a few—Australia's ability to maintain its



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food exports at the highest possible level is crucial.

Australia is the third biggest exporter of wheat in the world. It sends about 80 percent of its annual production overseas. Australia's customers include Egypt, Iran, the Soviet Union, China, Japan and Southeast Asian nations. Whenever the long dry season settles on its farmlands for any appreciable period, Australia finds itself forced to severely limit its sales overseas.

A severely reduced acreage sown to crops in a dry drought period is not the only threat droughts cause Australia's future food exports. Another indirect but just as serious threat comes from the need to divert wheat stocks for use as fodder to keep the country's cattle and sheep alive. The use of wheat as fodder in drought means that Australia will have less available for export to hungry people overseas.

The prospect of this happening at a time when many of the world's hungriest and most poverty-stricken nations are themselves suffering from drought- and flood-induced famine, is frightening.

It would result in bitterly cruel starvation afflicting those least able to withstand it, and a death toll running into multiple millions. Not of cattle or sheep, but people!

—Donald Abraham

famine would reach serious proportions in many heavily populated developing nations of Africa and Asia by the early or mid-1970s and hit Latin America by 1980.

None foresaw the decade or so of unusually favorable weather (mid-1960s to mid-1970s, in some areas even later) or the transitory "success" of the Green Revolution.

The favorable weather was a gift of God to work out His purpose on earth. The Green Revolution was "man's gift" of agricultural good and evil.

The Green Revolution allowed mankind to make quantum leaps in food production without increasing cultivable land, which had always been necessary in past centuries. It is based on the use of high-yield hybrid seeds, advanced mechanization, intensive irrigation and heavy doses of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and other chemicals.

This agricultural revolution, bequeathed by science, started in the 1950s. It snowballed in a handful of important developing nations—particularly India, Pakistan, Turkey, the Philippines and Mexico. Because of the enormous yields it produced, many thought the Green Revolution would solve the world food problem.

At least a quarter of the world's current food output is directly attributed to chemical fertilizers. Around two thirds of the world's croplands are tilled with mechanical power.

In the United States, hybridization in corn (maize) along with chemical agriculture tripled corn yields in three decades. Using similar practices, in a period of only seven years, 1965 to 1972,

The warning flags have long been flying. Already one billion humans—one quarter of mankind—are significantly or seriously malnourished. Food authorities estimated half of that number—500 million—are abjectly poverty-stricken.

India expanded wheat production from 11 million to 26 million tons—an increase in production of a food staple unmatched by any other country in history.

The Philippines was able to achieve self-sufficiency in rice, ending half a century of dependence on imports.

But the hope that such means of agriculture on a world scale would end food shortages is an illusion.

The "decade of grace" was really a chance for mankind to reduce soaring population birth rates and put top priority on sound agricultural practices—put the combine and tractor before the Cadillac and tank. It was a chance to eliminate public and government corruption and lethargy. It was a chance to put aside political and social antagonisms and mobilize the international community to meet the world food crisis. It was a chance to build national and international food reserves.

But little of this has been achieved. The good years of crops lulled most nations to go on much as before. The "decade of grace" was frittered away because of human selfishness and wrong priorities.

By the mid-1970s, drought-hit harvests, increasing food demands caused by affluence, rapidly rising energy costs, tightening fertilizer supplies and relentless population growth in the developing world combined to all but wipe out the gains made in the previous 15 years of the Green Revolution.

Mexico, which had exported 10 percent of its grain between 1965 and 1969, found it necessary to import 20 percent of its grain by the mid-1970s. The Philippines went from indepen-

dence from rice imports to dependence in less than 10 years. The Soviet Union, customarily a net grain exporter, has become the world's largest importer of grain in recent years.

And India, which thought it had solved its chronic food problems with 20 million tons of grain reserves from several good weather years in a row, has had the bulk of it wiped out by this year's drought in 14 of its 31 states.

What a world it is when the survival of hundreds of millions now hangs on the vagaries of weather, energy supplies and political and economic conditions in a handful of nations!

Vulnerable Modern Agriculture

The handful of big nations which export food, pride themselves on their agricultural power in the world. The United States, in particular, is a veritable modern Joseph's Egypt to which a hungry world looks for food.

But the fabled American cornucopia is built on an agricultural system extremely vulnerable to drought, to disease, to energy shortages, inflation and internal disruption.

United States agriculture is the epitome of energy-intensive agriculture. It needs mammoth infusions of petroleum, chemical fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals to make it work.

The United States and many other nations' agricultural practices fly in the face of every known law of natural systems.

Through genetic engineering aimed at producing highest yields rather than overall quality, modern hybrid grains and livestock herds have lost critical hardiness to many stresses. They have lost resistance to many pests and diseases. They are completely de-

pendent upon an arsenal of chemicals to survive: artificial fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and fungicides for crops; drugs, antibiotics and other chemicals for livestock.

Many farmers have eliminated all but those seeds that produce the greatest production. The resulting crop uniformity, or monoculture, over vast geographic areas is highly vulnerable to the loss of entire crops, in one year from a single disease. A small forerunner happened in 1970 when more than 15 percent of the United States corn crop was wiped out by corn blight.

Today all but forgotten are concerns for healthy soil structure, water content, trace minerals or the presence of organic matter (humus). Instead soils are being forced to produce by chemical means. Get now and let future generations take care of themselves is the philosophy. But increasingly, these practices are ruining soils. They are producing less and less in food returns for the heavy use of artificial fertilizers put on them.

Lester R. Brown, authority on food and population, points out the ultimate folly of the Green Revolution so prevalent in many nations: "The heavy use of fertilizer made with cheap energy has masked the basic deterioration of the soil. We're only now beginning to realize that what we're doing is not sustainable in the long run."

Even worse, population-food pressures have made the world captive to such damaging agricultural practices. "If we suddenly stopped using chemical fertilizers," says Mr. Brown, "world food production would drop by something like a third."

Much of mankind has been

given a decade or so of reprieve from mass famines. But it's time to wake up! You will be shocked to learn that Bible prophecy reveals the collapse of nations that happen to be great world food exporters. North America will not forever feed the hungry world.

The identities of these nations and the reasons for their collapse are revealed in our startling, but free, booklet, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. You need to know the biblical identity of these nations. Your life may depend on it!

Unprecedented Famines Ahead

The future of mankind is laid bare in the Bible. When asked what would be the signs of His return before the close of this age, Jesus described false prophets, wars and disease epidemics—“... and there will be famines.” He also prophesied (Matthew 24:7).

Nations have brought the population-food crisis upon themselves. The nations have repeatedly chosen to arm themselves instead of pursuing peace and food production as top priorities. They have served false gods and worshiped their own immoral or ungodly ways. They have developed greedy, corrupt systems at the expense of the poor and needy.

Soon the Creator will intervene in a powerful way to punish nations for their sins.

The book of Revelation depicts an earth whose end-time food production will largely collapse. First it will happen as a result of mankind's growing warfare and pollution. Then God will strike the earth—land and sea—to wake humanity up to His authority and reality in the affairs of men (see Revelation 8:7-11, 16:3-4).

The Final Solution

Even if humanity could experience world peace, political-economic stability and favorable weather, the prospects of sufficiently feeding all of humanity would be grim. With political, economic, energy and

weather upsets continually jolting nations, the situation is not humanly solvable.

Jesus Christ *has to* return and set up the government of God to save nations from their insoluble problems—one of which is the population-food crisis—once and for all.

Agriculture will finally be put back on the right track. Nations will no longer be allowed to spend, as many do today, half their government budgets for war making instead of food production.

“And he [Jesus Christ] shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks, nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more” (Isaiah 2:4).

Human beings will no longer be estranged from land and food production as is the growing problem today. “In that day, says the Lord of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor under his vine and under his fig tree” (Zechariah 3:10, Revised Standard Version).

Because humanity will learn to obey God's laws and humbly bring Him into their daily lives, the earth finally will be blessed with abundant good weather, rain and fertile soil.

Vast waste and desert lands will become verdant and productive, “... the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as a rose... for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water...” (Isaiah 35:1, 6-8).

“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed...” (Amos 9:13).

“Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; your God will come with vengeance... he will come and save you” (Isaiah 35:4).

Then mankind's centuries of hunger will be over! □

NUCLEAR ARMS

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as Mexico has discovered uranium ore reserves amounting to some 500,000 tons—rivaling its oil reserves as a source of energy.

The technology for producing the heavy water needed for natural uranium plants is not beyond Mexico's present capacity.

Mexico is undeniably wealthy enough to finance the development of nuclear weapons and is rapidly acquiring the required technology.

There is little doubt that Brazil, Argentina and Mexico, as well as many other countries around the globe, will have the capacity of building nuclear weapons in the not-too-distant future. A political decision to do so is all that will be required.

Efforts to limit nuclear proliferation have clearly failed. With each new entry into the Nuclear Club, the chance of nuclear holocaust will increase—despite pledges of peaceful intentions by the great powers and the small. Safeguard procedures can too easily be breached.

There is a Way of Escape

How can you make certain that you, personally, will survive this prophesied nightmarish period? This prophesied period of warfare and anarchy which lies ahead, just prior to the return of Christ?

Jesus Himself provides the answer: “Watch ye therefore and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man” (Luke 21:36).

Just as righteous Noah was divinely protected through the Flood that erased life from the face of the land, God today promises to spare all those who individually turn from the evils of this present world and submit themselves to Him.

Will you take Christ's warning seriously? Your life depends on it! □

the PLAIN TRUTH

Personal from...

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one book of the Bible. I did fit into it a very FEW other passages of the Bible, BUT THERE IS MUCH MORE.

So now let us fit in a number of other passages of the Bible and bring the WHOLE PICTURE more clearly to completion.

The whole book of Revelation is the Revelation of JESUS CHRIST, not of "St. John the Divine"—who was not divine—YET! *Revelation* is a word translated from the Greek *apocalypse* meaning revealing, not hiding; opening up, making clear, not a mysterious concealing.

But Christ does not REVEAL the meaning within this one book. He gives the KEY to opening up the meaning of the book in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21. He opens up other portions of it in other scriptures. Remember, the WHOLE Bible is the written WORD OF GOD, and Jesus Himself is the living personal Word of God.

In Matthew 24, Jesus reveals much of that portion of Revelation 12, beginning with the time when Jesus was on earth speaking with His disciples.

The WHOLE book of Revelation is summarized in chapter 6—that is, a summary beginning at the time Jesus was teaching on earth.

First, in Revelation 6, are the famous "Four Horsemen." They are symbolic. Their meaning is explained in Matthew 24 and elsewhere.

First was the white horse, followed by a horse symbolizing WAR, a black horse famine and a pale horse symbolizing death.

Now glance into Matthew 24. Jesus had been showing His disciples the buildings of the great temple in Jerusalem. Then they had gone to the Mount of Olives, where His disciples asked Him privately, "When shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"—this present evil world.

Jesus was talking to His disciples, about A.D. 31. He did not answer their question *first*—instead He warned them of what would begin to occur even in their lifetime.

"Take heed that no man deceive you," He said to *them*. He was talking about false teachers that might deceive them, even in A.D. 31. "For many shall come in my name," He said. NOW UNDERSTAND this before reading the rest of that sentence. You may research the Bible thoroughly, and you will find that everywhere those coming "in Christ's name," come claiming to REPRESENT Him—coming in the pretense that they are the ministers of Jesus Christ. They were to come, even beginning A.D. 31, saying that Jesus is the Christ, "and deceiving many."

He was not referring to men coming who would claim that they were the Messiah. But how could they claim to be Christ's Christian ministers proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ, and still deceive the MANY? Do you know that people may even WORSHIP Christ, and all IN VAIN? Jesus said, "IN VAIN do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mark 7:7).

But from A.D. 31 until now, MANY have claimed to be ministers of Jesus Christ, proclaiming CHRIST, yet actually deceiving the many who hear them, even as they, themselves, were deceived by a master Satan. They have preached to this day ABOUT Christ. But they have not preached HIS MESSAGE—which was His GOSPEL. The true GOSPEL is the MESSAGE Jesus brought for mankind from God—the GOOD NEWS (Gospel) of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD. For 1,900 years—one hundred 19-year time-cycles—that true Gospel of Jesus Christ—the Gospel He preached—was suppressed! People heard ABOUT Christ, but they did not hear His GOSPEL.

That false preaching began in the very first century, and continues UNTIL NOW!

Jesus revealed that the white horse of Revelation 6 represented these false preachers. Next, in Revelation 6, came the red horse of WAR. And in Jesus' Olivet prophecy (Matthew 24) Jesus said wars would come, Matthew 24:6-7. Next, the black horse. Jesus said, verse 7, there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes.

Next, Jesus said, Christians would be martyred—put to death. That happened, beginning with Stephen (Acts 7), and into the Middle Ages, when, as in Revelation 12, the Church had to flee—and go underground, meeting for worship services secretly.

Then after that, Jesus came to the answer to their question about the sign preceding His return to earth as KING of kings in verse 14: "This Gospel of the KINGDOM shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and THEN [quickly after that] shall the end [of this age] come."

I started proclaiming that Gospel over radio the first week of 1934. But it did not go to other nations until January, 1953—precisely 1900 years after Paul wrote the Galatians (chapter 1:6-7) that the Gospel was being SUPPRESSED!

Then what NEXT? The pale horse followed the black horse. Jesus said, (Matthew 24:7), there would be famines and pestilences.

Then the GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Then what? The fifth seal of Revelation 6 shows another time of martyrdom—this time the GREAT TRIBULATION. In Matthew 24, coming next to verses 21-22, Jesus shows the GREAT TRIBULATION—a time of trouble greater than any before, or any to come later. This is also shown in Daniel 12, as occurring just prior to the resurrection of the saints. Also in Jeremiah 30 as a trouble coming chiefly on Americans and British.

Then what next? The Great Tribulation is shown as the fifth seal. The sixth seal shows there

shall be frightening signs in the sky, and the sign of Christ in the sky, and the DAY OF GOD'S WRATH shall have come—called in many prophecies “the Day of the Lord.”

In the Matthew 24 account, verse 29, “immediately after the tribulation of those days shall” come the signs in the sun, moon and stars—the DAY OF THE LORD! That will be the time of God's supernatural intervention in world affairs.

Notice Joel 2:31: These signs in the sky—in the sun, moon and stars—shall come immediately before the Day of the Lord, but, Matthew 24:29, immediately after the Great Tribulation.

In Revelation, beginning chapter 7, the time has come for GOD'S PLAGUES, but they shall be delayed until God seals those who came out of the Great Tribulation. The following chapters in Revelation, except the inset chapters, continue the DAY OF THE LORD, to the COMING of Christ, in chapter 19.

Then shall come a THOUSAND YEARS of “the WORLD TOMORROW”

ruled by the KINGDOM OF GOD—a time of WORLD PEACE. Satan shall be bound. Then ALL STILL LIVING shall be called to salvation and eternal life. Those previously truly converted (NOT including the millions of DECEIVED “Christians”) shall have been resurrected as immortal SPIRIT PERSONS, at Christ's coming.

This coming of Christ is shown in Matthew 24, in verses 30 and on.

In this “Personal,” I have given you a brief yet fairly complete account of prophesied events from now until Christ's coming—and the HAPPY, PEACEFUL, GLORIOUS WORLD TOMORROW.

Sir Hans Armstrong

In these serious days my mind is filled with the things of God, and the seriousness of the time.

But an occasional sense of humor gives a certain rest and change from the heaviness of things as they are in this evil world.

I had never had a dog as a growing boy, or in all my adult life—until we came to our present home in Tucson, Arizona. My two sons loved dogs, and my elder son, Richard David, when a little boy, became very indignant one day when he saw a dog whose tail had been cut off.

“That's against the BIBLE!” he exclaimed in earnest indignation. “The Bible says, ‘What God has joined together, let not man put asunder!’”



LEO, half retriever and half Afghan, has the dignity of a lion, but suffers the challenge of Sir Hans the dachshund.

But after coming to Tucson, my wife acquired a very lovely and lovable half Keeshond named Ginger. Later she brought home a very small little pup, a pedigreed German dachshund, with elongated body and very short legs. She named him Hans. This pup is now full grown still very small. But he is now “Sir Hans Armstrong.” He is very important—in his own eyes. He is a deputy sheriff—he wears a badge (hanging from his collar around his neck). Moreover he owns our property here. Despite his importance, he is very much still a spoiled baby. I don't know whether he is happy when being cuddled on Mrs. Armstrong's lap or gnawing on a bone.

Two or three months ago my stepson Richard brought home a large pup, half retriever and half

Afghan. Already he has grown into a huge dog—a real “he-man's dog.” Because he walks like a lion, I suggested naming him “Leo,” and Richard liked the name. Leo gnaws on a huge bone, yet Sir Hans will take possession of it when he can.

This morning, as my wife and I were sitting on the veranda in the early morning shade, Sir Hans started digging up one of Leo's huge bones. Poor Leo stood helplessly by—not a bit happy, but seemingly not knowing what to do about it. Hans took possession of the bone; to Leo's discomfort.

These dogs do give us an occasional bit of relaxing humor. But there is yet one more dog that enters occasionally into our lives. My wife's mother has a very small poodle, Suzie. One Sabbath we were having a Bible study in our family room, with a number of guests. At the beginning, as we all stood for prayer, Suzie stood up, too, with her front paws braced on my pant legs.

Mrs. Armstrong is a lover of animals. She

has two horses which she cares for daily, even to shoveling manure. She scatters liberal portions of birdseed every day under our one patio tree, beside providing pans and cups of water. The birds flock to that tree and the ground under it every day. She even hangs up a cup of birdseed and water accessible only to tiny hummingbirds, who help themselves to it regularly. In a special cage she keeps a pair of ferrets, McGarrett and Fatima.

God has greatly blessed us in our desert home here in Tucson's perfect climate.

P.S.—Leo finally got his big bone back. Hans had to go “on duty” barking at the laundry man. In his excitement, he dropped the bone, and as I write, Leo is now contentedly enjoying his bone. We do have PEACE in this home. □

THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT- Where Is It Leading?

A revolution in American society threatens the foundations of the Free World.

by Ruth E. Walter

NEVER BEFORE in history has there been such an abundance of books, words and pictures on the subject of the "fair sex," marriage and sexuality.

A visit to any library or bookstore (and especially our large university facilities) will reveal an array of titles to pique your curiosity: *The Feminine Mystique*, *Woman in a Man-Made World*, *The Second Sex*, *The New Feminism in Twentieth Century America*, *On Being Female*, *Beyond Sex Role Stereotypes*, to name a few.

But it's not necessary to go any farther than the local grocery store to find the same subject matter displayed prominently on magazine

covers. Or for that matter if you just stay home and listen to the radio, watch television or read the daily newspaper you will probably learn of organized attempts to help abused wives, of ways to counteract sex-role stereotyping and of new lifestyles and opportunities opening up for women.

Many view this flood of information and exposure as the means of helping us all down the simple path of equal rights and justice. Others see the movement as a threat to the stability of society.

Where is the Women's Movement ultimately leading? Who are the leaders? What are the real issues? Will feminist goals affect the fabric of society? Above all, what does God say about it?

The issues at first seem so

complex that it may appear difficult to "get a handle" on cause and effect relationships. Is the Women's Movement responsible for increasing divorce and child crime as critics charge? Is the constant harping by feminists on the "tyranny of men" driving a wedge between the sexes?

These questions need to be answered because the answers will affect you and your loved ones at home, at school and in the work world.

What is "Feminism"?

Feminism does not mean femininity. Far from it.



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The word *feminism* is defined by Webster as "1. the theory of the political, economic, and social equality of the sexes; and 2. organized activity on behalf of women's rights and interests."

In this sense the words *feminism* and *feminist* have been used since the 1890s. But sociologist Alice Rossi traces the philosophical roots of feminism back to Abigail Adams' famous entreaty to her husband in 1771, "Remember the ladies, and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors."

From there Alice Rossi traces the movement through a "whole host of like-minded women who... preceded [our] generation" (*The Feminist Papers*, published in 1973).

The list of names seems endless—Mary Wollstonecraft, Emma Hart Willard, Catherine Beecher, Elizabeth Blackwell, Susan Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, among many others. There were hundreds of women in American history who worked and struggled for rights and freedoms that women now take for granted—equal education for females, the constitutional right to vote, professional opportunities for women and coeducational universities.

Contemporary feminist writers are quick to associate their goals and obstacles with the struggles of these earlier women. They create in effect an historical "sisterhood" with all women who wish to improve themselves and society.

There is, however, a difference between these women in the 18th and 19th centuries and the "new" feminists of the 20th. Eleanor Flexner in her preface to *Century of Struggle* bluntly comments:

"The first 'wave' of feminists insisted that women could be mothers, housewives, activists and full-time paid workers as well; today's 'lib' questions whether a mother... need be tied down by child care. The earlier militants claimed that activities and responsibilities out-

side the home had no harmful effects on their femininity; today the question is asked, what is femininity?"

And there are other differences. In the same piece Miss Flexner later states:

"Other widely held aims are: overhauling the institutions of marriage and the family, challenging traditional roles for both men and women and conventional attitudes toward the rearing of children, and advocating birth control and abortion whenever the woman desires it. Even traditional sexuality is under fire; homosexuality has many proponents, not just for its legality, but as an acceptable alternate life style."

Earlier feminists would be shocked to awaken and find their names listed in a modern "sisterhood" that advocates the right to homosexual female marriage, government-supported child care, free abortion and further disintegration of the "old" morality.

But aside from the specific issues involved there is a marked dissimilarity in motivation between the "old" and "new" feminists. Earlier proponents of women's rights sought the freedom to improve their contribution to society. They envisioned their efforts leading to happier and more productive families. They saw themselves as filling needs within the free enterprise society which their men were unable to fill because of time limitations. This is in striking contrast to present-day emphasis on ending "sexist" oppression, promoting "personal fulfillment," "economic independence" and the "power over one's own body." These aims reflect no acknowledgment of responsibility to family or society.

Rather the state's role in the rights and needs of the individual appears to be the main thrust. Take, for example, the U.S. National Women's Agenda, a document formulated by the National Women's Political Caucus

and claiming support by some 92 organizations. The following is the Preamble:

"In creating the first National Women's Agenda, we are making explicit demands on our government, and on the private sector as well. Firm policies and programs must be developed and implemented at all levels. It is imperative that women be integrated into national life now."

76 Demands

Following the Preamble are listed 76 "demands." They include:

- Election of legislators who support the principles set forth in the U.S. National Women's Agenda.
- Elimination of sex role, racial and cultural stereotyping at every level of the educational system and in educational materials.
- Economic and legal recognition of homemakers' work.
- Creation of comprehensive system of child care.
- Implementation of the legal right of women to control their own reproductive systems.
- End stereotyped portrayals of women and girls in all media.
- Protection of the right to privacy of relationships between consenting adults.
- Extension of all civil rights legislation to prohibit discrimination based on affectional or sexual preference.

These demands, many of which are already being implemented, run counter to principles upon which the United States was founded—reverence for Divine Law, free enterprise, family autonomy and minimal government interference in economic and social spheres.

So what exactly is their goal? Let's let them express it in their own words:

"The changes necessary to bring about equality... are very revolutionary indeed. They involve a sex-role revolution for men and women which will restructure all our institutions: childrearing, education, marriage; the family, medicine, work, poli-

tics, the economy, religion, psychological theory, human sexuality, morality and the very evolution of the race" (Betty Friedan, *New York Times* magazine, March 4, 1973).

"A world where men and women would be equal is easy to visualize... women raised and trained exactly like men... marriage... based on a free agreement that the spouses could break at will... contraception and abortion... authorized... pregnancy leaves... paid for by the State, which would assume charge of the children, signifying not that they would be taken away from their parents, but that they would not be abandoned to them" (Simone de Beauvoir, *Second Sex*, p. 682, Bantam Books).

But don't stop here. Listen to feminist Roxanne Dunbar:

"The present female liberation movement must be viewed within the context of international social revolution... and like other movements, we have taken the basic tools of Marxist analysis... Engels identified the family as the basic unit of capitalist society and of female oppression... How will the family unit be destroyed?... the alleviations of the duty of full-time child care in private situations will free many women... But more than that, the demand alone will throw the whole ideology of the family into question, so that women can begin establishing a community of work with each other, and we can fight collectively" (Roxanne Dunbar, *The New Feminism in Twentieth Century America*, pp. 186-188).

"Childrearing should no longer be the responsibility solely of the parents. Society must begin to take responsibility for children; the economic dependence of women and children on the husband-father must be ended; The other work that goes on in the home must also be changed: communal eating places and laundries for example. When such work is moved into the public

sector, then the material basis for discrimination against women will be gone" (Margaret Bentson, *ibid.*, p. 200).

The Call for Revolution

This revolutionary push for an egalitarian society involves the deliberate attempt by a relative handful of "radicals" and "moderate extremists" to foist off the myth that the women of America want to be independent of their husbands, have lifelong careers and be free of the burden of rearing children. A case in point is the Preamble to the U.S. Women's Agenda which begins:

"We, women of the United States of America, join together to challenge our nation... We are women with interests and roots in every sector and at every level of society... we have agreed upon issues which must be addressed as national priorities."

Many feminist women are single by choice and have no particular empathy for the needs and desires of married women and mothers. Yet it is these women who claim to represent the interests of American women as a whole.

A concerted attempt among the current crop of feminists exists to make their revolutionary position palatable to the average American woman. They have recognized the media as a powerful tool to shape "reality." They have consequently exerted no little effort to win support for their stance in media presentation. Such issues as equal pay for equal work, protection for the abused wives, and sexual harassment and/or discrimination on the job all win widespread public support and form the main content of newspaper, magazine and television coverage.

In spite of this there is still widespread distrust and suspicion of "radical" feminists by the majority of American women.

Betty Friedan's article in the January issue of *Redbook* de-

scribed the feelings of the many nonrevolutionary American women:

"Do I really want to be like men?" "You have to make it in a man's world, doing it their way. I don't like what it's doing to me," "Will I miss out on life if I don't have children?"

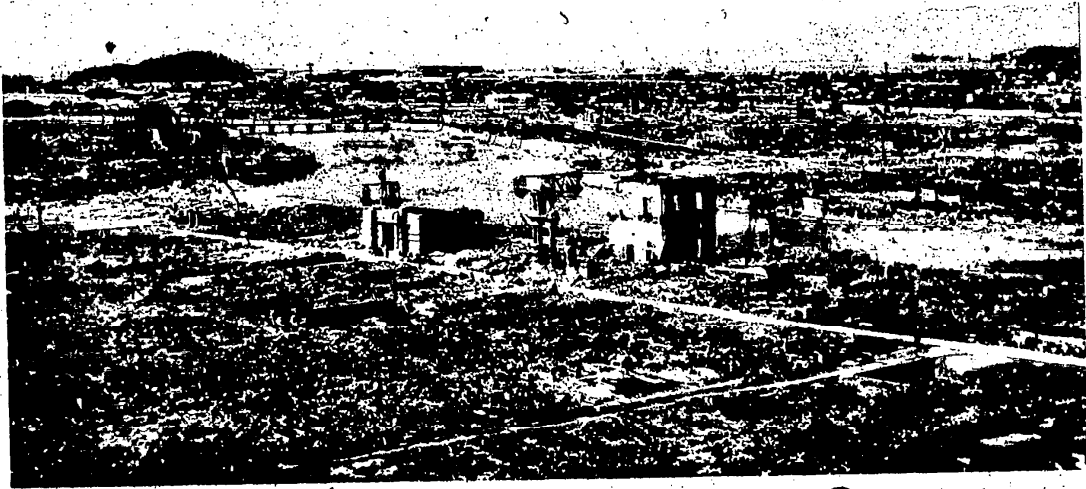
Women sense disturbing undertones inherent in feminist rhetoric. They are hesitant to accept feminist values as their own because they really do esteem their marriage and family relationships. One issue which illustrates this point is the resistance among women which the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the U.S. Constitution has encountered. The vice president of AFL-CIO Communications Workers of America says women in his union oppose it (even though the union officers support and promote it) because they view the "ERA as a vehicle for highly educated upperclass professional women" and "as something that will exchange domination by men with domination by another group of women..."

There is widespread disagreement over what the ERA will do for women that the U.S. Constitution doesn't already guarantee. Opponents vociferously deny it will insure any benefits for women and insist its passage will remove protection which has been traditionally accorded them. But the supporters are equally vehement that present laws do not specifically include women and that real justice for women is impossible without the ERA.

The only thing that can be stated without equivocation is that no one really knows what impact the ERA would have on families and individuals until the courts start interpreting it in specific cases (were it passed).

And this is precisely the heart of the issue. Feminists really have no idea if their brand of equality will work. And there are many

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U.S. AIR FORCE

The Meaning of HIROSHIMA

Thirty-five years ago an atom bomb exploded over Hiroshima, Japan. The impact was felt around the earth. People were shocked, stunned! Deep down, everyone knew the world would never again be the same. What has occurred in the 35 years since is a matter of record. The scientific advances, the arms race, the effect of the nuclear age upon peoples and nations are all too familiar—we live with it every day. Yet the full significance of the dangerous age in which we live is only now beginning to dawn.

by B. Charles Braden

ON THE MORNING of August 6, 1945, it was war-time business as usual in Hiroshima. The streets were full of people. Men and women on their way to work or shopping, children going to school.

The air raid siren started to scream. But no one paid any attention. The lone aircraft over the city was thought to be on a reconnaissance mission and did not appear as a threat.

Forty-three seconds later, there was a searing, blinding

flash, brighter and hotter than a thousand suns. Instantly, within a half mile of ground zero, people, animals, carts and houses were no more.

They simply evaporated.

Disintegrating bodies, in some cases, left permanent "shadows" etched on rocks or concrete surfaces.

In the area surrounding ground zero, people out in the open had their clothes burned off and their skin seared. If they were looking directly at the flash,

their eyes were burned in their sockets. In that moment 100,000 human beings died, and half again that many would die later from burns and mutilation.

Then came the blast and shock wave. Traveling thousands of miles an hour, it flattened everything for miles in all directions. This was followed by the fireball and resulting firestorm, which consumed everything in its reach.

A heavy cloud of smoke and dust spread and began to rise,

cloaking the city in thick darkness. The mushroom cloud ascended to 40,000 feet and blotted out the sun. Radioactive fallout from the cloud brought death and lingering sickness to those who had survived the flash, the blast and the firestorm.

Why It Can Happen Again

A memorial museum was built in Hiroshima to teach the rest of the world about the horrors of nuclear weapons. Man does not seem to have learned much from the legacy of Hiroshima.

Nations continue to prepare for war in the name of maintaining peace. Doomsday planners (defensive and offensive strategists) continue their search for ever more devastating weapons. There is no end to the arms race. Today's vast stockpile of weapons are a hundred or a thousand times more powerful than the atomic bombs which ended World War II.

In less than five years, 40 nations will have acquired the ability to manufacture their own nuclear weapons. There may be other faster ways to obtain these weapons—by buying them or by stealing them. It is a terrifying prospect.

Many experts predict that nuclear war not only will happen, but will happen sooner than we think. "As the *Bulletin* begins its 35th year, we feel impelled to record and to emphasize the accelerating drift toward world disaster in almost all realms of social activity. Accordingly, we have decided to move the hands of the *Bulletin's* clock—symbol of the world's approach to a nuclear doomsday—forward from 9 to 7 minutes before midnight" (*The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, January, 1980).

Unless there is a turnaround, man's time on this planet is short. This is the same prediction made more than 1,900 years ago by the greatest newscaster of all time, Jesus Christ!

In the book of Matthew, chap-

ter 24, verse 3, Jesus' disciples came to Him and asked this question: "When will this happen? And what will be the signal for your coming and the end of the age?" (The New English Bible).

Jesus then proceeded to outline the news for them. He predicted that war, violence and trouble of every kind will increase, and then suddenly, the world will be plunged into the crisis at the close of this age (verse 21).

Daniel describes the world situation as "a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation" (Daniel 12:1). Matthew's account says there was never a time of trouble so great since the beginning of the world.

Let us face it. For the first time in the history of the world, man is capable of *laying waste entire cities at once* (Ezekiel 6:6). And dreadful as it is—it is also possible to exterminate every living, breathing thing from the face of the earth.

The End Time!

Our generation is living in the last days of human civilization. We are fast approaching the climax at the close of man's day on this earth. The atom bombs that exploded over Hiroshima and then Nagasaki 35 years ago catapulted us into the Nuclear Age. More than that, they signaled that mankind had entered the biblical "time of the end."

God revealed to Daniel key prophecies of the end time. Daniel must have been extremely eager to understand them and to know the final outcome. But God firmly said, "Go thy way Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end" (Daniel 12:9). For emphasis, this answer was repeated three times in the same chapter.

In the end time, everything would come together in a grand scenario of events. Those living in the last days could know that the end was near. Daniel and others living before that time could not. God did not choose to give them

full understanding that far in advance.

But, amid all this grim news, there is still good news! There is a way to rise above the present gloom and face the future with confidence. This is a stimulating and exciting time for those who grasp the full significance of the age in which we live. It is the special privilege of this generation to hear the Good News—"gospel" means "good news"—of the way to peace. Though most will not heed, you can understand world news, know the future and see the conclusion of human history—the "restitution of all things" by Jesus Christ.

We gather for you the hidden meaning behind the real world in which you live. We watch world trends. We use the Bible to bring you understanding of the news behind the news. Why? So you will be warned—and it is hoped come to see what is about to occur and believe it! You must believe it before you will act! That's the nature of human beings. Throughout history, human beings have had a tendency to turn away from the unpleasant and refuse to act on what they suspect or feel deep down to be true. (This is one reason the world is in the trouble it is today.)

The next step for you is to pray that God will include you among the few who will be accounted worthy to escape the tribulation period ahead of us (Luke 21:36; Revelation 3:10).

God's true servants in the end time along with concerned scientists and men of vision are branded as "doomsday prophets." The world does not want to hear the truth. The whole world has strayed so far from God that truth is no longer recognizable. Only the wise will stop—and listen—and consider—and act! And escape the coming time of trouble which will precede the return of Jesus Christ to this earth to reestablish the government of God over all nations and bring us peace! □

IN BRIEF

WORLD WAR III

By Stanley R. Rader

THE WORLD is a drastically different place now than it was just a few years ago. It is far more dangerous. It is far more unstable. The old "balance of power" which kept the world from going over the brink into nuclear annihilation is gone.

After World War II, the central fact in world politics was that American military power reigned supreme. While the American monopoly on nuclear weapons lasted for only a short time, it was clear that no one would dare threaten a nuclear war on the Western democracies because there would be a massive response. In the harsh arena of global politics, this fact worked to preserve peace.

Now, however, all that has changed, and the possibility of actual nuclear war is greater than any time since Hiroshima.

These thoughts are prompted by the appearance of former President Richard Nixon's latest literary effort entitled *The Real War*, excerpts of which were called "World War III" when they were published in Europe. The book examines the state of the world since his resignation from office in 1974. One of the book's key points is that America in the 1980s confronts two realities which it has never before encountered:

"The first is, if war were to come, we might lose. The second is we might be defeated without war." Mr. Nixon believes that American military power has up to now restrained the Soviet Union—which he believes seeks nothing less than global domination—from risking nuclear war. That restraint is now gone. Thus, "the danger facing the West," according to Mr. Nixon's analy-

sis, "is that the Western world could find itself confronted with a choice between surrender or suicide." At the very least, this new situation in world affairs means the Soviet Union will be far more assertive in waging "local aggression" around the globe.

It is unfortunate that President Nixon did not have this view of the world when he was President from 1969 until August 1974, when he was forced to resign. It is unfortunate that not having held such views, or not having held them seriously, he did not seize the opportunity as the President to act in a manner to prevent the Soviet Union from gaining all its objectives throughout the world during the past 12 years.

Unfortunately, in 1973, President Nixon was working very hard to end the Vietnam War "with honor," to reach a general condition of detente with the Soviets, to reach agreement concerning arms limitations and to defend himself from the consequences of the unfortunate Watergate affair. During that time, we did not hear enough, if anything, from Mr. Nixon concerning the topics of his current book.

Plain Truth readers, on the other hand, will recall that Mr. Armstrong and I visited Saigon in South Vietnam in September of 1973, shortly after Mr. Nixon left office. In a one-hour meeting with President Nguyen Van Thieu, he poured out his heart to us and clearly predicted the fall of his nation to the armed forces of North Vietnam. He bitterly condemned the withdrawal of American forces and failure of the American government to honor its commitment to the freedom and integrity of his nation. At the

same time, he warned Mr. Armstrong and me that the Third World War had been going on since 1945 and that the Western world, and the United States in particular, had not realized it because the war was not being fought in accordance with the conventional or traditional modes. Yet, he declared, the Soviet Union was waging all-out war, continent to continent, by agents or proxies. President Thieu boldly asserted that another hot war could break out at any moment in Korea between North Korea and South Korea; in the Middle East between Israel and its neighbors; or right there in South Vietnam where the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese were simply marshaling their forces for what would be a final push when American support was withdrawn.

These things were all crystal clear to President Thieu and, as I commented in *The Plain Truth* two months later, these things have always been self-evident to Mr. Armstrong, who has been a consistent, aggressive and far-seeing anticommunist since the early 1930s.

Less than 24 hours after our visit with President Thieu in Saigon, his prediction about another hot spot came true with the eruption of the 1973 Middle East War. Within that 24 hours, the Russians had in fact acted again, this time through their then proxies—Egypt and Syria. Egyptian forces had crossed the Suez with the aid of their Russian advisers (and probably actual combatants) while Syrian forces had pushed from the Golan Heights in the north of Israel. And, as we all learned within a few days, the world was at the brink of all-out nuclear war as Soviet forces and American forces went on nuclear alert.

Advance News

Readers of *The Plain Truth*, on the other hand, have been warned for five decades about the danger of Soviet aggression by proxy, or

otherwise. They have been warned about the energy crisis, the dangers of runaway inflation as a result of untrammelled big government spending, and the taxing away the heritage of the American people. They have read of these traumas far in advance of the events that have actually occurred.

We have been able to predict what will happen tomorrow, just as we know what will happen in the world tomorrow, because all of it has been revealed to us in the written inspired Word of the Living God. It is all there for the asking. And we, as part of our commission, have shared that knowledge with our readers around the world. We think now that more world leaders will be more mindful in the future of the bold but accurate forecasts presented throughout the pages of each issue of this magazine.

Conversely, I think it is very significant that Mr. Nixon, a man acknowledged by even his most severe critics as having a great deal of expertise in the area of international relations, should be sensitive to trends which have a bearing on Bible prophecy and the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Without saying so in so many words, Mr. Nixon seems to have instinctively realized our world is not normal. Crisis in world conditions is now the natural state of affairs. In the 1968 preface to one of his earlier books *Six Crises*, Mr. Nixon stated: "The crises of the Eisenhower years, and of the Kennedy administration, were on the whole short term moments of tension; they were resolved one way or another with national leadership strengthened. But with the Johnson-Humphrey administration, the nature of the crisis had changed. The remarkable characteristic of the crises of today is their continuity—they have moved in, it seems, to stay."

"With this shift to an era of perpetual crisis, the quality of foresight became very important

in foreign affairs. The Bible teaches us that "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18)—which is particularly true in a world armed to the teeth with nuclear weapons. The Bible also teaches, "a prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished" (Proverbs 22:3), which it repeats for emphasis in Proverbs 27:12.

But foresight has not exactly been the hallmark of statesmanship in the latter 1970s. Mr.

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Nixon believes the key mistake was the cancellation of the B-1 bomber, which cancellation was "one of the greatest strategy blunders [America] has ever made." This in turn brought about a world in which the United States would probably lose the next war.

But while the early 1980s represent a more dangerous place in which to live, there is yet further change coming. Yet another era after this one is coming in world affairs—one in which world politics as we know it today will no longer even exist.

I found one comment Mr. Nixon made to be particularly interesting in this regard. He mentions that most of the leaders of the Black African nations are interested *only in maintaining themselves in power*. Consequently, they are more naturally inclined to become clients of the

Soviet Union, which is itself controlled and dominated by a very small minority that is more expert than any other group in the world in maintaining itself in power. By sharing this type of expertise along with military hardware, the Soviets have found leaders in nation after nation in Africa ready to accept their assistance, and hence, domination.

I cannot help but remember a dinner party that Mr. Armstrong had in January, 1969, for Franz Josef Strauss, the former defense minister of West Germany and the current challenger for the office of chancellor. Mr. Armstrong, realizing that Mr. Strauss had arrived within the United States during the inaugural proceedings for President Nixon, asked at the dinner table of Mr. Strauss what he thought Mr. Nixon was thinking of when he was taking the oath of office. Without any hesitation whatsoever, Franz Josef Strauss's reply was only too prophetic: "Why, how to get himself re-elected, of course!"

The world of tomorrow, on the other hand, will not be the product of personal power seeking. It will be the product of God Himself, who will send His Son Christ back to the earth to make the world not more unstable or dangerous but peaceful, orderly and prosperous.

I fear Mr. Nixon's book may all too accurately describe the world of the early 1980s. It does not give us much grounds for hope in a better tomorrow.

But there is a book which does point the way to a better world in the future. We will not have to worry about nuclear war, local war, the need to build B-1 bombers or any other such manifestation of terror and destruction. *Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*, by Herbert W. Armstrong, commercially available in bookstores, and published by Everest House, reveals a far different, far more hopeful era in world affairs. □

WOMEN

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voices which affirm that it in fact will not and *has not* in societies which tout the equal status of their women. Numerous sociologists and historians have tallied the surprising results of the liberation of women in Socialist countries.

Amateur de Reincoirt says of the Soviet Russian experiment:

"Lenin at first lost no time in launching the legal emancipation of Russian women by striking down the major bulwark of civilized 'bourgeois' life: the family, the one sociobiological entity that could stand as a protective shield between the individual and the all-destroying revolutionary state. Starting in 1920, abortions were allowed without any restrictions whatsoever... and the legal emancipation of women was bolstered by their economic liberation when they were put to work outside the home.

"And as early as 1919, Soviet authorities decreed 'the family has ceased to be a necessity both to its members and for the state'.

"Although the topic of free love repelled Lenin personally, his political designs compelled him to go along with the movement, insofar as it was the quickest and easiest way to destroy in depth the old society which he abhorred.

"In a few short years the great experiment began to fall apart... and far from raising the status of woman, the revolution proved to be utterly demoralizing. Rather than freeing woman, it had freed man from sexual restraints and domestic responsibility" (*Sex and Power in History*, pp.374-375).

The Soviet government saw the results of its policies of free love, the family disintegration, the disregard for any authority except the State—namely mushrooming juvenile delinquency, the lowering of female life expectancy by six years and the drop in female economic productivity. The "old"

laws were repealed. New ones instated which supported family solidarity. To quote again from author Reincoirt:

"The stage was set for a full-fledged restoration of the old family virtues and even Lenin's well-known dislike for promiscuity was invoked. Premarital chastity and conjugal fidelity were openly praised; marriage breakers and promiscuous men were likely to be expelled from the party and have their careers ruined.

"All experiments with the raising of children in state institutions were declared failures." (*Ibid*, pp. 377-378).

In 1943 Soviet authorities abolished coeducation on the justification that boys must be prepared for service in the army, while girls are essentially mothers. Wartime circumstances and Russian fear of the declining birthrate impelled further legislation and government grants to encourage large families and strengthen the bonds of the family.

"From then on, laws were

passed, altered or repealed without taking too much into account the specific welfare of women; only the welfare of the Soviet Union came into consideration" (Reincoirt, p. 379).

The story of the People's Republic of China is essentially the same: Abolition of family ties, abortion and free-love policies came to a halt when authorities realized it was harming the goals of the totalitarian state and economic productivity.


So feminists in this country are pressuring the goals which proved devastating in these Socialist societies—devastating not only to the totalitarian aims of the State but also to the status of women.

Unlike one party states, the democratic process takes much longer to implement policies and even longer to undo them. If the revolutionary goals of feminists are ever realized in this country, complete disintegration of civilized society is almost certainly to be the outcome—if we can believe the lesson of Russian, and Chinese experience. □

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TERRORISM

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just how well organized and capable of pulling off major coups are they?

NELSON: The weaponry of terrorists is sufficiently sophisticated to have compelled the British army on several occasions to send battalions out to London's Heathrow Airport, to forestall an attempt to shoot down an airliner with a Soviet SAM-7 missile. Terrorists have all the modern hardware they need and can carry.

Handguns and submachine guns, especially the latter, are the basic equipment. Portable missiles such as the SAM-7 and explosive devices of the greatest sophistication are all available. Aside from the PLO, terrorists haven't yet been armed with tanks or jet fighters, as far as I know. Indeed, that would transform them into an army and make them too visible. But a bullet can threaten to take the life of a national leader—or a little child—just as quickly as can a cannon shell.

DOBSON: Weaponry is growing increasingly sophisticated. One group of PFLP "soldiers" was arrested in Rome in a house close to the airport where the Palestinians were preparing to shoot down an El Al airliner. They have Kalashnikovs, the weapon used by the Viet Cong and which is the best assault rifle in the world. They also have miniature machine pistols like the Czech-made Skorpion. The Irish in particular have become expert in bomb making, using mercury trembler fuses and remote controlled bombs triggered by radio devices similar to those used in controlling the flight of model aircraft.

There are about 10 groups who are organized enough to pull off major coups. But such coups have become more difficult with the formation of specialized anti-terrorist groups such as the British Special Air Service and the

German GSG9 who cooperated in the rescue of the passengers from the hijacked Lufthansa airliner at Mogadishu, Somalia. Hijacking seems to have gone out of fashion because this incident, following on that of Entebbe, convinced the terrorists that the world was prepared to fight against aerial hijacking. They have switched their targets now to the occupation of embassies and the holding of diplomatic captives, although this spring the SAS mounted a particularly successful operation in ending the terrorist siege of the Iranian Embassy in London.

Q: How do terrorists operate—as armies or as popular movements?

DOBSON: Urban terrorist groups of Europe operate as small groups. They are neither armies, nor are they popular movements. In fact the working class population is bitterly opposed to their activities for it is the working class which tends to suffer from the antiterrorist reaction of the authorities. The Palestinians are different. The PLO can be described as a popular movement and its various groups can put armies into the field equipped with tanks and field guns. At the same time it has its smaller terrorist groups which operate on the same lines as the urban guerrillas. The IRA is certainly a popular movement with historical roots grounded in tradition, religion and to a lesser extent, language. In South America you again have a double situation with small terrorist movements existing in some countries and regular guerrilla armies in others.

Q: Do the Arab terrorist groups have as an ultimate ideal a resurgent Islamic empire uniting all Arab States?

NELSON: Very likely there are Arab terrorists who hope for a new *jihād*, for an Islamic military revival as well as a religious one. But it must be understood that terrorism is inherently irrational, and that one cannot there-

fore expect rational objectives from those pursuing irrational means.

DOBSON: Most terrorist groups which have been operating throughout the world in the Palestinian cause are not religious. In fact the most ruthless of the groups was founded and controlled by two Christian Arabs. It is the aim of most of these groups first to reoccupy Palestine and then to spread a leftist movement of various degrees throughout Arabia. The overthrow of the shah by the Shia Moslems has, however, introduced a new factor because this movement and the general resurgence of Islam must sooner or later clash with the secular aims of the terrorists. Islam can never live with communism.

Q: Would you say that urban terrorists are initially dedicated to anarchy to bring about their aims?

DOBSON: Most of the urban groups in Europe see anarchy as a prerequisite to the overthrow of the present system of government and the emergence of their new utopia. The formula is well known. Cause chaos. The government will be forced to introduce repressive measures. The populace will rise. Anarchy will ensue. The system will collapse. Paradise will be created out of the ruins. This has so far not worked because the ordinary people have come to hate terrorism so much they are prepared to put up with repressive measures in order to get rid of the terrorists. The danger lies in the fact that unless these repressive measures are removed from the statute books once the terrorists have been destroyed they could provide a framework for a dictatorship—so the terrorists will have succeeded only in creating what they hate the most.

Q: To what extent can modern urban society cope with the terrorist threat? To what degree is there close cooperation on a worldwide basis?

NELSON: Antiterrorist cooper-

ation has grown between nations, but it needs to be much further developed. Some countries cooperate, others refuse to do so. A good example is the continuing failure of the world to achieve concerted action against airline hijackers. The airline pilots have urged for years that airlines should refuse to fly to any country which is not willing to give an undertaking that they will never allow hijackers asylum or aid of any kind. If hijackers could not expect a safe haven, or even a refueling facility, anywhere in the world, that would bring hijacking to an end.

DOBSON: Modern society can cope with the terrorist threat and is doing so. Europe realized the nature of the threat very late and even then there were great difficulties in internationalizing cooperation. For example the laws covering extradition and how long a suspect could be held and whether a policeman, from a foreign country could interrogate a suspect all caused problems. The police forces of the various countries ignored the rules and worked together long before the politicians and lawyers agreed. But formal cooperation has now been agreed to by the EEC and there is a great deal of cooperation between the countries of Europe. The British SAS and the German GSG9 have an excellent working relationship. The Dutch, too, are extremely cooperative and so are the Italians. There is also a constant flow of information between Europe and the United States. Much of this comes from the German police computer at Stammheim which contains every known fact about every known terrorist and terrorist organization. The world has been mobilized against terrorism and silicon chips are its shock troops.

Q. In past years we have seen joint combined operations among terrorist groups. Are such operations likely to increase, with more ambitious targets?

DOBSON: Precisely because of the growth of the international

antiterrorist forces the ability of the terrorists to mount international operations has been curtailed. It is still possible for them to mount spectaculars but it is much more difficult and dangerous for them to do so.

Q. Does the average terrorist have a common mentality which goes beyond specific national and idealistic bounds?

NELSON: The modern urban terrorist is an "idealist"—however misplaced and mistaken those ideals are—and utterly convinced his or her aims can only be fulfilled by violence. In his or her view, society is corrupt, the ruling establishment repressive, the working class brainwashed and stupefied, and the voting system and democratic process a complete fraud. Given that common denominator, what separates terrorists are questions of tactics. Often, these are deliberately provocative. IRA terrorists hope to drive British troops from Ulster, knowing this, could provoke killings of Catholics by Protestants.

They hope the Irish Republic would then have to intervene militarily. If forced reunion resulted, Ireland would have a militant Protestant minority, and, in the resultant chaos, democracy in Ireland would collapse, leading to the Marxist dictatorship IRA extremists champion. Similarly, in West Germany, terrorists aim at forcing the government into such repressive, "fascist" counter-measures that democracy would collapse, leading to a revolutionary situation. Aimless or mindless terrorism exists as well: this is "classical" or "anarchical" terror, best seen today in Italy and in recent years in the United States. But even here an aim can be detected: society must be destroyed if anything new is to be built upon the ruins.

DOBSON: The makings of the modern urban terrorist in Europe go back to 1968, to the great student demonstrations in France which eventually brought about the retirement of General de Gaulle from political life and spread throughout Europe, par-

ticularly to Germany. The working class was not affected, it spurned the antics of the students. But the movement caught hold among the young products of the German economic miracle. These were idealistic students who despised the materialistic outlook of their parents. They felt deeply about the plight of the Palestinians and the Third World. But what started as idealism, slipped into terrorism. The majority of the students who demonstrated "to change the world" eventually became middle-class citizens themselves, mostly social democratic in political outlook. But a few saw terrorism as the only way to change the world. Then because the Arab groups have the arms and the money and the training grounds they inevitably joined with the Arabs and the modern groups emerged. The one common factor in the groups is a resentment of the society in which they live and a desire to tear it down. Where they would differ violently is in what sort of regime they themselves would impose.

Q. Is it right to assume that terrorists are thugs by nature, or are they rather well educated and intelligent?

DOBSON: The answer to this question is multiple. The urban terrorist groups are mainly middle-class with a university training. Of all the German terrorists only one was truly working class and he was in it for the money. The Arab groups, while led by educated men from the Palestinian technocrat middle-class—engineers, teachers, doctors—draw their "soldiers" from the refugee camps. They tend to be youths of little education who have been brutalized in the camps, completely tunnel-visioned, knowing nothing of the world outside, motivated only by hatred. PIRA is almost completely working class and Catholic. Middle-class Catholics as a rule stay away from terrorism and so the movement tends to attract the unemployed and the ill-educated.

There is little change in this situation.

NELSON: Terrorism does, of course, attract thugs, but most left-wing terrorists are demonstrably well-educated and intelligent. The thugs are the second battalions, using the terror for their own purposes. An example is Ulster, where crime and non-political murders occur under the convenient cloak of political terrorism. The biggest change is that right-wing extremists (especially in West Germany) have turned to armed terror, imitating the left. Interestingly, the right-wing terrorists and extremists are generally working-class and poorly educated, while the left-wing extremists are mainly university students or graduates, and intellectuals.

Q: Are most terrorists perfectly willing to sacrifice their lives for the cause?

NELSON: The more intelligent the terrorist, the more ready he is to sacrifice his life in the service of his cause, even if this involves suicide. Surrender and turning state's evidence are the province of the opportunistic followers in terrorist groups.

DOBSON: A great number of terrorists are perfectly willing to die for the cause, principally because once having become a terrorist there can be no going back. They must either triumph or die. Death becomes commonplace. This is what makes them so dangerous. They will kill because they are prepared to die. There have been some notable exceptions, however. Klein, the German terrorist who was wounded during the Carlos group's attack on OPEC headquarters, later turned away from terrorism and made a full confession of his activities and his repentance. There are also a number of revolutionary philosophers who, while encouraging young men and women to go out and be killed, would never dream of being shot at themselves. They would rather enjoy the good restaurants of the Left Bank in Paris than actually taking part in terrorism.

Q: Which terrorist group has the most military clout today?

NELSON: In terms of sheer military clout, the PLO stands head and shoulders above all other terrorist organizations. It now even has Soviet tanks. Both directly and indirectly it is the greatest threat to world security. But one is tempted to add a footnote: the one revolutionary organization which has the greatest political and military clout is the Soviet regime. And it, of course, encourages terrorism everywhere outside its borders.

DOBSON: I doubt if a European urban group has any real political power now. The only groups which could cause a threat to world security are the various Arab groups. And their threat lies in their position as a fuse, to the powder-keg of the Middle East and the oil fields on which the Western world relies for its survival.

There is one other consideration: surely the group that poses the greatest threat to the world's security is the first group to get hold of a nuclear weapon. □

EUROPE

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Newsweek (European edition): "No matter how much we Europeans criticized American leadership in the past, we never ceased relying on it. So now that the United States appears to be failing in its mission as leader and champion of the European alliance, we are suddenly aware of our weaknesses vis-à-vis the Soviet Union. . . .

"In Europe, the prospects of a new relationship with the Soviet Union take several forms. They are all, however, underlined by the fear of a weak Europe compared to an increasingly strong, arrogant and self-assured Soviet Union. . . . In recent talks with French diplomats, Soviet leaders didn't bother to conceal their new arrogance. Yes, they said. . . . We moved into Afghanistan. So what? It's no concern of yours what we do there.

"The Soviets use the same tactics over the question of nuclear weapons in Europe," said editor Imbert. "Never mind about our SS20s [huge Soviet missiles targeted on West Europe's cities], the Kremlin says now. They are not your concern. Just don't put Pershings [U.S. missiles] in Europe. . . . This behavior is the prelude to a bid for the neutralization of Europe, a long-term Soviet goal."

Too many Europeans, asserts Mr. Imbert, are being lulled by the idea that "Finlandization" may not be so bad after all. He appeals to fellow Europeans to "take stock of ourselves before it's too late. . . .

In view of America's decline and Russia's burgeoning power, Europe, concluded Mr. Imbert, "is only now becoming conscious of how alone it is. A stretch of solitude is always beneficial if it is used to reflect on ultimate goals and aims—especially if they involve an ultimate spiritual survival."

Strauss Lashes Out

Europe's aimless drift toward pro-Moscow neutrality is the issue Franz Josef Strauss is stressing most in his uphill battle to unseat Helmut Schmidt in the West German national elections October 5.

Mr. Strauss, discarding his "sophisticated statesman" image, has been lashing out like the Strauss of old at the left-wing in Mr. Schmidt's Social Democratic Party. These men, he claims, are leading West Germany down the dangerous path of neutralization.

For Mr. Strauss the option of a "Finlandized Europe" subservient to Moscow is not acceptable at all. Europe, he says, must show sympathy and support for the United States. Yet, at the same time, he claims in an article in the spring, 1980, issue of *Policy Review*, "the European partners should be ready to take global joint responsibility instead of passing the role of the policeman of the world to America."

Mr. Strauss comes down sharply on the side of the "second

L E T T E R S

What Our Readers Say

Easter

And so what if we celebrate our day hiding eggs for our children which the Easter Bunny left. Didn't your parents ever tell you fairy tales? We don't worship the Easter Bunny—no one does—we just have a little fun with it. I was brought up this way.

Judith Gilmore
Truckee, California

Marxism

Recently, a nationally known radio minister printed the following comments in his nationally circulated newsletter:

"*Armstrong Praises 'Marxist' Guerrilla.*

"The May, 1980, *Plain Truth* praises Robert Mugabe, who just took over Rhodesia. Mugabe's guerrillas murdered and horribly mutilated tens of thousands in last 15 years. Rader tells his followers 'Marxist' is good!"

What is your response to that?

G.R.
Atwater, California

Our response is, "It's just not true." We certainly did NOT say "Marxist is good." No reader of The Plain Truth could possibly believe that after we've published so many articles, saying, in effect, "Marxist is bad" along with the other isms of this world. If the "nationally known radio preacher" in question will go back and actually read the articles in the May (U.S.) issue on Zimbabwe, he'll discover our praise was for Britain's success, not for one particular candidate, and for the creation of a possibility of peace with a NON-Soviet-dominated government.

Refugees in Thailand

I have finished reading the "Open Letter" from Mr. Thurston Leon Sexton, in the May, 1980, issue of *The Plain Truth*. I found it to be a thought-provoking article.

While I was reading, the article became more and more convinced that this is only a prelude to the coming days on this earth before the arrival of Jesus Christ to rule this

world. The readers should be giving this article some very serious thought and then begin to very carefully watch the events happening all over the world concerning famine. Not only in Africa and Southeast Asia but right here in the United States. Right now according to the news reports there is drought in the upper Midwest that could cause a severe shortage of grain crops this fall.

I can remember the dust storms of the early '30s as the winds blew the dust north. The sun looked like a red ball in the heavens, and the dust settled to earth as it passed overhead.

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Gift Subscription

We like the idea of the "gift subscription" card in the June-July *Plain Truth*! In a couple of instances the continuation page references were incorrect. I suppose you have caught the mistakes. As a whole, the magazine is SUPER!

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choice"—that of European self-defense. He writes in the same publication, "Today Europe itself must take charge of its foreign security and defense, and it must be ready to undertake the necessary long term burdens and sacrifices."

Spiritual Leadership Needed

Europe clearly is facing a historic crossroads. Mr. Strauss, if elected, might be able to provide political direction to a continent adrift. But more is needed.

Western Europe is not only in an exposed state militarily. Its unprecedented material advances of the past two decades are clearly in jeopardy as well.

The energetic Pope John Paul

II—the most widely traveled pontiff in history—has been trying to reawaken Europe to its prematerialistic heritage.

On March 21, 1980, the pope extolled the idea of a unified Europe in a ceremony marking the 1,500th anniversary of St. Benedict. According to a news dispatch from Vatican City, "Pope John Paul II held up the efforts of St. Benedict to create a Christian unity for the Old World as a model for a new unified Europe."

The "spiritual unity" of Europe is a theme the new pope has returned to frequently, most dynamically of all in his native Poland last year. "Christianity must com-

mit itself anew to the formation of the spiritual unity of Europe" he said, "Economic and political reasons alone cannot do it."

The rather cool reception a largely secularized French public accorded John Paul II on his visit to France in May shows that his pleas for the "spiritual unity" of Europe have not struck home.

But as Europe's economy sours further, as the threat to its Mideast oil lifeline grows, as the state of America's "nuclear umbrella" for Europe is seen for what it really is and as Russia's leverage intensifies—watch for the warnings of Mr. Strauss and the appeals of Pope John Paul II to reach more responsive ears. □

Voice Cries Out

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dom is almost the same in physical form, design, constituency, as human brain. The brains of whales, elephants, dolphins are larger—and chimp almost as large. Yet the output of the human brain is indescribably greater. Few indeed know why!

Many passages of Scripture show that there is a spirit *in* man. Spirit is *not* matter, and man is wholly matter. But, as there could be a small metal object swallowed by mistake, *IN* man, yet *no* part of the man himself, so with the spirit within each human. Because it is in the form of essence—not a "ghost" or being of itself—and to distinguish it from God's Holy Spirit, I designate it as the "human" spirit. Nevertheless, it is spirit and not matter.

This "human" spirit imparts the power of intellect to the human physical brain. The spirit cannot see, hear, taste, smell or feel. The *brain* sees through the eye, hears through the ear, etc. The "human" spirit cannot of itself think. The physical brain thinks.

What, then, is the function of this "human" spirit? It is *NOT* a "soul." But, 1) it imparts the power of intellect—of thinking, and of MIND power, to the human brain; and 2) it is the very means God has instilled, making possible a personal relationship between human MAN and divine GOD.

God creates, as previously explained, by the principle of DUALITY. So it is with the creation of MAN. It is accomplished in TWO STAGES: 1) the physical phase, which began with the first man, Adam; and 2) the spiritual state, which begins with the "Second Adam" Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:45-46).

So also, man was made from his creation (and birth) with the one "human" spirit—but he is INCOMPLETE; he was made to need *another* Spirit—the HOLY SPIRIT of God—and when that gift of God is received, God's

"Spirit itself, beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16)—in the begotten (or first stage) of man's *spiritual* creation.

This is most clearly explained in 1 Corinthians 2.

"... Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart [mind] of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (verse 9)—spiritual knowledge. The natural mind can know only what the brain can physically see, hear, taste, smell or feel, through the five physical senses. The natural mind is *confined* to physical, material knowledge!

"But God hath revealed them [spiritual things] unto us by His Spirit..." (verse 10).

"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?..." (verse 11). A cow, sheep, or dog cannot know the things a man knows—and neither could a man, except by the spirit of man which is *in* him. Likewise, the natural man with this one spirit is *limited* to material knowledge—"even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."

ONLY when the Holy Spirit enters, combining with the "human" spirit, can a man come to really comprehend that which is spiritual—"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (verse 14).

That is WHY the most highly educated are, over-all, the most ignorant—they are confined to knowledge of the material. Knowledge of God and the things of God are foolishness to them. But, of course, God says, "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God" (1 Corinthians 3:19).

World Cut Off from God

Now back to the first human, Adam.

Remember God's PURPOSE in creating man on the earth: 1) to restore the GOVERNMENT OF GOD

on earth, and by regulating human life through that GOVERNMENT, a) complete the physical creation of earth where angels turned it to ruin, and b) in the process complete the creation of MAN by developing righteous spiritual CHARACTER; and 2) establish the KINGDOM OF GOD, and eventually the incredible human potential of, finishing the creation of the vast UNIVERSE!

This supreme PURPOSE required: 1) that MAN reject Satan's WAY, embracing GOD'S WAY of LOVE, based on God's spiritual Law and; 2) that man be made first of matter so that, if he was led into Satan's way of "GET," he could be CHANGED, converted to GOD'S WAY of LOVE.

Spiritual beings, once a finished creation as (were the one third of the angels who became evil characters) *could not be changed!* Spirit is constant and eternal—not subject to change. But physical matter is constantly *changing*.

Through God's Master Plan for His Spiritual Creation, to be covered later, it had been master-planned by God and "The Word" that "The Word" would divest Himself of His Supreme Glory, and in due time, take on Him the likeness of human flesh, as Jesus Christ, making possible the spiritual phase of the creation of MAN—GOD REPRODUCING HIMSELF! What a MASTER PLAN for the extreme ULTIMATE in creative accomplishment! How GREAT is our God—in mind, purpose, planning, designing, as well as CREATING—from the tiniest germ or insect to the most huge sun, dwarfing our own great sun to insignificance!

And the incredible human potential is that the GREAT MAJESTIC GOD is, in MAN, reproducing Himself—man can be born into the GOD FAMILY!

The first human, Adam, was created with the potential of qualifying to replace Satan, the former Lucifer, on earth's throne, restoring the GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

But it was necessary that he resist, and reject Satan's "GET"

way, and choose GOD'S WAY of His Law—the way of LOVE (GIVE)!

His Maker talked first to Adam and Eve—instructed them thoroughly in the GOVERNMENT and spiritual LAW of God—even though in Genesis 2 only the most condensed summary of God's instruction to them is revealed. Satan was restrained from any contact with them until God first had completely taught them.

In the gloriously beautiful Garden of Eden, into which God placed them, were two symbolic trees. One was the "Tree of Life." Taking its fruit, freely offered, symbolized obedience and faithfulness to God's Law of out-going LOVE, and receiving the gift of God's Holy Spirit.

The other was the tree of "the knowledge of good and evil." Taking of its fruit was taking to themselves the knowledge of what is good, and what is evil—deciding for themselves what is right and what is sin. This of course, meant rejection of God's LAW, which defined for them the right and the wrong.

The glorious archangel Lucifer, as God originally created him, was the pinnacle of God's creative power in a single being. Few today remotely realize the great power, now turned to cunning deception, possessed by Satan. Apparently Adam completely underestimated him.

The wily Satan got to Adam through his wife Eve. He did not say, "CHOOSE MY WAY!" He appeared as a subtle serpent. He cleverly deceived her.

He put DOUBTS in her mind about God's veracity. He deceived her into believing God had been unfair—selfish. He subtly injected vanity of mind. He misled her into thinking it was *right* to take of the forbidden fruit.

Adam, not deceived, nevertheless went along with his wife. With her, he took to himself the determination of what is right and what is wrong—thus DISBELIEVING what his Maker had said, REJECTING God as Savior and Ruler—rejecting God as the Source of revealed BASIC KNOWL-

EDGE. He believed and followed Satan's WAY!

When God "drove out the man" from the Garden of Eden, and barred reentrance—lest he go back and receive eternal life *in sin* (Genesis 3:22-24)—God PRO-
NOUNCED SENTENCE!

God said, in effect, "YOU have made the decision for yourself and the world that shall spring from you. You have rejected me as the basic source of knowledge—you have rebelled against my command and my government—you have chosen the "GETTING," "TAKING" way of Satan. Therefore I sentence you and the world you shall beget to 6,000 years of being *cut off* from access to me and my Spirit—except for the exceedingly FEW I shall specially call. And that FEW shall be called for special service preparatory for the Kingdom of God. They shall be required to do what you have failed to do—reject, resist and overcome Satan and his ways, and follow the ways of my spiritual LAW.

"Go therefore, Adam, and all your progeny which shall form the world, produce your own fund of knowledge. Decide for yourself what is good and what is evil. Produce your own educational systems and means of disseminating knowledge, as your god Satan shall mislead you. Form your own concepts of what is god, your own religions, your own governments, your own life-styles and forms of society and civilization. In all this Satan will deceive your world with his attitude of SELF-CENTEREDNESS—with vanity, lust and greed, jealousy and envy, competition and strife and violence and wars, rebellion against me and my Law of LOVE.

"After the world of your descendants has written the lesson in 6,000 years of human suffering, anguish, frustration, defeat and death, I will supernaturally intervene. By supernatural divine power I shall then take over the government of the whole world. With reeducation, I will produce a happy world of PEACE. And on repentance, I shall then offer eternal salvation to all. After a

thousand years of that happy world to come, I will resurrect from death to mortal life all who have died uncalled during this 6,000 years. Their judgment shall then come. And on repentance and faith, eternal life shall be offered them.

"During this 6,000 years, when I myself shall cut them off from me, they shall not be eternally judged. Only, as they sow during their life-times, they shall reap. But *when* I open eternal salvation to them, there shall be no Satan to hinder or deceive them—no Satan for them to overcome. Those few called during this first 6,000 years shall have to reject and resist Satan's pulls and overcome. But those who overcome shall sit with me in my throne, and have power under me to rule all nations under my Supreme Rule."

The most universal false teaching, believed by virtually all churches called Christianity, except the one and only true and original Church of God, is that ALL are automatically "lost" unless they profess Jesus Christ as Savior—and that now is the *only* day of "salvation."

Those cut off from God are NOT "lost"—NOT YET JUDGED!

Few UNDERSTAND this basic Master Plan of God. The reader cannot possibly be more surprised at the truth revealed in this volume than was the author, more than 50 years ago. THE WHOLE WORLD has been deceived, as God's Word foretold! One deceived is not aware of the deception! Don't underestimate Satan!

One, reviewing the multiplied evils in the world today, might think MAN has cut himself off from God. But it is GOD who cut off mankind from Him. And WHY?

Does that seem to make God appear unfair? Quite the opposite!

Consider! When God drove Adam and Eve out from the Garden of Eden, He set angels to bar mankind from reentering. Suppose God had left the gate into Eden open. What would have happened? Probably the whole of mankind would have surged back

in to take of that tree of LIFE! Without any repentance—without, even FAITH in God or in Christ—mankind would have helped himself to RECEIVING ETERNAL LIFE.

THINK a moment!

God Not Unfair

How UNfair would God have been, had He allowed that? Man, with all his sins—and sin has a habit of increasing in the one who indulges in it—would have become immortal—living *for ever* while *suffering* the pains, mental, physical and spiritual, that sin would bring on him!

Man does not seem to realize that he now is the SLAVE of sin. He does not realize that only a real repentance—turning *from* sin—and the living FAITH of Jesus Christ can FREE him from that penalty! Sin enslaves! It punishes! It brings sorrow, remorse, anguish. It inflicts physical injury, sickness and disease. It produces frustration and hopelessness.

The most unfair, unkind, cruel thing God could have done would have been to leave the way open into the Garden, with free access to all comers to the tree of LIFE—symbolic of the gift of ETERNAL LIFE!

But what *did* God do? He drove out the man and the woman. He barred reentrance.

He, however, made salvation and eternal life in extreme happiness and bliss become available to ALL the human family. But, with Godly wisdom, He set a time-order and conditions! For the first 6,000 years—now almost completed—all but the predestined FEW were cut off. Meanwhile He called a comparatively infinitesimal FEW to repentance and faith and—dependent on those conditions and overcoming—the gift of His Holy Spirit and eternal life!

Then in due time, after approximately 4,000 years from Adam, God sent Jesus Christ to live a perfect life, overcoming Satan, *qualifying* where the first ADAM failed, to replace Satan as RULER on the throne of the whole earth. Those who, as Jesus did, overcome Satan, their own selves and

sin (the "called," that is), will sit *with Christ* in His throne *when* He comes to set up THE KINGDOM OF GOD and to restore the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, which the former Lucifer rejected and ceased to administer!

Those *very* few called, beginning with "righteous Abel" up to now and on to Christ's return to earth, have had to do what Adam refused to do—REJECT THE WAY OF SATAN, who rebelled, against the GOVERNMENT OF GOD!

Who, then, is a *real* Christian? Only those who have been, and are being led, by the Holy Spirit of God (Romans 8:9; 11, 14). And none can receive the Holy Spirit until that person, 1) REPENTS—of his sins, his transgressions of God's Law, and 2) has complete faith in Jesus Christ—which includes BELIEVING Jesus Christ. I mean, believing what He says—His WORD, the Holy Bible!

Now, what of all the others—the THOUSANDS OF MILLIONS? Up to now, unless called and *drawn* by God, they simply have not yet been judged! I do not mean they shall not have to give account for their sins. They shall, indeed! But their judgment is COMING. Judgment has begun in the true Church of God (1 Peter 4:17). Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father... draw him..." (John 6:44). NO MAN CAN come to Christ otherwise! But this is merely the FIRST harvest.

When Christ comes as KING OF KINGS and LORD of lords, He will reign for the next thousand years. EVERYBODY living from His coming will be called.

After that thousand years, shall occur the "Great White Throne Judgment" of Revelation 20:11-12. All who ever lived from Adam on, who were uncalled by God, shall be resurrected MORTAL in human flesh and blood as they were in their first life. *Then* they shall give account for the sins of their former life—but on real repentance and faith they shall be forgiven and receive God's Holy Spirit, begetting them to ETERNAL LIFE.

GOD'S WONDERFUL MASTER PLAN WILL CALL EVERYONE WHO EVER LIVED TO RECEIVE ETERNAL SALVATION but, there is a time order in resurrections (1 Corinthians 15:22-23). "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order; Christ the firstfruits, afterward..." (two other resurrections revealed in Revelation 20:11-13, are not covered in 1 Corinthians 15.)

Those called in the Millennium; and those in the Great White Throne resurrection and judgment, shall NOT have Satan, then, to overcome.

HOW WONDERFUL are God's ways—even though hidden now from most of humanity, bringing so much suffering on themselves!

As the apostle Paul exclaimed, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33).

In MAN, God is reproducing Himself! The word for God in Genesis 1:1 is *Elohim* in the original Hebrew. It is a uniplural name, like *church* or *family* or *group*. God said "Let us"—not ME—"make man in OUR image." God truly is a Family into which we, *literally* may be born!

WHAT, then, is man? He is a living being made from the dust of the ground. He is CLAY, and GOD is the Master Potter, molding, shaping, forming our CHARACTER—if we respond when He calls and draws us to Him. With our willingness He is infusing into us HIS VERY OWN SPIRITUAL HOLY, RIGHTEOUS and PERFECT CHARACTER!

WHY is man? God created man on the earth to build in us what the sinning angels refused to let Him build in them—His perfect CHARACTER! He is, in His time order and way, developing us to become VERY GOD—each of us—and to finish the creation of the unfinished UNIVERSE!

It's all WONDERFUL beyond words. But, for NOW, we still live in this deceived world led by Satan. □



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