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Charles, Prince of Wales, beams the warmth of Britain's monarchy via the wonderful art of photography. In this outdoor setting, the Prince reflects his personal happiness as well as his father's special concern for the natural environment.

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Personal from....

"Blood, Sweat and Tears"

THIS is a "blood, sweat and tears" talk with our readers—with apologies to the late Sir Winston Churchill.

At Britain's darkest hour of World War II, Prime Minister Churchill's "blood, sweat and tears" speech saved the nation.

It struck through to the hearts of the British people. It moved their emotions. Like an electric shock it gave them hope. It stirred their determination, aroused a willingness to suffer any sacrifice or privation, that their country might survive.

Today, as surely as Britain faced the question of survival then, all humanity faces the question of SURVIVAL now—the survival of the human race!

We don't like to think about it. We shrink from facing up to the existing facts. I know that well! But there is a story to be told about that, and I propose to tell it now.

Forty-seven years ago a tiny handful of financially poor but sober people did face up to it. They volunteered to join me in a "blood, sweat and tears" sacrifice to do something about it. As time went on, others caught the vision, volunteered to join with them. Now, in humanity's darkest hour—with most of humanity lethargically refusing to face up to it—our deliverance is near. Glorious victory is in sight; humanity will be saved alive. The peaceful, happy, prosperous, joyful WORLD TOMORROW is soon to dawn.

The world little realizes now, but soon it will come to astonished awareness of the fact that these volunteers have had something vital to do with it.

Their unselfish sacrifice has gone too long unnoticed. I feel it is high time that I give full acknowledgement, and pay full tribute to those to whom tribute is due. They have made possible a very remarkable thing—something never done before! It is something that concerns every reader of this magazine.

This magazine now has a vast readership of several million people. Before this vast audience I want to give public recognition for the loving service, often at great personal sacrifice, given by a comparatively small army of volunteers. They have made it possible for YOU to hold this fine-quality magazine in your hands just now. They have also done far more.

These are the loyal co-workers who have made possible *The World Tomorrow* broadcast. These same self-sacrificing volunteers have made possible Ambassador College in Pasadena, California.

People often ask: "How can you do it? How can you publish such a quality magazine of such tremendous circulation, without advertising revenue and without subscription price?"

So, since we receive such questions from many subscribers, it seems fitting that the tribute I wish to pay to this small army of volunteers should, at the same time, answer that very question.

When I say you *cannot* pay for your own subscription—it has already been paid—I do so because I do not like to use the word *free*. In the strictest sense nothing is free. That is why we say: "Your subscription price *has been paid*." Of course SOMEONE had to pay for it. Yet we never charge YOU—the reader. You *CANNOT* pay for your own. Our mail-opening staff is instructed to return your money if you try.

This bewilders people. NO ONE ever did anything this way before.

Do we then, some ask, refuse to accept contributions? The frank answer is NO! But we do refuse to ask the public for contributions. That tiny family of volunteer co-workers has grown through the years. And candidly I do tell *them* about financial needs. BUT—WE EMPHATICALLY DO REFUSE TO SOLICIT OR REQUEST PEOPLE TO *BECOME* CO-WORKERS.

Our expanding family of co-workers become so VOLUNTARILY.

So I repeat—though no one, even a co-worker,

can pay for his own subscription to this magazine, it did cost something to produce and put into readers' hands. Your subscription price HAS BEEN PAID—by these co-workers whose tithes and free-will offerings make possible an astonishing activity serving and helping multiple millions of people worldwide!

Some time ago one of the leading American news magazines made a statement to the general effect that our only hope for the survival of human life now lies in the power of a "Strong Hand from Someplace." That is 100 percent true. But very few realize it.

You see, they were talking about an *UNSEEN* Hand from somewhere. What people cannot see, they usually cannot believe.

Fifty-four years ago, my eyes were opened to a good many serious, sobering things. I "saw" the way humanity is drifting. I saw, even then, the threat to human existence. I read advance news reports, *proved* to be reliable, of the world's condition and trends. I read also of the coming SOLUTION of world problems, by and through this *unseen* Strong Hand from someplace. I came to "SEE" this unseen "Hand." And I was given to "SEE" the challenge to awaken millions to the urgency of the world crisis and to the glorious GOOD NEWS of the happier world of peace just beyond.

A very small handful of personal acquaintances also recognized the challenge and the call to become instruments of that unseen "Hand." That unseen "Hand" has proved to be a very steady, strong and powerful Hand.

This small number of personal acquaintances were poor in this world's goods, but rich in the *true* values. In a sense, they, with me, felt "drafted" into this service—yet they willingly VOLUNTEERED.

That was some 47 years ago, early 1934. Seven years before, early 1927, I had envisioned the idea of *The Plain Truth* maga-

zine. At the time, I was living in Portland, Oregon. I even engaged a professional letter artist to design a dummy front cover for a magazine called *The Plain Truth*. I wrote three or four articles—never actually published, I believe, save one.

But it was not until seven years later that I was able to produce Volume I, Number 1 of *The Plain Truth*. That was the February, 1934, issue. It was a homemade magazine done on a borrowed mimeograph. The stencils were cut on a borrowed typewriter.

On January 6, 1934, due to the volunteered help of these few co-workers, I was able to go on the air with what became *The World Tomorrow* program. It was a little 100-watt radio station in Eugene, Oregon. The charge for time—\$2.50 per half-hour program. The station owner had set a price lower than his operating cost for the half hour. Our tiny handful of co-workers were able, then, to contribute only about \$1.38 per week between them. I plunged ahead, taking the rest on faith.

The program then was only once a week. On the first four broadcasts, I offered *The Plain Truth* free, subscription already paid. How paid? By these few volunteer co-workers.

Gradually others caught the vision. It was then in the very depth of the Great Depression. Money was a scarce commodity. To even issue a handmade mimeographed "magazine" and pay \$2.50 per week for broadcast time meant a real "blood, sweat and tears" sacrifice.

But we had a MISSION! There was a tremendous PURPOSE! We were sure we saw THE WAY to do it—no set subscription price for *The Plain Truth*—no request for contributions over the air. All had to be given WITHOUT PRICE!

Somehow those few self-sacrificing co-workers began to prosper. Even though they made serious self-sacrifice financially, their economic condition gradually improved. It was almost as if it paid

them to have a part in this Work!

In those early years, this Work faced a constant struggle for survival. But gradually it grew—and grew—and multiplied in power and scope. By 1942 we were being heard nationally in the United States. In 1947 Ambassador College was born. But not without "birth pangs." For two years it was a fight for existence. Then a few people volunteered to send in their life savings to help. They have prospered financially since.

Gradually, as more and more people have come to recognize the challenge—to realize this great Work offers them an opportunity to have a *part* in changing, and in the end actually saving the world—the number who have volunteered to become co-workers has increased.

But there is a rather amazing factor here. Virtually every phase of our operations increased on an average of 30 percent each year over the first 35 years—save one factor. That is the number of co-workers who make it possible. It costs money to conduct this Work. During that same period, our operational expenditures also increased at the rate of approximately 30 percent every year over the year before. That means it DOUBLED in approximately two years and seven months—less than three years.

And of course that means the income for the Work from these co-workers increased on an average of 30 percent each year—for we do pay our bills and therefore our financial standing today is quite strong.

BUT—the incredible thing is, the increase in the number of co-workers helping voluntarily with us each year was *less than 12 percent*.

How can we account for an increase of 30 percent each year in tithes and contributions received (over the first 35 years of this Work) with only a small increase in the number contribut-

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AMERICA and EUROPE— The Falling Out Begins!

by Gene H. Hogberg

Washington accuses Europe's leaders of succumbing to "pacifism." Europeans in turn warn of grave dangers if detente is allowed to collapse. Where is this trans-Atlantic rift headed?

A DANGEROUS rift is opening up between the United States and the nations of Western Europe over how to deal with ever-growing Soviet military power.

At stake is the continuing existence of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)—a unique alliance that has guaranteed the security of 16 nations on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean for more than three decades.

Without NATO, not only Western Europe, but the United States and Britain and Canada could be in grave peril. And Bible prophecy indicates just such a threat to the English-speaking world.



WEST GERMAN Defense Minister Hans Apel, left, U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, NATO Secretary General Joseph Luns and British Defense Minister John Nott listen to question at NATO Nuclear Planning Group Conference in Bonn, West Germany. Mr. Weinberger's strong words on Western defense disturbed many Europeans.

The trans-Atlantic rift has widened since the Reagan admin-

istration assumed power in Washington. The new team is attempting to recover America's lost worldwide prestige. Specifically, this involves "standing up to the Russians" after years of acquiescence to growing Soviet military power at home and imperialistic expansion throughout the Third World. But on this count Washington's renewed determination is running into resistance nearly everywhere in Western Europe, except for France and Italy.

The United States, propelled by the urgings of President Ronald Reagan, is planning to spend heavily on defense to offset the startling Soviet/Warsaw Pact growth in weapons. It wants the West Europeans to get more excited about the issue as well, since the Soviets have swiftly built up a force of monstrous SS-

20 tactical missiles, backed up by squadrons of advanced "Backfire" bombers—all targeted on Western Europe.

The allies, however, are dragging their feet, partly because of a different perception of the Soviet threat and partly because of the difficulty of keeping up with soaring military costs in a time of economic recession, inflation, unemployment and rising imported-oil bills.

European leaders complain that the Americans just don't appreciate them or their problems or their already solid commitment to NATO as it is. American officials, they say, are coming on too strong, too "hawkish." Europeans were particularly upset by

the charge of President Reagan's National Security Adviser, Richard Allen, that "outright pacifist sentiments" were on the rise in Western Europe, causing the "contemptible, 'better Red than dead' slogan of a generation ago" to once again be heard.

U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's appearance at NATO's Nuclear Planning Group in Bonn, West Germany, in early April accentuated the rift on defense issues.

Mr. Weinberger added fuel to the building fire by dismissing 17 years of detente—which many Europeans thoroughly believe in—as a mere Kremlin fraud intended only to mask the ongoing Soviet arms buildup. He side-stepped European demands for an early discussion with the So-

and is into substance. The West German newspaper *Bonner Rundschau*, for example, reported that the conflict that arose in Bonn forebode "perhaps the beginning of a *fatal split*." The influential national newspaper *Die Welt*, contended that "the Atlantic Alliance is in danger of falling out over *basic questions* of material interest."

That the issues involved are deep was confirmed by West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt when he referred to "the dispute, over fundamental issues of defense policies."

Josef Joffe, a senior editor of the West German weekly *Die Zeit*, stresses that "an irreducible difference of interests lies at the root of all... disputes" between Americans and Europeans.

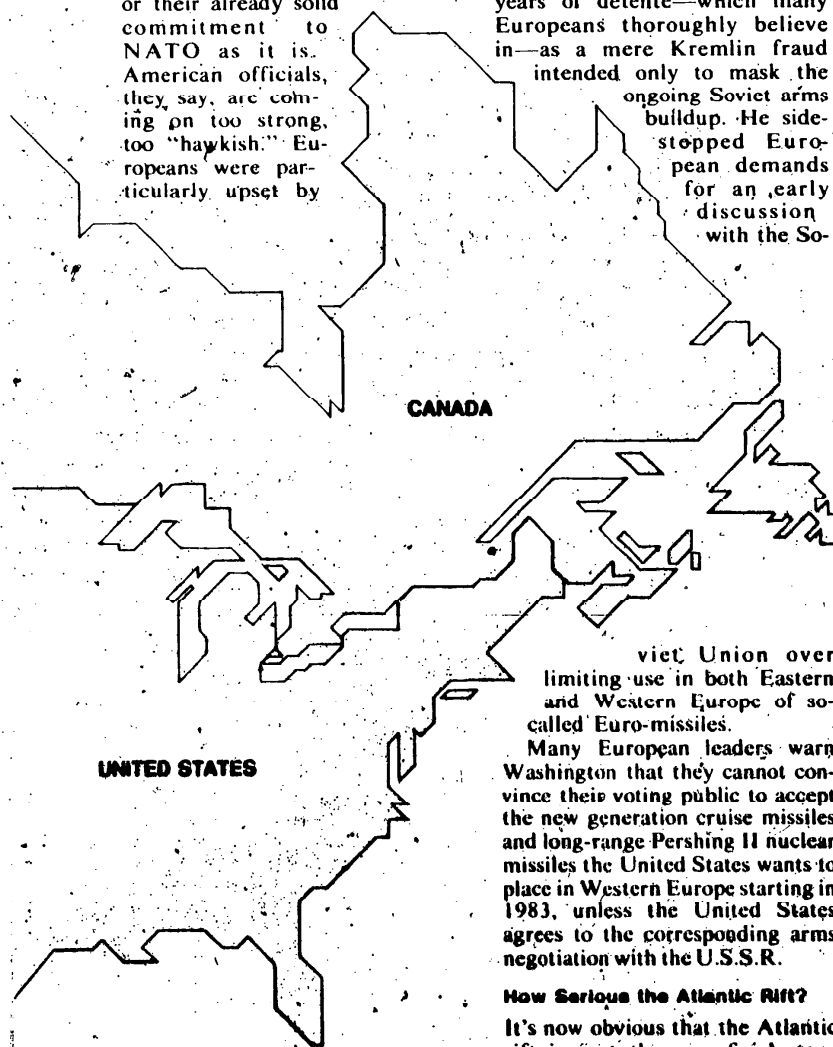
The main difference lies in the perception of the value of detente with the Soviet Union. Detente, or "relaxation of tensions" between East and West began a decade ago. By pursuing this policy both the Europeans and Americans hoped to tame the Soviet Union's expansionary desires by casting a net of interdependence around her. The theory was to enmesh the Kremlin in a growing web of trade, credit lines, technology transfers and arms control negotiations.

The theory didn't work. Soviet military power expanded unabated. The Kremlin did not give up supporting the "class struggles" around the world, even in areas of vital interest to the West, such as the Middle East and Africa.

After the Soviets moved into Afghanistan in 1979, the United States—which had not gotten enmeshed too far to begin with—cut back its economic links and urged the Europeans to do likewise.

The Europeans have balked ever since, because, it now turns out, they were the ones enmeshed in the detente web more than anyone else, including the Soviets.

West Germany is particularly exposed. Detente enabled Bonn to pursue its *Ostpolitik*, or rela-



viet Union over limiting use in both Eastern and Western Europe of so-called Euro-missiles.

Many European leaders warn Washington that they cannot convince their voting public to accept the new generation cruise missiles and long-range Pershing II nuclear missiles the United States wants to place in Western Europe starting in 1983, unless the United States agrees to the corresponding arms negotiation with the U.S.S.R.

How Serious the Atlantic Rift?

It's now obvious that the Atlantic rift is past the superficial stage

tions with communist Eastern Europe.

Through *Ostpolitik*, relations between the two German states improved markedly. Thousands of ethnic Germans have been resettled from East Germany and other communist areas. Tensions over Berlin have been reduced since a break through treaty in 1972.

Bonn's trade with the East bloc has increased so significantly that it now accounts for one fourth of West Germany's foreign trade. This is obviously not something to place lightly in jeopardy.

Public Complacency

Throughout Western Europe there is a split developing between the politicians—attempting to follow America's lead—and an increasingly reluctant public mood, described by some as "incipient neutralism," by others as sheer complacency.

West Germans and other Western Europeans have become accustomed—too accustomed—to the peace and prosperity provided by the NATO shield since 1949.

In his recent state of the nation address, Chancellor Schmidt told his countrymen that they had become spoiled. He said that they "must free themselves from the single-minded consumer demands that were brought about by society's economic growth."

NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns complains that "there is the impression among the Western European public that detente is an irreversible process." A West German diplomat adds that "people here do not believe, or do not want to believe, in the Soviet threat."

There is a growing feeling that to accept the planned U.S. nuclear missiles would only upset Moscow further, leading to a stepped-up Soviet missile threat. Moscow, aware of the European mood, is doing its best

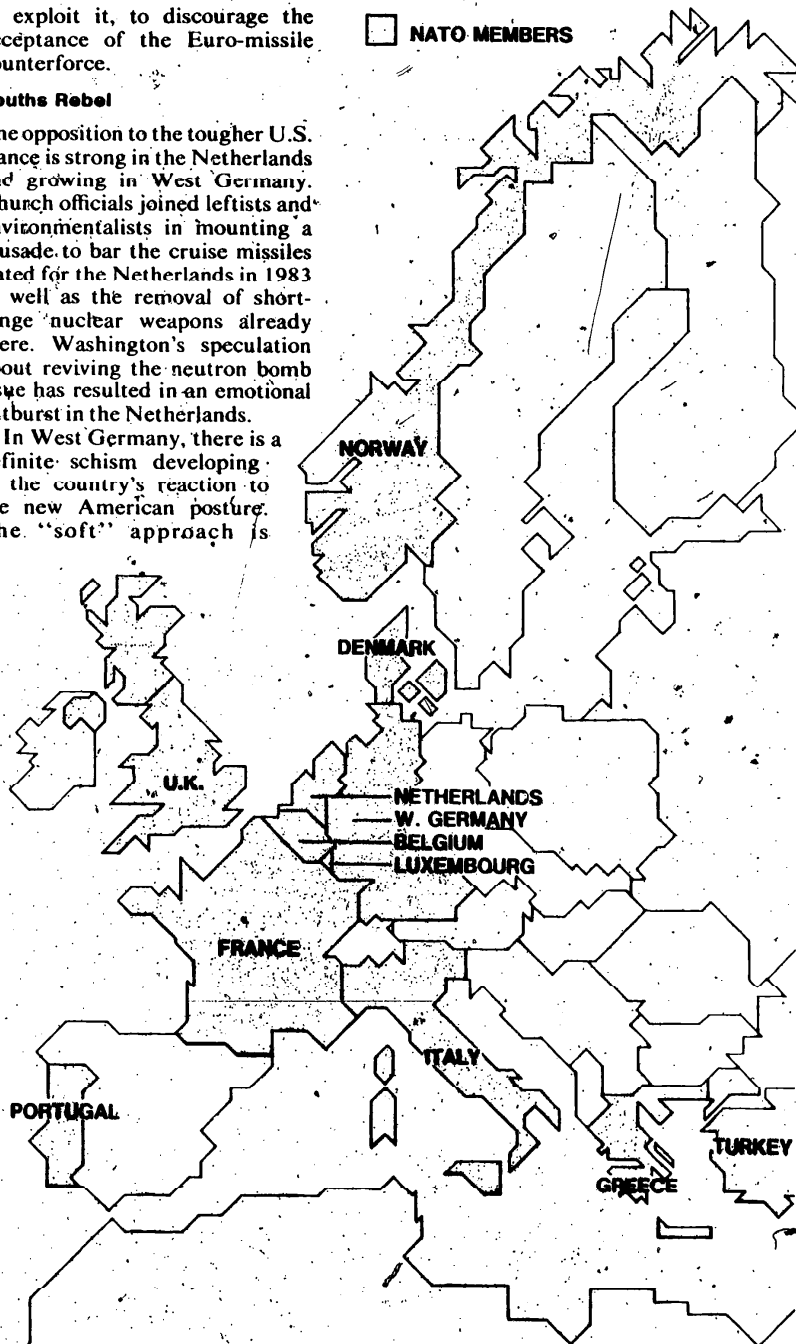
to exploit it, to discourage the acceptance of the Euro-missile counterforce.

Youths Rebel

The opposition to the tougher U.S. stance is strong in the Netherlands and growing in West Germany. Church officials joined leftists and environmentalists in mounting a crusade to bar the cruise missiles slated for the Netherlands in 1983 as well as the removal of short-range nuclear weapons already there. Washington's speculation about reviving the neutron bomb issue has resulted in an emotional outburst in the Netherlands.

In West Germany, there is a definite schism developing in the country's reaction to the new American posture. The "soft" approach is

□ NATO MEMBERS



PT map by Minette Collins Smith

avored by the younger generation, untouched personally with the harsh realities of war. Radical elements among the young have led the recent upsurge in anti-American activities, including bombings of U.S. military installations.

The strengthened left wing of the Social Democratic Party is giving Chancellor Schmidt a rough time. Some accuse Mr. Schmidt of being an "American lackey." The left-wing politicians speak of the "two superpowers" in the same frame of reference, as if Germany's fate were not attached to one of them. They ascribe sinister motives to the United States but give Moscow the benefit of every doubt. Even a Soviet occupation of Poland would not likely faze them.

Elsewhere in Europe, Belgium, Holland and Denmark, for all practical purposes, can no longer be regarded as full-fledged members of the Alliance. Only France and Italy on the Continent have remained largely unaffected by the neutralist drift.

France is only a nominal member of NATO, retaining command over its own armed forces. Its independent nuclear deterrent—the *force de frappe*—is a pillar of national pride.

Rift to Widen

The conflict between the United States and the European members of NATO is certain to widen. The alliance is extremely long lived as alliances go. And if there no longer exists the same perception of the mutual threat that bound the members together in the first place, then the pact rests on extremely shaky ground.

Worse yet, NATO's horizons are now too limited, most experts believe. The main thrust of the Soviet threat does not confront NATO states in Europe, where there has existed a rough standoff for years—but in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere.

Despite prodding from Washington, European NATO members—excluding Britain and France—are extremely reluctant to play a role alongside the

United States in, for example, the Persian Gulf. Yet Persian Gulf oil is even more critical to Europe than America.

Moreover, there is growing fear in Europe that America's budding show of strength in the Gulf region could lead to a disaster.

Allied foreign policy planners in Europe are said to take the view that the United States could be more of a threat to Western vital interests in the oil-rich region than the Soviet Union.

They are especially wary of Washington's desire to deploy forces in or near the Gulf to insure uninterrupted oil supplies. The United States has obtained permission to use and to upgrade facilities in Somalia, Kenya and Oman. The largest regional base of all will be a bit further out in the Indian Ocean, on the British island of Diego Garcia.

The growing fear in West Europe is that a more visible American presence could somehow "destabilize" the region. The London *Sunday Telegraph's* Peregrine Worsthorne notes that there is "sober doubt about American capacity to use conventional armed forces discriminately in an area about which they know little."

Adding to doubt over U.S. wisdom is the cold fact of U.S. military defeats and blunders since the Korean War stalemate: the Bay of Pigs fiasco in 1961; the agonizing defeat in Vietnam; the failure of the rescue operation in Iran. These failures hardly inspire confidence. Adds journalist Worsthorne:

"Precisely because the stakes are so momentous, mistakes have to be avoided at all costs. . . . The Persian Gulf is a vital West European interest, incomparably more so than Cuba, say, or Vietnam. A Bay of Pigs type blunder there really would be the end of us. Yet this is the kind of American blunder which the West Europeans have good reason to fear in the Persian Gulf."

This "oil fear," notes Mr. Worsthorne, is adding to the "formidable neutralist virus" spreading throughout Europe. And because of these growing

doubts, there is a growing mood in West Europe to "accommodate" the Soviet Union in any threat from the latter to the Middle East, rather than relying on U.S. power and its uncertain consequences. It's not exactly the old "better Red than dead" syndrome, Mr. Worsthorne observes, rather more one of "better Red than bankrupt."

European Third Force?

The pattern of unchecked growth in Soviet military might, drifting West European neutralism and distrust in America's protection, can only lead in one of two directions. Either Western Europe slides slowly into the Soviet orbit by default—or Europe awakes to the threat, and leaders rise to the fore demanding that free Europe become a "Third Force" to protect Western civilization.

Bible prophecy predicts the latter—that there will be yet again, for the final time, a revival of the Roman Empire in what historians call "classic Europe"—Western and Central Europe.

American troops can't be stationed forever in Europe. NATO can't be expected to last another 30 years. Writes David P. Calleo in the Spring, 1981, issue of *Foreign Affairs*: "Soviet-American nuclear parity logically calls for a stronger independent European deterrent. The issue will be forced upon us in any event."

The formidable and growing French nuclear force could be the nucleus of such an independent European deterrent.

Europe today is divided, confused as never before, as to how to adjust to its new political realities. "Many politicians say Europe must speak with one voice," says W.F. van Eckelen, a Dutch defense official. "But if you ask what the voice should say, there is no answer."

One voice has been speaking out, however—a voice above the plane of politics. Pope John Paul II has repeatedly called upon leaders on the continent to look to the past to rediscover Europe's destiny, in its essential "spiritual unity."

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An Elusive Dimension of HEALTH

by Michael A. Snyder

YOU'VE HEARD it before.

Exercise regularly, enjoy a proper diet, jog a mile or two to keep weight off and build up your cardiovascular system—these immediately come to mind when one thinks of becoming healthy.

But there is still a missing element in maintaining vigorous health. Do you know what it is?

Millions constantly abuse it. Ask yourself: Do I stay up late watching TV? Do I feel

tired, without pep, unable to concentrate? If so, you probably infringed on this missing element *yourself* within the last 48 hours.

This vital missing dimension is proper rest and sleep!

Finding Answers in Sleep

When you buy a sophisticated tool or appliance, you receive an instruction manual that tells you how to maintain and utilize that tool properly. You often risk danger or damaging it by not reading the manual.



You may not realize it, but an instruction manual was written for all humanity by the Creator God. This manual reveals basic, missing knowledge that, when applied, leads to an energy-filled life filled with happiness, prosperity and peace of mind. It also happens to be the world's best-seller, although many, perhaps including you, have never read it through.

This manual is none other than the Bible! In it the Great Being who made you provided the means for you to understand

yourself and the world around you. He revealed in it more than 2,500 years ago what many doctors and academicians are confirming now!

Every night, millions toss and turn, futilely chasing elusive slumber. Perhaps you are a little bleary-eyed now. And, as you well know, if you didn't have problems sleeping last night, you've had them before in one form or another, and will probably suffer mild insomnia in the future.

Why? Let's understand cause and effect in this matter of restful sleep

and waking up vibrant.

"The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep" (Ecclesiastes 5:12).

Here the Bible reveals important psychological and physical precepts you need to know. Few realize how fully interdependent their bodies and minds are.

Executive Sleep?

Why do laboring men sleep better than rich (and often worried) executives? Wouldn't it seem log-

ical for the reverse to be true if money alone assures success?

The truth is, men (and women) who perform strenuous, prolonged physical labor build their minds and bodies into one. They generally have no pretensions about who or what they are and see positive, physical achievement in what they accomplish—whether it is clearing brush or moving steel drums. And generally speaking, when they retire for the day, they enjoy sound sleep.

On the other hand, an executive or office worker is often harried, under mental pressure to get things done. He or she sits at a desk, pushing papers all day long—often under stressful conditions. With no physical outlets for stored energy, mind and body drift apart. Excess weight collects from hasty, starchy meals, circulation lessens and muscle tone weakens. Eventually, a doctor may warn these people to slow down and "take it easy."

But they can't! They've got large house payments, car payments, a certain life-style—they must produce. Workers do, too. But the executive carries his problems home. The phone constantly rings at night. He thinks about his investments. His marriage may be in trouble. Maybe the company union is raising an issue—little wonder he has trouble sleeping!

He's expended little physical energy—but now mental turmoil from today's problems races through his mind. Unable to sleep, our friend switches on the television—cutting himself off from proper rest. "I'll make it up on the weekend," he thinks.

He's trapped in a vicious circle. Dr. Ernest L. Hartmann explains that mental tiredness "has the paradoxical effect of making it hard to fall asleep."

Has this ever happened to you? It is something to be concerned about. Even if we don't suffer from chronic insomnia, poor sleep habits can lead to many problems. "Irregular hours of sleep... have physical and perhaps mental con-

sequences whose effect we simply do not know," say Gay Gaer Luce and Julius Segal of the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health. "Nobody is positive that we escape without permanent neural damage from simple loss of sleep."

Research confirms that prolonged lack of sleep produces measurable effects on performance. This means if you are not getting proper rest and sleep, your judgment is impaired, mental functions decline, your ethical behavior changes and finally, after extreme loss of sleep, you start exhibiting psychotic symptoms.

You may not be aware of this,

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*Sleep is a mirror of
your physical, mental,
emotional and
spiritual condition.
How you sleep gives
you clues on what's
happening in your life.*

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but after 48 hours without sleep, your body begins manufacturing a stress chemical that causes hallucinations similar to the effects of LSD!

Finding Sleep.

The Bible reveals other basic principles of getting normal sleep. Contrary to what some think, it does not condemn people for being rich or holding executive positions (111 John 2). However, the message is, that if you have a job that requires more mental than physical activity you should exercise regularly to equalize the mental energy spent. If you don't, you will end up in a condition that prohibits sound slumber, and hence, makes you less effective—to your detriment.

"But," some have said, "I do exercise and I still can't sleep!"

There is a deeper reason!

We should note that occasional mild insomnia is nothing to worry about. This can often be helped by drinking a glass of milk an hour before bed. Milk contains *tryptophan*, an amino acid that helps induce sleep.

For some, however, sleep is affected because of physical problems like narcolepsy (falling asleep uncontrollably) or the hyper-somnia-sleep apnea syndrome (unable to sleep at night, but uncontrollably falling asleep during the day). For the vast majority of us, sleep is chased away by anxiety arising from undisciplined personal problems.

Both real and imagined, big and little, these problems seem to grow the biggest just when we close our eyes in a snug bed. The real problem starts when we begin worrying that we can't sleep from worrying about our problems. This vicious circle is completely unnecessary!

Sleep is a mirror of your physical, mental, emotional and spiritual condition. How you sleep gives you clues on what's happening in your life. You need to analyze your sleep habits, as scientists have found disheartening evidence about the psychological effects of sleep loss.

The Bible reveals the way to peaceful rest and peace of mind. "It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he [God] giveth his beloved sleep" (Psalms 127:2).

This is no sentimental, maudlin statement! This is a promise from the One who created sleep.

It is the person who is beloved of God who sleeps well. So we need to find out how to become "beloved" in order to claim this promise.

Jesus Himself revealed how: "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him" (John 14:23). And

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HOW WIVES CAN ENRICH THEIR MARRIAGES

by Roderick C. Meredith

Wives have unique opportunities to bring deep joy and lasting success to their marriages. Here is how they can accomplish this challenging goal.

IT is literally true that many a man would at least try to "climb the highest mountain, cross every ocean and ford every stream" to find the right wife and the right mother for his children.

A joyous, stable marriage is a *precious* thing. It does not happen accidentally. It takes the caring, the sharing and the dedicated work of two people who deeply want a happy home.

A few months ago, we outlined in these columns the *husband's* responsibilities in marriage. Now it's time to describe the opportunities and challenges in marriage that are unique to the wife.

Being Responsive

Perhaps the most outstanding characteristic of a truly feminine woman is that of being warm and responsive. The first man, according to Scripture, was alone. He was lonesome. He had no one to talk to. He was incomplete.

Woman was created to share man's life and love, to respond to him, and encourage him.

If a woman will lovingly and consistently do this, any right-minded man will lavish love and appreciation upon her in return. For this is the kind of person

most men truly want to marry and, with whom they want to share their lives.

"There are people," said the brilliant French essayist, Raoul de Roussey de Sales, "who transmit to others their particular emotional atmosphere; who show you how to love, to suffer, to be happy, to laugh at the humorous things in life."

This describes the truly feminine woman. Her mind and heart are enthusiastically sharing in the ideas and hopes of the man she loves. She is constantly aware of him and is in the middle of his hopes and dreams—not merely an onlooker.

For her husband—and for all people for that matter—she cares: things not only happen to her, she happens to them.

But in all of this, she is not leading and dominating—but responding to others and especially to her husband. She is sharing and furthering their hopes, interests and joys. She is *not* competing for the center of the stage or trying to "get."

Such a feminine woman instinctively adapts her mood to that of her husband whenever possible. She rejoices in his triumphs, she weeps with him in his sorrow. Yet, constantly she bolsters him, balances him and helps him in every possible way.

Both in her family and in the larger society, she is not only

responding but serving. She is constantly attempting to make her home a cleaner, more beautiful, more happy place. As part of her husband and family, she is attempting to do the same thing in the lives of those around her.

Woman Created to SHARE

When women overlook the place in life God designed for them and begin to compete with males, with other women and even with themselves, they are losing their reason for being! Noting this, one leading psychiatrist asked many older career women, "What was the most gratifying moment in your life?"

Almost instinctively, they would reply, "When I held my first baby in my arms." Or, "When my husband first proposed to me." They never said, "The day I got my first job." Never, "The first time I swung a big business deal."

Yet, by the thousands, women have been *BRAINWASHED* into believing it is beneath their intellectual station to be a housewife and mother! False ideas and theories about "freedom" and "equality" are being incessantly pounded into their minds. A young secretary today often considers it more important to scribble on a shorthand pad than to maintain a home, help and inspire her husband, and train her chil-

dren to grow up to be the leaders of tomorrow!

But, if we are willing, the ANSWER to the whole problem is found in the simple, yet beautiful, account of woman's creation. It is found in Genesis 2:18 in your Bible. You may be surprised what it does NOT say, as well as what it does say.

God said: "It is not good that the man should be alone." Man was NOT the great, all-conquering hero, self-sufficient and in need of no help! Rather, man NEEDED help—and needed it badly. Man was NOT complete. Rather, each man is incomplete and in need of the help, inspiration, warmth and balance imparted by the right woman as his wife!

In a way that no animal creature could, woman was created to SHARE with man his life, his plans, hopes and dreams. She was created specifically to help the man.

Without this help, which only the woman can give, man would NEVER achieve the full, abundant, peaceful and balanced life that God intended. Without giving this help, woman becomes edgy, frustrated, resentful, headed up a "blind alley"—for she is failing to fulfill the very PURPOSE for which she was created!

Goals Women Should Bear in Mind

To be truly happy, a real woman should bear in mind the purpose for which she was created—and set herself definite GOALS to fulfill in the accomplishment of that purpose.

First of all, woman was called to help and supplement her husband. She should realize that her husband's success is her success—and fully SHARE and delight in the triumphs and achievements of her husband, because they are partly her own. Also, she should equally share in his sorrow and disappointments—trying always to give the right kind of balanced and positive sympathy and encouragement so that he will rebound to other successes in the future.

A second area in which a woman

should cultivate success is that of bearing and training her children. Young mothers exert a powerful influence on the leaders of tomorrow. And women should realize the overwhelming importance of zealously and joyously dedicating themselves to this as their highest physical calling. Far more important it is than that of any office worker or secretary on any level.

God instructs older women: "That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed" (Titus 2:4-5).

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Here, the Great God who created woman tells wives to spend more time in their own homes, to be good housekeepers, to be domestically inclined, not gad-about. Christian women who objectively and enthusiastically give themselves to their calling are adding immeasurably to their own happiness and well-being, first of all, and to that of their family—now and perhaps for generations to come. But it goes deeper than that. They are adding to the entire society in which they live.

How a Woman Can Best Serve Society

This leads us to another area of woman's rightful accomplishment. That of serving—through her husband and family—the society and the world as a whole.

Women can REALLY accomplish far more in the end to help this entire world by being the kind of wives and mothers that God Almighty intended.

Take this example. In his book *My Darling Clementine, the Story of Lady Churchill*, author Jack Fishman vividly portrays the fact that Sir Winston Churchill's wife aided and supported him in a manner that added immeasurably to his tremendous accomplishments. Sir Winston—the “man of the century”—would NEVER have been the kind of man he was, or had the stability he had, the fortitude he displayed and the ability to rebound even from shattering defeat or discouragement—if it had not been for the unusual help, inspiration and support of his dedicated wife.

Putting it another way, perhaps our entire Western civilization might not even BE HERE if it had not been for the steadfastness, wisdom and courage of this man—inspired and greatly magnified by this highly intelligent and cultured woman. She was willing to dedicate herself to being his wife and helper one hundred percent of the time!

And what American is not familiar with the example of patient teaching, religious instruction, guidance, encouragement and inspiration that Abraham Lincoln's mother gave to him? At the height of his accomplishments, this most revered of all American Presidents stated: "All that I am or ever hope to be I owe to my . . . mother."

If Mr. Lincoln's mother had been working outside the home instead of inspiring and molding the life of this future President, would there have been an Abraham Lincoln to guide America through its greatest internal catastrophe—the Civil War?

An Outside Job?

Should this type of woman ever have an outside job?

This is a basic question—but one that needs to be answered here. The true answer depends upon whether—in taking such a

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THE CRISIS IN PUBLIC EDUCATION-

And What You Can Do About It

by Jeff Calkins

Does your child's school encourage children to honor their parents?
Is your child *safe* at school? Is he receiving a good education? Today, many public schools often unknowingly work against parents, failing to educate, even allowing violence and drugs to run rampant. It is time to take a long, hard look at where your child goes to school.

THE VERY purpose of human life revolves around the family relationship. Parents have a grave responsibility to protect their children, and **OVERSEE** their education.

School is a dominant influence in your child's life; it can be a great help in raising children, giving them basic skills and vital character training—or it can *undo* all the good you've done at home!

As a parent, what do you want from your child's school?

You probably desire three basic qualities. First, you expect the school to be *safe*. You have a right to expect that your child will not be *physically attacked*. Second, you expect the



school to do a reasonably good job of *educating* your child. You do not send your child to school to have him (or her) come back an illiterate ignoramus. Third, you

occasionally, even indoctrinating your child with a bias against God's religion and his own parents.

Of course, not all public

would hope the school would acquaint your child with the *most important knowledge of all*, the purpose of life, the plan of God, the nature and destiny of man. You do not want your child's education to be totally *secular*, devoid of reference to the *most important* questions of life.

Yet today public schools increasingly do not provide *any* of these qualities. In some countries, public schools cannot, by law, teach the most important knowledge—because it is religious. Yet, in addition, they are even failing in many instances to protect your child, failing to educate him or her—and,

schools are the same. There are more than 16,000 school *districts* in the United States, let alone schools. No doubt many schools are reasonably safe. No doubt many of them still produce minimally literate human beings. But violence, drugs and illiteracy are *widespread* in the American public school system, and to a lesser degree, the Canadian, Australian and English systems as well.

Health Hazard

Part of parents' natural affection for their children is a strong desire to see that they come to no physical harm. Christ spoke of one's *natural* desire to do good for one's children when He said, "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone?" (Luke 11:11).

As a parent, you have a serious responsibility to see that your child is not exposed to physical danger because of where you send him—or allow him to go—to school.

Yet the public schools are increasingly unsafe! According to a 1978 report to Congress, more than 8 percent of students in U.S. junior high schools were assaulted *within a month of the survey!* The National Institute of Education estimates that more than 280,000 students and 5,000 junior and senior high school teachers are attacked *each month*. In one school year, there were 1,500 attacks on teachers in the New York public schools, 1,300 such attacks in Chicago, and 300 in Los Angeles—and those are the *reported* assaults! (*New York Times Magazine*, December 10, 1978). One state legislator, quoted anonymously by UPI, calls public schools a "battle zone" where drugs and violence are common. Affairs have gotten so bad that California State University at Los Angeles has offered a course entitled "Self-Defense for Teachers."

The bare statistics, of course, do not do justice to the terror that pervades many schools. A 16-year-old high school student in Southern California is shot to death by unknown assailants. A

Bronx teacher is grabbed by the neck, cut in the throat, molested and robbed. A Brooklyn gym teacher is stabbed, punched in the face, and kicked in the head after reprimanding a 14-year-old troublemaker.

A high school plain clothes security officer, quoted in the Los Angeles *Herald Examiner*, candidly describes the state of affairs at his high school, somewhere in the Los Angeles area:

"This year we've had three students murdered on their way to school. We make felony pinches every week. Lots of blades, once in a while a gun. That's right; guns carried by high school gunsels. Yesterday we found a .44-caliber Magnum in a student's locker. . . . There's so much narcotics it's a joke. A kid was shot on the corner next to the gym last Monday. He lost an eye."

Horrible examples of violence are not confined to big inner-city high schools. Recently *The Plain Truth* received a revealing letter from a reader in northern Colorado, a comparatively quiet area where school violence has gotten so bad that the reader is seriously considering enrolling his sons in a judo class. He writes:

"This last week was the worst attack against my son. During lunch recess he was playing volleyball. Near the end of the period the score was tied and he failed to score the last point for his team, so of course they lost by one point.

"This so angered several on his team that at the beginning of the next class period—they ganged up on him and severely beat him—pulled out a patch of hair from his head, kicked him in the eye and side of face, split his lip and bloodied his nose. He didn't fight back—also said he was afraid to fight back in fear of getting beaten worse. This happened in front of the whole class—before the teacher came in the room."

The author of the letter knows of other families having similar problems. "One family's daughter had to be escorted to the

school bus and have teacher protection throughout the school day. Even that didn't work—she was still beaten up. Finally the parents took the matter to the police."

If school violence is that bad in northern Colorado, what must it be like in the big city high schools?

The New Illiteracy

Yet a more general problem is the failure of large numbers of public schools to *educate!* If the public schools have any purpose, it is certainly to produce students who can read, write and calculate. Increasingly, they are failing to achieve this purpose.

School attendance in the United States is compulsory to at least age 16. Yet depending on how you define "functional illiteracy," significant percentages of the American population are functionally illiterate, despite many years of formal education. A Ford Foundation study has reported that as many as 64 million adults in the United States may be considered functionally illiterate—unable to read road signs or simple directions.

Even if this estimate is extreme—and defines "functional" too broadly—the situation is still alarming. The scholastic aptitude scores of American high school seniors have fallen steadily for a decade now. In 1979, for example, the average Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) verbal score hit 427; once the "average" was supposed to be 500.

Remedial reading expert Paul Copperman has been very outspoken in his warnings about the trend. Speaking before a U.S. Senate sub-committee in 1979, he declared:

"Every generation of Americans has surpassed its parent in education, literacy and economic attainment—except the present one. For the first time in American history, the educational skills of one generation will not even approach those of their parents."

Mr. Copperman has also declared that between 40 and 60 percent of high school graduates



PRIVATE SCHOOLS generally offer more individualized teaching than public ones. Left, teacher at Worldwide Church of God's Imperial School helps student with lesson; right, Imperial's principal, Joseph Locke, chats with students.

can't read well enough to handle a clerk's job!

While, of course, the majority of high-school graduates are not functionally illiterate, the signs of the failure of the public schools is widespread. Three-quarters of ninth- and tenth-grade students in the Oakland, California, area have failed basic tests in reading, writing and arithmetic. Half the freshmen at City University of New York, once the "Harvard of the working class," can barely read, write or calculate. The American armed forces newspaper *Stars and Stripes* quotes an education officer in Europe as saying "many secondary school graduates at army posts in Germany cannot read or write beyond fifth- or sixth-grade levels."

The new ignorance reveals itself most strikingly among college freshmen. David D. Van Tassel of Case Western Reserve University notes that 60 percent of the freshmen in a history course he taught in 1979 "couldn't tell World War I from World War II."

The "Feel Good" Curriculum

"Can't we see that none glorifies God by ignorance, by neglecting this most precious heritage God has entrusted to man—the mind?" wrote Herbert W. Armstrong in his journal over a quarter-century ago. Yet it seems as if much of modern education is determined to do precisely that—to neglect the mind, to let standards fall, to degenerate!

According to Los Angeles school board member Kathleen

Brown-Rice, "We've gotten away from basics. In the '60s, educators were shaping curriculum around ideas like 'what feels good' and 'go with the flow' in response to student demands for relevant courses." The chicks born from 'go with the flow' have now come home to roost. Standards have been disparaged as so much "elitism." Even the very idea of standards has come under attack!

On the other hand, "The beginning of wisdom," declares the Bible, "is the fear of the Lord" (Psalm 111:10). Education thus requires a measure of humility: a willingness to admit you don't know everything and need to learn something. But the dominant philosophy in modern public education is just the opposite. Thomas Dewey, the educational philosopher who is the "father" of much of modern public education, believed that education *should begin* with the student, not the teacher. He believed that it was evil for the teacher to be in control, or that initiation should *come from outside himself*—from books, tradition, or the teacher. (See *Modern Age*, Spring, 1977, "Theology and Liberal Education in Dewey," by Paul Gottfried.)

Dewey's philosophy pervades much of public education. Teachers have come to believe that the purpose of education is not to *put something in*, but rather *let something out*. The emphasis is on "self-fulfillment" and "self-expression," *not* on the simple, humble need to learn certain basic skills.

To some degree, this attitude is the direct result of the rejection of God and His law. If you believe God is not an *absolute*, your attitude toward math and English grammar may be similarly affected. In order to teach, you must believe that what you have to teach *has value*, a belief that is always undercut when you disregard a firm belief in absolutes.

Much of the rest of the decline in educational standards results from the tendency to give in to human nature and take the easy way. This tendency is deplored by author Ken Kesey. His best-selling novel *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* is being used in high school English classes—something of which he disapproves.

"They're teaching *Cuckoo* because it's easy," he laments. "You have to teach what is hard. But teachers don't want to. They want to be popular, to be called by their first names and jostled like in *Welcome Back, Kotter*."

A similar letting down is observed by Neil Postman, writing in *The Atlantic Monthly*: "Some teachers have made desperate attempts to keep their students 'tuned in' by fashioning their classes along the lines of [such television programs as] *Sesame Street* or the *Tonight* show. They tell jokes. They change the pace. They show films, play records and avoid *anything* that would take more than eight minutes." When teachers cater to their students' impatience or laziness, or when students can pass their high school English requirements with classes

such as "Animal Literature," or "Film Studies," no wonder illiteracy is virtually epidemic!"

The Most Important Knowledge—Ignored!

The best public schools, of course, are safe, and do produce literate students. But where are the schools that teach the way of God? Many operate in subtle ways to ridicule belief in God or His laws.

The average child will spend some 16,000 hours in school. Those hours will have an enormous influence in his life. In the public schools, *at best* those hours will be neutral toward God; at worst, public schools indoctrinate children in a virtual religion of SECULARISM.

In an interview in *Human Events* in 1979, attorney William Ball, one of the ablest constitutional lawyers in the United States, described just how public schools can undermine belief in God and His Word:

"So let's take a child who comes from a fundamentalist religious household. That child has been taught to consider that the Bible is the word of God. He comes into public school class and let's say there is a reference to the Bible and he says to his teacher, well, that's the word of God, isn't it? And children will do that kind of thing. The teacher then is going to have to respond in one of several possible ways."

"The teacher can say, well, the Bible is wonderful literature. There's Shakespeare and the Bible and they're wonderful pieces of literature. But this to the fundamentalist is to contradict, materially contradict, the concept of the Bible as being a sacred instrument whose virtue doesn't lie in its being a piece of literature. Or secondarily, the response will have to be that we don't say whether it's true, false, or anything else; we can't pass any judgment on it."

"But the fact of having to avoid that judgment, like the fact of having to avoid speaking about or preaching the word of God, implies—and especially to the

child—a lack of importance." (Emphasis added.)

God has given parents a duty to see that children are brought up in His religion. The Bible does not indulge in any trendy ideas about "letting the child decide for himself." The Bible is *not* an unbiased or "neutral" or "nonjudgmental" book: "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children..." (Deuteronomy 6:6-7; see also Genesis 18:19, and Deuteronomy 4:9 and 11:19).

As a parent, you have a duty to see that your child's school does not actively teach against God's laws—which many do!

In Australia, for example, there are state-operated kindergartens where the children are not even permitted to give thanks to God for their food (as they have been taught at home). A number of textbooks used in the United States present stories that are "open ended"—where a conclusion about what is right or wrong is deliberately left out in an effort to make the student "think about his own values."

On the surface, of course, this may sound fine, but the damage is subtle: by telling students they should decide for themselves what is right and wrong (which is where the first humans—Adam and Eve—went wrong!), the textbooks propagandize that there *are no absolute, objective, universal values*—that the only values are those held by the students themselves.

The danger is not confined to the odd English class textbook. *U.S. News & World Report* states that many educators now complain that children's minds are "being bent" by various schemes designed by psychological or sociological engineers. The same magazine also has reported that one group, the Children's Defense Fund, has charged that "too many schools are subjecting problem children to psychological treatment, including the use of mind-altering drugs in some cases." (Emphasis added.)

The Bible reveals that at the time just before the return of

Christ, the hearts of the children would *need to be turned toward their parents* (Malachi 4:5-6), and vice versa. Yet some public schools use textbooks that do their little bit to turn the hearts of the children *against* their parents! Columnist Andrew Tully cites the following passage from a school creative writing textbook:

"Recount some incidents you or those you know have experienced which illustrate how parental interference in the personal lives of their sons and daughters can lead to misunderstandings, broken relationships, or even family tragedies."

Here are public school textbooks propagandizing students against "parental interference"! The bias of the text is obvious: family and parental authority should be broken down.

Another case of bias against God's law was the federally funded *Man: A Course of Study* series. Under a cover of anthropology, the series introduced fifth-graders to subjects such as wife-swapping, murder of grandparents and mating with animals. Worse, the program subtly indoctrinated students that such practices are morally permissible because they are accepted in various cultures around the world; and, after all, as the trendy idea goes, you have no right to "put down" someone else's culture (no matter how degenerate!).

Psychological testing is another way in which *some* public schools alienate children from their parents. Some **VERY PERSONAL** questions are asked.

James L. Kilpatrick reports that he was sent one questionnaire from California that asks of fifth-grade boys, "Do you often play with your penis?" The same questionnaire asked of little girls, "Do you often see your father with no clothes on?"

The practice of asking such questions is so widespread that U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch felt compelled to introduce legislation that would prevent any student from ever being required to submit to psychological tests or ques-

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Now Revealed... EUROPEAN BLUEPRINT for MIDEAST PEACE

by Keith W. Stump

A secret Common Market document leaked to the press earlier this year reveals a controversial European proposal for settling the Arab-Israeli conflict. The stage is being set for a dramatic fulfillment of Bible prophecy!

IN RECENT months, many of Western Europe's top diplomats and foreign policy makers have privately reached an important conclusion.

They have declined, for the most part, to express their feelings publicly. But the essence of their thinking is clear:

The U.S.-sponsored Camp David Mideast peace process, they have concluded, is *dead*. Not simply "stalemated," nor "stalled," nor "sidelined" as the Western press often puts it—but *dead*!

In its place, European diplomats are offering a controversial new alternative—"leaked" to the press earlier this year and subsequently published.

Everything now points to major movement on the European proposals in the months ahead.



EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT Anwar Sadat calls for more European involvement in the Middle East in an address before the European Parliament in Luxembourg.

Camp David Collapse?

The Camp David agreements were worked out in September, 1978 by former President Carter of the U.S., Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime

Minister Menachem Begin. The agreements established a framework for a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement.

Most of the Arab world, however, rejected the Camp David peace process and subsequently blacklisted Mr. Sadat for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

Camp David brought peace between Israel and Egypt—an enormous accomplishment. But it has failed to resolve the all-important Palestinian issue. The

emotional and highly charged Palestinian question has moved to center stage as the key issue in the Arab-Israeli dispute—and possibly the most explosive issue in the world today.

The Palestinians are those Arabs who are native to the territories occupied by Israel in the Six-Day War of 1967 and to much of the land that is now the State of Israel. About 1.2 million Palestin-

ian Arabs today live in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip.

The Camp David accords called for Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. But just what "autonomy" means is disputed by the parties involved.

The Palestinian Arabs seek to set up their own full-fledged sovereign Palestinian nation in those areas, free of Israeli control and supervision.

Israel, on the other hand, rejects the idea of independent Palestinian statehood and demands ultimate sovereignty over the occupied territories. Israel offers the Palestinians only "a measure of self-rule," meaning local control over their own day-to-day affairs.

Israel feels that any independent Palestinian state in the occupied territories would become a dire threat to her security—possibly being used as a base for terrorist attacks against Israel. Palestinians counter that Israeli proposals for limited self-rule would simply legitimize the "illegal" Israeli occupation.

Camp David is presently bogged down over just how much autonomy the Palestinians should enjoy. This has become the main obstacle to the overall peace agreement envisioned in the 1978 accords.

Observers generally feel that the Camp David stalemate is not likely to be broken until after Israel holds its national elections June 30. More pessimistic observers feel that a total collapse of the Camp David process is a very real probability.

Secret Document

With many Europeans viewing Camp David as going nowhere, it is not surprising to discover that Europe has been hard at work on a possible alternative.

A European Mideast initiative was launched at a European Community summit meeting in Venice in June, 1980. In a joint policy statement on the Middle East, the Community (also known as the Common Market or

EEC) called for mutual recognition of Israel's right to a secure existence and of Palestinian rights to self-determination. The statement also urged that the controversial Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) "be associated" with any talks.

"Growing tensions affecting this region constitute a serious danger," declared Common Market leaders in Venice, "and render a comprehensive solution to the Israeli-Arab conflict more necessary and pressing than ever."

Six months passed. On December 2, 1980, the heads of the nine Common Market nations approved in Luxembourg a document—classified SECRET—detailing European options in the Middle East. The paper was leaked to the press soon afterward.

The European Community document is officially termed a "discussion document," meaning that it is subject to possible change. But insiders say that the ideas contained in it will undoubtedly form the basis for a future Community policy.

The document enumerates four major points in the European Mideast initiative:

- Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories to pre-1967 positions
- Self-determination for the Palestinians, to be decided in a referendum among the world's four million Palestinian Arabs
- A guarantee for the security of all states in the region
- A special status for Jerusalem.

The secret document brands as "illegal under international law" all Israeli settlements in the occupied territories and favors their dismantlement. The international law being referred to is the Fourth Geneva Convention, which states that "the occupying power shall not . . . transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies."

Israel has 85 such civilian settlements on the West Bank, 30 in the Golan Heights region and six in the Gaza Strip. Their combined population is about 20,000.

These settlements are bitterly resented by the native Arab inhabitants of those areas. The Reagan Administration recently criticized Israel's continued expansion of Jewish settlements on the West Bank as "unhelpful to the peace process and ill-advised."

The European document also suggests a series of demilitarized zones on both sides of Israel's various borders—policed by the United Nations—and limits on armaments and troops in other zones.

Regarding the proposed Palestinian referendum, the document recommends that Palestinian Arabs be given a choice between complete independence, federation with Jordan, federation with Israel or federation with Israel and Jordan.

On the future status of Jerusalem, the Community leaders propose that the Old City be accorded international status, with the holy sites administered by religious authorities.

Sadat Plays His "European Card"

At about the same time that the "secret" European document was leaked to the press, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat arrived in Europe on an important diplomatic mission.

Mr. Sadat's first stop was the European Parliament in Luxembourg where he was welcomed by Speaker Simone Veil as "a pilgrim of peace."

On February 10, the Egyptian President delivered a one-hour speech before the Parliament—the elected representatives of the Common Market nations. He was the first head of state from a non-member nation to address the Parliament.

The gist of his message?

A call for more European involvement in the Middle East!

Some diplomatic analysts suggested that in view of the departure from office of President Carter, the advent of a Reagan Administration seemingly more closely allied to Israel's point of

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How to Beat the HIGH COST OF LIVING

by Wilbur A. Berg

NEVER in recent memory has making ends meet been so difficult.

The cost of living has soared upward so relentlessly that the economic stability of many families, and even entire nations, is seriously threatened. Inflation has, in fact, put a squeeze on the whole world.

To help offset rising expenses, husbands often have to moonlight on second jobs. Wives are forced to work outside the home. Older children, unable to make it on their own, are coming back to live with their parents. And many nations, getting deeper and deeper in debt, are forced to borrow to pay off old bills and to maintain a semblance of credibility.

This is not the way things should be! How did the world come to this impasse?

Years ago, in the industrial world, a husband's salary, without a second income from his wife, was usually adequate to cover the needs of his family. If he worked hard and dependably he could expect periodic pay increases that eventually gave him a higher standard of living. In many cases he was even able to buy his own house.

Not so now. Even with regular and substantial raises in pay, most breadwinners are barely able to keep even. Inflation has throttled prosperity. House buying has

become impossible for many. Young people are hardly able to qualify for a loan because of excessively high interest rates and through-the-ceiling prices.

Gone also are the days when sending the children to college or buying new appliances and furniture were taken for granted. Families now either do without or repair and continue using what they have. With college costs going out of sight and financial aid grants getting fewer, many parents can no longer afford to give their children higher educational opportunities.

An Overlooked Obligation?

Obviously something is fundamentally wrong. But national leaders and financial experts don't know what the cause is and are unable to solve the problem. Each new administration or government eagerly and naively tries its remedy, but almost nothing works. *Something else* is desperately needed to bring financial stability and true prosperity.

Now suppose someone told you that you could beat today's monetary treadmill by *giving away* part of your income. You might think he was crazy. And yet, unknown to most, that's precisely the something else that is needed to get yourself and others on the right financial track.

Few realize that God has not only given life to each of us but has also spoken out on matters concerning our financial prosperity.

Because He created the earth on which we live (Colossians 1:16), God is owner of all its resources. (You'll read it in Psalms 24:1-2 and 50:10-12.) He therefore has the right to ask and receive something back from us for using what is His. That is why Abram, one of the richest Old Testament patriarchs, acknowledged God as the "maker of heaven and earth" and "gave him a *tenth* of everything" (Genesis 14:20-22, RSV).

"Well," you say, "that's all right for Abram's time, but he didn't have to cope with today's inflation and taxes. Besides, that's Old Testament stuff. I've always been told that tithing or giving a tenth isn't New Testament teaching. Where are we told we should still give God 10 percent of our income?"

Granted, Abram (or Abraham) may not have had the tax burden we have today. But it wasn't too long after his time that ancient Israel set the stage for our present economic woes. They went the way of neighboring gentile nations and rejected God's rulership and tax-free economic system.

Maybe you never read how today's economic woes really began. If not, it's time you did. It began in the 11th century B.C. Samuel, a prophet of God in Israel, appointed his sons as judges. They didn't carry out their office properly. They took bribes. The nation Israel became angry and demanded of Samuel that he appoint a king over them like the other

nations had. In asking for a king the nation was, in fact, asking for a human king in place of God who was their real, though invisible, king. Samuel warned them that such a ruler would conscript their sons and daughters into various services. He would confiscate their best land, and tax them by taking at least 10 percent of their produce and livestock. But ancient Israel refused to listen. They rebelliously embraced an economic structure that has increasingly burdened the world ever since. The whole story is found in 1 Samuel 8.

Tithing Not Abolished

But did having to pay taxes to a civil government negate the people's financial obligations toward God? No, it did not.

After Abraham's time the nation of Israel was instructed to give a tenth or tithe of their increase to God. The nation prospered. God in turn authorized the Levites to use it as payment for their work in assisting the priesthood at the Tabernacle (Numbers 18:21). *But notice that this tithe still belonged to God, not to Aaron or Levi. All of it was holy to God (Leviticus 27:30).* Consequently, this part of Israel's increase was not to be used for their secular needs in any way. The prophet Malachi centuries later warned that withholding the tithe means *robbing God* (Malachi 3:8), not the Levite.

Even though ancient Israel chose to pay civil taxes, Israel's obligation to give God His prior due never ceased. Nowhere does the Bible do away with this continuing duty. In the New Testament Jesus stated that we are to "render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21).

Some have argued that man no longer needs to tithe because the Temple was destroyed and the Levitical system collapsed when the city of Jerusalem was conquered by the Romans in A.D. 70.

This line of reasoning is total error! It is based on a wrong

assumption—that tithing was connected only with the Levitical administration. But Abraham's example shows clearly that tithing was known in Old Testament times nine centuries *before* the building of the Temple and nearly five centuries *before* appointment of the Levites.

Consequently, authorization for tithing does not depend on the existence of a Temple or Levitical administration! *Tithing remains in effect because the tenth has always belonged and still does belong to God.* All that changed in A.D. 70 was the administrative function of the Levitical priesthood. God no longer authorized payment to the defunct Levites, but instead to the priesthood of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 7:11-17).

The Teaching of Jesus

It may come as a surprise to some to learn that Jesus taught people to tithe. Though others readily acknowledge this fact, some still have doubts about whether Jesus' words have application today. They wonder if His teaching about tithing was only for the Jews of His day.

Christ's reference to tithing is found in Matthew and Luke. What most have missed is that these two records are describing what was said on two separate occasions to two different groups!

Notice the significance of this vital fact. Jesus' earliest reference to tithing is described by Luke in chapter 11. Verse 37 shows that Christ accepted a dinner invitation from a certain Pharisee. It was during this meal that Jesus talked privately to him (verse 39), stating practically the same words about tithing (verse 42) that are also recorded by Matthew.

But notice that the setting of Matthew's account is different! In this instance Jesus' reference to tithing was made during His last public discourse when He was addressing the multitude and His disciples and denouncing the hypocrisy of Pharisaical practices (Matthew 23:1).

This second, though similar, reference to tithing is to a totally different audience! Jesus was not talking to just a single Pharisee.

While Matthew 21:45 and 22:23, 34 and 41 show that Jesus had been addressing both the Pharisees and Sadducees, Matthew 23:1 clearly shows that Jesus then preached to a *different group*: "Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to His disciples."

The point most have overlooked is that the *entire* 23rd chapter of Matthew contains Jesus' instruction to His disciples and the multitude at the Temple (Matthew 24:1).

Jesus was teaching a New Testament message to this varied group of people. He told them how to please God and practice true righteousness instead of religious hypocrisy. It is in this context that tithing is mentioned.

To illustrate the contrast between true righteousness and the apparent righteousness of the Pharisaic leaders of the Jewish community, Jesus laid bare their practices. Many of the Pharisees were in hearing distance. He broadly rebuked their conduct and pointed out that their meticulousness in tithing the *least* of the herbs was in stark contrast to their failure to live up to the big spiritual principles of love, mercy, justice, etc. But instead of denouncing and abolishing tithing, He quickly pointed out to everyone present, which included worldly-minded listeners as well as His disciples, that *tithing cannot be neglected*—"these ought ye to have done" (Matthew 23:23). This instruction to His disciples is New Testament instruction.

Jesus' command concerning tithing is nowhere later negated or changed in the New Testament. Paying God His 10 percent of increase clearly has *not* been done away. It is an ongoing responsibility and obligation that applies to all people during all ages.

Jesus also taught His disciples, "That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of (Continued on page 45)

WORLD'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

How They Will Be Solved

by Donald D. Schroeder

The dreams of a future of stable peace and prosperity—for all—is achievable.

Today's unparalleled economic and human crises will be solved! The Bible reveals precisely how.

THE WORLD'S greatest statesmen can't solve it! The world's best economists don't know the answers! Few persons even grasp the scope and complexity of humanity's problems today!

How, then, could anyone be so audacious as to give hope or a positive answer to the worsening and seemingly insoluble economic, political and social problems now facing every nation—whether rich or poor—on earth?

But the astounding truth is, there is an exciting and wonderful answer! And it's sure!

Alarming Era Today

You live now in a totally new era of human experience. Nations all around the world—rich technological nations as well as poor developing nations—are plagued with many similar and serious problems that threaten their survival.

Almost every nation on earth is now plagued with a spiraling demand for, but scarcity of, *affordable* fuel and *affordable* food. Lacking are the resources and money for the expansion of their economies, for the security and well-being of their people.

The end of cheap energy now is

joined by the end of cheap food, by the end of cheap money, by the end of cheap almost everything.

And these shortages of affordable essential commodities of life are happening despite record incomes, despite record production of manufactured goods and services, despite record crops in most nations.

How did it happen? There is a *cause* why so many nations have jumped the track!

Few understand just how great today's economic problems are. Or understand just how *great* the solution to them must be!

Pivotal Event

The sudden quadrupling of oil prices in 1974 by Mideast oil producers was a pivotal event in world history. Do not misunderstand. This event is not the cause of all economic ills today.

Mideast oil producers were forced to dramatically raise prices. They felt victimized by decades of creeping, then spiraling inflation for goods they had to import from developed nations. They understandably lost patience when they continued to receive low prices for their chief income-producing and irreplaceable resource—oil. Most oil importing nations scarcely offered a protest. They knew oil

had been priced unfairly low.

But this decision quickly superintensified every problem within and among nations.

Economically broad-based technological nations—the industrial world—were able to absorb the first shock of quadrupled oil prices. Now, seven years later, in the new decade of the 1980s, many of these powerful nations are seriously weakened.

Third World Disaster

But in the less developed or non-oil-producing nations (the nopecs), serious economic tragedy is already well advanced. These nations never recovered from any of the oil price, or other inflationary, shocks. Many nations are walking on the very edge of the precipice of total economic disaster!

The non-oil-producing developing nations will have to spend almost \$200 billion a year on oil imports by 1990 against \$58 billion in 1980. Where will they get the money? The governments of many of these nations already survive *only through massive loans* from international and commercial banks. But developing nations are additionally hit. Soaring inflation and recession in much of the Western world has slackened demand for many of their resources and manufactured goods. They are crippling the

No Nation Has Escaped

Spiraling oil and food prices have dealt a staggering blow to the struggling economies of Central America. To make matters worse, Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua are entangled in a web of growing political strife and warfare.

In the Caribbean nations, principal cash crops such as sugar and coconuts are subject to the vagaries of weather and world demand. Higher oil prices and interest rates have forced Caribbean governments to seek help from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to survive.

Jamaica must seek international loans to meet its debts and development needs. The nation ran out of funds last year.

In Asia, the People's Republic of China, beset with budget deficits from its ambitious industrial development plans, has approached the IMF for loans to help its economy.

Sri Lanka will have to spend on oil imports about 43 percent of its national budget or the equivalent of 58 percent of its export earnings from tea, rubber and coconuts.

One economist for Bankers Trust Company estimates that for every 1-point rise in the prime interest rate, less developed countries face a \$2 billion increase in their annual debt service. Many weaker nations are in a desperate situation. There is little money at affordable prices for internal expansion and development.

More Developed Nations Hit, Too

No political or economic ideology or system—whether capitalist or socialist—has escaped serious economic crises.

In the Soviet Union, there are

persistent shortages of many commodities—except vast military hardware. Weather calamities again have wiped out huge acreages of crops. Last year nearly 35 million tons of Soviet food grains were destroyed by inclement weather. The Soviets have resorted to paying premium prices to any nations who will sell to them. This competition for and upbidding of tight supplies of world grain lead to costs poorer nations cannot afford.

Poland's debts to the West now are about \$25 billion. And another \$15 billion are needed over the next four years to eliminate its balance of payments deficits by 1986. Almost all of Poland's foreign exchange earnings this year will go to interest payments on debts. Without foreign assistance there will be nothing for plant and equipment investments.

In Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union has raised the price of its oil to its socialist satellites by 27 percent and cut supplies. These nations, already struggling with declining production, are now forced onto the even more expensive world oil market.

Yugoslavia's economic woes are an example of a compound of problems. The nation recently received a \$2 billion IMF loan to help cope with its difficulties. Heavy expenditures overwhelmed the government. This was due to costly imported oil, a severe jump in inflation (37 percent last year), a poor harvest and a huge cleanup bill after a devastating earthquake last year.

Elsewhere the consequences of damaging economic policies are coming to a head. In Western Europe, rapidly rising wage costs, fringe benefits and cradle-to-the-

grave welfarism are justly starting to price European goods out of world markets.

"The total wage costs in Western Europe... continue to outpace wage costs in Japan and the United States," warns one European trade official.

In Britain, which is usually a year or so ahead of other Western nations on the inflationary path, private firms are now borrowing to finance their payrolls. If this trend continues, the collapse of private business cannot be far off.

Now the West German *Wirtschaftswunder*, or economic miracle, is turning sour. West Germany's once-huge balance of payments surpluses have been transformed into Western Europe's biggest deficit because of the cumulative effects of worldwide recession and imported oil.

Though the disciplined Germans used 9 percent less oil in 1980 than in 1979, their oil bill still rose 32 percent. And their 1979 oil bill of \$28 billion was double that of 1978.

West Germany, like all nations, including the United States and other highly developed nations, is learning the hard way that they are now vulnerable to economically destroying forces—especially high energy prices, food shortages and worldwide inflation—beyond their national control.

In nation after nation, too-rapid consumption of limited resources, massive government overspending, labor strikes, spiraling wage and welfare demands, and the pell-mell rush to spend to get every materialistic want now—even if one does not possess the money—have produced soaring inflation. That's too many people, demanding too many things for limited money and goods.

Economic ills are often compounded by political instability, economic mismanagement and natural disasters. □

ability of these nations to repay massive debts. And these nations can't afford new loans at today's enormous interest rates.

In Africa, almost every country

watches helplessly. They see bigger energy bills and falling prices—because of lessening demand for commodities like cocoa, uranium, peanuts and cotton—

erode trade and financial stability. Leaping oil prices and inflation have been major contributors to stagnating African economies.

In Tanzania, for example,

almost half of last year's export earnings were earmarked to import less oil than in 1977—but at 10 times the cost. This year oil costs will take 60 percent of export earnings.

"Africa is dying," says the former foreign minister of Togo.

Much of the continent is unable to feed itself. Food production per capita is actually less in several important African nations than in 1970. Widespread hunger and famines are due to several causes. The continent's soaring population growth relentlessly surpasses all increases in food production. To this crisis has been added widespread drought and weather upsets in recent months and years. But in several nations, food shortages are also caused by revolution and warfare and their attendant political and social turmoil.

Tribalism and language barriers internally divide many nations of Africa.

Debts Eat Up Development

Ten years ago the leading borrowers of money on international markets paid less than 6 percent of their export earnings to service their external debts. Today Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, India, South Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, Ivory Coast and other nations as well have to spend 20 percent more of export earnings to service their interest-laden debts. That means less and less financial resources are available to develop faltering economies.

According to *South*, a magazine about developing nations, five years ago one metric ton of jute—an important fiber export of India, Bangladesh and Thailand—bought 35 barrels of oil and \$56,000 in interest. Today the same amount is worth only 11 barrels of oil and \$2,000 in interest.

In 1975, one metric ton of cocoa bought 148 barrels of oil and paid \$23,000 in interest. In 1980, the same amount of cocoa bought 72 barrels and \$13,000 in interest, effectively halving the value of the commodity.

Brazil is an example of a nation

so deeply in debt there is almost no chance it could repay. But the West can't afford to let it go under.

Brazil will owe \$60 billion to the central banks of other nations by the end of the year. This year, Brazil will spend on oil and interest payments the equivalent of 75 percent of its export earnings. This leaves almost nothing for development, so it must borrow more money.

Inflation hit 113 percent in Brazil last year, more than double the 54 percent average for all of South America. Despite this, Brazilian authorities are confident they can borrow from commercial banks again this year. Said one Brazilian banker, "We

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owe so much that we can't afford not to borrow more."

To such glibness the executive director of one of London's commercial banks answers rhetorically: "What else can the banks do—walk in and turn off the lights in a country? You roll over the debt because, frankly, there is nothing else to do."

If you think oil wealth will solve a nation's economic ills, you should look at Venezuela (or any number of other important oil-producing nations).

Oil wealth led to massive Venezuelan government spending. This produced soaring inflation. The result? Everyone has lost buying power and feels insecure and demoralized. Venezuela's poor, who never received the benefits of oil wealth, are even more impoverished.

Coming too little and too late is an attempt of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

(OPEC) to establish a fund of a few billion dollars in low-cost loans to help non-oil, poor nations stabilize commodity prices and pay oil bills. OPEC has also proposed a \$20 billion development bank for such nations. This amount is much too little for developing nations' needs. And the reality of such a bank is highly in doubt. The Iran-Iraq war and Mideast instability discourages any long-range commitment to such a fund.

All of these and other similar problems in the world today are the result of the *wrong way of living!* Human selfishness and greed have produced these gigantic problems. The way of nations today has robbed mankind of many blessings they could have!

Now here is good news! There is a revealed solution to these huge problems in your Bible!

The Good News

Leaders of many nations feel helpless to cope with many of the problems you have just been reading.

"What can I do to help my people?" ask many world leaders in conference with Herbert W. Armstrong, editor of this magazine, during his worldwide trips to fulfill his great commission. Mr. Armstrong gives them a message of hope for humanity. What is that hope?

Mr. Armstrong tells world leaders of government and business the *real cause* of humanity's ills. He tells them that all of humanity's economic, political and social ills are produced by the *GET* way of life—the selfish concern and taking for oneself at the expense or hurt of others, at the disregard of consequences in the future or to future generations.

The Bible reveals the *source* of this attitude. This self-seeking "get" way is actually Satan's attitude cleverly placed in human minds by the deceptive devil (see Ephesians 2:2-3 and Revelation 12:9).

Mr. Armstrong tells leaders the only true solution to their national problems. That solution
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The Real Value of BRITAIN'S ROYAL FAMILY

by T.C.F. Prittie

IS THE British Monarchy a ridiculous, "old-fashioned" institution that simply refuses to die?

Some few Britons have looked upon this Monarchy as "a royal soap opera" — so much useless pomp and ceremonial nonsense, so much "Royal flummery." They view the Monarchy as leftover Imperial trappings, as an expensive drain on the British taxpayer.

Others insist the British Royal Family plays an important and vital, if unenviable and (at times) thankless, part in Britain's stability in this modern, 20th century space age.

Monarchy and the Royal Wedding

A royal wedding is a poignant reminder of the tremendous popularity of the British Monarchy. It is a reminder, too, of the awesome force of example.

On the very day that the coming marriage of Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer was announced, King Juan Carlos of



ROYAL FAMILY poses informally. From left: Prince Philip, Prince Edward, Prince Charles, Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Andrew and Princess Anne with her 3-year-old son Peter.

Spain was personally engaged in suppressing an armed attempt to overthrow Spain's first democratic government in nearly half a century. A member of the Spanish government coalition, Alfonso Osorio, remarked that Juan Carlos' bold action had "proved the value of having a king." It is no secret that the king has modeled his general line of conduct on that of the British Monarchy. No British king, admittedly, has faced

such a challenge for 300 years.

In his book *The English Constitution* historian Walter Bagehot had this to say of the Monarchy. "The use of the Queen, in a dignified capacity, is incalculable. Without her, in England, the present English government would fail and pass away. . . . The best reason why Monarchy is a strong government is that it is an intelligible government. The mass of mankind understand it, and they hardly anywhere in the world understand any other

In another passage historian Bagehot wrote. "A monarch that can be truly revered, a House of Peers that can be really respected, are historical accidents nearly peculiar to this island, and entirely peculiar to Europe."

The House of Lords may not enjoy quite the prestige and acceptance that once belonged to it. But reverence for the Crown, accompanied by the deep affection of the great majority of Britons, certainly remains.

The sovereign, again according to Walter Bagehot, has three rights: 1) the right to be consulted, 2) the right to encourage,

3) the right to warn. This is a neat and apt summing-up. The Queen today is consulted on all matters of state, and all government papers are laid before her. She naturally and effortlessly assumes the role of friend and, if need be, adviser to all of her prime ministers.

But this is only one way in which the "right to encourage" is exercised. It goes, of course, beyond prime ministers to all the citizens of Britain. In this respect, one need think only of her broadcasts to the people. The right to warn has been used by Monarchy with tact and discretion.

A Declining Nation

The British Crown today presides over a declining nation. This has been said often enough before and doesn't need to be overstated now. But year after year Britain slides a little farther down the hill. In March of this year (literally for the first time in British history) a British prime minister had to admit that she could not entrust members of her own Cabinet with the secret details of the annual budget. Walter Bagehot would turn over in his grave because this makes a mockery of ministerial responsibility.

And so, with declining national power, a declining national morale and the now alarming difficulty of the government trusting its own ministers—quite apart from government servants who seem to be perpetually on strike—the Crown has a bigger task than ever before. It must maintain standards of honesty and loyalty that are being everywhere undermined. The brilliant achievements of the British Monarchy should blind no one to the apathy, slothfulness and increasing inner divisions of the British community. The Royal Family soldiers on, its motto evidently to go on setting an example, in the belief that some day a great new nation can be re-created on the crumbling ruins of the old. A daunting task, indeed!

For neither the Queen, Prince Charles or any other member of the Royal Family can single-

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The fact of 'family' brings the Queen, her husband and her children close to the hearts of virtually every family in the kingdom.

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handedly pick Britain out of its present trough of moral lassitude, depression and materialism. But their sterling example will live on and some day, it will be followed.

Monarchy Not Always Popular

It is sometimes forgotten that the British Monarchy has not always enjoyed the popularity it does today. Charles II, that "merrie monarch," certainly won the affections of his people, perhaps as much by his outrageous amours as by his grace of bearing and ready wit. But his brother James II was apparently a pompous bore and William of Orange was a foreigner.

Then came the Hanoverians, renamed the House of Windsor only during the First World War.

Several Hanoverians, spanning a period of well over a hundred years, were certainly not assets in the governance of Britain. Said Bagehot: "The first two Georges were ignorant of English affairs, and wholly unable to guide them, whether well or ill. . . . The Prime Minister had, over and above the labour of managing Parliament, to manage the woman—sometimes the queen, sometimes the mistress—who managed the sovereign. George III interfered unceasingly [and] he did harm unceasingly. George IV and William IV gave no steady continuing guidance, and were unfit to give it."

George IV and William IV were ruthlessly lampooned by the caricaturists of the day. The

Hanoverians failed to win the sentiment of religious loyalty, or the lasting affection of the powerful landed aristocracy.

Perhaps the only popular performance of the early Hanoverians was that of George II, who fought gallantly at Dettingen. When his horse insisted on bolting in the wrong direction, he dismounted and said, "At least my legs won't run away with me."

Queen Victoria

Even Queen Victoria went through a long period of unpopularity, perhaps as a result of what amounted to almost total retirement after the death of Prince Albert in 1861. Then in 1863 she grievously offended many of the public by appearing in deep mourning at the wedding of her son and heir.

In fact, it was only in the reign of George V that the British Monarchy began to establish its present popularity. The King was not charismatic, but a great trier. He endeared himself by renaming the Royal House "Windsor" after that most English of castles. Once he refused medicine on his sickbed by asking, "Nurse, am I King of England, or am I not?"

The late Duke of Windsor's short reign was a severe setback, and it was only under his brother, George VI, that the Crown consolidated the tradition set by George V of selfless service to the whole community. This shy, physically delicate man *conquered* his stammer and sense of insecurity and stood with his people in war. He paved the way for his immensely more glamorous and extroverted daughter to become the model Monarch of British history.

The British Monarchy has never been so popular as it is today—except, perhaps, for a few short weeks in 1660, when parliamentary rule was swept away and the fountains of London, allegedly, flowed with wine.

A Truly United Royal Family

One of the greatest advantages that Prince Charles has enjoyed has been to belong to a truly

united Royal Family. It is, of course, the Queen who has played the regal role. The charm of her personality is an accepted fact. There is nothing "chocolate-box" about her radiant good looks because they go with a singular dignity and grace that have made her walkabouts as well as her State appearances unaffected and totally successful.

The Queen, as the members of her royal household know, is a loving and outstanding joyful mother, able to romp with her children when they were young and win their complete confidence as they have grown older. Her own parents

brought her up to practice moderation and to believe in modesty. She also learned how to belong in a real home that was simplicity itself and never a matter of pomp and circumstance. The Queen's grandmother, the late Queen Mary, found her "steadfast" and "determined" as a child, and her character matured with a notable consistency.

Her seriousness as a child gave way to a spontaneous readiness to smile and laugh, and she seems to have passed on this balance of character to her children. One of the characteristics that she has passed to Prince Charles is to pres-

ent a "public face" that is truly happy. This goes beyond a capacity to act a part; it entails ability to regard public occasions as worthwhile and even enjoyable.

The ease with which the Queen chats to children during her walkabouts is notorious. She has mastered the art of saying the right word at the right moment.

But she also has a keen sense of discipline and a highly developed sense of responsibility. Being groomed for her own role, she has made sure that this has been repeated for all of her children.

The Duke of Edinburgh has helped a great deal. Once or twice he has come under fire of critics for speaking his mind bluntly. But overall, his patent honesty, good sense and vigour have stood him in good stead. Maybe one of his least-noticed achievements has been to guide his children into so many interests; they are at ease in politics and public life, in their work and in the outdoors.

Between them, the royal couple have created a united family. Princess Anne, happily married to Captain Mark Phillips, is increasingly becoming an asset. She has overcome an earlier unsureness, giving a remarkably convincing performance when she was installed in March of this year as Chancellor of London University.

Perhaps the outstanding quality of all four of the Queen's children is that they remain unaffectedly unspoiled—a tribute to their parents' care and a sensible upbringing among children of their own age. To be royal and commoners at one and the same time may not be easy. Somehow the royal children have managed it.

Walter Bagehot has also written that "A family on the throne is an interesting idea also. It brings down the pride of sovereignty to the level of petty life."

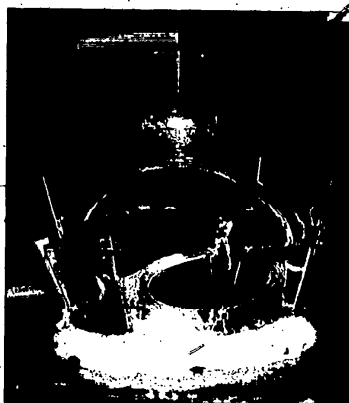
Written more than a hundred years ago, these words underline a truth that holds good today. The fact of "family" brings the Queen, her husband and her chil-

The Crown and Religion

The Queen is the titular "Defender of the Faith"—and in particular the Church of England. The assumption has always been that no heir to the throne should marry a Roman Catholic. This would automatically avoid the risk of the Royal Family becoming Catholic at some time in the future. A Roman Catholic Princess would have been an unacceptable bride for Prince Charles simply because of her religion.

The title of "Defender of the Faith" dates back to the treatise written by King Henry VIII, which ironically defended the seven sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church. Henry, often wrongly supposed to have helped convert the people of his realm from Roman Catholicism to the Protestant faith, wrote his treatise in opposition to Martin Luther. It was accorded instant recognition by Rome. Henry remained a Catholic all his days. He did object to the overlordship of Rome, and his real aim may have been the creation of an English Catholic Church, independent of Rome.

Walter Bagehot wrote that



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"The English Monarchy strengthens our Government with the strength of religion." The Monarch is "the Lord's anointed." Nor was the belief in a "sacred line of sovereigns" ever forsaken. The sacred line became an English Protestant line.

But sadly it has to be said that religion plays a decreasing part in the life of Britain today. If a public opinion poll were to have been held recently on the subject of whether an heir to the throne should marry a Roman Catholic, many Britons would have abstained, and many who might have said "No" would have reacted only instinctively. There is no consensus of opinion in Britain today on any subject with a religious connotation. □

Lady Diana and Her Ancestry

Charles' bride was under the baleful glare of the public eye for months before the royal engagement was announced. To put it bluntly, she was hounded by the "gentlemen" of the press, especially those avid photographers who hung round her flat in London, her father's home in the country, and even the royal estate of Sandringham when she was residing there.

Lady Diana stood up to all this with remarkable courage, poise and good humor. There was never any question of this tall, outwardly rather shy girl having a rude word for any one of her tormentors. Only 19 years of age, she handled publicity problems with complete calm and certainty.

When at last the special time came to face the cameras, she was unaffectedly sincere and straightforward in her answers. When the Prince had proposed, she "never had any doubts about it," nor did she fear the future "with him at my side." Nothing original, perhaps, in these replies, but they were made with an engagingly shy grace.

Lady Diana has grown up with royalty. Her father, Earl Spencer, was equerry to King Georgy VI, and after his death, Queen Elizabeth. Lady Diana was christened at Sandringham village by the Bishop of Norwich, and one of her godparents was a niece of

the Queen Mother. She had only just left school, at the age of 16, when she first met Prince Charles. Less than a year later she took a job, looking after tiny tots at the Young England kindergarten in the not-so-fashionable London district of Pimlico, at a less than princely wage of \$1,400 a year.

Her upbringing has not been as smooth as her future husband's. Her family, indeed, were rich, with the family home of Althorp in Northamptonshire and its immensely valuable 15,000 acres of farming land. But her parents divorced in 1969 when she was at the tender and impressionable age of seven. But Lady Diana has contrived to grow up totally unspoiled as well as relatively unaffected by her "split" family. As one member of the royal household puts it, she is "a remarkably sweet girl," and a prize even for a Prince. Charles was saying no more than the truth when he remarked, "I am frankly amazed that she is prepared to take me on."

Her interests will match those of the Prince. They both love music, dancing and the countryside. Both enjoy the simple things in life; both have a well-developed sense of humor. Both have quietly orthodox taste, and this is likely to show itself when they finally fit up Charles' Gloucestershire house of High-



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grove. Both, after all, have grown up in homes where history is written large in furnishings and pictures.

A note on Lady Diana's ancestry. On both her father's and mother's side, she has inherited royal blood. She is, in fact, descended by two different lines from one mistress, Louise de Kerouaille, by two different lines from another mistress, Lucy Walters, and from a third, Barbara Villiers (or Lady Castlemaine). Reports that she has a legitimate line of descent from Charles II are, of course, nonsense. Had that been so she would have an incontestable claim to be Queen of England in her own right! She does, indeed, share with Prince Charles one common ancestor—King James I.

Life in the Royal Family will not be so strange for Lady Diana. □

dren close to the hearts of virtually every family in the kingdom.

Prince Charles Himself: A Man of Parts

There is a song sung in Wales, part of Britain but a small country in its own right: "Among our lovely mountains, And from our lovely vales, O let the prayer be echoed, 'God save the Prince of Wales.'"

The heir to the throne is traditionally titled: Prince of Wales. This has been true ever since 1301, when the son of King Edward I, aged 17, was officially invested with this title. (He was

named Prince of Wales at birth, in somewhat ironic recognition of the King's promise that Wales be given a Prince "who can speak no English"! Leaders of the Welsh, fiercely nationalistic and utterly opposed to English "invasion," had called themselves princes for a long time previously. In deference to this brave patriotism, King Henry II of England earlier recognized the right of Llewelyn ap Gruggyd to the title of Prince of Wales. Llewelyn later rebelled, but his title became "available" for enlightened political use.

Prince Charles is the 21st Prince of Wales. His insignia

dates from the so-called Black Prince—a coronet, a golden ring, a silver lining, along with a plume of white ostrich feathers and the motto "Ich dien," the German for "I serve." Perhaps this motto is the noblest feature of all.

Only the Monarch can decide when the heir to the throne should become Prince of Wales. Prince Charles' investiture in 1969 was only the second since 1616, and the only one in this century to take place in Wales. There the prince paid homage to his sovereign: "I, Charles, Prince of Wales, do become your liege man of life and limb and earthly worship, and faith

Part of the Pageantry of Britain

The almost bewildering panoply of British pageantry cannot be detailed here. There is the solemn Opening of Parliament, the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, the great ceremonials of the Coronation, the Investiture of the Prince of Wales, plus royal marriages and funerals.

Britain may have become a second-class power, but her ceremonial occasions are as perfectly staged and as colorful as ever.

Prince Charles' wedding in St. Paul's Cathedral will be an important part of this pageantry. The Crown has always been the very heart of British pageantry, and the Coronation has been the most symbolic of all ceremonies.

The first in Britain was more than 1,000 years ago, when King Edgar was crowned by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 973. The most recent was that of Queen Elizabeth in 1953.

The ceremony is traditionally supervised by the Earl Marshall, a hereditary office passed down to the holders of the title of the Duke of Norfolk.

At the Coronation of King George V in 1911, the Archbishop of York declared that "The King comes not alone to his hallowing. He bears his people with him. For



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the national life, as well as for its representative, this is a day of consecration." The same will hold true of this year's royal wedding, the first great royal ceremonial since the Queen's Silver Jubilee of 1977.

It will be a splendid occasion, graced by the officers and men of the Household Brigade, the Yeomen of the Guard, the Herald, the Royal carriages and horses, and probably all, or nearly all, the crowned heads of the 'countries' of the world.

As always, a very few carping voices will be raised in protest against the display and the money spent.

But the Royal Family has an easy conscience on the matter of expense because it is well-known that this ceremony will play a bigger part than anything else in bringing visitors to Britain. The wedding of Charles and Lady Diana will cost a lot of money, but it will more than pay its way. □

and truth I will bear unto you to live and die against all manner of folks." Perhaps more important than the investiture is the personality of the man himself. A shy 20-year-old Prince is now 32 years old and self-assured.

A Very Special Upbringing

Personality owes something to upbringing. The Prince first went to school in London at eight years of age. A year later, he moved to Cheam, one of Britain's exclusive

"preparatory" schools in Berkshire. He later moved on to a private school called Gordonstoun, a tough school on Scotland's bleak eastern coast. Its curriculum included cold showers and character development routines such as endurance tests of mountaineering and sea-rescue work.

One incident at Gordonstoun: The Prince drank a cherry brandy in a pub when out with other boys. He was severely cautioned. But the essence of what he was

told was not, as often reported, that his behavior was "not fitting for a future king." It was merely unfortunate that he should have broken normal school rules. Gordonstoun found publicity about the Prince unwelcome. The whole purpose of his going to the school was for him to learn with other boys as one of them.

Then at 18, the Prince went to Timbertop, a private school in Australia. It developed his physique and it brought him into touch with young men from "down under." Then to Trinity College in Cambridge where he was awarded a degree. In fact he was the first Prince of Wales to achieve a college degree.

Education Never Ends

But education *never ends* for an heir to the British throne. Charles' Cambridge degree may have been relatively undistinguished—a "second class, division two"—but he was an undergraduate with unusual responsibilities ahead and a special need to comport himself correctly. He was forever developing his talents. He learned to play the cello, to display unexpected talent on the stage, to captain a yacht, to become a first-class mimic, and to create his own kind of wry, dry wit. He was often asked, he related, why he stood with his hands behind his back, just like his father, and whether this was an inherited trait. His reply was that he and his father had the same tailor, who "makes the sleeves so tight that we can't get our hands in front." In reality, he had unconsciously imitated his father's posture.

There is a touching picture of him and the Duke of Edinburgh, marching in step, hands behind backs, at an official function in Scotland. Charles was seven years old at the time, and his face wore an expression of very great concentration and responsibility.

Learning has produced a rounded view of life in Prince Charles. He once defined his royal role as a triple one—firstly to show concern for people, secondly to be interested in them as individuals, and lastly to encour-

age them in every way possible. What a task! Maybe the Prince did not realize quite how much he was taking on.

He has emulated his father by sticking his neck out, this time over race relations. He called for a real effort to end prejudice and misunderstanding in order to maintain a successful "multiracial society." This in Britain today, is a dangerous expression. His beliefs range all the way from the need for a united Europe to the importance of individualism in every walk of life.

Prince Charles has played his full part in the Royal Family's day-to-day business of public engagements and continual contact with the people. He was already a very mature young man five years ago when he spoke to 200 senior officers of the Royal Navy. He explained that he was certainly the youngest person present, so he must talk about what his own generation thought. His address was impeccable, in its sense, wit and brevity. One admiral present remarked to another, "What a piece of luck to have this young man as our next king." And the answer was: "Not luck at all, just a . . . miracle!"

Prince Charles wins esteem without undue effort, but with cautious forethought and the very best advice. He knows where to turn for counsel. He has himself spoken of his very wise and incredibly sensible parents, who have created a marvelous, secure, happy home. His own self-discipline seems equally effortless. Prince Charles doesn't smoke (indeed, he hates cigarette fumes and ash), drinks in unselfconscious moderation, and believes in the virtues of fresh air and physical exercise.

In this mixed-up era of declining values, morals and standards, the Prince has set a remarkable example of duty, loyalty and dedication.

The Matter of Succession

There has been talk in the past of the Queen abdicating at the "right" moment—in fact, when she believes that Prince Charles

will be better able than herself to fulfill the royal duties. A reason given is that the Queen would not

want Prince Charles to wait forever to "come into his inheritance." We are asked to consider

The Queen Mother and the Prince

Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, has been depicted as the "woman who saved the Monarchy." She helped and guided the late King George VI when he first stepped into the shoes of his outwardly more talented brother, the late Duke of Windsor. Then she was at his side in Britain's most critical days (1939 to 1945) since the Spanish Armada.

When it was suggested that she should send the two young Princesses (Elizabeth and Margaret) to Canada where they would be safe from Hitler's bombs and rocket weapons, her answer was: "The Princesses cannot go without me. I cannot go without the King. The King will never go. We shall all stay." By the end of the war Buckingham Palace had been hit nine times by bombs; once at least the King and Queen were nearly killed. Throughout the war they had won the total trust and undying gratitude of their people.

Here, only one of her achievements needs to be chronicled—the remarkable empathy that exists between her and her grandson Prince Charles and the influence that she has had upon the Prince of Wales. Not so much "next to" the Queen, but *with* the Queen, the Queen Mother has been one of the two most formative influences in the Prince's life.

Members of her household seem to put this down, most of all, to one particular characteristic that they have in common. This can only be described as a "nongeneration" quality. Both of them can talk with the same ease and interest to people of every age group. In the Queen Mother's case, as



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one of her closest advisers indicated, this has made her the "catalyst" of the entire Royal Family. She has helped to close the gaps between four different generations.

She and Prince Charles share a deep mutual love and sympathy for others.

The Prince and the Queen Mother share two other links—both of them have a delightfully fresh sense of humor and both have the gift of entering into the lives of and enjoying the company of others. Along with the Queen, they never give orders but only make requests and invariably thank those who work for them, but whom they prefer to regard as partners. "It may sound a strange thing to say of the highest in the land," one adviser said, "but they are both humble minded, determined never to ride roughshod over the feelings of anyone." And "They both know how to make others feel important and appreciated."

The Queen Mother is on the phone to her daughter, the Queen, nearly every day—never to interfere, but to keep truly in touch.

Truly a wonderful lady, who wears her years with the ease, elegance and good humor that have made her the much-loved symbol of Monarchy at its best. □

Queen Victoria's son, Edward VII. The results of his long wait were disastrous. Edward VII had lost interest in the job long before ascending the throne.

There is, however, no true parallel between the cases of Edward VII and Prince Charles. King Edward was excluded from the business of state and the functions of royalty; the Prince is kept *fully informed* of the problems of government and is extremely busy fulfilling engagements of every kind. As she grows older, the Queen will travel rather less, and will ask the Prince to travel more on her behalf. (It may well be that foreign travel will be the biggest challenge to Lady Diana, who is very much a "home girl" and who fled back to England prematurely from her finishing school in Switzerland.)

But the Queen is healthy and hardworking, and has an aptitude for "pacing herself" in the fulfillment of arduous duties. (What bigger nonsense can there be than the accusation that royalty doesn't "earn its keep"?!) And abdication is not the habit of the British Crown; even fits of madness did not prevent George III from remaining monarch. Only serious illness could possibly lead to any early abdication.

When his time does come, Prince Charles is likely to ascend the throne as Charles III. The Monarch in Britain is free to choose his title. (His grandfather preferred George to his first name, Albert, even though his close friends went on calling him "Bertie.") Charles I and II were Kings of both England and Scotland, although separately, until the two kingdoms were united in 1707 under the Act of Union. So there is no dynastic or even sentimental objection to the title of Charles III.

The World's Most Prestigious Throne

The *Sunday Times Magazine* referred to the British Royal Family as "the finest and most long-lasting Monarchy in the world."

Even though Queen Elizabeth

is just the titular head of Britain and the Commonwealth, she and other members of the Royal Family exercise a powerful influence on their subjects. The "trappings of Royalty" are a necessary and potent influence on Britain, the Commonwealth and the world.

Many foreigners, in fact, see the lack of pomp and ceremony in their own countries and secretly envy the regal splendour surrounding the British Monarchy. The truth is, just as the peacock needs the beautiful plumage with which it is so generously endowed, so Britain is enriched by the pomp and pageantry surrounding her Royal Family.

There is enough dull, drab monotony in the lives of the British, and a dash of monarchic splendour here and there helps to make the ordinary, somewhat humdrum life of the average Briton more bearable and more interesting.

And the truth is that much of the world is also greatly enriched by seeing the pageantry of the British Royal Family on important state occasions like the royal wedding of Prince Charles to Lady Diana when millions will witness this moving ceremony via television worldwide.

The British Royal Family is good for Britain and good for the world. □

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is living by the way of LOVE—the way of constructive help, sharing and concern for others. That's God's way! The GIVE or LOVE way is concern for the well-being of others equal with concern for oneself. It is, as Jesus taught, "love your neighbour as yourself" (Matthew 19:19).

The solution Mr. Armstrong gives to world leaders is actually

the true gospel, the good news (gospel means "good news") of the coming rule of the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is the ruling family of God organized into a government. That government will *enforce* on humanity the way of life, God's way of love, which will produce true peace and lasting prosperity in all nations.

For nearly 6,000 years God has let humanity experience the consequences of their own ways under Satan's evil sway. But the Creator reveals in his Word, the Bible, that he will soon intervene in world affairs, powerfully, to set up his government over all the earth. God's government will *force* nations to live in the ways that produce lasting peace and blessings. Human governments, of and by themselves, or in any group of combination, will not bring *lasting* peace and prosperity.

Just Ahead

Notice what the apostle John recorded under God's inspiration in Revelation, chapter 11: The time setting of this chapter is when much of the earth is being ravaged, and much of humanity destroyed, by soon-to-occur unprecedented warfare. Humanity is about to wipe itself off the earth except for the fact that Jesus prophesied it would not happen—because God will intervene to save us from ourselves (Matthew 24:22).

... and there were great voices in heaven saying, The kingdoms [nations or governments] of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever" (verse 13).

It is the time when Christ will return to earth to set up the government and way of God. It is the time when God will reward his faithful servants with rulership over the nations under Christ and also "destroy them which destroy the earth" (Revelation 11:18-19, 2:26, 5:10).

Daniel prophesied of this same great event in world history. "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be

given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions [or rulers] shall serve and obey him" (Daniel 7:27).

First Steps to World Peace

What will be the first step taken by Christ to straighten out world problems?

Christ will first dethrone and chain Satan and his evil host of demons so they cannot deceive and sway the nations of mankind with their evils (see Revelation 20:1-3). Without this step world peace is not possible. But no government on earth knows that!

Under Christ's direction nations will be forced to stop warring and fighting.

Warmaking is one of the greatest curses on humanity. But, under God's all-powerful world government, this major cause of economic insecurity, disruption and misappropriation of limited human and material resources will be forcibly stopped.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain [government] of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains [it will rule over all nations]... and all nations shall go... and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord... and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths."

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

With so many totally destroyed economies among the nations, Jesus can start afresh in rebuilding many nations in his totally new way of living.

Notice the new economic focus of nations. It will be based in agriculture, in the soil, in producing abundant food and building materials, not in machines for war and conquest.

Today, most nations are burdened with huge defense and mil-

itary outlays. Some defense outlays eat up as much as half of government budgets while agriculture and essential economic sectors languish for funds. These military outlays are in defense of competitive world ideologies—capitalism and communism—neither of which can solve the economic injustices in this world.

But after military threats to peace are eliminated, then what?

Every human being will be given an inheritance in property, in productive land. This is land that a person can live upon or always fall back upon to provide the basic essentials of life for himself, and his family.

Humans under God's government will not be slaves to a state or to some industry or job that totally divorces them from the productivity of their own land.

Notice the prophecy of Zechariah 3:10. "In that day [after God's government is established on earth], says the Lord... everyone of you will invite his neighbor under his vine and under his fig tree" (RSV).

But you may ask, will there be enough good and fertile land for all? It will be produced by the power and mercy of the Great God!

"The wilderness and the solitary place... and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose... Say to them that are of a fearful heart [that's much of humanity today], Be strong, fear not: behold your God will come... he will come and save you... 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, 3, 6-7).

What a happy day for impoverished and landless millions to look forward to! (We could have it today if we would quit our selfish, sinful ways!) But there's even more good news!

Right agricultural practices will produce ever more abundant crops. "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth

seed... and they shall plant vineyards and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit thereof" (Amos 9:13-14).

And yet another fantastic blessing! God will control the weather to back up his promised blessings for obedience: "... if thou shalt harken unto the voice of the Lord thy God... the Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand" (Deuteronomy 28:2, 12).

No more will obedient nations be forced to suffer great natural disasters, such as floods, earthquakes and hurricanes. No more will natural disasters wipe out great segments of their economy and inflate the cost of remaining food supplies and resources.

How much money are those blessings worth to any nation's prosperity and stability? You can't put a price tag on them!

But what about anyone who would think to destroy one's crops or property, or to rob, rape or steal? That is all too common today.

"Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule in justice. Each will be like a hiding place from the wind... The fool will no more be called noble, nor the knave [churl or ill-minded person] said to be honorable" (Isaiah 32:1, 2, 5, RSV).

No more will criminal gangs or corrupt leaders terrorize a city or be permitted to bleed critical segments of national wealth for themselves.

Criminal and corrupt thoughts will be discouraged before they become a habit of thinking in human minds. "... yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers [spirit members of the God family manifested in human form]: And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left" (Isaiah 30:20-21).

Scalpers and speculators seeking to make a quick killing by

spreading false rumors will not exist. Corrupt and greedy officials will be exposed and deprived of power. The unrepentant criminal will be *speedily* and justly punished. God's saints will be able to judge the hearts and attitudes of all men (Hebrews 4:12, 1 Corinthians 12:10). True justice will reign at last.

"Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, [nor] wasting nor destruction within thy borders" (Isaiah 60:18).

Fair Taxation

Under God's government, money, at last, will have stable and reliable value. Great wealth will flow in to God's throne on earth from all nations to be used for the good of others (Isaiah 60:17). Monetary stability will be further established because it will be based on God's everlasting, unchanging government, and on God's enormous and endless power to prosper the economies of obedient nations.

God's government will not exact exorbitant and ever-increasing taxes to pay for foolish projects or deficit government spending.

God's tithing law (tithing means tenth) on income will apply to all. One income level will not be forced to pay exorbitantly higher rates than another. The labor of the diligent will not be discouraged by being taxed away, as it so often is today.

God's law reveals how the widow, fatherless and needy should be locally taken care of (Deuteronomy 14:28-29). The massive welfare state as we know it today will not exist. If an able man won't work, neither shall he eat (1 Thessalonians 3:10).

But what about business and social relationships?

God's law—the Ten Commandments—and God's Word, the Bible—which amplifies the intent of God's laws—will be the basic guide of how humans ought to conduct all social and business relationships. Nations won't need endless and complicated bureaucracies, regulations and laws to govern every human action. Hon-

esty, truthfulness, fair prices, service and safety will be expected in all business and social relationships.

Business and smaller industry will certainly exist. But they won't be permitted to be giant polluters of the environment. Whatever industry and pollution exists will be controlled to provide safeguards to workers and to the environment—or they won't exist at all.

Tomorrow's world will use nonpolluting and natural energy sources in an effective way. Totally rebuilt communities and nations will be able to begin anew from such an energy base. A much more agriculturally based world will not need the vast quantities of oil that are consumed today. Whatever energy sources are used will be environmentally safe.

In all human production and activity the emphasis will be on *quality*, not quantity or cheapness. Lasting quality goods conserve resources and energy over the long run. Today's consumer quickly-and-throw-away society will be no more. Reuseable materials will be recycled.

Human beings will be taught how to establish happy homes and stable marriages. Humans will find opportunities to fully develop talents and abilities.

Women will rejoice in being homemakers, mothers and teachers of their children. Both parents will enjoy taking responsibility for teaching their children a great deal of their primary education. Children will be wanted and cherished. They will be needed to rebuild and beautify the earth.

God will heal the sick, blind, maimed and mentally damaged. "Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened [by God's healing power], and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing" (Isaiah 35:5-6). No more millions of nonproductive hopeless lives or incurable diseases.

Everyone will know what it means to experience love from others. All will be taught to

respect all other humans—regardless of race—for their incredible human potential. Every nation of mankind will be given their own land to develop the special talents and abilities God has given to each.

What a different world!

Gradually Spreading Miracle

Don't misunderstand, God's government and blessings won't happen in all nations all at once. It will take time. Nations will have many wrong ways to change, many wrong ideas to unlearn and overcome.

God will first give a nation the chance to accept or refuse His ways. The consequences for repeated refusal to obey are indicated in Zechariah 14:16-19.

Christ said the kingdom, or government, of God would be like leaven in a lump of dough (Matthew 13:33). It would gradually spread throughout the whole earth. God expects those who have learned and prospered from God's ways to teach and help others less fortunate. Prosperous and successful individuals will not devote their whole lives to accumulating more and more wealth for themselves.

Wealth and abundance are not wrong. God wants all to prosper and be in health (III John 2). But under God's wonderful government a person's success and character will not be measured by the abundance of what he possesses. Success and character will be more measured in how a person helps, shares and serves others.

Education, at last, will be universal. There will be a universal language to understand God and His ways (Zephaniah 3:9). No more will religious, political and economic confusion and strife be permitted to divide nations and lead humans into hate, animosity and war.

"... for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

God speed that happy age! That's good news, really worth announcing to the world—and preparing one's self to take part in—*today!* □

What happens at death? How final is it? Is there life after death?
It's time we understand.

by Patrick A. Parnell

DEATH

Then What

NO MATTER who you are—whether the young girl down the street, the fellow on the block, the butcher or mailman, carpenter, maintenance man or secretary—sooner, or later, you are going to die!

You may be beautiful, handsome, healthy, young or strong, but eventual death remains a fact of your life.

It is inescapable. Whether you live out a natural life span, or whether your life is cut short by some tragic accident, incident or disease, this physical life ends in death.

Physical Life Is Limited

King Solomon made it plain: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2).

From the moment of birth physical life is limited. Do you know why? Basic human life-supporting cells divide just so many times. They always reach a divisioning limit. Cells deteriorate, tissues deteriorate, organs

deteriorate, the body deteriorates. That deterioration ends inevitably in death.

Proper health measures, including a healthful diet and the elimination of disease, may prolong life substantially. But the natural aging processes do not stop. Beauty techniques such as plastic surgery, skin stretching, the lavish use of cosmetics and hair dyes may give a more youthful appearance for a time. They are oh so temporary. The inner process of aging, leading to certain death, relentlessly continues.

No amount of wishful thinking or physical measures help. All of man's technology and scientific

research, coupled with all of the money in the world, can't alter the fact that humans die!

The pressing question then is:

What happens after death? Is there hope? Is there meaning to life?

The Age-old Question

Throughout the ages, as far back as recorded time, men have been concerned about death and what happens afterward. Is there life after death?

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The ancient Egyptians were concerned about death. Their attempts to solve the enigma of a life after death reached monumental proportions: Pharaohs' burial tombs were filled with treasures, and life's various paraphernalia; sometimes including, in the early period, an entourage of servants, killed and entombed to serve the pharaoh in a fancied state of existence after death.

Every group of people and every civilization that's ever existed, down to and including our modern age, has pondered about a life after death. Almost everybody has an opinion on the subject. There are about as many ideas about it as people to give them.

Why this confusion? Where is

the source that can make the answer plain?

What People Believe

Said one young man, when asked if he believed in an afterlife, "I believe my inner being will be transmitted to different planes of existence as I approach perfection."

A Latin mother's quick response when asked the same question was, "Of course there's an afterlife. It's in heaven—otherwise what's the sense of living?"

Answered a young black man in his early twenties, "I don't think there is any life after death because you don't really die—your body dies, but your soul lives on."

Said another man, "I believe in a spiritual afterlife, that you have a soul and that the soul goes to a hereafter. But as to where the hereafter is, I'm not sure."

The fact is, most people in the non-communist world believe in some kind of life after death. But—how do they know?

Isn't it time to understand the truth about death and what happens after death. There is only one reliable source available for discovering the truth about death. That source is the Creator's revelation to man of essential knowledge without which man cannot know why he is here, or where he is going. We call that revelation the Holy Bible. But what it says probably is not what you think it says. Most people would be surprised to discover what the Bible reveals about life after death!

An Immortal Soul?

Contrary to popular belief, the Bible nowhere mentions an "immortal soul"! Astounding, but true! From the very first word in Genesis 1:1, to the last word in Revelation 22:21, you will not find the words *immortal soul* applied to man, or that man has an immortal soul.

The Bible says man is a living soul, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the

breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7)—not an immortal soul! Did you carefully notice it? Man is a living soul.

Nowhere does the Bible say man has an immortal soul. The very Hebrew word for soul—*nephesh*—is the same word used of lower life forms, beasts and creeping things. It is even used to express the thought of a dead body—a dead *nephesh*.

But, you ask, is there a verse in the Bible that says the soul can die? Absolutely! Read it: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4, 20), not live on! Man is a soul. Man sins. So man, a living soul, dies.

The immortal soul idea came right out of ancient Egypt, and Babylonia. It was enshrined in philosophy by Greek thought, especially by Plato.

Notice what the *Jewish Encyclopedia* says about it: "The belief that the soul continues its existence after the dissolution of the body is . . . speculation . . . nowhere expressly taught in Holy Scripture. . . . The belief in the immortality of the soul came to the Jews from contact with Greek thought and chiefly through the philosophy of Plato, its principal exponent, who was led to it through Orphic and Eleusinian mysteries in which Babylonian and Egyptian views were strangely blended" ("Immortality of the Soul," Vol. VI, pp. 564, 566).

Does Death Mean Death?

You have heard the argument—death does not mean death but life in another state. The Bible reveals that when you die, you are dead—dead all over! You don't waft up to heaven if you've been good. You don't sink down to hell, or some intermediate place, if you've been bad. The supposed heaven and hell for immortal souls is another one of man's pictured fantasies. According to the Bible, the dead don't hear anything, see anything, think anything or know anything. The dead have absolutely no awareness, no

anxieties of any kind. Read it for yourself: "For the living know that they shall die; but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished. . . ." (Ecclesiastes 9:5-6).

At the moment of death, life ceases, along with thinking processes, and thought: "His breath goeth forth," says God about man, "he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish" (Psalms 146:4).

The Bible's message is unclouded. Death is death beyond any shadow of a doubt. We're even warned to make the most of life while we have the opportunity: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest" (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

When we die we go the way of all flesh, and in that respect there is no difference between man and animals: "For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again" (Ecclesiastes 3:19-20). Of course, man, composed of the dust of the ground, returns to dust. The man that returns to dust is the soul that once lived. It is therefore the soul that disintegrates into dust! So says your Bible.

For those who want to cling to the cherished belief in floating off to heaven after death, listen to the apostle Peter's response. If anyone deserved to go to heaven, it would certainly be someone after God's own heart. David was such a man (Acts 13:22). But Peter was inspired to say, David "is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day" (Acts 2:29), and that further, "David is not ascended into the heavens" (Acts 2:34).

Too, Jesus himself said that "no man hath ascended up to heaven" (John 3:13).

There can be no doubt. Death is the end of this physical life, this present chemical existence.

But, does that mean we can do our own thing without fear of consequences—eat, drink, and be merry now because tomorrow we die?

Positively not!
Here's why.

There's More to Life than Death

The Great God has put us here on this earth for a great eternal purpose: Not just to have the best fling possible, then die. There is a tremendous purpose, not even understood by this world's religions, in our existence. We are on this earth for a reason. It involves the answer to why we humans suffer through the gamut of emotions, troubles or good times of human life.

Ancient Job knew the reason.

Job once reached a point near death, psychologically and physically. Everything dear to him had been taken away. He lost all of his children in a tornado, as well as all of his wealth because of thieves and a fire. Now, he was physically stricken and racked with pain. Runny, puss-filled boils covered his entire body from head to foot. The idea of death seemed sweet to Job.

Job knew that if he died now, his present pain and distress would be over. Then he would wait in death, asleep in the grave, as the Bible puts it in I Thessalonians 4:13-14, until God jerked him up out of that grave later. "If a man die, shall he live again?" Job asked himself in a sort of reassurance knowing full well he would. And he answered himself with the next words: "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands" (Job 14:14-15).

If a Man Die, Shall He Live Again?

But how will man, dead in the grave, live again? Jesus himself

answers: "Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of [judgment]" (John 5:28-29).

There will be an accounting for our behavior in this life! You are going to be in one or another resurrection. There are going to be, in fact, three kinds of resurrection. But what does the Bible mean by a resurrection?

The First Resurrection

Paul describes the first resurrection as taking place at Christ's Second Coming to restore the government of God over the whole earth. This soon coming event is described in I Thessalonians 4:16: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first."

"This is the first resurrection" (Revelation 20:5, last sentence). "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection," says God, "on such the second death hath no power" (Revelation 20:6).

Those who will be in the first resurrection are described in Revelation 14:12: "... they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." They are few in number because most people do not keep the Ten Commandments! Included, in Hebrews 11, are Bible notables: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, David, Rahab and a host of others not mentioned, but known and chosen by God. They will never have to face death again. They will rise out of their graves as immortal spirit sons of God. They will be changed from flesh and blood mortality to eternal immortal spirit life. They are those who were converted in this life, who received the promise of eternal life through the Holy Spirit which imparts the divine nature (II Peter 1:4) and impregnates

them with the beginning of eternal life (I Peter 1:23).

But what about the multitudes of people who never knew God, or the Bible? What about the hundreds of millions of people now living in areas of the world who have no access to the Bible? Those deliberately kept from the knowledge of God in this atheistic secular, deceived world?

The Second Resurrection!

The billions of people who once lived, but never knew God, and never had the opportunity to understand and choose His way of life, will have their opportunity. They will have their turn in the second resurrection, a thousand years after the first resurrection. These are those mentioned in Revelation 20:5, called "the rest of the dead": "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished." Think of it! Every person now living without the true revealed knowledge of God, or who has lived and died, will have a time of judgment in which either to accept or reject the way of life of God.

John describes the second resurrection in Revelation 20:12: "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." There would be no reason for a book of life to be opened if none were to receive eternal life. It will be a time when humanity as a whole will come to know God and receive his Holy Spirit, which imparts a new spiritual life in mortal humans once again living in the flesh. See Ezekiel 37:11-14.

The Third Resurrection

There are, sadly, those who knowingly reject God, and God's way of life. These will be in the third resurrection.

The third resurrection is absolutely final. All who spurn God and God's way of life, and died a

natural death, will be resurrected—in the third resurrection—to a final, eternal death. It is called the second death, from whence there will never be a resurrection: "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell [*hades*, the grave] delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life [at the time of the second resurrection] was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:13-15). They shall be turned to ashes (Malachi 4:3).

It's Time to Consider

The message should be clear—it's time to take thought, to consider and to ask yourself where you stand before God.

God does exist! What he says in the Bible will happen! Any claiming to be an atheist, nonbeliever, agnostic or whatever, will not change the truth of God, nor reality about life, death and what happens after death. God even warns that disbelief is no excuse: "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:20).

Don't be deceived! Each of us will ultimately reap what we sow! "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6:7-8).

Be warned! Each of us will have to personally answer to God for what we've done in this life. We will each have to give an account for our own actions: "For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord,

every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:10-12).

Don't treat this information lightly, and let it in one ear and out the other. There will be a judgment: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Corinthians 5:10). Only the few are now called to judgment. Judgment now is on the Church of God (I Peter 4:17), not the world as a whole.

It Is Time to Change

Each of us has made mistakes. All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's expectations, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). The point is—it's time to stop sinning! And start doing what is right! That's called repentance, change.

Says God: "Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?" (Ezekiel 33:11). Note, it does not say "live forever as immortal souls in hell."

God makes it clear: "If the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live" (Ezekiel 18:21-22).

God's mercy toward those who change—who repent—who stop going the get way, and turn to the give way, is spelled out in the Bible. It is beyond human understanding: "Come now," implores the Great God, "and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall

be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

Says God to those who properly fear him, that is, respect his authority and his commands, "For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us" (Psalms 103:11-12).

God's very name, as he himself spelled it out, proclaims his loving mercy toward those who ask him for forgiveness and seek to do his commandments: "The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin..." (Exodus 34:6-7).

God mercifully made man mortal, so that if he did choose irrevocably to go the wrong way he would die, not suffer eternal punishing in a hell fire. That final death of the wicked, those who choose the way of *get*, will be death by fire, when this earth burns up. They will be turned to ashes, but the earth will be renewed—an eternal inheritance for those who choose the way of give, of love—the way of the Ten Commandments.

Solomon's simple conclusion sums it all up: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

God grant you the wisdom—and desire—to take the proper steps that lead to repentance and the receiving of the Holy Spirit that imparts the impregnating seed of eternal life in mortal man. It is made plain in a full-length book *The Incredible Human Potential* by Herbert W. Armstrong—available in bookstores in the United States and Canada. It is published by Everest House. Request your copy. □

WIVES

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job—she is responding to her husband's true wishes and serving her family's true needs as well as those of the larger society.

There are certainly many situations in which a young, unmarried woman needs to be working in some other position. For the young married woman, these situations are distinctly fewer.

Yet they do exist.

Especially in the first few months of marriage, a young woman may need to take at least a part-time job before the children come if her husband approves it and she knows it is temporary, and if the right job situation presents itself. But the true interests of most marriages are NOT furthered by having the wife work throughout marriage. That is why a woman should respond to her husband's true wishes.

On the surface, he may imagine that he would like to have his wife work and thus supplement the family income.

But would he like the ultimate result of the wife working constantly, beginning to be more independent and competitive?

A woman needs to be very careful about this! With prayer, with timely suggestion and advice, she should do her full part to see that she is not pushed into taking an outside job that will ultimately defeat the very purpose for which it was intended.

Added income provided by the wife's job is mostly taken up with her travel expenses to and from work, outside lunches, extra clothes and babysitters or nursemaid's fees to take care of children at home.

Looking at it economically alone—a family will gain very little, in many cases, by having the wife work outside the home. Balance this small advantage with the DAMAGE done to the attitudes of both husband and wife in such a situation and to the very characters of their young children growing up without the care and guidance of a full-time mother.

Married women should be very cautious and sparing about ever taking outside jobs—even in supposed "emergencies"—and practically NEVER let this develop into a lifetime situation. The ultimate "price" of such a job is *entirely too high!*

The Ultimate Wife

Few have taken seriously the most complete single passage in all the Bible on womanhood. This passage is found in Proverbs 31:10-31. It has been preserved for nearly 3,000 years in the Canon of Scripture. It is inspired of God to help the woman of

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today grasp and understand the type of life she should be living.

All, both men and women, should study it regularly.

It calls attention to the tremendous value of the "virtuous woman" (verse 10). It shows how she buoys up and encourages her husband. It describes how she works for him and her family in the home.

Surprising to some, perhaps, it shows that a wife should have the right kind of initiative. For she "bringeth her food from afar." If the family budget permits, she may order things from distant places and overseas!

"She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard" (verse 16). This kind of wife obviously has initiative. Her initiative may be exercised, occasionally, in purchasing additional plots of land for her own gardens

or vineyards and adding to the income of the household by her cultivation of these lands. It takes initiative, drive and vision.

"She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant" (verse 24). Here again, this woman is going above and beyond keeping the home and rearing the children. She is actually in the clothing industry—yet at home!

"She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple" (verse 22). Most important of all, she may save her husband and family a good deal of money—when necessary—by doing a good deal of sewing at home and in every way making sure that her children and family are well dressed and well taken care of in every way possible. She assists her husband in providing quality products for her home and family by making some of them herself.

"Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness" (verses 25-26).

This inspired passage certainly describes a wife of diligence, vision and accomplishment!

Yet she is a wife of "honour"—not one who is working outside, running around with her bosses or supervisors or in any way alienating herself from her husband or home. She does have wisdom, but she is alert to her place in assisting and encouraging her husband and remembers to be tender and kind in what she says, thinks and does. With this attitude, she is NOT COMPETING—not becoming unfeminine, not becoming hard, raucous and argumentative.

Her children grow up and praise her. Her husband praises her and loves her till death does them part.

She is the kind of wife who is fulfilling the role for which she was created! Beyond all doubt, she will be blessed, appreciated and everlastingly loved for joyously fulfilling this high calling! □

EDUCATION

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tionnaires that deal with "political attitudes, sexual attitudes and intra-family relationships."

How Then Shall We Learn?

Not all public schools—by any means—are guilty of the ills detailed in this article. Enough are, however, that your child may be hurt educationally and even physically by them.

What to do? Some areas of the country offer public schools that, while they don't teach about God or the Bible, do at least offer firm discipline, an orderly atmosphere, and stress on basic educational skills.

If such an opportunity avails itself, that may be the best you can do until Christ returns.

What about a private school? Private schools come in many varieties, not all good. Some "alternative" private schools have been in the vanguard of the "touchie-feelie" educational philosophy where students only learn if they feel the "inner" need to, meaning, in practice, they degenerate and "do their own thing," learning very little in the process. A few years ago the graduate of such a school wrote a column in *Newsweek* magazine in which she confessed to being hardly literate herself!

Yet the "touchie-feelie" avant-garde private schools are the exception. In the 1970s, private school enrollment climbed dramatically in the United States, from about 4.1 million students to 1.8 million—while the number of children coming into public schools actually declined. Clearly, the public is beginning to vote with its feet no-confidence in the public school system. The frustration is summed up in the 1979 statement by New Jersey state senator Brian Kennedy, whose four children attended both public and private schools. "If I had to do it all over again, I would have sent them all to parochial schools," he said, "because then they would have learned something!"

Along the same lines, *Phi Delta Kappan*, a journal for professional educators, reports that "Protestant fundamentalist schools" are growing faster than any other kind of elementary and secondary schools in the United States.

Private schools are not the exclusive province of the wealthy or well-to-do. The great majority of private school students come from low and middle income families who are willing to make sacrifices for their children's education.

Evidently, such parents are gaining a reasonable return on their investment. The contrast is most striking in the private and parochial schools of Washington, D.C. In Anacostia, one of the poorest neighborhoods in the city, the seventh graders in the public schools are 26 percent below the national norm; but they rank only 10 percent below at the local Catholic elementary school.

The public schools of Washington, D.C., are a shambles; in the words of Vincent Reed, D.C. school superintendent, "at the mercy of the thugs and hoodlums in this city... [with] kids and teachers shot and mauled."

By contrast, the Catholic schools of Washington, D.C., dealing with students from the same background, have done an exemplary job of teaching basic educational skills. Students score at least at the national norm on Science Research Associates standardized achievement tests.

In public schools, notes Joseph Locke, principal of the Worldwide Church of God's Imperial Schools, a student "can slide by" and become "lost in the crowd." Private schools, he notes, are able to give individualized instruction, and generally have higher disciplinary standards. As a result they are able to command the student's attention.

However, there are two problems with sending a child to private school. The first is money. If you can't afford it, you can't afford it—only the more exclusive prep schools offer scholarships. Private schools, of course,

are marvelously efficient—usually offering superior education at cost that can be as low as \$2 per pupil per day. As Mr. Locke points out, private school educators usually are not "in it for the money." What sets them apart from many of their public school counterparts is "dedication."

Nevertheless, private schools do cost money, which you may simply not have.

The other problem is that many private schools—justly moving away from the secularism of the public schools—have a religious curriculum often at odds with the tenets of the Bible. The emphasis on religious holidays, ultimately pagan in origin, is the clearest example. (We therefore cannot recommend parochial schools of other churches—*superior, as most are, to the public schools.*)

If you can find a good non-denominational private school—which you can afford—so much the better.

Home Education?

If for whatever reason private schools do not seem a good answer to the public ones, there is the possibility of home education.

Obviously, home schooling is not for everybody. Yet it is not such a radical idea as you might imagine: in the 17th and 18th centuries, most upper-class children were educated at home. Raymond Moore, author of *School Can Wait*, contends that home-educated students generally score better on standardized tests than school educated ones.

Connie Marshner, an education expert and researcher at the prestigious American Enterprise Institute in Washington is likewise not swayed by the mythology of the "professional" educator. In a recent interview she asked:

"What do elementary school teachers do that parents can't do? You don't need four years of college and umpteen hours of in-service training and graduate courses every summer in order to teach five-year-olds the alphabet. Teachers feel that they've got hold of some arcane techniques or

wisdom or procedure that can get results from kids that nobody else can get. If you're talking about advanced sciences and math, those are indeed subject matters that are beyond most people's comprehension, and most people wouldn't know how to teach those subjects. Remember, though, that most students don't get up to those areas."

Home education should probably not be attempted by parents who are not sufficiently educated themselves. Unless parents do have a reasonably high level of education themselves, they probably will not be able to do any better than the local public schools, and could do much worse.

As a social trend, home education is certainly in the avant garde. Ed Nagel, head of the National Association for the Support of Alternative Schools in Santa Fe, New Mexico, says home education is "happening all over the country."

John Holt, a former public school teacher himself and a leading spokesman for the home education movement, believes that more than 10,000 families across the United States have taken up home education. Mr. Holt believes the education that children receive from their parents is superior to that received in the public schools. The former public school teacher says, "I know from my own schooling that I rarely got 15 minutes of real teaching a day."

While there are possible legal problems involving home education, depending on where you live, the series of legal victories already won by parents who have set up home education programs is impressive.

In Florida, Worldwide Church of God member Helen J. Voshell went to home education when she concluded that the school system would "clash too much" with her family's religion. "There is too much they would have to participate in and go along with that we do not believe in," she declares.

When Mrs. Voshell did not enroll her son Joshua in the local public schools, she was initially charged with violating the state

compulsory attendance laws. The charges were dropped when standardized tests revealed that Joshua was doing better in reading and math than the national average for his grade level.

In Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nobel, a devout Calvinist family, were also charged with violations of the state truancy laws. They were acquitted by a state judge, who found that the Nobel's *religious beliefs* were sufficient grounds for exempting them from the compulsory attendance at the public school.

In Massachusetts Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turano won their battle for home education because of similar constitutional rights, including the right to privacy and the protection against involuntary servitude (slavery).

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Occasionally, the local authorities are even favorable to home education. In Alaska, the state runs its own correspondence course for youngsters in small villages. In Vermont, as one mother wrote in John Holt's home education newsletter:

"The local authorities have been friendly, supportive and even enthusiastic. The local school board has bought all our books and materials, to be returned to them when we are finished with them."

Not every school board, of course, is so enlightened. Even so, families have avoided legal hassles by getting prior approval of their home-study program. Holt, for example, counsels a low profile. "The way not to do it is to go down to the school screaming."

Any family thinking of home

education must realize it poses serious hazards, even if legal problems can be avoided. Home education requires self-discipline and character. Parents must be prepared to work hard enough to insure that their children can do well on standardized tests. Home education, says Imperial School's Joseph Locke, is definitely only "for self-starters."

The problem with home education that won't go away is something educators, in their awful jargon, call "social interaction." To a great extent, the dangers of your child's lack of "peer experience" (more awful jargon!) have been exaggerated. School is really an *artificial* social environment. During few other times in your life do you mix on a regular basis with so many different people. Nevertheless, most parents do want their children to be able to reasonably get along with other beings. As Romans 12:18 says, "as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."

Obviously a good home education should allow students opportunities to meet with others their own age.

The Coming Revolution in Public Education

As a general rule, most of those involved in public schools, in particular the teachers' unions, are vehemently opposed to children escaping the meat-grinder-like approach of the public schools.

Writing in *Phi Delta Kappan*, Virginia Davis Nordin and William Lloyd Turner, two scholars analyzed or described the growing number of "fundamentalist" schools, and describe them as "locked into rigid, theologically based positions on many issues while American society moves forward."

Of course, what Ms. Nordin and Mr. Turner say is "forward" may be what the Bible says is degenerate and sinful.

Grace Baisinger, "chairperson" of the National Coalition to Save Public Education, told a *U.S. News & World Report* interview, "We are concerned about the quality of the education program

children will receive when they are enrolled in some of these fringe schools."

Physician, heal thyself! Given the declining test scores, grade inflation, and abysmally low academic standards rampant in public schools, you wonder how anyone can say that "quality" of education is any kind of argument in favor of public schools!

Yet in this world, none of the educational alternatives are really satisfactory. Public schools can be dens of violence and illiteracy, and, at best, still leave God out of the curriculum. Secular private schools will probably do a much better job of educating your child in secular knowledge, but still leave God out of the picture. Religious private schools may simply have the wrong religion. Home education requires special effort, and risks legal hassles and a smaller opportunity for your child to be with others his own age.

Christ, when He returns to straighten out this world, will set things aright. During His reign on earth, none of these drawbacks will exist. Until then, the choice depends on your own unique circumstances: where you live, the age of your children, your income, your ability to teach.

The public schools remain, however, with serious problems. A concerned parent should feel at least *morally entitled* to take greater *supervision* over the education of his own children, whether they are in private school or home educated.

There is a great struggle for the hearts of the children in Western society, between parents and an often secular, humanistically oriented public school system.

And every parent whose child reaches school age must eventually deal with the system's claim on his child's life. In the United States, at least, the right to a non-government school education is constitutionally guaranteed. In upholding that right, the U.S. Supreme Court wrote some of the greatest words in the history of jurisprudence:

"The child is not the mere creature of the state." □

HEALTH

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what words did Jesus say? "If thou wilt enter into life, *keep the commandments*" (Matthew 19:17).

Yes, there is an invisible spiritual law that governs our lives. Mold your life along this law and your life will be *filled* with peace of mind and reasonable physical prosperity. Included will be the ability to enjoy sound sleep. Break this law and it breaks you! This is the fundamental, underlying cause that prevents *millions* each night from enjoying slumber.

Further proof is in Proverbs 3:21, 24: "Let not them [the basic principles of this spiritual law] depart from thine eyes... [so] when thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and *thy sleep shall be sweet*!"

There you have it! By keeping this spiritual law, your life smooths out—you become tuned in to things that transcend the everyday problems we all face. Once you have focused on the purpose of life, ordinary hassles pale into nothing!

The way to restful sleep has existed for thousands of years—God wants you to know this, but many don't heed: "God... told them... where true rest lay, rest for worn souls [Hebrew: *ayeph*—very tired people], refreshing rest, and yet they would not listen" (Isaiah 28:12, Moffatt).

You must make the decision! You can either continue to be frustrated in attempting to solve your problems, by defying this unbreakable law, or choose peace and prosperity. If you'd like to know more about this law and way of life and how to apply it, we have available a free booklet. It's called *The Ten Commandments*. You can sleep better after you read it and do what it says.

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But for "Grandma" Peterson—really my mother-in-law and a wonderfully sweet person—it did. Cancer! That fearsome plague of modern civilization. It struck her as it now strikes every third or fourth person in many nations at some time in life.

She developed cancer of the lung, but she never smoked. That's the way many cancers are—unexplainable. It finally took her life.

But this cancer, as bad as it was, was not the worst cancer she had to battle in her life. She battled a far worse cancer. Moreover, she witnessed the horrible effects of this worst of cancers on the minds and bodies of others. Yet she won the battle over this cancer only to be killed by a less devastating kind of cancer. Let me explain.

Shining Light

The latter years of Grandma Peterson's life, especially her last year's struggle with lung cancer, were a shining example of love and peace of mind to all who knew her. Her light of faith and hope shone despite her dread disease. She was a witness to her husband, children, friends, doctors and nurses who were forced to stand by, mostly helplessly, as her frame wasted away.

She suffered some pain, of

course, but nowhere near what lung cancer should have caused. There was a reason why. God was with her, helping her despite allowing the affliction. She did not feel alone, helpless or hopeless. Her example caused her doctor to remark, "Your faith is seeing you through!" Nothing medical science could offer could do that.

But how glad I am Grandma Peterson had overcome the worst cancer a human being can have. That cancer is not cancer of the human body. It is cancer of the *human spirit*. It is the cancer of fear, hopelessness, lust, hatred of others and bitterness unrepented of and unchanged.

Through all of her ordeal, she had no fear of dying. She was not bitter or angry about her fate. She didn't blame God or anyone. No rancor. No bitterness. No hatred to any man or woman. She knew what life was all about and what lay ahead for her. She was one of those rare women, simple but beautiful in character.

She died as she strove to live ever since the day God called her to His way of life more than 25 years ago. That was the way of faith and trust in God, and humility and love of others.

No unforgiven sin was on her dying shoulder. No unforgiven guilt. Instead peace of mind and hope—even the hope of a sudden miraculous healing—despite her fatal disease.

By phone from her bedside she called all her many sisters and brothers, her four children (my

wife among them). She talked only upbeat and encouraging words. She did not focus on her plight. She wanted them to know things were all right with her.

But then the Great God whom she trusted, in His great wisdom and love, chose not to intervene any further in the course of her disease as He is more than able to do. He allowed her to die.

Do not misunderstand. God did not fail to keep His promise of healing in which she trusted (James 5:14-15). He never does. God is going to apply that healing in the next split second of her consciousness. And how powerful and strong she will be in the resurrection!

Worst Cancer Beaten

I look back at the example set by the life, attitude and suffering of Grandma Peterson. She won the most important prize of life. She withstood all the onslaughts of Satan. She beat down, with God's help, animosities and sins from which she had been called.

God, of course, is her judge. But the Scriptures promise that, in the next instant of consciousness, the saints who are asleep in Jesus Christ will, with the saints yet alive at His return, suddenly rise in blazing glory as the children of God. "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump... the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that

is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (I Corinthians 15:52-55).

Grandma Peterson before her death beat that worst of all cancers—the cancer of the human spirit whose poisonous spiritual cells are revealed in Galatians 5:19-21. I also, must struggle against that cancer. Others do too. That cancer is far worse in human lives and minds than any physical cancer of the body. That cancer has produced every evil in human lives—in yours and mine—today.

We are all victims of the worst cancer. Only, many don't recognize the disease or how serious it is unless it is spiritually healed. You can't heal yourself of this fatal disease.

But with God's help it can be conquered and healed. How? By asking God to give us the spirit of repentance (Romans 2:4, II Timothy 2:25), then repenting of our wrong attitudes and sins. Sin is the transgression of God's law (I John 3:4).

When we repent, we repent of the evil attitudes and ways—the spiritual cancers—which we have allowed or actively pursued in our lives. These spiritual cancers have been injected into the minds of all humanity in varying degrees by an unseen power called in the Bible by the name Satan. Satan "broadcasts" his cancerous attitudes into unsuspecting minds. Such attitudes and moods are reinforced by wrong influences or examples in one's environment (Ephesians 2:2-3).

We put these cancers of the human spirit under the blood of Christ for forgiveness and then grow and overcome past wrong attitudes and ways by the help and power of God's Holy Spirit.

What's the worst cancer, the most terminal and ugly of cancers? The cancer of *unrepented sin*! It leads to enormous suffering and unhappiness in human physical life and to death for all eternity (Malachi 4:1).

Thank God, Grandma Peterson didn't die of the worst cancer. She only died of cancer of her physical body, not cancer of her spirit! □

AMERICA & EUROPE

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Recently the Pope told an assembly of European journalists it was their responsibility to help mold public opinion in favor of a "united Europe."

Watch Poland, East Europe

The stage is being set for some dramatic realignments of power in Europe.

The Soviet Union's *military might* is virtually unchallenged. Yet, its economy rests on feet of clay. Moscow just may not be able to prevent the unraveling of much of its Eastern European empire, beginning now in Poland.

The Soviet Union, says author William Pfaff, is occasionally "capable of sudden acts of realism." As an example, the Soviets permitted the complete freedom of Austria in 1955, providing that Austria become a permanently neutral state, not attached to NATO.

Might Moscow some day decide to cut its losses in Eastern Europe also? The Kremlin would

extract a price. Europe would have to cut its political and military ties to the U.S.

If Poland or other satellites should leave the Soviet orbit, there is a possibility, notes *The Christian Science Monitor's* Joseph C. Harsch, of the reconstitution of what he calls "the whole of classic Europe."

"Classic Europe" is nothing other than a new European alignment along the lines of the old Holy Roman Empire, under the Catholic aegis.

Thus, the final resurrection of the Roman Empire may be closer than you think. This will not be good news for the United States—decoupled from Europe—or Britain either. As British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher recently told President Reagan: "We in Britain stand with you." And a British Foreign Office source told the Associated Press: "She is convinced that Britain's lot lies with America."

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The Truth

ABOUT WATER BAPTISM

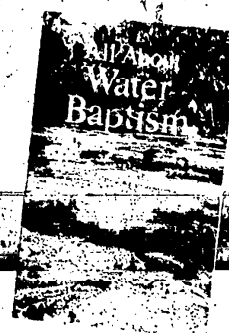
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L E T T E R S

What Our Readers Say

Getting High

Congratulations to Michael Snyder on his fine and very balanced article about drug abuse "Getting High." His insight was able to carry him (and us) beyond the usual one-dimensional statistical replay, or encapsulated horror stories, that are typical journalistic fare on this grave subject.

Pam Mosher
Glendale, California

Silent Holocaust

The article "The Silent Holocaust" in *The Plain Truth* made me think just how low mankind can stoop for 'convenience' sake. The killing of human life born or unborn is breaking God's commandment in Exodus 20:13. I was shocked to read about the 'grisly' methods used; it seems hardly human.

M.P.
Oxford, England

All signs seem to indicate that we are facing a bleak future, and one might well ask whether it is morally right to bring offspring into the world. (name withheld on request)

Where is West Germany Headed?

Gene Hogberg's article entitled: "Where is West Germany Headed?" displays insight; it represents a solid contribution to responsible political analysis. A number of points might be kept in mind about the German Federal Republic: First of all, it is the size of the state of Oregon and seriously overcrowded with about 64.5 million people. Blessed only with an abundance of coal it was its great human resources that made it a first-rate commercial power in the face of post war mass starvation. It is simply too small and too weak militarily and geopoliti-

cally to be able to, or desire to, replace the power of the United States, the Soviet Union or even China. Leverage could be exerted, of course, in tenuous union with France, Italy or some other European nations.

Left-wing extremism, small numerically, constitutes a serious and growing threat both within Schmidt's ruling SPD and, at large, to the quality and the strength of the people. A country that lives on the edge of the abyss geographically as well as economically cannot afford civil disruption in a world that is becoming more and more chaotic.

Andreas R. Wessert
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Born Again?

Your article "Have You Experienced Being Born Again?" was very well written. It was informative, logical and substantiated by well-known biblical scripture. I particularly liked your reference to Nicodemus' reaction to Christ's words when Christ told him of being "born again," the parallel between Nicodemus' puzzlement and our modern day erroneous (I believe) interpretation of "born again" and what it really means.

I also like your intelligent, concise approach to the "emotional" aspect of being born again that is so prevalent in today's society. Finally, your explanation of "born again" makes much more sense than anything I have ever read (believe me; I wouldn't say this if I didn't mean it!). A very intelligent explanation—one that I relate to on a strictly intellectual basis (for I have very little else to rely on, i.e., faith, belief, etc). But when I can relate to something intellectually, it gives me a feeling of satisfaction, and I certainly responded to your excellent article with a definite feeling that something had been

explained satisfactorily. This does not happen very often.

Patricia Kelley
Monrovia, California

Through Islamic Eyes

Your article, "Seeing the World Through Islamic Eyes," was exceptional and very enjoyable. However, Mr. Stump failed to refer to Turkey as an exception to his generalizations regarding a secular government. Turkey is well over 90 percent Moslem yet has a secular government. Although the religion is quite prevalent in day to day actions of the populace, the educational system (in which I was once a teacher) as part of the government is in fact not religious or run by Moslem clerics at all.

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Let me first introduce myself. I have been the Imam of the London Mosque for 21 years (1959 to 1980) and have recently returned to Pakistan. I founded and edited the *Muslim Herald*, an English magazine from London, which is still being regularly published. I am also the author of six books on Islam.

Unfortunately, since my arrival here in Pakistan, I could not get hold of *The Plain Truth*, as I think there is no agency of the magazine in this country. Recently a friend sent me the January issue of the magazine. The article entitled "Seeing the World Through Islamic Eyes" is most informative for the Western readers. Keith W. Stump has done full justice to the subject.

B.A. Rafiq
Rabwah, Pakistan

Personal from...

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ing? The answer is surprising indeed! Those who volunteer to have part in this great Work do find that it **PAYS**—their personal incomes, on the whole, increase! I do not mean in every case—but as a whole!

How can we account for that?

Well, there is that Strong Hand from someplace. If that unseen Hand does not exist, humanity will not survive on earth another 25 years! I know whereof I speak, for no organization on earth has a more knowledgeable grasp and understanding of world conditions, trends and causes, than ours. We know where this confused world is heading. It is simply NOT finding any workable solutions for its major problems.

But there is that unseen **STRONG HAND!** There will be supernatural intervention to save humanity alive. And the revelation given mankind by the Supreme Personage that wields that Strong Hand explains why such a small increase in supporting co-workers could account for that 30 percent increase in what they provide.

Listen to a few excerpts from that revealed explanation: To our own nations, He says: "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?"

And He answers: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and **PROVE ME NOW HEREWITH**, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and **POUR OUT A BLESSING**, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:7-10).

Our Creator and Ruler of the universe **CHALLENGES** us! He challenges us to **PROVE HIM!** He makes a promise. He says put Him to the test! He **PROMISES** to prosper those who tithe to His Work.

Again, Jesus' words: "**GIVE**, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over" (Luke 6:38).

And further, the apostle Paul: "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Corinthians 9:6-8).

We know that we have been given a very great Mission. That Mission is to awaken a drowsy, lethargic humanity to the fact its **WRONG WAYS** are leading all humanity into a crisis that would mean the extinction of human life if the Almighty God did not come to our rescue.

We have been assigned to proclaim the very **IMMINENT** coming of the Great Messiah in **TOTAL** supernatural **POWER** and **GLORY** to set up the **GOVERNMENT OF GOD** over all nations; and to bring this unhappy world **PEACE** at last!

I have said these co-workers volunteered. In a technical sense, if one understands, that is not entirely true. That is, it is not **ALL** of the truth!

For the **whole** truth is, that unseen "Strong Hand" is, literally, the living-Christ who gave His life's blood to pay the penalty of the transgressions of the world, and who was raised from the dead—and is alive, in **POWER**, eternally. It is He who guides and directs this great Work.

And this same Jesus, during His human lifetime, said of His disciples, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you" (John 15:16). In a sense, those having a

part in this great Work with, and under the living Christ have been **drafted**. But it is not a compulsory draft. Except for a full-time special mission, each individual makes his own decision. "And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

Therefore, our co-workers, of their own free will, made their own decision, unasked, unsolicited, by me or any in this Work. Even though called and chosen by that unseen Strong Hand, which they may not have realized, they did volunteer to accept; to **HAVE A PART** in changing and saving the world, under the living Christ!

We know that we are merely poor human instruments in the very Work of the Almighty Living God, preparing the way! Even now, this Work is **CHANGING** the lives of thousands every year. Soon, under the world-ruling Government of God, it will finally result in not only **CHANGING THE WORLD**, but also in **SAVING THE WORLD!**

It was truly a "blood, sweat and tears" struggle in the early years. It still is, today. But willingness of co-workers to suffer privation and sacrifice was rewarded not only financially, but spiritually, socially and in other ways.

This Work, worldwide though it has grown, has never been able to quit struggling for survival. It still is a daily struggle that the income meet the needs. We have to struggle constantly with the budget. We dare not let it exceed income. We have to struggle to find new ways to make every dollar go farther—to give greater **SERVICE** to larger numbers of people.

Paradoxically, as this Work struggles to survive—and to **GROW** in scope and power—it does so to **WARN** a world whose greatest problem is **SURVIVAL**—yet we are the only voice on earth with the **GOOD NEWS** of **HOW THIS WORLD WILL SURVIVE—AND OF THE HAPPY WORLD TOMORROW!** Our co-workers and I **THANK YOU** for allowing us to serve and give! □

MIDEAST

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view, plus the possibility of a new Israeli government with its own new ideas, Mr. Sadat felt compelled at this time to "play his European card"—that is, to take his case to Europe.

In his address before the European Parliament, however, President Sadat was careful not to write off Camp David. "I have not come here to sell out Camp David," he told the assembly. Instead, Mr. Sadat said that the Camp David peace process is a framework from which Europe in its own Mideast initiative could take steps that might lead to the breaking of the current impasse.

The Egyptian President expressed hope that the European initiative launched last June in Vienna would not compete with Camp David, but rather be a strategy compatible with the basic principles set out in the Camp David accords. He said the United States should continue in a full role.

Mr. Sadat emphasized that any European effort should complement rather than supplant the Camp David process. "I came to say to the Europeans: Let us try to combine our efforts toward giving momentum to the peace process," he stated.

Throughout his address, Mr. Sadat repeatedly encouraged the Europeans to bring fresh new ideas to the slow-moving Camp David process. He called on the EEC to help persuade both Israel and the Palestinians "to accept a formula of mutual and simultaneous recognition."

On the subject of the Palestinians, the Egyptian leader told the Parliament: "Egypt urges you to support their right to self-determination and national dignity. This is their God-given right that cannot be denied under any circumstances." He stated that a Palestinian entity "poses no threat to the security of Israel. In fact, it is the best guarantee for it."

President Sadat noted that "the establishment of a Palestin-

ian entity, after a transitional period, would be a positive development to all countries in the region." He said that the Palestinian entity would be too preoccupied "with the task of reconstruction and building bridges with other nations" to be any threat to Israel.

Peacekeeping Troops

The Egyptian President also said that Europe might make contributions to guarantee any settlement that might be reached. Specifically, he called for West European participation in a peacekeeping force in the region.

"The Europeans could provide a standing force under the auspices of the United Nations to make every party secure, both Arabs and Israelis," he suggested. Europeans themselves have discussed the possibility of dispatching peacekeeping troops to the Middle East. Now they have an invitation.

Regarding Jerusalem, Mr. Sadat noted that the bitter controversy that has erupted over the Holy City has proved the fallacy of exclusive control. Israel claims all of Jerusalem—including the Arab sector—as its "eternal capital."

Mr. Sadat declared that Jerusalem must be kept open to all faithful, regardless of creed or nationality. "I hereby urge you to join us in a determined effort to achieve such a goal," he told the Parliament.

Arab states—including Egypt—do not recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. A 37-nation Islamic summit in Saudi Arabia last January called for a *jihad* or "holy war" against Israel to regain Arab sovereignty over Jerusalem.

Key Events

President Sadat's message was well received by the European Parliament, which gave him a standing ovation. His image as a responsible international statesman was considerably bolstered. According to one European diplomat: "It was a signal to [U.S. President] Reagan that when he meets Sadat this spring he won't

be talking to a mere protégé of past American presidents but to a major world leader in his own right."

Major movement on the European initiative is expected beginning in July, when three important elements converge.

On June 30, Israel's national elections will be held to determine the fate of Prime Minister Begin's government. A change of government could lead to a modification of Israel's negotiating stance, but it is too early to tell precisely what new ideas might be brought to the fore.

The following day, on July 1, Britain's influential Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington—the main architect of the European initiative—takes over the presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers. He is expected to be chairman of the next round of talks between the EEC foreign ministers and the Arab League. British sources say that Lord Carrington also plans a formal meeting with PLO leader Yassir Arafat in the Mideast this year.

Finally, Washington sources expect that by mid-year the Reagan Administration will have decided on the details of its Mideast policy. President Reagan has yet to show how he will approach the unfinished business of Camp David.

Mideast Shuttles

Following his address in Luxembourg, President Sadat was given a red carpet reception in Paris. There he had two days of talks with French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, who has long been cool toward Camp David.

President Sadat's visits to Luxembourg and France form only a part of the picture of growing European-Mideast contacts. Not only has "Mohammed" gone to the "mountain," the mountain has also come to Mohammed!

European politicians and diplomats have been traveling to the Middle East in increasing numbers. Since the start of the year, dozens of officials from Common Market countries and neighboring nations have been shuttling

around the region on fact-finding missions.

Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky traveled to Cairo for four days of talks with Mr. Sadat soon after the Egyptian President returned from his European diplomatic blitz. Chancellor Kreisky—the first Western head of state to meet openly with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat—visited Egypt as part of a Mideast fact-finding trip for the Socialist International.

Mr. Kreisky, who continues to push for PLO participation in the Egyptian-Israeli talks, agreed with Mr. Sadat that Palestinian autonomy negotiations should be held off until a new Israeli government is formed after the June 30 elections. Mr. Kreisky also supported the prospect of a more active role for Western Europe in promoting Mideast peace.

Soon after the Kreisky meeting, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher called on President Sadat in Cairo. Mr. Genscher urged that "all parties involved in the Middle East conflict recognize each other as negotiating partners."

In meeting with other Egyptian leaders, Mr. Genscher restated Bonn's and the European Community's position that a lasting Mideast peace settlement "must provide for self-determination by the Palestinian people and the right of all states in the region, including Israel, to exist within secure boundaries."

Other important visitors to the Middle East in the past six months included Dutch Foreign Minister and EEC President Christoph van der Klauw and former British Prime Minister Edward Heath. Mr. Heath, in a meeting with President Sadat, advocated European participation in efforts to settle the 33-year-old Arab-Israeli conflict in order to halt a growing Soviet presence in the area and to achieve greater security of oil supplies to the West.

PLO, Israeli Reactions

Meanwhile, the two parties most directly involved—Israel and the

Palestinians—have been busily studying the European proposals.

Israel's leaders have given the EEC initiative a cool reception. The view from the Knesset is that a European rôle would almost certainly undermine the Camp David peace process.

Israeli Labor Leader Shimon Peres has been quoted as saying that the European initiative "is widening the gap between us and the Arabs, not bridging it." Prime Minister Begin has called the Middle East policy of the European nations "absolutely negative."

The Palestine Liberation Organization, on the other hand, welcomes the prospect of an independent European stand on the Middle East. It objects, however, to the EEC proposal for a referendum among Palestinians worldwide, feeling that such a referendum would undermine the PLO's claim to be the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

PLO officials also oppose proposals that would demilitarize or partially demilitarize the future Palestinian zone.

Europe's Motives

Many observers of the Mideast scene have noted that the European proposals are seemingly far removed from anything an Israeli government could conceivably accept. One journalist has termed the EEC plan "an obvious non-starter."

That assessment may be premature. Given the proper security guarantees, it is possible that an Israeli Labor government might prove to be somewhat more conciliatory than expected.

At the moment, however, the picture does not look promising. Consequently, there have been charges from many quarters that Europeans are simply attempting to ingratiate themselves with Arab nations for economic reasons—that the European proposals are simply an elaborate *charade*, a *pretense* to keep the Arabs happy.

Israelis especially feel that Europe is giving way to the Arabs

in order to placate Arab oil producers. The implication is that Europe is not really serious about its proposals, but is simply putting them forward for propaganda purposes.

Israeli officials have especially ridiculed the idea that European troops could effectively guarantee a Mideast settlement. "Would the European Community *really* defend Israel against a member of OPEC?" they ask.

Undeniably, Europe is economically vulnerable. France, as one example, relies on the Persian Gulf region for 80 percent of its oil needs. Renewed Arab-Israeli fighting would almost certainly disrupt oil supplies. A cutoff of Mideast oil would be utterly *disastrous* to Europe!

Europe certainly cannot be faulted for seeking to achieve greater security of oil supplies by working for greater stability in the Middle East. But the Middle East's instability is a result of many factors, not just the Arab-Israeli confrontation.

Conflicts are rife throughout the Arab world between leftists and rightists, rich and poor, Moslem orthodox and Moslem liberals, national majorities and national minorities, civilian officials and army officers. Potential flashpoints for Mideast war are *innumerable*!

At present, the continuing war between Iraq and Iran poses a significantly greater threat to the flow of oil than the controversy over Palestine. Critics of the European Mideast initiative have thus faulted it as being too narrow in scope and shortsighted in perspective.

Some have also suggested that *envy* and *resentment* toward the United States may have played a part in the launching of the European initiative last year. Washington has long stood in the limelight as the chief mediator between Arab and Israeli. Europe has largely stood on the sidelines.

The West German newspaper *Frankfurter Neue Presse* has noted that in urging Europe to play a larger role in the Middle East, President Sadat "was on

well-prepared ground, for recently among the European allies, too, there is felt a pressing need to take on a stronger foreign policy profile."

What Lies Ahead

A European bid for greater influence in the Middle East should come as no surprise to students of Bible prophecy.

The Middle East in general and Jerusalem in particular is the FOCAL POINT of all Bible prophecy. Through prophecy we can know what is to take place in the critical Mideast region!

Prophecy tells us that despite the efforts of men of peace and goodwill both within the Middle East and in concerned nations outside, forces beyond the ability of responsible statesmen to control will ultimately propel the region into a *supreme crisis*!

Jesus Christ reveals that Jerusalem will, yet in the future, be "encompassed with armies" and "trodden down of the gentiles" (Luke 21:20, 24). The prophet Zechariah shows that all nations will be gathered against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken (14:1-2).

How will these events come about?

Bible prophecy foretells a final rebirth of the ancient Roman Empire in Europe—a confederation of 10 nations or groups of nations to be headed by a superdictator called the "Beast" (Revelation 17). The prophet Daniel reveals that at "the time of the end" this revived Roman Empire will become involved militarily in the Middle East—to the detriment of both Arab and Israeli! Daniel calls the restored Roman Empire "the king of the north" (Daniel 11:40).

It is likely that future Arab pressure on Europe to force Israel to come to terms would involve a curtailing of vital oil shipments. The result would be head-on collision between Europe and the Middle East. Europe would see little alternative but to militarily insure the continued flow of crucial oil across its borders.

Ultimately, the Middle East will become the focus of an all-out struggle by various world powers for world supremacy. Only the intervention of the Hand of God in world affairs will prevent the total annihilation of all mankind!

Utopia Ahead

Peace is coming between Israel and her neighbors. The Middle East is destined to become a stable and prosperous region, free of strife and threats of war!

But first the peoples of that war-torn region will suffer a period of unparalleled chaos and tribulation, a time of trouble "such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever shall be" (Matthew 24:21).

Lasting peace will come to the Middle East—and to the world as a whole—only with the return of Jesus Christ as Messiah to rule the earth! For a detailed look at that utopian future, request our free booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*. □

LIVING

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the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20).

Therefore, if the Pharisees ought to have tithed and not neglected the weightier matters of the law, anyone who seeks to obey God and follow Christ must also tithe and keep the weightier matters of the law, if he hopes to attain the righteousness and Kingdom of God.

A Practical Law

But how can giving God 10 percent of your increase enable you to beat the high cost of living? How can one possibly meet today's rising costs by giving to God part of one's income?

God states in a prophecy for our day in Malachi 3:10 that He will "pour you out a blessing" if you are willing to prove His

promise by paying a tenth to Him. This blessing can come from many different directions. God promises in the next verse that He will protect your goods and sources of income.

He can also provide what you lack and need in unforeseen and marvelous ways. And since God is the source and giver of wisdom (James 1:5), you can also ask for and get a wiser insight in how to use the remainder of your income. And how to eat to stay healthier and cut out needless medical bills. Material goods take on a different look when God guides your mind. You'll come to see more clearly what's important to spend money on and what isn't.

Tithing is somewhat similar to keeping the seventh-day Sabbath. Man thinks he has to work all seven days of the week to make ends meet. But God says that man should work only six and rest the seventh (Exodus 20:8-11). If he does so he'll be more rested and refreshed and better able to make more efficient use the next week of the six days he works.

The same is true in matters of finance and economics. Most people think they have to use all their increase to get the bills paid. But God promises that He will enable you to live well or better on 90 percent of your increase if you will work hard and honor Him by presenting to Him the 10 percent that is rightfully His.

God is a living and practical God. He knows what you need. So if you really want to beat the high cost of living, you need to begin tithing to where Christ is doing His work of announcing the good news of the coming Kingdom of God. The world is in its financial mess because it has cut itself off from God's instruction and blessing. It has forgotten that He is the owner and sustainer of the universe, and the blessing of those who obey Him.

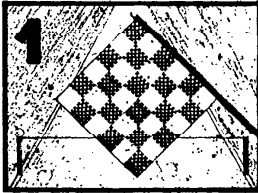
Therefore, if you want God to help you get through this time of economic hardship, don't neglect to seek His will and obey it, and honor Him with a tenth of your increase. □

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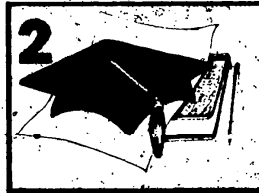
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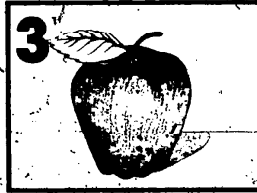
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preparation



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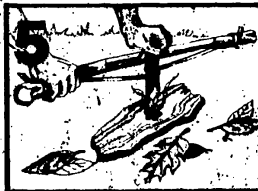
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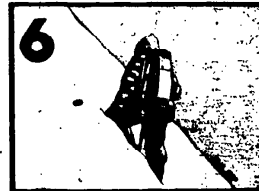
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resourcefulness



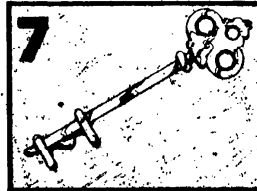
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perseverance



NINE out of ten people will allow defeat to deter them from ultimate success. But with just a little more "stick-to-it-iveness" apparent failure can be turned into success.

The KEY...



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