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A view from 50 miles away of one of the 21 atom bomb tests on Bikini Atoll, May 21, 1956

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Personal from...

In Which World Are You?

I HAD just turned on television. Johnny Carson was chitchatting with a "show-biz" guest. Suddenly the thought flashed through my mind, Who else, pray tell, but a "show-biz" person *could* Johnny interview? Who else was of any importance or interest to the viewing public?

Johnny, I realized, must have only IMPORTANT people—CELEBRITIES—on the show. Show business is his world, and he could not be expected to "descend to a lower level."

I began to think of how many different worlds exist within this world on the planet Earth. And even smaller subworlds within those worlds. We speak of the Free World in contrast to the Communist World, the Arab World and the Third World. Suddenly I was more interested in this new train of thought than in Johnny's show, and snapped off the television that I might continue this line of thinking.

It began to become apparent that certain attributes are shared in common by all these worlds. Vanity, for example—a feeling of superiority over those outside one's own little world, disdain toward other occupations, or professions, or worlds.

Take show business. An actor or entertainer is in *THE ONLY* world that counts! All others are beneath him—or her—and women often steal that show, anyhow. Show business people have their own journals and publications, just like other worlds. They speak their own language, have their own terminology. They are all-knowledgeable about their own world and its personalities, though they may or may not know much or anything outside their all-important world. That would be like knowing something of the civilization on Mars. Why be concerned about a world so far away?

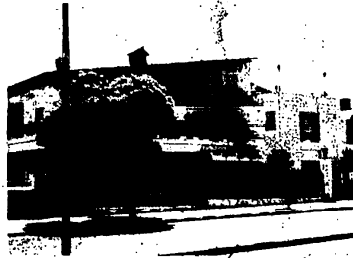
There's *one* world in which all of us have lived, prior to emerging into our present world—the TEEN world. Some have never grown out of it. The primary thing to know in that world was simple—spelled in three letters—F-U-N! Nothing else much counted. We

had our own language, our own "shoptalk" or slang. We didn't have much interest in anything outside our teen world. We were much more important than our elders, though all too often they acted as if they knew more than we—but we knew better, and listened more attentively to the counsel and advice of our peers. Some of us ultimately grew out of that world.

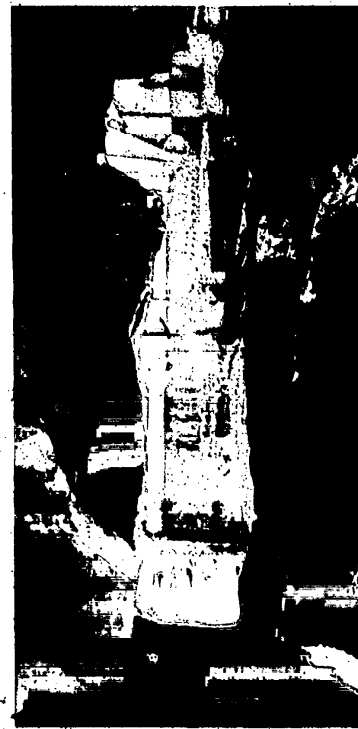
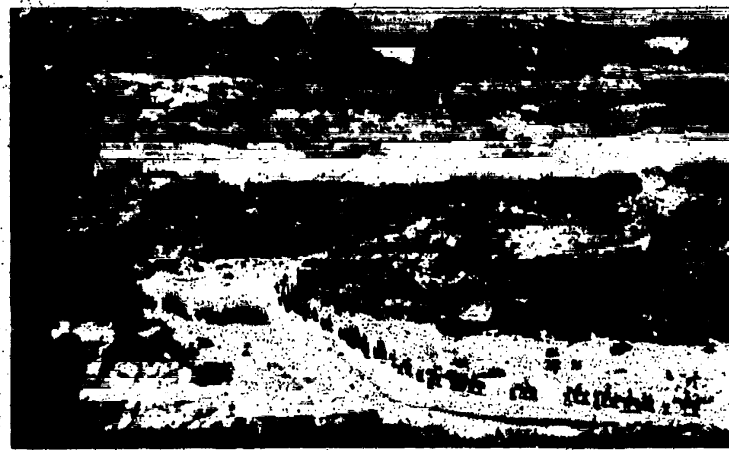
Then I thought of the Arab World. I was over in that world quite recently. Many people in that world know as much about the outside world as they know of some world such as Jupiter or Saturn. Of course they have their own Arabic language, their own newspapers and publications, their own culture. But to nearly all, except the leaders and educators, they are a world unto themselves.

The leaders, however, may be in the international political world. They know, or know about, the leaders of other nations. In a sense, political leaders of all nations are also a world unto themselves. I have come into personal contact with many of them on all continents. They are a sort of private club.

Then the world of higher education, or the academic world, came to mind. I first experienced an inside look into this world in the autumn of 1947, when I founded Ambassador College. You see, I had not gone to college or university. At age 18 I had put myself through a self-analysis and survey of professions, occupations and jobs to determine where I belonged—to avoid fitting the proverbial square peg into the round hole. This research indicated I belonged in advertising and journalism, I was advised by my wise Ben Franklin-minded Uncle Frank Armstrong, who then was the leading advertising man in my state, that no college or university had a course in advertising or result-getting journalism worth the time of day. Also that if I would apply myself, STUDY diligently of nights, choose carefully the texts to be studied, then I could acquire a better education than in college. He had done so, and, in those days, so had many bank presidents or board chairmen in the greatest (Continued on page 39)



SOME OF THE MANY FACES OF JORDAN ARE PICTURED HERE (clockwise from top left): a Jordanian in traditional headgear poses proudly at Jabal an-Nabâ (Mt. Nebo), the mountain from which Moses viewed the Promised Land; a view of Amman, Jordan's booming capital, with 2nd-century A.D. Roman theater in left foreground; contrasting views of wealth and fast-disappearing poverty in Amman; visitors at exit of the *siq* or narrow gorge leading through mountains to ancient Petra, Jordan's top tourist attraction; tourists on-horseback approach entrance to the *siq*.



JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN

Searching for Peace

by Keith W. Stump

Tensions brewing in the turbulent Middle East may soon thrust Jordan's King to center stage in the search for peace.

Perhaps no king and no people today are more acutely aware of the need for lasting peace in the Middle East than are the King and people of Jordan.

The stakes are enormous.

Life throughout Jordan is better today than ever before. Since the mid-1970s, the country of Jordan has been enjoying an unprecedented economic upsurge. Though largely barren and without oil, Jordan has become one of the world's most rapidly developing countries.

But continued economic growth is conditional on peace. Were a major war to erupt once again in the Middle East, Jordan's economy would be severely disrupted. Progress would be set back considerably—perhaps irreparably.

The people of Jordan want and need peace. But Jordanians are becoming increasingly concerned over several disturbing external trends that threaten to upset all they have so painstakingly achieved.

West Bank Turmoil

Take a brief look, from the Jordanian perspective, at what is occurring just across Jordan's various borders.

To the west, across the Jordan River, turmoil and violence are on the upswing in the West Bank region. The West Bank was a part

of Jordan for 19 years until Israel occupied it in the Arab-Israeli war of 1967.

Today, after 15 years of occupation, the ultimate fate of the 850,000 Palestinian Arabs living there is still unresolved. The question of autonomy, or self-rule, for



the 1.3-million Palestinians living on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, remains a key issue in the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Arabs call for complete Israeli evacuation of those areas, clearing the way for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. Israel, on the other hand, is convinced that accepting a Palestinian state would be suicidal, and therefore offers only

a form of limited self-rule under overall Israeli sovereignty.

Continuing frictions have triggered a wave of demonstrations, general strikes and clashes between Israeli soldiers and Arabs. These incidents give urgent warning that the existing situation is not workable in the long run and could *explode* at any time—possibly pulling Jordan into direct military involvement.

No one, it seems, knows the way to peace in this or any other region of conflict (Isa. 59:8).

Rift with Syria

To Jordan's north lies Syria, with its formidable Soviet-supplied army and air force—another major worry for Jordanians.

Jordan's relations with neighboring Syria have deteriorated significantly over recent years. Mutual suspicions have threatened on numerous occasions to erupt into open conflict between the two countries, who share a 240-mile common frontier.

Though mired in its own domestic troubles, Syria could prove a formidable opponent in a war with Jordan. Syria has a 200,000-man armed force, nearly three times larger than Jordan's 70,000-man army.

But Jordan's experienced armed force is considered by many analysts to be possibly the most efficient in the Arab World. The proposed addition to Jordan's arsenal

Economic Success Story

Jordan is a desert miracle. Its economic success story is virtually unprecedented in modern history. Few countries have had to struggle harder with such limited resources to overcome greater obstacles.

The country of Jordan—about the size of the state of Indiana, or of Scotland and Wales combined—today comprises the East Bank of the Jordan River and adjoining desert expanses. The almost landlocked kingdom is shaped something like an ax with its head chopping into Arabia.

More than 80 percent of Jordan is barren desert. The country also lacks the petroleum resources that have vitalized the economies of other Arab nations. Moreover, only about 15 percent of Jordan's land is under cultivation or permanent pasture.

Yet inside Jordan, signs of never-before experienced affluence are encountered at every turn: bustling streets with traffic jams, deluxe hotels and fine restaurants, countless boutiques and Parisian dress shops, forests of television antennas, crowded discotheques and an increasing number of well-stocked supermarkets.

Amman, Jordan's fast-growing capital, is in the midst of an unparalleled construction boom. New high-rise office buildings, hotels, apartment houses

and homes are going up all around the city. Jordan, which has no unemployment, must bring in thousands of laborers from other Arab countries to meet the increased demand for construction workers. It is hard to believe that just a few decades ago this dynamic city was but a sleepy, out-of-the-way desert capital.

Even in rural areas, life is noticeably better than just a few years ago.

How, then, is Jordan's amazing economic success to be explained? Take a look, first, at the main elements of Jordan's economy.

Farming and herding have long been the chief occupations of Jordan's people. Wheat, barley, figs, olives, grapes, fruits and vegetables are among their crops. Livestock includes sheep, goats, cattle and poultry.

Today, industry is also assuming a major role in the nation's economy. The manufacturing of textiles, chemicals, fertilizers and cement, along with petroleum refining and food processing, has taken on steadily increasing importance.

Phosphate mining is of particular significance in the economic picture. Jordan is now the world's third largest exporter of phosphates, from which fertilizers are produced. Phosphates account for nearly 30 percent of the

country's exports.

Tourism is another mainstay of the Jordanian economy. Jordan is a land of surprising contrasts, with a wide variety of attractions to offer the tourist. Biblical sites, Hellenistic and Roman palaces and theaters, Crusader castles, Moslem shrines and mosques, unspoiled desert landscapes and unparalleled clear-water scuba diving are among the country's tourist offerings. And the jewel of Jordanian tourism—the ancient rock-hewn Nabataean stronghold of Petra—draws multiple thousands of visitors each year.

But perhaps Jordan's foremost attraction is its people. In the ancient tradition of Arab desert hospitality, Jordanians seem genuinely pleased to have visitors. The old-fashioned virtues and courtesies are still widely practiced. A woman tourist can travel alone in Jordan without fear of the annoyances that are often encountered elsewhere in the Middle East.

Nevertheless, it remains a fact that Jordan's agriculture and its various industries suffer under enormous geographical limitations. But they have prospered despite them.

Why?

The key to Jordan's economic success has been an uncommonly wise and prudent use of available financial and human resources. While it is

true that Saudi Arabia and other oil-rich states have contributed to Jordan's economy, the infusion of foreign assistance alone cannot begin to explain Jordan's rapid economic strides. Other countries have received much more in aid and have done considerably less with it.

In Jordan, money and talent have been carefully channeled into sectors of the economy where they could have the optimum effect. Unlike countless other developing countries, Jordan has proceeded with a clear and realistic picture of its problems and potentials. The impressive results are a testimony to this sensible and judicious approach.

Irrigation projects have opened up thousands of acres of profitable farmland. Agricultural methods have been improved. Large mining and industrial projects have infused new life into the economy. Promotion of tourism and development of facilities for visitors have paid off handsomely.

Much of the credit for this success must go to King Hussein himself. Acutely aware of his people's needs, he has kept a sharp eye on the country's finances, overseeing spending in accordance with Jordan's long-term interests. A less prudent ruler—as has often been witnessed elsewhere—could have squandered funds indiscriminately for personal benefit and on projects far less vital to the nation. □

of sophisticated new American weapons—including mobile Hawk antiaircraft missiles and advanced F-16 fighter-bombers—would further bolster its armed strength.

But even at present strengths, a

war between the two countries could be extremely bloody.

Iran-Iraq War

Much of the friction between Amman and Damascus is an out-

growth of another problem of regional concern.

To the east of Jordan lies Iraq, a country engaged in a protracted war against revolutionary Iran. The Iraq-Iran war has deeply frag-

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mented the Arab world, with countries divided in their support.

Syria and Libya, for example, support Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran. Jordan, on the other hand, openly supports Iraq. Earlier this year, Jordan's King Hussein sent volunteer Jordanian troops (known as the Yarmouk Force) to aid Iraqi forces fighting Iran. King Hussein sees the Khomeini brand of Islamic fundamentalism as a threat aimed not only at Iraq, but also at Jordan and the entire Arab World.

"What is at stake is the very future of the Arab world as we know it," King Hussein declares. He calls Iran's effort to export its revolution "a sinister, almost criminal attempt to create a rift between Moslems."

King Hussein's alliance with Iraq has considerably strengthened Jordan in the face of a possible Syrian threat. Iraq is also a major rival of Syria. The Jordan-Iraq entente thus presents Syria with the prospect of 600 miles of potentially hostile borders. Syria fears that a new political axis comprising Iraq, Jordan and Saudi Arabia may be in the making.

Lebanese Tinderbox

The story is not yet complete. Yet another threat to peace looms near Jordan's borders—inside the bitterly divided nation of Lebanon.

This war-torn country—once the banking and trading center of the Arab world—has been rent asunder in recent years by divisive infighting and intervention by outside powers. In June, Israeli troops, backed by tanks and jet fighters, struck Palestinian guerrilla positions in what was Israel's deepest penetration of Lebanon to date. This invasion—designed to smash the Palestine Liberation Organization's military structure in southern Lebanon—brought Israeli forces to the gates of Beirut. The PLO suffered heavy losses, from which it will not soon recover.

Despite the setbacks, the PLO declares it will carry on the fight. Observers are quick to point out that the PLO has not been destroyed, only weakened in Lebanon. No one has yet written off the PLO or its role within Lebanon. In the long term, Lebanon remains a potential Middle

East tinderbox—and as such, a major concern to Jordanians.

Search for Peace

Any one of the numerous threats to peace we have examined could trigger a sudden blowup in the Middle East, with wide implications for Jordan.

Jordan's concerns, as we have seen, are not centered exclusively on its relations with Israel. Many of the tensions besetting the region have nothing whatsoever to do with Israel.

Yet Israel is unquestionably a major concern of Jordan. Jordan shares a longer border with Israel than does any other Arab country.

Consequently, Jordan has been closely following developments on the West Bank, as well as the ongoing attempts to achieve a negotiated peace in the long-standing Arab-Israeli dispute.

King Hussein has steered a guarded course since the disastrous Six-Day War against Israel in 1967. It was then that Jordan lost the fertile West Bank—acquired by war in 1948—to Israeli forces.

King Hussein's approach toward the American-sponsored Camp David peace process is a case in point. The Camp David framework—which brought about the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty and the Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai—calls for negotiations leading to some sort of autonomy for the Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Jordan surprised some Middle East experts by joining most of the Arab world in condemning Camp David.

Why?

King Hussein sensed from the outset what some observers are just now beginning to realize: the Camp David approach will not succeed because Israel is determined not to withdraw from the strategic West Bank. The King clearly perceived that Israel viewed the now-relinquished Sinai peninsula completely differently from the militarily crucial West Bank. Therefore, he concluded, Israel would not voluntarily yield effective control over the occupied West Bank, despite talk of a vaguely defined autonomy for the area.

Israeli settlements on the West

Bank—now numbering more than 80 and containing some 25,000 Jewish inhabitants—continue to increase in number. King Hussein sees this as a clear signal that Israel has no intention of ever withdrawing from the occupied area. Moreover, as the Camp David autonomy negotiations remain in limbo, rumors of possible Israeli annexation of the West Bank persist. Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights region has heightened suspicions in this regard.

With no Israeli commitment toward withdrawal in sight, King Hussein will have nothing to do with Camp David. In fact, he believes that with the Sinai withdrawal now completed, the end is in sight for Camp David.

"The Palestinian autonomy proposals will never work," King Hussein declares. "Israel now says that the occupied territories belong to Israel. The Arabs say the occupation must end and the people granted self-determination. I cannot see how these two positions can be reconciled."

From the standpoint of this present world, this tangled dilemma is indeed an unsolvable problem!

The "Jordanian Option"

Yet the search for peace continues. While King Hussein has refused to take part with Egypt in the Camp David peace process, he has also refused to side with radical Arab states who reject any kind of accommodation with Israel.

In Washington's view, a key ingredient for success with any plan is the participation of Jordan. Jordan has a vast Palestinian population of its own—perhaps even a Palestinian majority. Around half of Jordan's 3.3 million people are Palestinian Arabs, most of whom are refugees from past Arab-Israeli wars.

In view of this, American policymakers have long hoped that Jordan might one day enter the peace process, possibly as a spokesman for the Palestinian cause. Some have envisioned Israel swapping the West Bank back to Jordan in exchange for security guarantees, as it did the Sinai with Egypt.

There are reports that some Palestinians living in the Israeli-occupied

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WHY NO SUBSCRIPTION PRICE



by Herbert W. Armstrong

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May I give you some very personal experiences from more than 35 years ago? I had been very successful in the advertising profession, in the magazine and newspaper business. I had pioneered in making surveys of public opinion for a national magazine. That was my background before founding *The Plain Truth*.

I had wondered **WHY** this world

is full of discontent, unhappiness and suffering, with unsolvable problems and troubles amid such awesome material advancement. Scientists and educators were saying, "Given sufficient **KNOWLEDGE**, we will solve all our troubles and eradicate all our evils." Knowledge rapidly increased—but so did troubles and evils. The foundation of the 19th and 20th century escalation of knowledge was the gradual and final acceptance of the theory of evolution. This theory became the basic concept—the eyeglasses through which advancing knowledge was based. The educators and leading minds were saying civilization had now advanced to the point where we could throw away the swaddling clothes of superstition and the crutch of belief in a Creator God. Evolution, advancing knowledge based on it and modern science became the new messiah that were to deliver suffering humanity from its curses, baffling problems, evils and sufferings.

But the discontent, evils and sufferings multiplied. Evolution failed utterly to solve human problems and woes. Modern science advanced until now, finally, it has produced the weapons of mass destruction that threaten to annihilate all human life—to become the Frankenstein monster that could destroy us all!

In the autumn of 1926 I was challenged to examine the *other* concept of origins of matter—of the uni-

verse—and of life upon the earth—the existence of the Creator God! I entered into an intensive in-depth research of origins, of causes and effects. I disproved the evolutionary hypothesis. I found **PROOF** of the existence and reality of Almighty God the Creator. I proved conclusively, after intensive night-and-day study, that the Holy Bible is, indeed, the inspired Word of God—literally **GOD SPEAKING**, revealing spiritual knowledge, history and prophecy (history in advance).

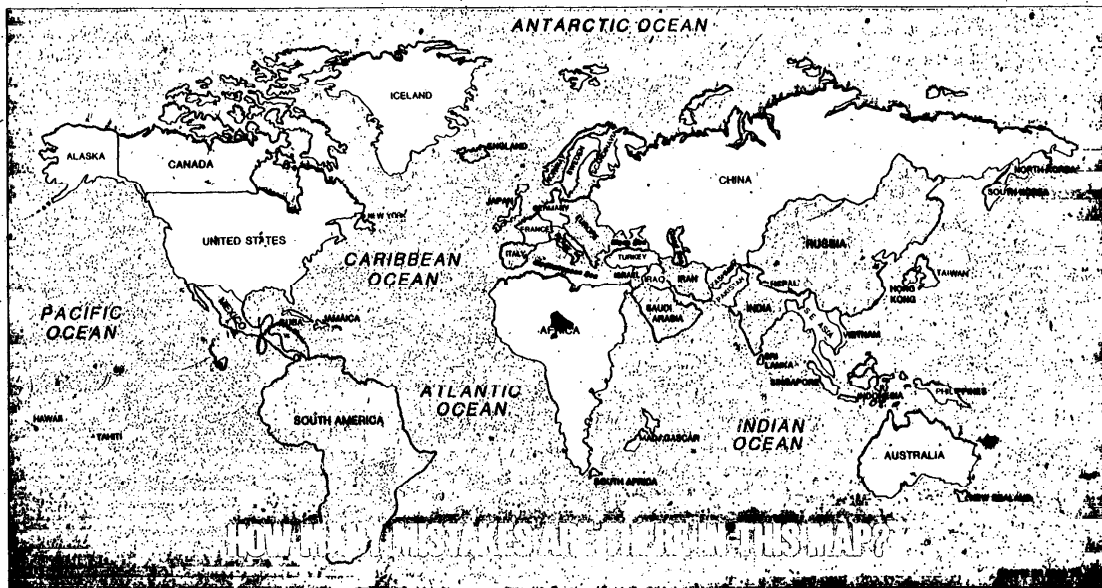
And I learned where I, myself, had been **WRONG**—wrong in what I had been brought up to assume, accept and believe—wrong in attitude—wrong in the way I lived. I learned the **TRUTH** about Jesus Christ—a truth few, strange as it may seem, really know! I not only accepted Christ—received Christ as Saviour—I **GAVE** myself and my life to him, to "brainwash" me—that is, wash my mind clean of false beliefs and false knowledge. To instruct me through his Word in **TRUTH**. He says, in the Bible, that **HIS WORD** (the Bible) is **TRUTH**. As he opened my mind to comprehend, he gave me **UNDERSTANDING** of **WHY** the world is as it is—of the **PURPOSE** God is working out here below, and what shall come in the future.

Having been many years in the publishing field, I wanted to start a **NEW** kind of magazine—to make plain and clear and **UNDERSTANDABLE** this marvelous revelation of spiritual knowledge—of history and prophecy—of life and its **MEANING**—of world conditions and what God has planned for its future. Since the Bible is God *speaking* to mankind—since it is the **TRUTH**—and I wanted to make that truth **PLAIN** and understandable, I decided (and I'm sure God led me) to call the magazine *The Plain Truth*.

But I had learned that God says, "Buy the truth, and sell it not..." (Prov. 23:23); and God's way of life is **GIVING**, rather than getting. I knew this magazine must not be sold, but given freely. And yet my magazine experience had shown me that unless people **ASK** for it—subscribe to it like other magazines—or pick it up by their

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WHERE IN THE WORLD...?

by Keith W. Stump

Geographic illiteracy is a disease of epidemic proportions! Here's how you can avoid it.

RECENTLY, the world of educators received the shock of their lives.

The Gallup organization administered a nationwide test on world geography. Here are just a few of the many "interesting"—but *incorrect*—answers supplied by American 17 and 18 year olds:

The Sinai Desert is in Vietnam. Angola is in the Philippines. French and Latin are the most widely spoken languages in Latin America. Africa is the world's most populous nation. Mexico and Canada were the last two states admitted to the United States.

It would appear that some high school students are a bit con-

fused—to say the least.

Appalling Ignorance

The same study also revealed that only 23 percent—fewer than one out of four—had any idea of the distance between New York and San Francisco. Only 28 percent could guess close to the U.S. population. Only 15 percent could identify Ottawa as the capital of Canada. And 41 percent didn't know that China is the world's most heavily populated nation.

Other government studies and private surveys among American high school and college students show that:

- Only one out of 25 could give the world's approximate population.
- More than half thought Eng-

land is located on the European continent.

- More than one in four thought the Rocky Mountains lay *east* of the Mississippi River.

- More than one out of three could not locate Alaska.

Even more amazing, a government-funded study of American college students last year revealed that many were even confused about *just where the United States is!* Asked to circle the region of the world where they were born, some circled the words Central America or South America. As it turned out, those who had circled Central America had been born in the Midwest, and those who had circled South America were from Tennessee, Georgia and other southeastern states!

In view of this, there are no

doubt some American college students who are under the mistaken impression that the Falkland Islands confrontation is taking place just off the shores of their home state!

It's laughable—or is it?

For decades now, pollsters have had a field day documenting the geographic illiteracy of high school and college students. What disturbs pollsters the most is the incredible lack of knowledge about the vitally important concerns of the day—issues that are widely reported and discussed in the news media.

During the Vietnam War, for example, many American students could not even come near to locating Vietnam on a world map! Many had not even heard of Laos.

A government survey in 1980 showed that an amazing 40 percent of American high school seniors thought Israel was an *Arab* country! And that the late Golda Meir had been president of *Egypt!*

In a study earlier, this year, a majority of students at a major university did not know that war-torn El Salvador is in Central America! Unbelievable?

Not really.

Even more disturbing are the revelations of recent years about the ignorance of basic geography at high levels in the U.S. government.

In one widely publicized incident, a newly appointed ambassador to an Asian country had no idea that there were two governments on the Korean peninsula—one in communist North Korea and one in noncommunist South Korea. Nor did this person know the capital of Australia [Canberra]—or even recognize the name when he heard it!

Some years earlier an embarrassed nominee for ambassador to Ceylon admitted to a senate committee that he had no idea of the name of the capital of the country for which he was being considered! [The capital of Ceylon—now called Sri Lanka—is Colombo.]

A well-read 10 year old in many countries could have easily set these individuals straight!

Cellar Position

Americans today know dangerously

little about the world. For many Americans, the world stops at the edge of town.

This hazy knowledge of the world beyond America's doorstep is a continual source of amazement to foreign-born students studying in American colleges and universities.

Geography was one of the first basic subjects to be relegated to a cellar position in the American high school and college. Today, nine out of ten graduating high school and college students have not been exposed to *even one* course in the subject!

The average high school student in the United States today takes 30 percent less geography than stu-

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dents a generation ago. And a generation ago students took precious little!

The vast majority of high schools no longer teach world geography as a separate subject. Geography has either dropped out of the curriculum completely, or has been lumped in with “social studies”—an amalgam of history, economics, government, sociology and related subjects. And even social studies as a whole are being slighted.

Educators used to believe that a person was not educated if he was ignorant of the world in which he lives. *Not so today!*

Notice the contrast.

Among the questions asked in an 1875 U.S. high school entrance examination were: “Name the countries of Europe, Asia and Africa that touch upon the Mediterranean Sea” and “Name the states of the union bordering on the Atlan-

tic, on the Gulf of Mexico, on the Pacific and on the Great Lakes.”

How many young Americans entering high school today could answer these questions? How many high school graduates? How many college students or graduates?

And how many who admittedly don't know would be motivated enough to find out?

Educational Folly

Few American high schools are acting like high schools these days. In many, the basics are being abandoned in favor of the “trendy” and the “innovative.” At a time when too many young people can't read, compose a simple paragraph or locate their own country on a world map, courses such as “Rock Music as Literature” and “Basic TV Production” are replacing what once were core classes of basic knowledge.

As a result, ignorance and illiteracy are rampant on high school and college campuses!

Education is in deep trouble. The decay of schooling in America is more serious than many realize. Declining achievement rates on basic elements of knowledge have declared that fact for years.

Yet high schools and colleges seem unable to counter the trend.

Why?

Modern education is adrift on a sea of false values, driven by winds of fluctuating trends and fashions. Few seem to be able to agree even on the goals of education, much less the methods of achieving them.

Education has rejected the foundation of all knowledge. That foundation is the Bible! (See “Survival Guide for Students and Educators” in the April, 1982, *Plain Truth*.) Having cut anchor from this foundation, modern education has drifted off course and has lost its way!

It's only logical. Without a knowledge of the true purpose of life, institutions simply cannot provide the proper education toward achieving it!

Thus, high schools pander to irrelevant student interests rather than provide a real education. Stu-

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WILL THOSE in hell leave hell at the time of the resurrection—or are they confined eternally to hell, so that they shall be UNABLE to take part in the resurrection?

What did Jesus mean when he said in John 5:28-29:

"... the hour is coming when *all* who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come forth... those who have done evil, to the RESURRECTION OF JUDGMENT" (RSV).

If "those who have done EVIL"—the UN-saved—shall come forth in the RESURRECTION OF JUDGMENT, what is the connection between that resurrection of the UN-saved, and their being in an eternal hellfire?

It's about time we took this question out of hiding, and took a good look at it! *What is the TRUTH?*

Common Idea of Hell

First, what is the generally accepted common belief in our Western world about hell? Here's the terse and brief summation of this popular belief, which I quote from the *Encyclopedia Americana*:

"... As generally understood, hell is the abode of evil spirits; the infernal regions... whither lost and condemned souls go after death to suffer indescribable torments and eternal punishment... Some have thought of it as the place created by the Deity, where He punishes with inconceivable severity, and through all eternity, the souls of those who through unbelief or through the worship of false gods have angered Him. It is the place of divine revenge, untempered, never ending."

Now where, and how, did this

popular belief about hell originate? The *Encyclopedia Americana* states further: "The main features of hell as conceived by Hindu, Persian, Egyptian, Grecian and Christian theologians are essentially the same." The Western religious leaders from Roman times through the Middle Ages borrowed the doctrine of eternal torture from the pagan philoso-

Dante, and His Inferno. It summed up the history of the Christian-professing doctrine of hell. This factual history is rather amazing! Dante lived A.D. 1265 to 1321. Dante, remember, wrote a tremendously popular book, titled *Divine Comedy*, in three parts—"Hell," "Purgatory" and "Paradise."

From the Pagans

Now I quote from the aforementioned book of history: "Of all poets of modern times, Dante Alighieri was, perhaps, the greatest educator. He possibly had a greater influence on the course of civilization than any other man since his day... He wrote, in incomprehensible verse, an imaginative and lurid account of a dismal hell—a long poem containing certain phrases which have caught the attention of the world, such as, '*all hope abandon... ye, who enter here!*' This had a tremendous impression and influence on the popular Christian thought and teaching. His *Inferno* was based on Virgil and Plato."

Dante is reported to have been so fascinated and enraptured by the ideas and philosophies of Plato and Virgil, pagan philosophers, that he believed they were divinely inspired. Here is an article on Virgil, from the *Americana*: "VIRGIL, pagan Roman poet, 70-19 B.C. Belonged to the

national school of pagan Roman thought, influenced by the Greek writers. Christians of the Middle Ages, including Dante, believed he had received some measure of divine inspiration."

Plato was a pagan Greek philosopher, born in Athens, 427 B.C., a student of Socrates. He wrote the famous book *Phaedo*, on the immortality of the soul, and *this* book is the real origin of the mod-

IS THERE A HELL?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

If hell does exist, where is it—and can those who are there ever get out?

phers. Certain writers of the Middle Ages had such tremendous influence on the Christian-professing world, that their writings and teachings came to be generally accepted and believed, until it became the doctrine of the Christian-professing world. Among these influential writers were Augustine and Dante Alighieri!

Some years ago, I ran across a book in a large library, titled

ern belief in the immortality of the soul. I have before me, a copy of the *Phaedo*, and in the introductory pages, I read this about Plato: "In fact, he acknowledges . . . three kinds of gods: superior, inferior, and intermediate."

There is the general statement of the popular belief about hell, and where that belief came from—actually from the imaginations of pagans who knew not God!

• What About the Millions of Heathen?

Now, before we examine the common idea about hell to see whether it is TRUE, I want you to consider one or two FACTS. See where this concept of hell, if true, leads us! On this earth are some 4,500 million people. The most POPULOUS lands are China, India and other parts of Asia. In spite of missionaries from the West, actually *more than half* of all the people on this earth *have never so much as HEARD* the ONLY name by which men may be SAVED—the name of Jesus CHRIST! Now is there some *other* way by which men may be saved? The Bible says there is NOT!

That means that thousands of millions of people on this earth have lived, and DIED, without ever having known anything about Christian salvation—without SAVING KNOWLEDGE—never having heard the ONLY name by which men may be saved! Now think what that means! If all *unsaved* go immediately to hell at death—the hell commonly believed in—then more than HALF of the people who have lived on this earth have been consigned there—and they are there, now, without ever having been given so much as a CHANCE to escape it!

Ask yourselves candidly, do you believe THAT is the plan by which an all-wise, all-merciful, loving GOD is working out his purpose here below?

Now *what is the TRUTH?*

We face this alternative: Either the Holy Bible is the inspired WORD OF GOD, BY WHICH THE CREATOR *reveals* the TRUTH on the subject, or else we must fling up our hands and confess WE JUST

DON'T KNOW—we are *ignorant* on the question—because no one has ever COME BACK from such an ever-burning hell to tell us about it, and SCIENCE knows nothing about it. We must believe what the BIBLE says, or we can believe *nothing*, if we are rational and honest!

Does the BIBLE say anything about "hell fire"? Did Jesus say something about hell fire? Yes, he did!

Hell Fire in the Bible

He said, in the passage most often quoted: "And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt" (Mark 9:47-49).

Now exactly *what is this hell fire?* This word *hell* is an English word. Mark wrote, originally, in the Greek language. The word originally inspired, which Mark actually wrote, was the Greek word *gehenna*, which certainly does refer to FIRE.

But in *most* passages in the New Testament where the English word *hell* is found in our English translations, the original Greek word was a *different* word, *hades*—which does NOT refer to FIRE at all, but has an altogether different meaning.

Incorrectly Translated "Hell"

Remember we merely read a translation of the Bible from its original languages. A leading Bible dictionary, called *A Dictionary of the Bible*, edited by James Hastings, says this:

"In our Authorized Version the word 'hell' is unfortunately used as the rendering of *three distinct words with different meanings*. It represents, (1) the 'sheol' of the Hebrew Old Testament, and the 'hades' of . . . the New Testament. . . . It is now an *entirely misleading rendering*, especially in the New Testament passages. The English revisers, therefore, have substituted the original Greek word 'hades' for 'hell' in

the New Testament. In the American revision the word 'hell' is entirely discarded in this connection. . . . The word 'hell' is translated (2) as the equivalent of the Greek word *tartaros*, (II Peter 2:4; compare with Jude 6), and, (3) as the equivalent of the Greek word 'gehenna.' "

The original Hebrew word *sheol* and the Greek *hades* mean the same—the GRAVE, and these original words are so translated in many places. *Hell* is an old English word, and 370 years ago, when the Authorized Version was translated, the people of England commonly talked about putting their potatoes in HELL for the winter—a good way of preserving potatoes—for the word then meant merely a hole in the ground that was covered up—a dark and silent place—a GRAVE. But, Pagan teachings that gained popular acceptance have caused people to apply to the English word the meaning of "hell" which came out of the imaginations of Dante.

The Greek word *tartaros* occurs only once in the New Testament and does not refer to humans, but the place of fallen angels. Its meaning, translated into English, is "darkness of the material universe," or "dark abyss" or "prison."

And now the Greek word *gehenna*. Here is the official DEFINITION of that very Greek word which was inspired by God, and written originally by Mark. I quote from Hastings: "Gehenna: the word occurs twelve times in the New Testament. This term 'gehenna' represents 'the Valley of Hinnom' (Nehemiah 11:30, II Kings 23:10, etc.). The place was . . . a deep narrow gorge in the vicinity of Jerusalem, understood to be on the south side. It is repeatedly mentioned in the Old Testament (Jeremiah 19:6, etc.). It became an object of horror to the Jews, and is said to have been made the receptacle for bones, the bodies of beasts and criminals, refuse and all unclean things. The terrible associations of the place . . . the fires said to have been kept burning in it in order to consume the foul and corrupt objects that were thrown into it, made it a natural and unmistakable symbol of

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dire evil, . . . ABSOLUTE RUIN. So it came to designate the place of future punishment."

Hell—a Place of Destruction

Gehenna was a place of DESTRUCTION and DEATH—not a place of living torture! Jesus was talking to Jews who understood all about this Gehenna or Valley of Hinnom. Utter DESTRUCTION by fire was complete, NOTHING was left, but ashes! 7

Every text in the Bible translated from this Greek word *gehenna* means complete destruction—not living torture—NOT eternal LIFE in torment! THE Bible says, in Romans 6:23, "The wages of sin is DEATH"—not ETERNAL LIFE in torture. The PUNISHMENT revealed in the BIBLE is DEATH—the cessation of life. Eternal life is the GIFT OF GOD!

Then WHY have we been believing that PUNISHMENT is ETERNAL LIFE in fire? And WHY have we been believing we already *have* eternal life and don't NEED to come to God through Christ to receive it as HIS GIFT?

The PUNISHMENT is DEATH. It is the *second* death, from which there shall be no resurrection! The PUNISHMENT is for ETERNITY—DEATH for eternity—ETERNAL punishment—but NOWHERE does THE BIBLE say anything about the PAGAN teaching of eternal punishment. It's eternal punishment, *not* eternal punishing!

When Jesus spoke of being cast into "gehenna FIRE," he was using this expression as an illustration of the LAKE OF FIRE, which THE BIBLE reveals is to be THE PLACE of this final punishment—this second DEATH. He referred to Revelation 20:14: "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death."

THAT fire will be much *hotter* than Dante's imaginary HELL!

What Happens to "Hell"?

Do people go at DEATH to the fictitious hell of Dante's imagination to be TORTURED by flames of fire *forever*—and then are they to be brought OUT, to go into a JUDGMENT, to see if God had made a mistake in having punished them so long in this "hell"?

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Notice Revelation 20:13-15: "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and *hell 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 was cast into the lake of fire." The LAKE OF FIRE which JESUS referred to is a place of DEATH, not of eternal life—the SECOND DEATH—ETERNAL punishment!

Notice what Jesus said in Matthew 10:28: ". . . fear him which is able to DESTROY both soul and body in [GEHENNA]." Here in plain language JESUS said the SOUL could be *destroyed*—and that it would be

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DESTROYED in this GEHENNA that has been falsely translated by the English word *hell*! Gehenna is a place of DESTRUCTION!

Again Jesus used this word *gehenna* as quoted in Matthew 23:33: "Ye serpents," he said to the Pharisees, ". . . how can ye escape the damnation of [GEHENNA]?"—the second DEATH—eternal PUNISHMENT!

The ancient rebellious cities Sodom and Gomorrah suffered, as we read in Jude 7, the vengeance of ETERNAL FIRE. But they are not still burning. They were burned up FOREVER—eternal DESTRUCTION!

Now what happens in this "hell"—derived from the Greek word *gehenna*? Let the Holy Word of GOD answer: "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the

proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the sole of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 4:1-3).

God is Love—and Justice!

God is a God of LOVE—OF MERCY, as well as a God of ABSOLUTE JUSTICE! If he were the vain, angry, unjust god pictured by the pagans who invented this popular conception of heaven and hell, then, according to the common belief of the illustration of Lazarus and the Rich Man, saved mothers up in heaven are hearing the shrieks, seeing the indescribable AGONY, *writhing*, of their own lost children down in hell—actually able to carry on a conversation with them—yet UNABLE to help them.

Would THAT be the heavenly BLISS it is generally represented?

Psalms 37 OUGHT to make plain to us this matter of heaven and hell. Notice!

"For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away. For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever" (Ps. 37:9-12, 20, 22, 29).

And now, Psalm 104:35: "Let the sinners be consumed out of the" (*Continued on page 38*)

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dents are graduated lacking even the most basic skills necessary for success.

Colleges and universities gear to overspecialization. They focus on the post-graduate paycheck, teaching students how to make a living, but not *how to live!*

To anyone willing to take a realistic look at modern education, the appalling picture becomes painfully clear! Rather than producing educated graduates to *mold and shape* society for the good, modern institutions of "learning" have *yielded* to society. Rather than helping to overcome society's ills, they have *been overcome* by a decadent and aimless age!

Geographic illiteracy is a prime example. Today's lack of basic geographical understanding is a vivid reflection of modern society. It's a symptom of the "Me" epidemic that has been sweeping the country in recent times, of the "look-out-for-Number-One" syndrome. The attitude of many today is simply: "Why concern myself with anything outside *my own* individual world?"

The average American is too busy with his personal day-to-day affairs, too isolationist to be concerned with the international scene. Students are too narrowly focused on career-related matters to contemplate goings on in *Albania* (where's that?) of all places!

Yet our age *demand*s an accurate understanding of the basic facts of world geography and international affairs! "We *desperately need* a population that can read maps," one major weekly magazine recently declared. But we *have no such population!*

Climactic Times

We are living at a crucial time in world history. Forces are even now converging that will soon propel this world into a time of unparalleled chaos and calamity! Regular readers of *The Plain Truth* are aware of the ancient prophecies that are soon to be fulfilled in world news.

Now more than ever before it is time to *WATCH* world news—and watch it *with understanding!*

It is *impossible* to properly evaluate a world event, without an understanding of geographic relationships of countries. Geography makes current events *come alive!* The interplay of men and nations takes on an added dimension when we see the geographic relationships involved.

To understand the master plan of Bible prophecy, it is necessary to have an accurate view of the world. How can one grasp the importance of the Sinai Peninsula in Egyptian-Israeli relations when one believes the Sinai to be in Vietnam?

And your very *life* may well depend on an accurate understanding of world trends and events!

Jesus Christ declared: "WATCH ye therefore, and pray always, *that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things* that shall come to pass [including the coming religious persecution to befall this earth] . . ." (Luke 21:36).

God wants men and women with a concerned *world view!*

What You Can Do

Here's what you can personally do to acquire a greater understanding of world geography and world events:

- If you don't already have one, purchase a world atlas. A new paperback atlas costs just a few dollars. Or you could purchase an atlas at a used book shop for even less.

- Use your atlas. Open it and really *look at* the maps. Begin with a map of the world. Notice the relationships of the various continents to one another. Then go to the more detailed maps.

Locate all those places you've always heard about but did not take the time to search out.

- Keep a note pad or a sheet of paper handy to jot down names of unfamiliar cities, countries, rivers, mountain ranges or bodies of water that you hear or see on the radio, on television, in conversation, in the newspaper and in magazines. Then look them up in your atlas when you have time.

- Listen to or watch news broadcasts with your atlas at hand. Make a point to watch travelogue-type programs and documentaries focusing on current events topics. Your geographic knowledge will grow rapidly in a short span of time.

- Parents, become involved with your children. Encourage them to enjoy the atlas. Show them in an atlas or on a globe some of the countries and cities they hear about in school or elsewhere. Establish the atlas-habit in them at an early age.

- Continue reading *The Plain Truth* each month, and listen regularly to *The World Tomorrow* radio broadcast and/or telecast. They will alert you to the important trends and events in world news fulfilling major end-time Bible prophecies. If a *Plain Truth* article does not carry an accompanying map, *use your atlas!*

In this age of mass communication, there is no excuse for geographic illiteracy! It is time to *awake* to the seriousness of world conditions.

As biblical prophecy unfolds before your eyes, prepare yourself to understand fully the climactic events that will engulf the earth!

Your life may depend on it! □

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HOW MANY MISTAKES?

The scrambled "world map" at the top of page 7 contains 33 mistakes. Rather than enumerate them for you, we suggest that you search them out for yourself with the aid of a proper world map. Be on the lookout for misplaced borders, mislabeled countries, relocated land masses and the like.

COMING SOON— A World With Job Security

by Donald D. Schroeder

Here is a fantastic plan to put the world's economy—and human livelihood—back on the right track!

HOW MANY have been told that the Gospel—the good news that Jesus Christ brought—involves the total restructuring of the world's economy?

And enjoyable ways of earning a living?

Why have so few religious leaders told you these things? Is it because they don't know, or believe it?

There is a cause for today's economic ills. A cause for unemployment. A cause for inflation, economic depression and trade wars that throw so many out of work with no place to turn. God is sending Jesus to this earth a second time—this time to strike at the causes of these problems and eliminate them.

The First Step

What is the first step Christ will take to straighten out world problems? He will remove the primary source causing world problems. And this source is not physical or material.

Christ will first dethrone and chain Satan and his evil host of demons so they cannot deceive the nations anymore (see Rev. 20:1-3). Without this step world peace is not possible. But no human government knows that!

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

War making is one of the greatest curses on humanity. But,

under God's government, this major cause of economic insecurity, job 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" (Isa. 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. 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 military 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 commu-

nism—neither of which have solved nor 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 Zech. 3:10. "In that day [after God's government is established on earth], says the Lord . . . every one 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. . ." (Isa. 35:1, 4, 6-7).

And families will keep their precious inheritance of agricultural

and productive land fertile. How? By resting the land—letting it lie fallow—every seventh year (Lev. 25:1-7). Soil will not be eroded or mined out.

And God's law of elimination of short-term debts every seventh year (out of a fifty year jubilee time cycle) will give debtors a chance to start afresh. God will pour blessings on those who forgive such debts (Deut. 15).

And the year of jubilee, the 50th year of the cycle, will be a time of the most joyous occasion of all. It's when everyone who has had to sell part or all of the family inheritance can repossess it without cost (Lev. 25).

What wonderful ways to eliminate perpetual hopelessness, poverty and dependency! What a happy time 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 of them" (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 hearken 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..." (Deut. 28:2, 12).

No more will nations subject to God's government 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" (Isa. 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 by reeducation 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" (Isa. 30:20-21).

True justice will reign at last.

"Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, [nor] wasting nor destruction within thy borders" (Isa. 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 (Isa. 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 (Deut. 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 (II Thess. 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. Honesty, truthfulness, fair prices, service and safety will be expected in all business and social relationships.

Trade among nations will exist. But it won't be cutthroat competition. People will produce and sell high quality goods at fair prices.

Business and smaller industry will certainly exist. "Beating swords [war machinery] into plowshares" involves industrial capacity. Production of toil-saving smaller farm and other equipment will continue. But men and women won't be slaves to some industrial assembly line. Many individuals may only work part-time to produce such equipment.

Industries that do exist won't be permitted to be giant polluters of the environment. Whatever industrial pollution exists will be controlled to provide safeguards to workers and to the environment—or those industries won't exist at all.

Tomorrow's world will use non-polluting 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 consume-quickly-and-throw-away society will be no more. Reusable materials will be recycled.

Human beings will be taught
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How to Avoid the NEW SEXUAL DISEASES

by Donald D. Schroeder

Suddenly a new host of sexually transmissible diseases are surpassing previous scourges of VD. Shockingly they threaten even infants and children with pain, sterility and untimely death!

WHY HAVE SO many been ignorant of—or blinded their minds to—the greatest communicable disease problem of our age?

Venereal diseases take their name from the word *Venus*, the ancient Latin goddess of love and beauty. But there is nothing lovely or beautiful about these diseases.

Health officials may call for more aggressive educational programs to increase public awareness of these crippling diseases in hopes of stemming their accelerating spread. But *The Plain Truth* makes clear the *only* solution to stop these epidemics!

Why New Diseases

A long and growing list of sexually transmissible pathogens—many unknown a decade ago—has been recognized only recently. Some of the newly recognized diseases now rival or surpass the unconquered plagues of syphilis and gonorrhea, especially among teenagers and young adults.

It is important to make clarifications about some of these pathogens to avoid unmerited self-recrimination or embarrassment.

The term venereal disease is now dropping out of usage among

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health officials. It is being replaced by a more encompassing term—sexually transmitted or sexually transmissible disease (STD). Sexually *transmissible* disease is the most accurate term.

STD describes the true picture of the venereal disease problem as it includes not only diseases spread almost exclusively by sexual contact but other diseases capable of being spread by sexual contact and by non-sexual or unhygienic means.

Some cases of these diseases are not related to promiscuity, marital infidelity or other sexual indiscretions. Some STDs can develop within faithful marriages or with *no* sexual contact at all. (In a few rare cases, even syphilis, gonorrhea and herpes, type 2, can be picked up by nonsexual contact.)

Yet, while certain cases of STDs have nothing to do with immoral behavior, most of the STD epidemic is caused by promiscuous, free-wheeling and permissive sexual conduct. Health authorities estimate between 20 and 30 percent of highly sexually active persons have one or more of these diseases.

Shocking Sterilizer

Researchers have been startled to discover that there may be a greater infectious agent causing genital infections and sterility than gonorrhea.

The recently pinpointed patho-

gen is *chlamydia trachomatis*. Some health authorities estimate chlamydia (pronounced "klay-mid-ee-uh") is already two or three times more prevalent in human populations than gonorrhea.

Before its identification it was treated with general antibiotics as a relatively harmless unspecified nongonococcal infectious agent of the urethra or of the vagina. But far from being relatively harmless, chlamydia is now known to be one of the greatest causes of pelvic inflammation and infertility in adults, and blindness and pneumonia in infant children.

The symptoms of chlamydia are similar to gonorrhea. The bacterium duplicates itself within the cells of the mouth, intestine, lungs and genital region until the growing colony destroys the infected cells and moves on, often leaving scar tissue.

In the United States and other developed nations, chlamydia is thought to be mostly transmitted by sexual contact. However, in developing nations, chlamydia is also commonly transmitted by unhygienic contact or unhygienic practices, especially the improper disposal of human wastes. In these nations, the pathogen is responsible for producing epidemics of trachoma and blindness.

Males with venereal symptoms of chlamydial infection suffer

inflammation and discharge from the urethra. Infected females may have abdominal pain or abnormal vaginal discharge. That's with symptoms.

The catch is, in the words of Dr. William Bowie of the division of infectious diseases at the University of British Columbia in Canada, "When you screen people for chlamydia, you find 50 percent who have it just as symptoms." This alarms Dr. Bowie and other health officials. Chlamydia, they have found, is more subtle in its infectious patterns than gonorrhea but can be just as devastating. Symptomless infections can suddenly produce tragic tissue damage and health consequences.

After testing female students at the University of British Columbia, Bowie found chlamydia present in 7 percent of the population, an incidence 10 times higher than gonorrhea. "To me that's a frighteningly high figure," he said.

To compound the problem, researchers have found that 20 percent of men and up to 60 percent of women who have gonorrhea also have chlamydia. But whereas penicillin may be effective against gonorrhea, it is useless against chlamydia. Only tetracycline or more powerful drugs are effective. Lesser antibiotics used against this disease pathogen, or against resistant strains of gonorrhea, may only drive symptoms, if any, underground. Infected persons feel they are cured, only to have the pathogen wreak havoc later.

A recent study of infertile women in France found 25 percent of the infertility was due to chlamydia. Other studies in Europe have found it involved in up to 60 percent of women with pelvic inflammatory disease (PID). PID often leads to sterility, pregnancy problems or female organ complications.

A University of Washington prenatal clinic found chlamydia in 5 to 20 percent of groups of pregnant women. A New Orleans study found 23 percent of inner-city pregnant women, mostly blacks, had a chlamydia infection, but most didn't know it.

"The real victims of today's STD explosion are babies and mothers—

and would-be mothers," said a worried gynecologist. There is a better than 50 percent chance that an infant passing through an infected birth canal, and infected, will develop an eye disease or pneumonia. Hence the explosion in cesarean births.

"Infertility from tubal scarring might be more often related to chlamydial infection than gonococcal infection," says Dr. King K. Holmes, STD authority at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Seattle. "Our group has disturbing data showing that the fetuses of women having chlamydial infections during pregnancy are at increased risk for premature death, stillbirth and neonatal death."

Chlamydia not only sterilizes as a consequence of pelvic inflammation. But because it causes strictures in sexual organs it is thought to be to blame for alarming increases in ectopic (tubal) pregnancies. "Since each of these pregnancies represents one fetal death, this constitutes an epidemic of fetal deaths," says Holmes. Despite surgery, the majority of these cases end in sterility or permanent sexual tissue damage.

A single case of pelvic inflammatory disease can result in infertility 20 percent of the time, even if treatment starts at the first sign of infection. Three episodes of PID puts the infertility rate at 75 percent.

"Adolescent girls often delay treatment because of ignorance or embarrassment, until their tubes are wiped out," commented an assistant director of adolescent medicine at the University of California's Medical Center in San Francisco. "The sad thing," she says, "is that the reproductive future of these girls is erased before they've even had time to think about it." Many she reports, become despondent when they realize they can't have children.

Scourge of Genital Herpes

Also competing for the position of the number-one infectious STD is genital herpes, technically known as herpes simplex, type 2.

A decade or so ago it was a little-known infection. Today, according to Dr. Mary Guinan of the Communicable Disease Center in Atlan-

ta, it is "probably the most widespread of all venereal diseases."

The disturbing part of this virus is that once you have it, you have it for the rest of your life. The majority of persons infected with genital herpes suffer recurring infectious blisters. While the frequently painful lesions can often be alleviated by medical treatment, the disease is incurable since the virus retreats deep into tissues.

So far, every treatment that has shown promise has failed to knock out the virus. "Genital herpes is the disease which keeps many venereal disease specialists monogamous," says one health official.

While adult herpes sufferers frequently find their lives emotionally and socially upset, greater tragedies afflict the newborn. Half of all babies passing through a herpes-infected birth canal become infected. And one quarter die or are brain damaged. Furthermore, there is a high correlation between herpes, type 2, infections in women and cancer of the cervix, although the virus has not been absolutely identified as the cause.

Again it is important to make distinctions when discussing the herpes problem. There are many herpes viruses. Some manifest different symptoms or hit different parts of the body.

Herpes simplex, type 1, is a common, normally nonvenereally passed virus that causes cold sores on the lips, mouth or above the waist. It is often found in a third or more of population groups. This virus is usually transferred by personal contact with others, by kissing or using the same eating utensils during infectious periods.

Genital herpes, however, is almost always transmitted in sex-related contact. Even autoinoculation from an infected area can transfer any herpes virus to other mucous-membrane openings. Oral-genital sex practices also spread herpes viruses to reverse areas. It is dangerous to pass any herpes infection to the eyes.

Because of the sudden growth and emotionally upsetting nature of genital herpes, the American Social Health Organization has established a program called HELP. Herpes sufferers in the United

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SEXUALLY TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASES AND THE COMPLICATIONS THEY CAUSE

DISEASE CAUSATIVE ORGANISM

DISEASE SYMPTOMS AND COMPLICATIONS

BACTERIAL

Gonorrhea
Neisseria gonorrhoeae

Inflammation of urethra, cervix, uterus, scrotum, rectum, eyelids, mouth, throat, liver; possible spread to other organs of female; pelvic inflammation and consequences; infertility, tubal pregnancy, recurring infections; infection of fetal amniotic sac and rupture of membranes.

Nongonococcal Urethritis (NGU)

Chlamydia trachomatis—causes about 50% of NGU

Inflammation of urethra, cervix, uterus, scrotum, rectum, eyelids, inner ear; infant pneumonia, trachoma; a suspected cause of liver infection, Reiter's disease and fetal and neonatal mortality.

Ureaplasma urealyticum—causes about 30% of NGU

Inflammation of urethra, fetus amniotic sac and connective tissues; a suspected cause of low birth weight.

Mycoplasma hominis—causes 10-20% of NGU

Postpartum fever, pelvic inflammatory disease.

Syphilis
Treponema pallidum

Disease mimics many chronic health conditions (called "the great imitator"). In early stages may cause various sores or rashes on the skin or mucous membranes, or swollen lymph glands. Late untreated symptoms include damage to nervous, ocular, cardiovascular systems, tumors, birth defects, insanity.

Chancroid
Hemophilus ducreyi

Genital ulcerations, inflammation and swelling of groin glands.

Granuloma Inguinale
Calymatobacterium granulomatis

Genital bumps and ulcerations, swelling of lymph glands.

Lymphogranuloma Venereum
Chlamydia trachomatis

Swollen lymph nodes and ulcerations, enlargement of sexual organs (elephantiasis), rectal stricture. Causes different disease symptoms; usually found in tropical areas.

Shigellosis
Shigella sonnei

Intestinal inflammation, dysentery, largely spread by unhygienic practices, contaminated food or water or sexual-anal practices—especially among homosexual men.

Gardnerella Vaginitis
Gardnerella vaginalis

Inflammation of vagina.

? Group B beta-hemolytic streptococcus
Group B beta-hemolytic streptococcus

Early-onset blood infection of newborn; neonatal meningitis and other late-onset syndromes.

VIRAL

Genital Herpes
Herpes simplex virus, usually type 2 but sometimes type 1

Primary and recurring genital blisters, aseptic meningitis, infection of newborn with associated disorders and mortality; suspected cause of cancer of cervix, spontaneous abortion and premature delivery.

Hepatitis B
Hepatitis B virus

Inflammation of liver, jaundice; largely spread by unhygienic practices, contaminated food or water or sexual-anal practices—especially among homosexual men.

Genital (Venereal) Warts
Condyloma acuminata

Location may vary. Disfigurement, benign warts in children, subject to irritation and secondary infection. Can obstruct urinary and defecatory processes.

Molluscum Contagiosum
Molluscum contagiosum virus

Mild chronic disease characterized by small nodules with curdlike contents.

? Cytomegalovirus
Cytomegalovirus

Congenital infections; gross birth defects and infant mortality; mental retardation, deafness; suspected as inflammator of cervix.

PROTOZOAN

Trichomoniasis
Trichomonas vaginalis

Inflammation of vagina and various glands and tubes in the reproductive and urinary system; also spread by contaminated water.

Amebiasis
Entamoeba histolytica

Amebic dysentery; largely spread by unhygienic practices, contaminated food or water or sexual-anal practices—especially among homosexual men.

Giardiasis
Giardia lamblia

Diarrhea, pain, distension of stomach, intestinal malabsorption and ulceration; largely spread by unhygienic practices, contaminated food or water or sexual-anal practices—especially among homosexual men.

FUNGAL

Candidiasis (also called Monilia)
Candida albicans

Inflammation of vulva, genital area.

ECTOPARASITES

Pubic Lice ("Crabs")
Phthirus pubis

Slight to intolerable itching or rash, nuisance. Spread by intimate or sexual contact with infested persons or contact with infested bedding or clothing.

Scabies
Sarcoptes scabiei (a mite)

Intense itching; reddish elevated lesion on skin.

States needing assistance or information on the nearest sources of medical advice can send a self-addressed envelope with their request to HELP, Box 100, Palo Alto, California, 94302. Phone: (415) 328-7710. Persons in foreign areas needing help should contact their nearest health agency.

Other New STD Threats

Three other newly recognized threats to infected persons and infants also need to be mentioned.

Two of these disease organisms are somewhat controversial, not because there is any doubt about their devastating effects on the newborn, but because evidence for venereal transmission is less certain than for other STDs. Whatever the mode of transmission, half of infants who develop severe early-onset infections die, and survivors face blindness, deafness, mental retardation or cerebral palsy.

Another large cause of urethritis, in addition to chlamydia, implicates bacteria that act differently from other bacteria but aren't viruses either. These little understood organisms go by the technical name of *T-strain mycoplasma* (also called *mycoplasma*). T-strains are known to be sexually transmitted. Unfortunately, most doctors' offices are not set up to do screening tests for either chlamydia or T-strains.

Super-Gonorrhea Worry

The first totally penicillin-resistant strain of gonorrhea was discovered in the United States in early 1976. Since then, promiscuous sexual behavior has spread it to all regions of the nation.

Health officials around the world are becoming worried as more and more strains of gonorrhea become resistant to all but the most powerful and expensive antibiotics. "All our steel armor bullets are turning into rubber," laments one health official.

Medical officials face a serious dilemma in treating the effects rather than the cause. On one hand, there is increasing demand for treatment of serious STDs. On the other, recession and inflation have squeezed and cut health department budgets.

Penicillin-resistant gonorrhea

not only is overwhelming health officials' first line of defense drug (penicillin costs about \$1 to \$2 a dose), but it is also overwhelming the second line of defense drug, spectinomycin (around \$5 a dose). In such cases health officials are forced to rely on even more powerful and expensive antibiotics such as cefoxitin (\$8 a dose).

Another disturbing finding amplifies man's futility in trying to control STD epidemics by treating the effects and not the causes. It was thought that most males with a gonorrhea infection manifested early symptoms so they would seek treatment. Many new studies, however, show that between 15 to as much as 50 percent or even more of males infected with gonorrhea are asymptomatic—that is, they do not manifest early symptoms but are spreading the disease.

It has been early symptoms in males who seek treatment that has been the principal way health officials trace and treat their female partners—80 percent of whom commonly do not show early infectious gonorrhea symptoms.

The folly and danger of promiscuous and careless sex are far greater than anyone ever imagined. Many individuals have kidded themselves that their sexual activity doesn't fit the promiscuous mold. They try to redefine promiscuity to make themselves feel better for not being truly monogamous or faithful. They feel they are not promiscuous because they are not having indiscriminate sex with many partners, but only sex with one or two "special" partners.

Health officials, however, report many boys and girls, and men and women, pick up their STD infections after sexual relations with one of these "special" partners. In most cases, the infection was picked up because one of these partners had picked up an STD infection somewhere else at some other time.

Syphilis Too

Another trend disturbing health officials is the 30 percent increase in reported cases of primary and secondary syphilis between 1977 and 1980 in the United States. Also worrying scientists are developments indicating that the syphilis

spirochete (spy-ro-keet) may also be in the process of developing immunity to penicillin and other antibiotics. So far it hasn't happened. But researchers note changes in the syphilis organism that could produce this effect.

Untreated, syphilis can cause nerve, brain or heart damage, or blindness or a host of other serious health problems—including horrible birth defects in babies of infected mothers.

Spiraling Homosexual STDs

A soaring STD crisis is occurring among homosexuals, especially in urban areas with large homosexual populations, such as San Francisco, California. Selma Dritz, of the San Francisco Department of Health, said: "With the relaxation of traditional moral restraints and the emergence of more permissive modes of social and sexual interplay in the past 10 years, some major cities have acquired large, highly visible homosexual communities. The frequent practices of oral and anal intercourse has been accompanied by reports of rapidly increasing incidence of venereal diseases, venereal herpes, and enteric [intestinal] diseases."

Whenever an STD or other communicable disease is introduced into a promiscuous group it proliferates like wildfire. British and American doctors report the serious viral diseases hepatitis A and B, which cause jaundice and liver failure, are increasing rapidly among homosexuals. Some health authorities estimate syphilis and hepatitis are 10 or more times more frequent among homosexuals than among heterosexuals because of the nature of homosexual practices.

Protect Yourself

Some who have been indiscriminate in their sexual lives may have picked up a serious STD infection that now lies inactive or unnoticed; that infection can rekindle and infect a faithful mate or innocent children!

Do you think God is ignorant about all this? To the contrary, God is going to respond—and sooner than many realize! The Creator, for now, is letting human beings,

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The PLAIN TRUTH

HUMANITY WON'T END In a Nuclear Holocaust!

by Michael A. Snyder

There is Good News! A wonderful world tomorrow is coming—despite the threat of nuclear war today.

HOW REAL, thousands are asking, is the threat of human annihilation by nuclear devastation?

“We’ll be lucky to survive to the year 1990,” asserts lecturer Dr. Helen Caldicott.

Dr. Caldicott, a native of Australia, is a former Harvard University professor of medicine and president of Physicians for Social Responsibility. In an interview with the *Plain Truth*, she summed it up: “Survival is the only issue that matters. All other issues pale into total insignificance. If we don’t do anything about it [the nuclear war threat], within 10 or 20 years we’ll all be killed anyway.”

Despite intensive efforts to educate the public, few realize how real the danger of human extinction is. Herbert Scoville Jr., a former CIA senior official, warns, “No threat to the future of civilization compares with the threat of nuclear war.”

Incomprehensively powerful weapons are poised to erase human life—*your* life, *my* life—from off this planet. What can we expect as the hope of the future?

Is humankind doomed as many now believe?

The GOOD NEWS is that humanity is *not* doomed! There is hope. Listen to these words! “If those days had not been cut short, *no one would survive*, but for the sake of the elect those days *will* be shortened” (Matt. 24:22, New International Version).

God will intervene and forcibly *stop* man at the last possible moment from destroying himself. But the Bible also reveals that man *will* use nuclear weapons before God steps in to save man from total nuclear destruction.

What Could Happen

World media attention focuses on the destructive nuclear capacity of the United States and Soviet Union superpowers. Comparatively few look to the potential nuclear capacity of other powers.

In addition to the United States and Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, France, India and the People’s Republic of China are all

members of the nuclear club. And others are on their way to full membership!

Many experts agree that nuclear war probably will *not* start between the two present superpowers, but by *smaller* nations or groups of nations attempting to settle personal vendettas!

The Bible foretold that even small Third World nations would arm themselves with awesome destructive power in the last days of this world's civilization: "Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, *I am strong*" (Joel 3:10).

It is not our purpose here to list for our readers all the horrors of nuclear war. What follows is sufficient to prove that *no other* form of warfare would have as devastating an impact on all strata of society and the environment.

In the first milliseconds after detonation of a one megaton nuclear weapon, gamma radiation would kill everything within six miles. An electromagnetic pulse created by the nuclear blast would fuse all unprotected circuitry within several hundred miles, knocking out communication. A fireball would consume everything within 280 square miles in 10 seconds, followed by a blast wave that would flatten remaining structures within 4.5 miles, and severely damage other buildings dozens of miles away. If the device exploded above the ground, hundreds of tons of debris, now highly radioactive, would be thrown into the air, returning and settling for days afterward as fine, deadly ash.

And the long-term effects are as devastating as the initial blast. If the device exploded at ground level, the surrounding area would be uninhabitable for decades. The high radiation would kill most, if not all, of the bird population, allowing the exponential growth of radiation-resistant insects.

Radioactive particles would cause "beta burns" and kill plant life. Radioactive fallout would be carried into water supplies and aquifers through streams and lakes, rendering drinking water unfit in many areas.

Burn victims and the injured

would find the hospitals obliterated by the blast or clogged with other victims.

In short, society as we know it today would be taxed to its limits by a *single* blast, and unable to function in the event of a major nuclear attack.

The time when the earth will experience nuclear warfare defies description. "In *all* your dwelling-places the cities shall be laid waste [by nuclear warfare], and the high places shall be desolate" (Ezek. 6:6). After the warfare begins, "then there will be great distress [KJV: "great tribulation"], *unequaled* from the beginning of the world until now—and *never* to be equaled again" (Matt. 24:21, NIV).

Why God Must Intervene

Could a God of love (1 John 4:8) stand idly by while millions of humans are incinerated in a nuclear fireball?

Jonathan Schnell in his widely read book *The Fate of the Earth* touches on the answer while raising this question. This "extinction by nuclear arms," says Mr. Schnell, "... would be the utterly meaningless and completely unjust destruction of mankind by men. To imagine that God is guiding our hand in this action would quite literally be the ultimate evasion of our responsibility as human beings—a responsibility that is ours because... we possess a free will that was implanted in us by God."

God does not wish this coming nuclear holocaust on mankind: "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...?" (Ezek. 33:11).

Few understand that God has allowed a period of 6,000 years for humans to experiment with their own governments, their own religious institutions and family life apart from God. And, further, that God only intervenes now as it suits his divine purpose.

Few understand that the first humans rejected God and his way—the way that would have led to peace and prosperity. Man instead embraced way of life

embodied in the verb "get," rejecting God's way that embodies "give"—a way of outflowing love and concern.

When the first humans rejected God's way of life, God set apart a 6,000-year period of time that would allow man to *see for himself* that God's way is indeed the only way that produces happiness, prosperity and peace of mind.

God, as the absolute ruler of the universe, allows man this "responsibility"—spoken of by Mr. Schnell.

Many scoff at God's intentions. But allowing nuclear warfare to almost-obliterate mankind is the only way God can get man's full attention!

"But mark this," wrote the apostle Paul to the evangelist Timothy, "There will be terrible times in the *last days* [the time we are in now]. People will be lovers of themselves [note that the 1970s were called the "Me" decade], lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, *lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God*" (II Tim. 3:1-4, NIV).

Astonishingly, even during the coming holocaust men will refuse to acknowledge God's right to intervene in human affairs. After God begins his direct intervention through the forces of nature to bring man to his senses, "Men gnawed their tongues in agony and *curled* the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they *refused* to repent of what they had done" (Rev. 16:10-11, NIV).

Now this brings us to the crucial point. Why must men repent? Repentance, remember, means to have a total change of mind. And what must they repent of?

They must repent of *sin*—the breaking of God's law (1 John 3:4). "The earth is *defiled* by its people; they have *disobeyed the laws*, violated [KJV: "changed"] the statutes and *broken* the everlasting covenant" (Isa. 24:5, NIV).

The laws of God expressed in the summary ten points called the Ten Commandments are *living* laws. If you tried to break the phys-

Just What Does the Bible Mean— “the End of the World”?

Perhaps you've read the passages in the Bible about the "end of the world." Or, you've heard others speak or talk of Bible prophecies about the "end of the world."

What does this phrase mean? The original disciples wondered the same thing. After listening to Jesus preach in the Temple in Jerusalem, the disciples Peter, James, John and Andrew came privately to Christ and asked him "what shall be the end of the world?" (Matt. 24:3).

In the rest of the chapter, Christ explains the events leading up to the end. But what specifically was meant by "the end of the world"?

Did Jesus mean the literal obliteration of the physical earth? Will the earth explode in billions of fragments and become specks of cosmic

dust? Or does this statement mean that the planet will be cremated by a nuclear holocaust? Many have wondered.

The good news is that none of the above conjectures is true! The Bible reveals that this earth will survive and prosper!

In the King James Version, when referring to "the end of the world," the Greek word for "world" is *aion*.

It does not mean "world" in the sense of a physical globe. It is better translated "age," and is so rendered in the Revised Standard Version, New International and many other Bible translations.

What then does the end of the age signify?

First notice that the return of Christ and the end of the age coincide: "what will be the sign of your [Christ's]

coming and of the end of the age?" (Matt. 24:3, NIV).

Few realize that Jesus is returning to set up his world-ruling government. When he returns, he will subdue all existing human governments and replace them with a perfect, divinely controlled system (Dan. 2:44; Isa. 2:2-4). This act will end the age of man, and begin a new age.

Perhaps you did not know that God allotted humans 6,000 years to work out their own governments, religions and educational institutions and build a civilization apart from God's revealed way of life.

As history records, man has failed to control or resolve the complex problems of war, crime, poverty, inflation, famine and disease. As this 6,000-year period draws to a close, man's problems will modify

until he threatens himself with destruction and extinction.

When this climatic point arrives, Christ will dramatically intervene (Matt. 24:21-22; Rev. 11:15; 1 Thess. 4:16), saving mankind from its own nuclear folly!

Thus, far from causing the destruction of the physical earth, Jesus will return to end this "present evil age [Greek: *aion*]" (Gal. 1:4, RSV), bringing an age of unprecedented peace, prosperity and harmony (Isa. 35:1-10).

You need to understand the basic reason why men and women cannot resolve their problems and rationally govern themselves. For critically important information about this subject and also for knowledge about the real fate of this physical earth, write for our free booklets *Never Before Understood—Why Humanity Cannot Solve Its Evils and What is the Reward of the Saved?* See inside cover for addresses.

ical law of gravity by stepping off a 10-story building, the law would instead break you! And the same is true of God's spiritual laws.

Men unfortunately believe they can ignore God's Ten Commandments, summed up into two overall points by Jesus Christ: that first you must love God above all, followed by a deep love and concern for others (Matt. 22:36-40).

When Christ returns to cut short man's onslaught against his neighbor, will people rejoice and praise God for his intervention? "all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory" (Matt. 24:30, NIV).

The sad truth is that if God intervened sooner, even today at this moment, man's attitude is such that he would argue that he wasn't

given the chance, to prove that he could properly rule himself and bring peace by his own efforts!

The result of this attitude? "Therefore a curse [brought automatically by man's disobedience] consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt. Therefore earth's inhabitants are burned up, and very few are left" (Isa. 24:6, NIV).

The End to Nuclear Warfare

Ironically, many prominent scientists, politicians, world leaders are calling today for what would be the only effective solution to nuclear destruction. Their solution for prevention is well summed up in this statement by Albert Einstein: "I am definitely not of the opinion that the danger of war can be eliminated without world government. Without such a concrete safeguard, the arms race and mili-

matery, world war are inevitable.

"To outlaw anything is of no value," he continued. "We know from long experience . . . that without safeguards such obligations, however honestly intended, are not honored in the event of war."

Man has passed the point of no return. Regardless of his efforts to suppress the proliferation of nuclear weaponry, sooner or later someone will use nuclear weaponry.

The concept of world government, while hailed as a solution to nuclear war, is at the same time universally recognized as unattainable by mankind. Witness the diplomatic jumble that occurs at the United Nations.

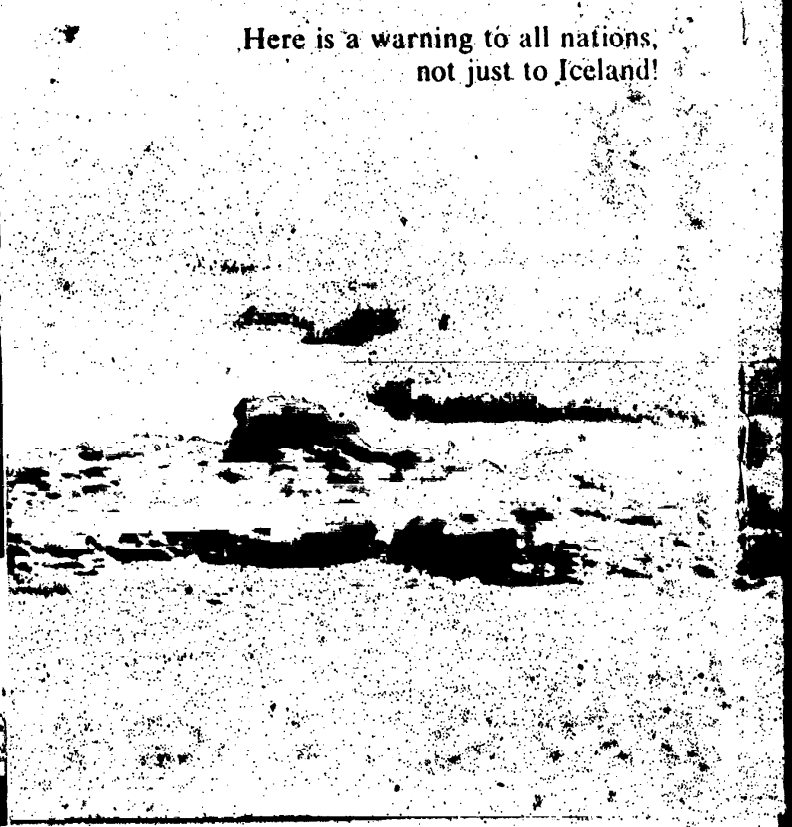
The real and only solution was touched on by a major U.S. news-magazine a few years ago. One of (Continued on page 42)

ICELAND

A Country that **NEVER GIVES UP!**

Article and Photos
by John Halford

Here is a warning to all nations,
not just to Iceland!



Reykjavik, Iceland

JUST OVER ten years ago, a volcano suddenly exploded into life off the coast of southern Iceland, on the island of Heimacy.

The lava flow threatened to engulf the island's only town, and block the entrance to the fishing harbor on which the economy of the island's community depended.

What would you have done? What the Icelanders did? Overnight, the population of 5,000 evacuated to the mainland. But once the worst of the eruption was over, the people of Heimacy did what most people would not have done. They decided to fight back.

Not One Lazy Bone

Day after day, for several months, volunteers pumped sea water onto the lava flow as it advanced toward the harbor. The icy water cooled the molten rock, forming a barrier. Then, as more lava piled up, a breakwater was molded that actually improved the harbor.

Once again, the people of Iceland had pitted themselves against potential catastrophe—and won!

But then, survival has been the keynote of this little country's 1,000-year history. Few places on earth have offered less encouragement to permanent human settlement. It is isolated in the Atlantic Ocean, between Europe and North America, just south of the Arctic Circle. Most of its land surface is volcanic desert and glaciers—uninhabited and uninhabitable. U.S. astronauts actually did some of their training for the lunar landings on Iceland's central plateau, so closely does it resemble the surface of the moon.

Only one out of every hundred square kilometers is really suitable for cultivation. The landscape is barren, windswept, and treeless. The long, dark arctic winter and short growing season makes traditional agriculture impossible. Hay is about the only crop to be harvested successfully. The country is devoid of all the mineral resources necessary for a developed and civilized nation. All its needed oil must be imported. There are no railroads, and outside of the capital, most roads are unsealed.

With a one-crop economy, small population, difficult climate and geographical isolation, Iceland has all the ingredients of a poverty-stricken, underdeveloped Third

World nation. But nothing could be further from the truth. Iceland is a prosperous, modern country, with a standard of living that is one of the highest in the world. Icelanders are among the best-educated and longest-living people on earth.

Centuries of determination, courage and resourcefulness have

IN A NATION that subdues and harnesses the elements, we see, far left, top to bottom, the smokeless old city of Reykjavik, Iceland's capital, looking toward the sea. The city is the world's most northerly major metropolis. As urban population increases, traditional homes are supplemented by modern apartment blocks. From Reykjavik one may proceed even in winter on one of the few permanently sealed surfaced roads through a typical icefield, main photo, to the town of Hveragerdi. Here the importance of geothermal heating—everywhere used in Iceland—is especially apparent. In hothouses grow bananas, grapes, tomatoes, beans, onions and lettuce and roses, hyacinths, marigolds and various shrubs and dwarf trees. Below are fish drying for West African markets. Stock fish are placed on open-air wooden racks along the coastal plains. Iceland's fishing fleets are sturdy, modern, efficient, probably the best equipped in the world. It takes only half an hour to unload a ship's hold. The catch is then trucked to processing plants and readied for freezing.



molded a remarkable people and an equally remarkable country.

How the Nation Began

Iceland did not become permanently settled until the ninth century A.D. Viking explorers probing the Atlantic in their longships settled here with their Celtic servants. These tough, fiercely independent people sought to carve out a new life from a wild and inhospitable land. In A.D. 930 the families of the first settlers met in the valley of Thingvallir to establish the laws that would govern life in the Commonwealth of Iceland. The assembly, of *Althing*, met in the valley annually for centuries. Thingvallir remains a national shrine to this day. It is a bleak and lonely spot—but then, life in the new nation was a bleak and lonely prospect.

But Iceland survived. The Parliament established at Thingvallir still meets today—although now in a fine building in the center of Reykjavik. It is the oldest continuing governing assembly in the world—predating even the British mother of Parliaments.

During the ensuing centuries, Icelanders endured appalling hardships. Famine was a constant threat, as the peasants scratched out a meager living from the poor soil. The plagues of the Middle Ages did not spare them. Two thirds of Iceland's people perished in the Black Death. They lost their independence, becoming a colony first of Norway, and later of Denmark. Eruptions from the ever-active volcanoes further decimated the population, nearly wiping out the livestock and ruining the scant acres of pasture. More than once, when the harsh climate deteriorated still further, the colonial authorities seriously considered abandoning the settlement altogether, leaving Iceland to the volcanoes and sea birds. But the Icelanders clung stubbornly to their homeland. And somehow they survived.

After the fall of Denmark in World War II, Iceland for the first time became of strategic importance. Fearing the Nazis would use it as a submarine base, British troops occupied Iceland in 1940. They were replaced by American

servicemen a year later. (The U.S. still maintains a base at Keflavik.)

After the war, Iceland once more became completely independent. Today, it is a flourishing modern nation. Its small population (only 230,000 in a country the size of Ireland) is proud of its Viking past. Their unique language has changed little in the last 1,000 years. If the first settlers could walk the streets of Reykjavik today, they could easily understand what is said.

Icelanders are among the world's most literate people. They publish



Iceland's fishermen are among the world's most skillful and best equipped. Iceland's major export is fresh and frozen fish.

and buy more books per person than any other people. Reykjavik alone has more than 40 bookstores, and several daily newspapers.

There is also a great interest in the ancient literature of Iceland—the famous *sagas*. These sagas are stories of the struggle for survival of the early settlers. Written down in the 11th and 12th centuries, they provide a fascinating link with history. Perhaps because until fairly recently

their history has been fraught with obstacles and setbacks, the adventures of the pioneers stir the hearts of Icelanders to this day.

Among modern nations, perhaps only the people of the state of Israel have such an ardent feeling for their ancient roots. (Icelandic roots can actually be traced back far further than even the ninth century. Few people seem to be aware of the origin and true identity of the peoples of northwestern Europe. Interested Icelanders should read our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. Although this book does not deal specifically with Scandinavia, some valuable keys to Icelandic national origins would be gained.)

Life Today

Life for Icelanders today has never been better. The years of courage and determination have paid off. The people seem to have a knack of not only making the best of a situation—but making it *the* best. Icelandic products enjoy a worldwide reputation for excellence.

For most of its history Iceland was sparsely settled. Today about half the population lives in and around Reykjavik. It is the most northerly capital in the world—much closer to the North Pole even than Anchorage, Alaska. The warming waters of the Gulf Stream spare it the worst of the Arctic winters, and the climate is surprisingly mild. Most houses are heated by hot water that lies in abundance beneath the surface. The hot water is brought by pipeline to the city, and then stored in huge tanks before being distributed to the homes. Since Reykjavik is entirely smokeless, it is one of the cleanest and brightest cities in the world.

An even more remarkable example of Icelandic resourcefulness can be found at Hveragerdi, a small town 30 miles from Reykjavik. Here the subterranean hot springs are tapped, and the boiling water is piped through hothouses. Vegetables, flowers and even grapes and bananas are grown on the edge of a glacier, only a few hundred miles south of the Arctic Circle. Once again, Icelanders found a way to take advantage of their harsh conditions.

Even so, much food and most manufactured goods must be imported. Iceland is especially vul-

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nerable to fluctuations in the world economy. Inflation has hovered around the 50 percent mark for several years—giving lie to the theory that no democracy can survive consistent double digit inflation. Democracy is in no danger in Iceland. It would be hard to imagine anything less like a police state. The country maintains no armed forces except a small coast guard. Even the president's official residence seems to be unguarded.

The single greatest factor in Iceland's economic survival is the fishing industry. The waters of the North Atlantic abound (at least, they used to) with all kinds of fish—cod, halibut, herring, haddock, whiting, stockfish, not to mention shellfish. They are the key to prosperity. Iceland's fishermen are among the world's most skillful and best equipped. Hundreds of thousands of tons of fresh and frozen fish are exported each year—mainly to the United States and Europe. There is also a thriving dried fish trade with West Africa.

Nothing worries Icelanders more than the fish catch failing. It has been said of the country, "It is a rock in the ocean surrounded by fish. Take them away and what do you have?"

The closest Iceland has come to war in modern times was over fishing rights. Concerned with diminishing catches, the normally amiable nation unilaterally extended its coastal water zone (and thus its exclusive fishing rights) from 3 to 12, and then 50 and finally 200 miles. This brought them into conflict with the British fishing fleets, that regularly fished those waters.

In a series of grim but gentlemanly "cod wars" the Icelandic coast guard took on the Royal Navy. Some shots were fired, but in the end the dispute was resolved in Iceland's favor. Most people agree today that it was only fair. For while Britain and other European nations have a need to fish the waters of the North Atlantic, for Iceland it is a matter of national survival. And once again, Iceland did survive.

What the Future Holds

The fiercely nationalistic and patriotic Icelanders tend to look inwardly. They have a confidence

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in themselves and their ability to overcome obstacles. Catastrophes that might dismay other nations leave Iceland all the more determined to carry on. But if trade and commerce were to be cut off—if the climate should once again take a turn for the worse, if earthquake and volcanic activity were to increase—and if the fish were to die—could Iceland still survive? But surely such disasters are unthinkable.

No. Unfortunately, it happens to be a true picture of the future. Ice-



Iceland did not become permanently settled until the ninth century when Viking explorers probing the Atlantic in longships settled here.

land, like the rest of the world, stands on the threshold of events that will shake civilization to its foundations. No nation can expect to escape unscathed.

Icelanders have chosen to be more familiar with their own sagas than the lessons of the Bible, even though the Bible has been translated into the Icelandic language since the 14th century. But if the sagas are a key to Iceland's past,

the Bible holds the key to its future.

For nearly 50 years, *The Plain Truth* has cried out a warning, making clear the true meaning of biblical prophecies that will shortly be fulfilled. World-shattering events will once again alter the course of Iceland's history. Those prophecies tell of earthquakes and increased volcanic activity worldwide, of great plagues once again stalking the earth, accompanied by famine. It tells of a time when nation will rise against nation, and world trade as we know it collapses (Matt. 24:7). Iceland's history shows just how vulnerable their country is to such disasters.

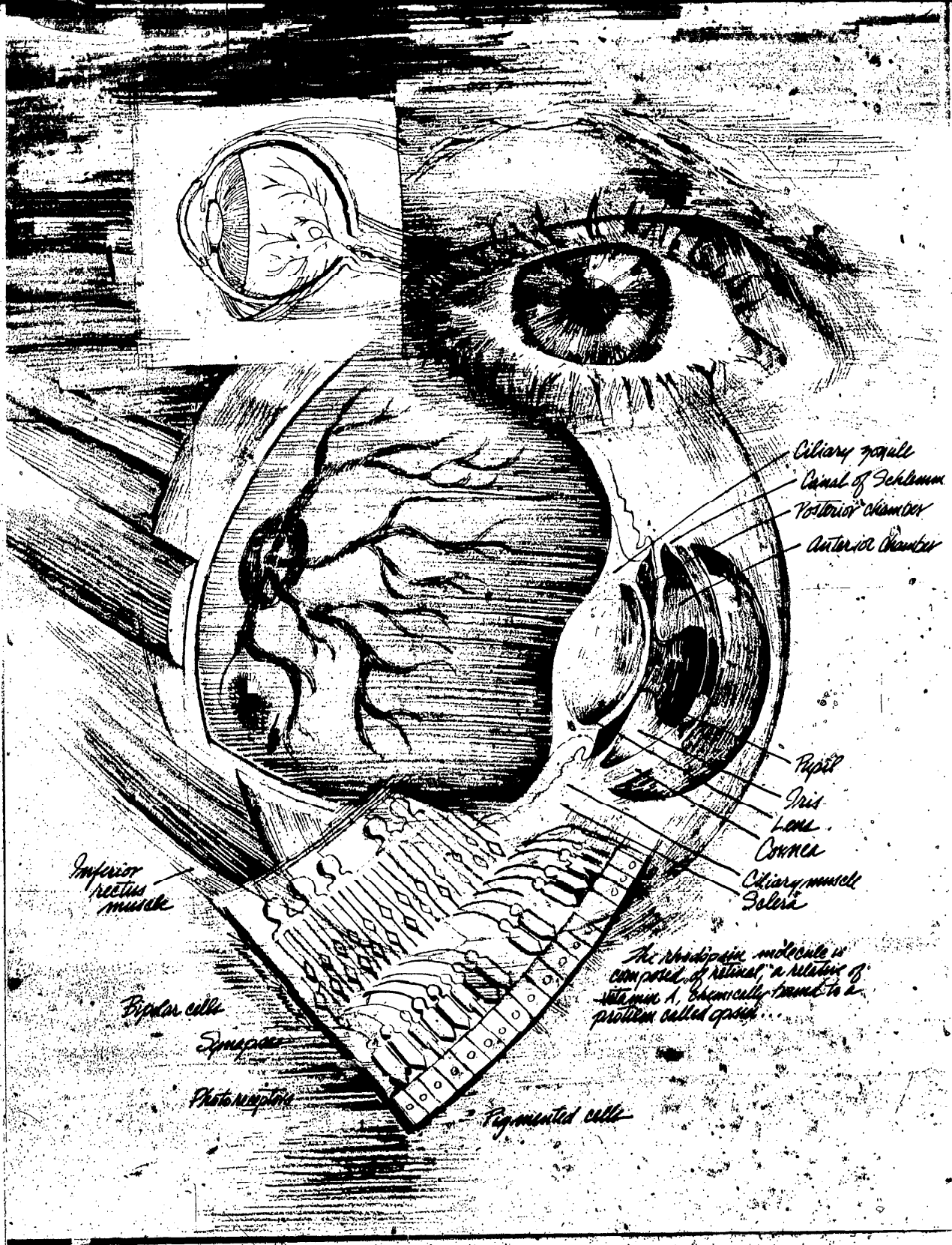
And this is only the beginning. In the final catastrophes that will mark the end of this age, the Bible tells of disasters of unprecedented proportions that will ravage the earth's seas and oceans (Rev. 8:9), culminating in mass death of marine life (Rev. 16:3). Yes—the fish are going to die.

It is time for the people of Iceland to take seriously these ancient prophecies. And every reader can learn more by asking for our free booklet *Are We Living in the Last Days?* If these predicted catastrophes are imminent, then Iceland—and the whole world—is in greater peril today than at any other time in her history. And this time, no amount of courage, determination and resourcefulness can stave off disaster.

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved . . ." (Matt. 24:22). Those days will be shortened. Thank God there is a God who will intervene and save the nations (including Iceland) and establish peace between nations once more. The prophecies of the Bible do not end in gloom, doom and destruction, but foretell the good news beyond the bad news.

God will send Jesus Christ to earth to rule, forcing the nations of earth to work together in peace, cooperation and harmony for 1,000 years.

Iceland will survive. Indeed, the second thousand years of her history is destined to be more impressive than the first. □



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Canal of Schlemm
Posterior chamber
Anterior chamber

Pupil
Iris
Lens
Cornea
Ciliary muscle
Sclera

Inferior rectus muscle

Bipolar cells
Synapses
Photoreceptors

Pigmented cells

The rhodopsin molecule is composed of retinal, a relative of vitamin A, chemically bound to a protein called opsin...

EYE-OPENING PROOF Evolution Did Not Occur!

by Clayton Steep

How does the human eye see? Here is astounding evidence that the evolutionist cannot see!

That eye—the human eye—explained one science writer while attempting to justify the theory of evolution.

How can anything so intricate and complex as the human eye, he asked, have evolved?

He posed the question, but he could give no adequate answer. The best he could do for his readers was make a hazy suggestion as to how he thought evolution "could have" occurred.

Charles Darwin himself struggled with the eye problem. He wrote in a private letter of a time when "the thought of the eye made me cold all over" (Letter to Asa Gray, April 3, 1860). In his work *The Origin of Species*, Darwin conceded: "To suppose the eye with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree."

Absurd indeed! There is no way to account for the existence of such an engineering marvel as the human eye by a slow process of chance natural selections. All of the vital parts of the eye have to be present and functioning if sight is to be possible. Nowhere in nature can there be found developing non-

working eyes. Even the so-called primitive eyes of lower life forms are complete and able to perform exactly as designed. Their intricacy varies from that of their human counterparts only by degree.

Consider, for a moment, how marvelously made are the masterpieces through which you are now reading this. The part of the eye that is visible is only a portion of a gel-filled globe set in a protective socket of the skull. Enclosing the gel are three major layers of tissue. The tough fibrous outer layer is the sclera. What is seen in front as the white of the eye is part of this layer. Also part of the sclera is the transparent covering (cornea) over the opening or pupil of the eye.

Just inside the sclera is a layer of blood-vessel rich tissue. And within that is the layer known as the retina, upon which images are formed much as they are formed on film in a camera.

Light enters by way of the pupil and passes through an adjustable lens that focuses the light rays onto the retina. The human retina contains some 1.3 million light-sensitive cells—the rods and cones, so named because of their shapes. Different ones of these cells react to different luminous intensities and colors. These cells pick up the light stimulus and translate it by a photochemical process into nerve impulses that travel to the brain. In some way not yet fully understood, the impulses become vivid, colorful, moving, three-dimensional mental

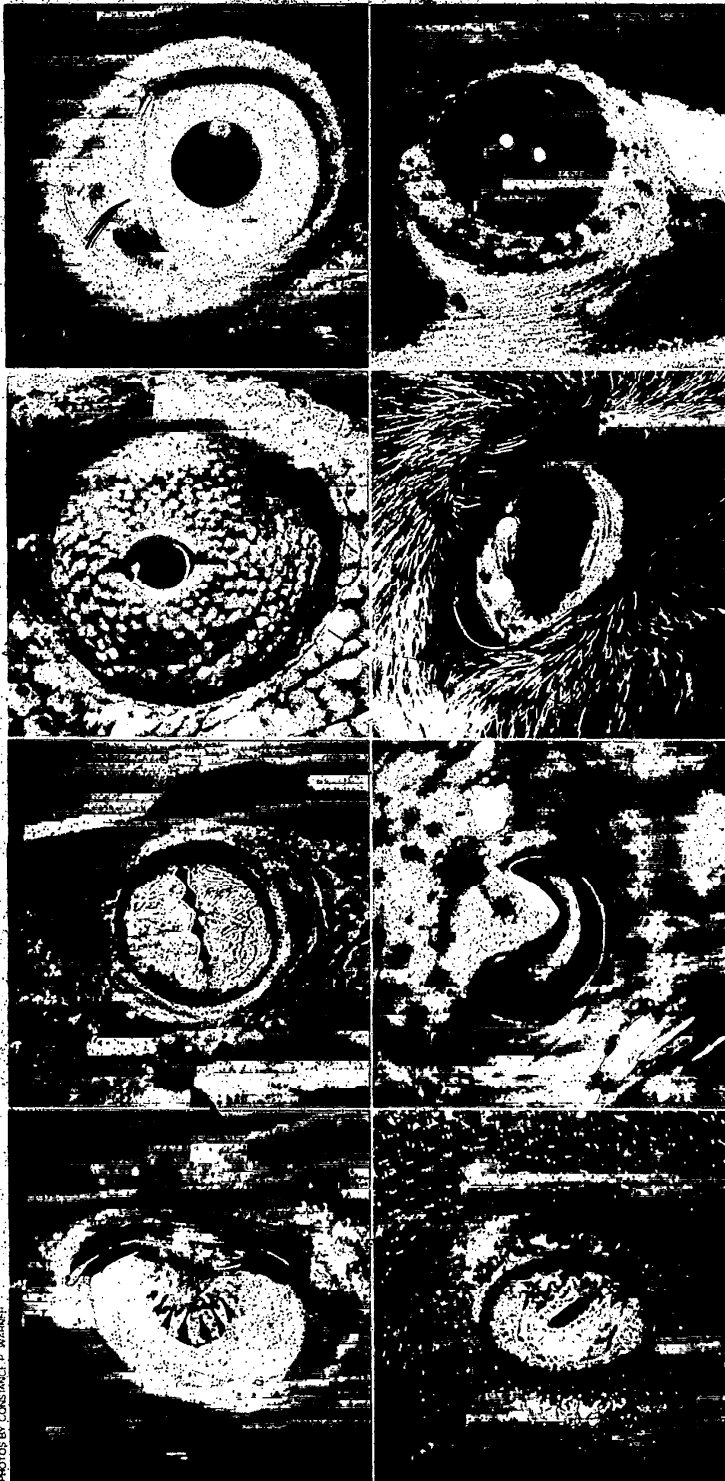
images capable even of being stored for future recollection.

The eye is an incredibly intricate mechanism. Just how complex can be realized by checking a reference work such as the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, where in the 15th edition, for example, a discussion of the eye and sight fills more than 34 pages. The highly diversified and specialized parts of the eye—the muscles, ligaments, tissues, fluids, canals, nerves, pigments, blood vessels—all work together to produce sight. This complex organ could not have developed gradually to fill a creative need.

If the whole eye were there except for the lens, the eye would not work. If it were all there but the retina, there would be no sight. All the vital parts have to be in place or the eye is useless. This is a real problem for evolutionists, since the theory of natural selection holds that creatures evolve only what is of immediate benefit.

In other words, evolutionists themselves must admit that animal life-forms cannot blindly look two generations, three generations or more into the future, contemplate needs, establish goals and work toward them. Evolution cannot plan ahead. It lacks the foresight!

The arrangement of creatures in the so-called evolutionary tree simply does not show a long, slow development of the eye, with splendidly working mechanisms, interspersed with transitional-phase, non-functioning, defective eyes. Each crea-



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ture has been given eyes which perfectly satisfy its needs.

An oyster doesn't have to be able to watch TV in order to survive, but it does need to be able to detect passing shadows. So it has been given small, sensitive spots which can detect changes in the intensity of light. They may be called "simple," but the oyster's sensitive spots are complete. They work and they fulfill the oyster's needs as is proved by the fact that oysters are a thriving species.

Nor can all eyes in smaller life-forms be called "simple." According to the evolutionary concept, one would not expect a small tropical minnow like *anableps*, for example, to have the uniquely complicated eyes it has. It actually has what amounts to four eyes, because each of its two apparent eyes has two separate corneas and two separate retinas. As the *anableps* swims along the surface of the water, one section of each eye looks up with a special flattened lens suitable for viewing in the air, the other section peers down into the water with an oval lens such as other fish have. A true engineering marvel!

It is impossible to account for the eyes of any creature great or small by a process of Darwinian evolution. It is equally impossible to explain them by blind random mutations, quantum leaps or any other humanly devised theory. It took the great Creator God to skillfully design and make the eye.

As the Scripture says: "... he that formed the eye, shall he not see? ... he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know? The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man [like the evolutionary theory], that they are vanty" (Ps. 94:9-11).

The marvelous human eye is God's workmanship. The evidence is obvious and there for all to look at. But, as has often been said, there is none so blind as he who will not see. □

EACH LIFE FORM has been given eyes that perfectly suit its needs. Starting at upper left-hand corner and proceeding clockwise are close-up shots of a king vulture, a double-crested cormorant, an African pygmy goat, a gull flounder, a nurse shark, a little skate, a giant gecko, an African flap-necked chameleon.

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YOU CAN

Revitalize Your Marriage

by Roderick C. Meredith

Here are four goals which can add meaning, riches and abounding joy to your marriage.

WHERE did we go wrong?" the woman sobbed as she sat in my office. Her face was etched with anxiety and despair.

She had come to me for help with her marriage. It was breaking up, and there seemed to be precious little she could do about it.

But she had tried. She had bent over backwards, she said, to try to save her marriage. She had cooked his favorite meals, worn the dress he liked the best.

"Will he open up and talk to you from the heart?" I asked.

"No. I think we passed that stage several years ago. He just says there is nothing to talk about now."

Again: "Does he ever get mad and slap or beat you?"

"Not really. Oh, he sometimes pushes at me in frustration. He's just angry that we're married and says we have nothing in common anymore."

I exclaimed: "Former high school classmates and sweethearts, 17 years of marriage with four kids—and *nothing in common*?"

"That's right."

Does Your Marriage Have Goals?

The above scenario—a composite of literally scores of similar marriage problems I have encountered over the past 30 years of marriage counseling—came about because the people involved had no deeply held *goals* they were mutually

committed to in their marriage.

Oh, yes, they wanted to be happy. They wanted to succeed.

But happy doing *what*? Succeed in *what way*?

In past generations, it was the custom in virtually all nations of the earth for a young woman to marry a man in order to help him in his career, with the chores on the farm, or whatever. In those days a young man often genuinely *needed* a wife to be his partner—receptionist-secretary in his small shop or store—besides the deep emotional need of love and a caring companion with whom to share life. Even beside sexual love, each supplied a deep and profound need for the other.

So they clung together.

However, with the advent of our modern, alienated, computerized society—our singles bars and live-in boyfriends—young people often feel they don't need marriage anymore. They just get married for convenience, for either half-hearted or full-hearted romantic love, or because it's the thing to do and they don't want to appear odd or homosexual.

Ask yourself: "What are the *goals* my mate and I hope to accomplish in marriage?"

"Goals?" you ask.

Absolutely. A successful person nearly always sets himself specific goals in life. Goals in his growing-up years—class officer, band member, star athlete and, finally, graduation in the top third or fourth of his class. Then career goals—supervisor, manager, then vice president, or whatever.

Why *not* marriage goals? Why *not* think about and talk over with your partner specific goals that you can achieve, *together*, in a rich and meaningful marriage?

Be Practical and Realistic

The founder and editor of *The Plain Truth* has said for many years that, broadly speaking, there are two basic ways of life—the "give" way, and the "get" way. The vast majority of human beings tend to follow the get way—and often end up frustrated and unhappy in marriages and most other human relationships.

So realize and understand deeply that you will not be radiantly happy in your marriage unless you give happiness to the other person and not just try to get happiness for yourself. This basic approach and attitude is absolutely essential for *ANY* marriage to be a deeply happy and fulfilling one.

The very essence of true Christianity is contained in Jesus' statement: "It is more blessed to *GIVE* than to *RECEIVE*" (Acts 20:35). There is no situation or relationship in all of life where this teaching applies more than in marriage.

For a happy marriage involves constant giving, sharing, serving, forgiving, encouraging and building up the other person. So *all* of your goals and your approach to these goals, must be based on the principle and attitude of giving to and building up and contributing to your chosen partner in marriage.

With that in mind, let me now outline *four basic goals* that most couples may find they can use as

building blocks to a more fulfilling marriage.

1 Foster a happy home atmosphere as the springboard for career development

All of us need a "nest"—a warm and nurturing place to which we can retreat from the storms of life. It doesn't have to be a made-in-Hollywood love nest, but it should be an atmosphere where we can genuinely relax and still be accepted, encouraged, warmed and inspired.

Are you prepared to give this kind of warm encouragement to your mate?

God in effect said of Adam: "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help suitable for him" (Gen. 2:18). In earlier times, it was the man who went out to work and was the provider. But in present circumstances it is often advisable, even necessary, for a wife to work at least for the first few years of marriage. And again sometimes later on—after the children are on their own.

This situation calls for each partner to encourage the other, and bear with the other on days when things have gone badly at the job. It calls for the need to give the love, the encouragement, the support, the help in facing the storms of life and *thinking through* the best solutions to the very real problems that confront your mate in the sometimes cold and hostile world outside the home.

If each partner tries hard to give this help—and if each one is willing to open up to his or her mate and receive this kind of support—the marriage has a lot going for it. It is a joyous *necessity*—a means to the GOAL of career success and fulfillment—and not just an end in itself.

2 build a deeply satisfying personal romantic relationship and find personal fulfillment

The old-fashioned love stories used to end with the sweethearts getting married and living happily ever after.

And why not?

If they have other goals in their

marriage in addition to this one, then, strangely, this one may be even easier to achieve. Because two people who have no other goals in marriage—nothing else besides love and romance to think or talk about with each other—may find that getting love and romance out of their marriage is hard unless there is more to it than that. They'll do better if they need each other as genuine partners on a farm, in a shop or in the business of building a fine and growing family—or satisfying social and spiritual life.

In this context, however, romantic love can greatly enrich one's life. It can warm, encourage and inspire people to feel that life is definitely worth living—that someone really cares. The total outflowing affection engendered by a truly tender romantic bond between a man and a woman is a beautiful and precious thing. It typifies the greatest bond of all—the relationship between Christ and the Church.

Mindful of that, the apostle Paul wrote: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it. . . . So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself" (Eph. 5:25, 28).

Learn to be sensitive and perceptive of the needs of your mate. Deliberately think on and cherish the good and fine things you see in your life partner. *Ask God* to help you appreciate them, love them, encourage them. Try to understand their hopes and dreams and feelings. Then give of your time, your talents, your emotions and your strength to make their dreams come true!

Physically and emotionally, take your mate in your arms. Kiss and caress him or her again and again. Often. *Especially you husbands!* And tell your wife you love her and deeply appreciate her. Honor her in the way you talk and act. Let her absolutely understand that, to you, she is the most important person or thing in this physical life.

All of you, try to physically, mentally and emotionally give of yourselves to your mates. Enrich their lives. Make sure they are encouraged and shielded by your unflinching loyalty and love from the callous, com-

petitive strife and the cold storms of criticism and even danger they may face in the world outside.

This is married love. It can and should be beautiful and rewarding. It is a goal worth working and praying for. Well worth it.

3 have and rear children in a stable and loving atmosphere and establish a complete family unit

In many ways, it is ideal for a newly married couple to wait a year or two to get used to each other, save money, and otherwise prepare before having children. Good idea, this ideal.

However, I remember that not more than six or eight months after I married the wife of my youth, she looked at me wistfully one day and said: "Honey, can't we start to have children pretty soon? I'm basically happy, but it just doesn't seem like we have a *home* without any children. Besides, wouldn't a baby be so cute and darling and lovable. . . ."—And, as you can see, that was the end of *that!*

So we had four beautiful children for which I will be eternally grateful!

She had come from a large and happy family of eight children. Visiting their farm home, hearing their animated conversation of the delightful times they had, together sharing the chores, the family meals, the trials, the joys—I could see why my wife longed to have a complete family.

Of course, it's not as easy in today's urban societies as it used to be. But I can't begin to describe the deep joys and satisfactions of a large family to those of you who have not experienced it.

You have your own built-in entertainment—live and right there in the home. You can sing together, play games together.

And—if it is approached with love and zest—the responsibilities of providing for, teaching, training, disciplining, encouraging and just plain loving your children builds within you and your mate a deep, deep sense of satisfaction and fulfillment.

As the children mature into

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Falklands Crisis Signals DECLINE OF THE WEST

by John Ross Schroeder

Pax Britannica and Pax Americana are both at an end! No longer can they police the world as they once did. Why?

Following the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, it took Her Majesty the best part of two days to review the Royal Navy. Twenty-five years later at the Silver Jubilee celebration, the Queen had finished the job before the first morning was over.

Admiral Stansfield Turner, former head of NATO, on a recent BBC radio interview was highly concerned about the lack of real depth in the Royal Navy. Lack of financial and other resources has forced a succession of British governments to sharply curtail their conventional naval fighting force over the last 30 years. Why, then, was the Foreign Office so tardy in coming to an agreement with Argentina concerning an equitable disposition of the Falkland Islands?

Sir Winston Churchill was forced to remark that World War II be labeled above all as "The Unnecessary War." How much more has the conflict in the South Atlantic been both unnecessary and a waste of valuable money and precious manpower? After all, the British have already yielded up the lion's share of their Empire with hardly a whimper. Why then did

London allow a series of unfortunate circumstances finally to pressure them into sending the remnant of a once great maritime fighting force into the frigid South Atlantic over property of doubtful value?

The Real Dilemma

Some observers have accused Britain's Foreign Office of gross incompetence. That is highly improbable. A much more likely answer is that the government at Whitehall simply did not want to prejudice Anglo-Chinese negotiations over Hong Kong (a Crown colony of far more commercial value) by a too hasty agreement that went against the wishes of the residents of the Falklands. The same may be said of Gibraltar.

It has been observed that the Foreign Office believes that long-term British interests demand ultimate concessions in the Falklands and Gibraltar in spite of contrary local opinion in both places. It was therefore necessary to indulge in a bit of "foot dragging" until the negotiations with China over Hong Kong were completed. You see, London feared the spin-off effect of a too generous agreement with either Argentina or Spain. It should not be surprising that government leaders should have wanted to avoid any possibility of disturbing either the population of Hong Kong or delicate talks with the Chinese.

Timothy Raison, a junior minis-

ter in the British government, has stated: "There is no doubt that in the complicated set of circumstances surrounding the different British dependencies, if an exception is made for one or two dependent territories it will trigger off desires in the others for an alteration in their status."

Britain wants to hold on to Hong Kong as long as possible. It's as simple as that. The very thing they wanted to avoid—the possibility of a knock-on effect in Hong Kong—confronts British negotiators. Remember that the Falklands crisis has forced Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to repeatedly focus on the primacy of local demands. Similar local demands by the inhabitants of Hong Kong could seriously damage chances of reaching a harmonious agreement at the Anglo-Chinese negotiating table.

Previous policy prior to the Falklands crisis had been enunciated by Timothy Raison. He said: "We have to look at the overall diplomatic aspects and not simply at the convenience of one or two of the smaller islands. We have to look at the ripple effect which would unquestionably take place. This is an important consideration in foreign policy."

But all did not go according to Foreign Office blueprints. Plans sometimes go awry. It may have been relatively easy for Britain to build up an Empire, but the smooth

dismantling of that same Empire has proved to be a highly complex exercise.

British power has been continually on the wane in the real world. Pax Britannica is virtually at an end. The agony in the South Atlantic only serves to force it to our attention. Ironically, the very same Falklands crisis also highlights the vulnerability of Britain's closest ally—the United States of America.

American Misfortunes

The United States really had no choice but to back the British. America simply could not afford to “monkey around” with the affections of its most reliable NATO ally—Britain. Initial attempts at evenhandedness touched off a considerable amount of negative reaction in the United Kingdom.

One Sunday newspaper even went so far as to publish a major article entitled “Can We Ever Again Rely on the Americans For Our Defence?” The author, Michael Toner, felt constrained to write: “. . . In a dangerous and brutal world we can rely in the end only on ourselves in the defence of our people and our territory” (*The Sunday Express*, April 25, 1982).

An overstatement? Undoubtedly, but the article certainly reflected the viewpoint of a fair number of the populace.

The article continued in an acid manner: “. . . Whatever happens in the Falklands, this country [Britain] simply cannot afford to adopt an anti-American stance in the world. Like a faithful family spaniel, we will in the end come to heel.” Bitter words, those!

But the U.S. decision to back Britain is fraught with minefields in both Central and South America. It puts U.S. Latin American policy in serious jeopardy. In the American view, solidarity against the communist threat in the Americas would now be twice as hard for the United States to achieve.

There is now, for instance, little practical hope for Washington's quest to enlist Argentina as a key bulwark against Soviet/Cuban accessibility to the Hispanic nations in the Western Hemisphere. In addition, all but a few Latin gov-

ernments would now feel obligated to embrace Argentina. As it was, most Latin American nations were already cool to the mainstream of U.S. policy even before the advent of the Falklands crisis.

Pax Americana thus is on the wane in the real world. Not only on the globe at large, but especially so on its own grounds in the Western Hemisphere.

Why?

Why do America and Britain now seem to get the short end of the stick? Why do rescue attempts (as in Iran) go wrong? Why are their citizens' rights sometimes flouted in other countries?

Why do many other nations no longer fear or respect the American flag and the Union Jack?

Why are the Anglo-American nations unable to effectively use what power they have? Too often pride in their power has faltered.

Are there spiritual overtones to their declining national fortunes? Does the Bible have anything to say about these two formerly great peoples? Are there biblical prophecies relating to both their former greatness and their on-going decline?

Why America and Britain Are Losing Their Sea Gates

The world's land and sea gates were formerly all controlled and guarded by Great Britain and America. Now—one by one and step by step—they are all falling into the hands of other nations.

In modern history America has controlled Pacific island outposts such as the Aleutians, Hawaii, Midway, Guam, Wake Island and the Philippines. These vital islands stood as advance guard stations that led to the ultimate defeat of the Japanese Empire.

British naval forces patrolled Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), the Straits of Malacca, Singapore, Hong Kong, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and the southern tip of South Africa. British rule extended throughout India, controlling the Khyber Pass—the only land gate from North India to Afghanistan—a major artery of India's overland trade.

Britain herself, stood like a lion

offshore of Europe—with the English Channel an almost insurmountable obstacle to attacking armies during World War II—effectively blocking the warm-water ports of the Baltic. The Falkland Islands, standing offshore of Argentina, gave the British control of the Straits of Magellan.

Of course, the most obvious sea gates of all are Suez (already lost), Panama and Gibraltar. Even today a couple of nuclear-armed submarines alone could effectively block the Strait of Gibraltar.

Suez went in 1956 and the Panama Canal is all but Panamanian. In the long run the British government fully intends to negotiate away Gibraltar. And the long-term future of the Falklands is very doubtful, no matter the outcome of the current crisis.

Long ago, God Almighty made specific promises to Abraham and his seed that, strangely, have been fulfilled—and are being fulfilled—by the English peoples of the world. Or is it so strange? God promised: “In blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies” (Gen. 22:17).

Later the relatives of Rebekah, at the time of her engagement to Abraham's son, Isaac, were inspired to utter a most remarkable prophecy: “Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them” (Gen. 24:60).

The descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were promised every blessing, gift, encouragement, aid and comfort (that uniquely came to be the birthright of the English peoples) if they would observe the laws of the Eternal God (Deut. 28:1-2).

If they would decide *not* to keep the commandments of the Creator, God also promised to send “. . . cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand . . . to do, until thou be destroyed . . .” (verse 20—see also verses 15-19).

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ART

The Good, the Bad and the In-Between

by Clayton Steep

How can we determine what is truly worthwhile in the realm of literature, art, music, the theater?

ON EVERY SIDE we are exposed to what is rightly or wrongly called artistic creativity.

It either serenades us or it blasts at us from radios and stereos. It soothes our eyes or it assaults them from the printed page. It entertains, transports or repulses us on stage, television or in the movies. Involved are music, literature, sculpture, dancing, painting, architecture—all forms of human artistic endeavor.

Since ancient times discussions have raged as to what is good, beautiful and moral in the arts. Greek philosophers argued about it. Medieval thinkers pondered it. Modern critics have tried to define it. The only conclusion most people seem to agree on is that beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder.

But is that all there is to the arts? Are there no standards by which one may judge artistic expression?

Who Is Right?

"It really turns me on!" raved the young art student of his latest effort. His "work of art" was among 200 selected out of more than a 1,000 entries for an exhibi-

tion. His entry was not a fine painting. Nor an intricate sculpture. Nor was it a delicate piece of pottery. It was 180 feet of black masking tape stretched across the exhibition hall floor in two 90-foot parallel lines.

Explained the curator of the exhibit, "It preempts space, in a way. It outlines space." "And like, it doesn't get in the way," added the artist. "That's important."

Just what did all that mean? Apparently the artist, the curator and a panel of judges considered the tape as having artistic value. Perhaps some of those who visited the gallery were also of that opinion. Others, one may be sure, would not agree.

Who was right?

Did you ever take children to a movie rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested) only to be appalled at the language, the suggestive sex and the violence of the film? Somebody on some board obviously considered the film suitable art for children, with some parental guidance. You may have felt that the suitable "parental guidance" would be to firmly grab the children by the hand and *guide* them out of their seats and out of the theater!

Which evaluation of the film's merits as art for children was correct? Yours? That of those

responsible for officially rating films? That of the theater management?

What about the neighbor who plays rock music so loudly it can be heard all over the block? He thinks it's exciting and can't understand why anybody else would disagree. You, however, may consider semi-classical music as the ultimate in artistic expression. Another difference of opinion.

Some say art is good if it gives pleasure. On this basis pornography is art since it gives temporary pleasure to a certain small segment of society, though society as a whole disapproves of it.

If it is left up to each individual to decide what is good in the field of the arts, there can be no agreement or standards, since each person views the matter from his own perspective. That's exactly why the term "art" is today applied to such a confusing assortment of endeavors, ranging from the sorry to the sublime.

What Is Art?

What is art anyway?

Basically art is an impelling, even emotional, urge to express one's feelings through some workmanship or action that will in turn communicate those feelings to others or allow others to experience them. Tolstoy defined it this way:

"Art is a human activity consisting in this, that one man consciously, by means of certain external signs, hands on to others feelings he has lived through and that other people are infected by these feelings, and also experience them."

Artistic creativity is one of the abilities that set human beings apart from animals. No animal can paint a landscape, compose a poem, read music or make an identifiable image of something in clay or marble.

In an attempt to prove evolution-

art—art that is beautiful, pleasurable and good.

All of creation reflects his genius. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork" (Ps. 19:1). Color, shape, contrast, harmony, movement, sound, rhythm, proportion, composition, structure, feeling, craftsmanship—God excels in it all.

The universe and all the marvels in it constitute one gigantic art museum exhibiting God's skill. That's why King David of Israel

He asked Job where he was when the earth was being molded and fashioned. "Where were you, when I laid the foundation of the earth?" God demanded. "Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? Or what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone?" (Job 38:4-6, RSV).

God planned, measured, designed and put it all together. And it was very good—so good the angels who watched God at work



any relationships, paint brushes have been given to members of the monkey family. The amused apes have slopped paint on canvases, using brushes, fists and feet alike. The results have been pointed to as examples of primitive "art." They have been pointed to—that is, when they have been successfully snatched away before the quickly bored "artists" have begun to eat at or otherwise destroy their art work!

Let's be serious! Without qualities such as those found in the human mind, true art is not possible. But where did we as human beings obtain our ability to engage in artistic creativity?

The answer is, we have been given the ability (to whatever degree we may have it) by God—the very first and greatest Artist of all! He is the origin of true

stated, "I meditate on all thy works; I muse [that's what a museum is for!] on the work of thy hands" (Ps. 143:5).

God is the Master Potter and we are his artistry. "We are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand," the prophet Isaiah declared to God (Isa. 64:8). In fact, human beings who yield themselves to their Maker are privileged to become God's greatest masterpiece of all—members of his immortal family, exhibiting that divine character that is his ultimate "workmanship" (Eph. 2:10).

We get a glimpse of the Master Artist at work in a conversation he once had with the patriarch Job. Job was proud about some of his own accomplishments and needed to be humbled, so God asked him some very direct questions.

"sang together" and "shouted for joy" (verse 7). Yes, God's artwork was beautiful and it gave pleasure to others.

Notice also that the angels engaged in the art of "singing together." This likewise was an artistic talent, one that came from God, for the angels themselves were some of God's handiwork. We get an idea of how splendid was the angelic host by looking at Ezekiel 28:12, where one of the highest ranking angels is described. He was "the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty" (RSV). His ornaments were precious stones of every kind (verse 13).

Unfortunately, as surely as if someone slashed a Rembrandt with a knife, a portion of God's workmanship became ruined. This superior angelic being and others of the

angels revolted against God. Once beautiful spirit beings became corrupt (verse 17). Artistic abilities in this created being, now became satanic. His gifts had become perverted.

Here is the real origin of corrupt art! This once glorious being, now called Satan, has chosen the way of disobedience and has palmed off his perverted ideas and ways onto humanity. What we see today is the expression of inherited artistic creativity, which is good, being the expression of God-given talents

God's laws as revealed in his written Word—the Bible. God's laws, written in the Bible, were given to man to define what is good. Whatever in the arts blatantly infringes the Ten Commandments is not good art. One should never become engrossed in literature, movies, music, or other art forms that openly revel in and promote lust, coveting, sexual perversions, violent behavior, and other evils forbidden in the Ten Commandments or other lesser laws.

The basic all-inclusive principle

knowledge of God—would mean that most art on earth would have to be rejected, since humanity as a whole has been cut off from God. This is certainly not the criterion for making a judgment. Even the apostle Paul was familiar with and quoted from the poetic artistry of pagan Greek writers (Acts 17:28).

We must learn to perceive what is the overall intent of a particular effort in the arts. We should appreciate that which is an expression of the spirit in man,



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developed by humans, and a whole array of creative ideas that have been unknowingly influenced by invisible moods, beamed into human minds, from satanic forces. The world, of course, doesn't want to believe there is a Satan. But the whole world is deceived (Rev. 12:9).

That brings us back to our original question: How are humans to tell what is good art and what is not?

A Standard?

In the world tomorrow the problem of the perversion of art will not exist. Art will be executed in accord with God's ways or it simply will be corrected.

Today we are confronted with a mixture of human-devised values. As a result we must decide what is acceptable based on the standard of

is given in I Corinthians 10:31, "whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." (See also Colossians 3:17.) A more detailed guideline for judging life experiences—including artistic endeavor—is found in Philippians 4:8, "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (RSV)

In light of instructions such as these, much that is wrong in the field of the arts becomes immediately obvious. But in this confused world the issue is not always so clear cut. There may be both good and bad in the same piece of art. To say one should reject all art produced by unconverted minds—minds of people cut off from the

that which reflects his incredible potential and God-like creative talents. At the same time we should reject that which reflects moral and doctrinal error. One can admire the artistry in a painting of Louis XIV, for example, without having to agree with the policies of the ill-fated king. Or one can listen to the beautiful music of the "Swan Lake" ballet or the "Peer Gynt" suite without having to think about or believe the stories behind them.

Of course, when the objectionable predominates, or when it is not possible to segregate the good part from the objectionable in an artistic endeavor, it is safest to reject the whole.

The ability to engage in artistic expression is a gift of God. We should be careful to use it and appreciate it as he intended. □

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 CFNW, Port au Choix — 790, 6:15 p.m., Mon-Fri.
 CFOM, Port aux Basques — 1230, 6:15 p.m., Mon-Fri.
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Job Security

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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 the eyes of the blind shall 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 . . ." (Isa. 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 will be given its own land to develop the special talents and abilities God has given to each.

What a different world! At last, millions will experience the fulfillment of Christ's promise, "I am come, that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

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 Zech. 14:16-19.

Christ said the kingdom, or government, of God would be like leaven in a lump of dough (Matt. 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 (Zeph. 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" (Isa. 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! □

THE WEST

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have not done. They have not kept the Ten Commandments. Both nationally and individually, lawlessness is a way of life in Britain and North America, and Australia and New Zealand, too. If God's promised blessing fell on us, he also promised to carry out national punishments if the patriarchs' descendants would persist in disobedience.

God said he would "break the pride" of the power of Jacob's descendants (Lev. 26:19). One by one the powerful overseas bases and gates of both America and Britain are being dismantled or taken over by other nations.

For the surprising reasons why the English-speaking world came into such blessings and now such national troubles, why not request a most unusual book? It's entitled *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. It can't hurt to see America and Britain from God's point of view. □

HELL

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earth, and let the wicked be no more."

And now, Isaiah 66:24: "And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh."

Never to Be Quenched?

"Neither shall their fire be quenched." Does that mean burning forever and never burning up? Try this test: Put a piece of paper in a pan. Light it with a match. Now, *don't* QUENCH that fire! Don't put it out—for that's what "quench" means. Very soon the paper will *burn up*. Then put it down on the floor and step on it! Now it's merely ashes under the sole of your feet—precisely as THE BIBLE plainly says the wicked shall be! In Jeremiah 17:27, God

warned the Jews that Jerusalem would be *burned*, and the fire would *not be quenched*—unless they repented. In Jeremiah 52:13, you read the account of the burning of Jerusalem. That fire was **NOT QUENCHED!** It is **NOT** still burning!

Do you know that THE BIBLE teaches the *resurrection of all who die*? The apostle Paul said his HOPE was the hope of the RESURRECTION! As the resurrection is true doctrine, then the pagan myth of an eternal TORTURE, beginning at death, is as deceptive as Satan himself! If all UNSAVED—even all who never *heard* the ONLY name, Jesus, Christ—are roasting, screaming, in such a hell, and can never get out, how can there be a RESURRECTION!

Thank God!—there is to be a resurrection to JUDGMENT, as well as a resurrection to eternal life of the dead in Christ! Yes, thank GOD, he so LOVED the world—we NEED not perish, but through Christ we may have EVERLASTING LIFE! □

THE PLAIN TRUTH

Personal from...

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banks in New York and Chicago, or executive heads of major industrial corporations.

I had entered the business world. And indeed that, too, was a world unto itself. In those days, we in the business world held college professors more or less in contempt, as impractical theoretical idealists without real knowledge based on EXPERIENCE.

But in October, 1947, starting Ambassador College with a faculty of eight and student body of four, I began for the first time to rub shoulders with college professors. Six had either PhDs or MAs, and two had BAs, but were taking special courses toward higher degrees. The faculty members prepared their own luncheon in a kitchen in our one-building college, and frequently I joined them. I observed they carried a specially developed professional manner, used the language of scholarship, and—yes, like other worlds—were a superior world unto themselves.

This was becoming interesting as I meditated on. More and more worlds continued flashing to mind. I thought of the sports world. It's even divided into worlds within the sports world—the world of baseball, football (U.S.), soccer (Britain and many other countries), tennis, basketball, ice hockey, track and field and many others. Each with its own language and terminology, its own printed media. How many wives pick out the sports section of the morning newspaper and place it at their husbands' plate with breakfast?

Then there's the labor world, the domestic political world, the social world and now surfacing, reminiscent of Sodom and Gomorrah, the emboldened and defiant "gay" world, flaunting their shame as though they were righteous and superior, asserting their "rights." They recognize one another instantly and form their own inner world.

Also now emerging in force is a world actually founded by the original mother Eve, organizing to demand "their rights" in the United States under the banner of

the ERA. The prophet Isaiah broke the original news story of their world for these last days. Speaking of "in that day"—our time now—"children are their oppressors, and women rule over them" (Isa. 3:12). I have known personally three women rulers, Mrs. Golda Meir, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, and Mrs. Bandaranaike of Sri Lanka. And now we have the "Iron Lady," Margaret Thatcher, leading Britain, and Queen Elizabeth on the throne.

I have been in the advertising world and the newspaper world, and each is, indeed, a world of itself, with the common characteristics of a feeling of superiority and a certain disdain for those outside their worlds.

Then we must not overlook the exclusive professional military world—those making military service their profession, a closed world in itself. They, too, are lofty and superior, high above us ordinary civilians.

There are, too, the various religious worlds, each with its own personality and culture, and each esteeming itself loftier than other religions, sects or worlds.

All these many worlds, all loftier in their own minds than the others, nevertheless amalgamate into one overall world collectively inhabiting this planet Earth.

Actually, the earth and all in it was designed and created by the Almighty Ever-living God, purposed to be His world, in close association with and guided by Him. But the world with all its subworlds actually is cut off from Him, living separately and independent of Him, virtually unaware of Him as if He were nonexistent. Even to those who have some consciousness of Him, to most of them He seems unreal—a sort of phantom or imaginary being.

Most people know little of other worlds outside their subworld—let alone a consciousness of any connection, association with or real knowledge of the supreme overall God who gives life, sustains the universe and is the direct Source of all!

But WHY? How did things get this way?

What was the origin—the source—of this amalgamated world with its many inner worlds collec-

tively? They do all have certain things in common, despite the differences and imagined respective superiorities.

It all originated in a very superior being—a superhuman—on the highest level of the feats of creation of the Almighty Creator. He was the super archangel, the cherub Lucifer—immortal, high above ordinary angels or even seraphs. Of this superbeing, God said, "Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth;" the very throne of Almighty God. "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity [lawlessness] was found in thee." But why the rebellious lawlessness in such a mighty and perfect superbeing? God reveals: "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy BEAUTY, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness..." (Ezek. 28:14, 15, 17).

This superior created being was utterly BEAUTIFUL. He was exceedingly brilliant in mind. It went to his head. He, superior though he was, still was inferior to his Maker. But his brilliance, brightness, intellect, beauty, went to his head. He exaggerated even his exceeding brilliance and magnified himself above even his Creator. He became excessively vain in self-esteem. To elevate himself above his own Creator, he allowed VANITY to seize him—to pervert his mind into an attitude of extreme hostility. He inoculated the angels under him with this same attitude of hostile rebellion against their Creator. He attempted a spiritual military invasion and coup to seize the heavenly throne of the universe from God. He was cast back down to earth. Thus he became Satan the devil, and his angels became demons.

In the form of a serpent, he deceived mother Eve in the garden of Eden. In initiating the original ERA movement, she led the first Adam into a rebellious attitude of taking to himself the spiritual knowledge of good and evil. Thus the first human imbibed the ATTITUDE of hostility against the Creator God and against God's way of life.

But how have all succeeding humanity imbibed this attitude of self-centered motivation? The human mind is composed of human

brain plus the human spirit. There is a spirit in man (Job 32:8) that imparts comprehension of materialistic knowledge. This human spirit constrains (verse 18), influences, motivates, the human mind. Satan is a superpowered spirit being—the “prince of the power of the air” (Eph. 2:2). As such he “broadcasts” through the air we breathe. He thus works in the natural mind of humans (same verse). In the early months of infancy of children Satan injects the attitude of self-centeredness. We call it human nature. This attitude is not parentally inherited from birth, but is injected spiritually through the human spirit from infancy by Satan. This has happened to all humans born from Adam and Eve.

Just what does this actually mean? God had—upon Adam’s rebellion—shut up the tree of life—symbolic of the Holy Spirit and God’s LOVE as a way of life. Mankind was left in an attitude of self-vanity, hostility against his Maker and others outside his “empirical” SELF. The spirit or attitude that motivated mankind was one of self-centeredness, covetousness, envy and jealousy toward others, competition leading to strife and violence, resentment of authority—all with self-esteem. God had closed off his Holy Spirit from man UNTIL the appearing of Christ, the second Adam.

Man was left under the sway of Satan and Satan’s attitude.

Man was left with self-love—self-esteem. But the SELF is empirical. It includes more than the person’s bare body and mind. It includes all he considers his—that is, his possessions, his family, those he is connected with selfishly—even his world!

A person’s individual “world” is like a part of the person’s SELF. That is why those of a subworld within the world as a whole have characteristics in common. They accept their own particular world in an attitude of superiority, yet looking with a sort of disdain upon others outside their world. It is, after all, a sort of self-centeredness. Also the average human mind tends to confine its horizons to narrow limits.

It was into such an amalgamated world of his time that Jesus came

as the Christ. He came to initiate an ENTIRELY NEW AND UTTERLY DIFFERENT WORLD. He said, “I will build my Church.” He did, but the world little recognizes it. Its teachings were suppressed within 20 to 40 years, and counterfeits escalated into great religions calling themselves Christian. Jesus called his disciples to “come out from among them” of this world and be separate. For they—God’s true Church—are the future WORLD TOMORROW—the coming KINGDOM OF GOD—in embryo. The Church is made up of disciples (students, learners), just as were the original apostles. They are LEARNING through impregnation of God’s Spirit to overcome the satanic attitude, submitting as little children to God’s way of life and government over them.

They are the affianced bride of the coming Christ, glorified as KING of kings and LORD of lords, ruling all nations—bringing to earth world PEACE. Then there shall be love, happiness, joy, and tremendous achievement.

It will be a cooperative world in which each person is as sincerely concerned for the good and well-being of others as for his own. It will be a world of happiness and joy, all working together under God and his government in refreshing exuberance toward achievements beyond anything even dreamed of today.

Right now this world is very dark and cataclysmic. Clouds gather but bright dawn is ahead.

Few, indeed, have understood what has actually happened in this world—the PURPOSE being worked out here below—the purpose for which God placed mankind on the earth.

Few, indeed, have known it as yet—but the supreme Creator God is reproducing himself in and through mankind. He made man in his image—after his likeness—form and shape. But man was made, as were the dumb animals, from the dust of the ground—of matter—earthy, with temporary physiochemical existence.

Yet man was made after the GOD kind—ultimately, by personal individual choice to be born into the GOD FAMILY. Unlike animals,

man from birth has a human spirit imparting the power of comprehension of materialistic KNOWLEDGE—as in the process of thinking, reasoning, decision making. The first Adam was offered, and rejected, eternal and inherent spirit LIFE. His one human spirit needed another Spirit—the Holy Spirit of GOD—to impregnate him with divine GOD-LIFE. Adam rejected this. He rejected the revelation of spiritual knowledge comprehended only through the Holy Spirit. He chose instead, to acquire by himself the spiritual knowledge of good and evil—although spiritual comprehension cannot enter the human mind except by the Holy Spirit of God (I Cor. 2:11). Thus the first man—and all mankind since—rejected GOD, God’s Spirit, and revealed knowledge from God. He cut himself off from contact and relationship with God. He shut himself off from the spiritual capacity to deal in peaceful and cooperative relationship with fellowman. His one human spirit has been tuned to the spiritual wavelength of Satan, and all mankind has been DECEIVED by Satan.

God shut off the Holy Spirit from all mankind until Christ, and then, even, it was opened ONLY to those specially called by God the Father (John 6:44). But those so called became students (disciples) of Jesus Christ. They embodied the Church of God, today still small but worldwide. They are the FIRST-fruits of God’s salvation.

As for the world as a whole, it was appointed to men once to die, and after this, by resurrection, the judgment (Heb. 9:27) in which the book of LIFE shall be opened to them (Rev. 20:11-12). Preceding this, all still alive during the coming Millennium, when Christ shall rule all nations of the earth, shall be called and be ruled and taught under Christ by those of the Church of God then made immortal children of the GOD FAMILY (Rev. 5:10, 2:26-27, 3:21. See also Matt. 25:31-34).

In the end, ALL humanity shall have learned their lesson, and all willing born into the GOD FAMILY. Truly, God is REPRODUCING HIMSELF! A wonderful PURPOSE is, truly, being worked out here below! □

The PLAIN TRUTH

SUBSCRIPTION

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own free will and decision on a newsstand, it would only be considered cheap and of no value. But I wanted to make this the most VALUABLE magazine of all—the most valuable and helpful to those who read it.

Also I knew it must not be commercialized for profit or private gain. Therefore, although I had sold countless pages of magazine advertising in my career, I felt *The Plain Truth* must not be commercialized by selling advertising.

I had learned Jesus spoke truth when he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." This world's way of life is "GET"—and God's way is "GIVE." I began to live the way of "GIVE" in my own life. And I found others saw the practicality of that way too. I started *The Plain Truth* February 1, 1934, with a cir-

ulation of about 350. I found that some of the readers wanted to follow the principle of "GIVE" and sent in unsolicited contributions to share with me in giving *The Plain Truth*. I had started broadcasting this same TRUTH, and I offered a free subscription to *The Plain Truth*. But I did not request contributions or financial support over the air!

This operation has always been one of "GIVE"—not of "GET." The

God whose TRUTH we give and share with millions has blessed this Work and it has grown remarkably. Today *The Plain Truth* is one of the leading mass-circulation magazines on earth—circulation now passing 4½ million copies per month in six languages over all inhabited continents. It is supported by the tithes and free-will contributions of those who voluntarily, without solicitation or request, have become co-workers with us in this Work of "GIVE." □

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Marriage

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Young adulthood, they and their friends will keep your home filled with laughter and enthusiasm. Through each other, your children and their friends—and finally your grandchildren—you build a circle of friends, of warmth, of love and of joy.

If you have loved and taught and trained your children as you should, they will provide a deep sense of satisfaction, fulfillment and even security as you get older. For they will want to help you—as you have helped them. All of this makes the idea of having a complete family another wonderful and worthy goal toward which your marriage can point.

4 build together the home and learn the give way as a family unit

Does all this sound old-fashioned? Like something from the distant past?

It is!

Yet it is also the wave of the future and an ideal the entire world

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will be learning about in a few years! For as all longtime *Plain Truth* readers know, there is a new world coming. There is a new society ahead that will be founded upon a way of life based on the Ten Commandments. The "in" thing will be serving, helping and building your family, your neighbors, your community.

A happy home provides a place for character building that is hard to beat. If it each mate has to give of himself or herself constantly to the mate, children and for the common good of the family. In sickness and in health, in good times and hard times, each member of a properly founded family learns commitment to the common cause. Each must learn to sacrifice and serve for the common good.

My own mother came from such a family—seven daughters and one son. As a boy, I visited the big frame house where my mother and her brother and sisters had grown up. Over the years, it became obvious to me that they had gone through a lot of joys and trials together that had built a deep and wonderful bond of commitment.

Ruby, the eldest, had sacrificed in order to help the younger ones

complete college. Each, in turn, then joined in helping the younger ones in whatever way they could to acquire a full college education. They had a family goal—that all would attain a college degree and make something of themselves in the big world outside.

Loving, serving and encouraging one another became part of this family way of life. This was a great source of strength to them—individually, as well as collectively.

When considering who, when and what kind of marriage you want, be sure that you carefully talk these goals over with your betrothed or with your mate.

Goal-setting in your marriage and working together to reach those goals can add a depth and meaning to your marriage that many do not have. It can help you look beyond the immediate trials and problems inherent in any marriage involving two normal, imperfect human beings. And it can help you keep your eyes on the big picture—why the Creator made us male and female, why he instituted marriage and why the building of a strong and stable marriage is excellent preparation for your ultimate goal—the kingdom of God. □

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DISEASES

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for the most part, reap the natural consequences of their own ways of living. But he always intervenes and punishes nations in due time for violation of his laws, given for the well-being of mankind.

Ezekiel, chapters 22 and 24, describe the judgments on nations who, having a written record of God's laws and professing to be godly, have allowed sexual looseness ("lewdness" or "whoredom" in Scripture) to fill their lands.

God's laws, revealed in the Bible, show us how to avoid most all sexually transmissible diseases, or at least cut down to an utter minimum one's chances of contracting or spreading them: (Let's not forget, some few cases of STDs can develop in monogamous marriages or in virgins.) Monogamy and virginity limit the spread of these infections. It is permissive and promiscuous sexual conduct, and, in some cases, unhygienic living, that causes STDs to become epidemic.

Treatment of infected individuals is needed. But *prevention* by proper living—both sexually and hygienically—is the only sound way to stop these epidemics.

The biblical injunctions against premarital, extramarital and homosexual practices and uncleanness (the improper disposal of human wastes or improper care of open sores) are not casual suggestions.

They are living physical and spiritual laws set in motion by the Creator. God's laws were designed to protect the family unit—every member in it. They are intended to protect and promote the development of societies and nations that obey them. Disobeyed they bring unimaginable social curses. Their transgression the Bible calls *sin* (1 John 3:4).

Few realize the Bible prophesied the alarming social disease epidemics reported in this article.

The Creator chose a special nation—ancient Israel—to be an example of the blessings that could accrue to a nation that obeyed God's laws. In Deuteronomy, chapter 28, God promised every fantastic blessing humans could desire. "Blessed shall be the fruit [children] of your body, and the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your beasts. . . . Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out" (verses 1-6, RSV).

But note the shocking contrast when humans reject God's laws and bring the penalties of sin into their lives! "Cursed shall be the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your ground. . . and the young of your flock. . . . If you are not careful to do all the words of this law which are written in this book. . . then the Lord will bring on you *and your offspring* extraordinary afflictions, afflictions severe and lasting, and sicknesses grievous and lasting. . . . Every sickness, also, and every affliction which is not recorded in the book of this law,

the Lord will bring [God will allow] upon you. . ." (verses 18, 58-59, 61).

Prevention is the only way to stop the STD epidemic. That means premarital, extramarital, homosexual and perverted sex practices—all heinous sins in God's sight—must be completely avoided by single persons or married couples wanting to keep clear of these diseases as much as possible!

Only you can determine in your own life to swim against the tide of modern sexual permissiveness. The information and warnings from this article—and more important, from God's revelation to you in Scripture—put you in a position of being without excuse!

If you allow yourself to engage in careless or extramarital sex in light of the knowledge you now have—then you *deserve* the consequences!

Our free booklet entitled *The Silent Epidemic* contains added information on these and other STDs. This free publication contains charts, diagrams, information explaining common misconceptions about venereal disease, unusual modes of transmission, VD's tragic role in history and VD phone hotlines for major U.S. cities.

As never before in human history, you and your children, taught at appropriate ages, cannot afford to be ignorant about these diseases. You can't afford not to live by the way of life that will prevent the "silent epidemic" from ruining your life! □

HUMANITY

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its editors wrote that a "strong hand from someplace" is necessary to save man from extinction.

And that's exactly what will happen! "Behold, the Lord God will come with *strong hand*, and his arm shall *rule* for him" (Isa. 40:10).

Jesus Christ will return—when man is poised to *annihilate* himself—and set up a world-ruling government that will stop war, unhappiness and misery (Rev. 19:1 & 21). In the supreme paradox, Christ will have to *force* men to live

the way that brings happiness!

No Need for Today's Suffering

Ironically, man could bypass all this nuclear devastation by embracing God's *give* way of life now. Obedience to God's revealed way of life would immediately net wide-sweeping blessings. But not even the religions of this world can agree on what God's way of life is!

God gives *you* this choice: "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before *you* life and death, blessing and cursing: THEREFORE CHOOSE LIFE, that both thou and thy seed may *live*" (Deut. 30:19).

To the minority who change their ways now and begin to earnestly obey God and his laws, God promises protection from the coming nuclear holocaust (Rev. 12:12-14). If you're interested in reaping the physical and spiritual benefits God promises even in *this* life, write for our free booklet *The Ten Commandments*.

In his first inspired sermon, the apostle Peter gave some of the most relevant and important advice for us today: "Save yourselves," he cried, "from this crooked generation!" (Acts 2:40, Moffatt).

No advice is more timely. □

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JORDAN'S KING

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West Bank are beginning to feel that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) coalition is hopelessly divided and unable to effectively negotiate for them. These Palestinians are hinting at some sort of Jordanian representation for themselves in peace negotiations.

The idea of a "Jordanian option" has been around for years. This concept envisions negotiations with Jordan on some sort of territorial compromise for the West Bank. Areas heavily populated with Palestinian Arabs would, under this proposal, be turned over to Jordanian sovereignty. Areas vital to Israel's security would be retained by Israel. An independent Palestinian state would not be part of such a plan.

Publicly, King Hussein rejects any such proposal. At an Arab summit meeting in Rabat, Morocco, in 1974, Jordan officially abandoned its claim to the West Bank. Jordan joined other Arab nations in recognizing the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

But some observers feel that this is a decision King Hussein would take back, given the opportunity.

Amman has never completely ruled out the possibility that there might ultimately be some sort of Palestinian link with Jordan. The official position is that Palestinians must be allowed to shape their own future as they deem fit. If a majority decides it would prefer West Bank federation with Jordan as opposed to an independent Palestinian state, Jordan has not said it would object.

The PLO, however, is dedicated to the goal of a fully sovereign, independent Palestinian nation on the West Bank. It opposes any form of "Jordanian option," as such an approach would undermine the PLO's claim to be the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

These differing views on the issue, however, appear to be essentially beside the point. Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's resolve to resist all talk of territorial compromise precludes any form of PLO or Jordanian participation in the autonomy talks. Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan ibn Talal, who specializes in

West Bank matters, recently restated his belief that the Israelis will continue efforts to rid the West Bank of both Jordanian and PLO influence.

"No compromise settlement is in sight."

Beyond Human Control

The future of Jordan depends upon the interaction of factors that may ultimately prove to be beyond human ability to control. As King Hussein himself once remarked, "It is sad when you can see in advance how things are going to go, time and again, and you are helpless to prevent them."

Bible prophecy has not ignored the modern-day kingdom of Jordan. And it reveals that despite genuine and sincere efforts toward peace in the region, a great crisis is yet to occur throughout the Middle East. As diplomats strive to head off a new explosion in the Middle East, forces beyond the power of responsible statesmen to control will propel much of the region—and the world—into a time of unparalleled chaos!

Moreover, the Bible reveals that

Hussein—Sense of Duty

King Hussein of Jordan is the longest-reigning monarch in the Middle East. Almost 47 years of age, he has ruled for nearly three decades.

King Hussein is a direct descendant of Mohammed, the founder of Islam. Born in Amman in 1935, King Hussein was educated in Egypt and in Britain. He succeeded to the throne of Jordan upon the abdication of his father, Talal in 1952 because of illness.

King Hussein is a survivor. As a teenager, he witnessed the assassination (in 1951) of his grandfather, King Abdullah, by a radical Palestinian in the Al-Aksa Mosque in Jerusalem. Young Hussein himself was a target in that attack, but was

saved when the assassin's bullet grazed a medal on his chest.

Later, in 1958, King Hussein's cousin, King Faisal II of Iraq, was killed in a bloody military coup.

The lesson of these experiences was obvious to the young king. The survival of his Hashemite dynasty (named after Hashim, great-grandfather of Mohammed) was in the balance. King Hussein would have to muster all his political acumen to preserve his throne. To date, he has escaped assassination nearly a dozen times.

King Hussein's astuteness and political skills have earned him respect and prestige both at home and abroad, among his friends

and enemies alike. His long years of experience have given him a measure of realism that few others in the region can match. Though not yet 50, he is often referred to as the "elder statesman" of the Middle East.

Genuinely popular at home, King Hussein and his American-born wife, Queen Noor al-Hussein ("The Light of Hussein"), exude a sense of duty that is not lost on the people of Jordan. The royal couple travel freely among their people, whose devotion is readily apparent. In virtually every place of business, pictures of the royal couple adorn the walls.

Queen Noor is the former Lisa Halaby, the Princeton-educated daughter of a

former president of Pan American Airways. Now a Jordanian citizen, her natural charm and compassion have captured the hearts of her countrymen. A working queen, she tackles her duties with enthusiasm. She is personally involved in innumerable projects and activities, including the improvement of Jordan's educational facilities, protection of the environment, development of community recreational centers and preservation of Jordan's architectural heritage (Queen Noor has a degree in architecture from Princeton).

King Hussein and his queen feel the weight of responsibility very heavily. "Our lives are not important," the King once observed. "The future is what is important, the lives of those who are to follow."

4,000 Years of History

Our story begins more than 38 centuries ago, with two young boys, Moab and Ben-ammi. They were the two sons of Lot. The patriarch Abraham was their great uncle. Their births in the 19th century B.C. are recorded in Genesis 19.

In Bible times, the progeny of Moab and Ben-ammi—the Moabites and Ammonites—lived in the lands east of the Dead Sea. Their descendants merged over the centuries with Arabs.

The ancient capital of the people of Ammon was Rabbah or Rabbath-Ammon. It was before the walls of this besieged city that Uriah the Hittite, husband of Bathsheba, died in battle at the order of King David of Israel (II Sam. 11).

Rabbah was later called

Philadelphia after its conqueror, Ptolemy Philadelphus (3rd century B.C.), the Macedonian ruler of Egypt. Today the city is known as Amman, Jordan's capital.

Before the coming of the Romans to Jordan, a people known as the Nabataeans held sway over the area, headquartered in the rock city of Petra. At the height of their power, the Nabataeans controlled a kingdom extending as far north as Damascus in Syria.

The region of modern-day Jordan was annexed by the Roman Empire in the 2nd century A.D. Moslem Arabs sweeping out of Arabia conquered the land in the 600s A.D. Following the Crusades it fell to the Mamelukes of Egypt. In the 1500s the Ottoman Turks

moved in, holding sway until the end of World War I.

Jordan was an important theater of action in World War I. Many of the exploits of the legendary Lawrence of Arabia took place on its sands. T.E. Lawrence was a British officer who assisted the Arabs in their revolt against the Turks.

When the war ended, the British disregarded their earlier promises of full independence for the Arabs and instead divided up the Middle East with the French. The area of today's Jordan—then called Transjordan—was included in the Palestine mandate for Britain.

The British government unilaterally proclaimed a separate administration for Transjordan in 1920. In 1921 the British placed

Abdullah ibn Hussein—grandfather of today's King Hussein—on the throne as emir or prince.

Britain ended its mandate early in 1946 and recognized Abdullah as king of independent Transjordan. In May, 1948, Transjordan joined the Arab League in its war against the newly formed State of Israel.

During that war the Jordanian army occupied the Old City of Jerusalem and the West Bank of the Jordan River.

In 1950, following the annexation of Arab Palestine by Transjordan, the country was renamed the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The following year, King Abdullah was assassinated in Jerusalem in 1952.

Abdullah's grandson, King Hussein, succeeded to the throne that today, nearly three decades later, is the widely respected focal point of a new and modern Jordan.

the major threat will come not from within the region itself but from the outside. An outside power, Bible prophecy reveals, will intervene militarily in an attempt to impose its brand of peace on the strife-torn Middle East!

Longtime readers of *The Plain Truth* know that prophecy foretells a coming final rebirth of the ancient Roman Empire in Europe. This end-time confederation of 10 nations or groups of nations—to emerge just ahead—will be led by a powerful personality known in Bible language as the "beast" (Rev. 17). Write for our free booklet *Who Is the Beast?* for full details.

In the ancient prophecies of Daniel, the beast is known as the "king of the north." The 11th chapter of the book of Daniel reveals that "at the time of the end" many nations and peoples of the Middle East will be overthrown by the intervention of this coming revival of the Roman Empire in the region (verses 40-43).

This is a clear prophecy for our day!

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Notice: "He [the leader of this last end-time revival of the Roman Empire] shall enter also into the glorious land [the Holy Land], and many countries [in the Middle East] shall be overthrown . . ." (verse 41).

Continuing: "He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries; and the land of Egypt shall not escape" (verse 42).

Large segments of the Middle East will suffer occupation. Israeli and Arab alike will feel the sting of the beast's military might!

But what of Jordan?

Grave Error

Notice the latter half of Daniel 11:41: ". . . but these shall escape out of his [the beast's] hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon."

In prophecy, the geographic areas of Edom, Moab and Ammon refer unmistakably to modern-day Jordan. Jordan, Daniel declares, will escape occupation by the beast power!

But the story does not end there. The prophets Jeremiah and Eze-

kiel, among others, provide further details. Here is what they reveal:

In the wake of intervention in the Middle East by the leader of this coming Roman Empire, the Palestinians and others in Jordan will make an understandable but crucial mistake. This mistake will far eclipse in its effects the tragic miscalculation of 1967, when Jordan entered the war against Israel despite urgent appeals by the United States and the State of Israel itself.

This future mistake will be to rejoice in the occupation, by the revived Roman Empire in Europe, of the city of Jerusalem.

It will be this rejoicing over the predicament of the State of Israel that will bring about the fulfillment of the prophecies of Ezekiel 25:3-11 once again. What happened to ancient Moab and Ammon will be repeated in modern Jordan. Much of Bible prophecy is dual. What anciently occurred was only a type of the final fulfillment in this closing age of human civilization.

This prophecy of Ezekiel reveals

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What Our Readers Say

Alcohol and Drug Abuse

The basic objective of all law enforcement agencies is the prevention of crime. The illegal use of narcotics and other drugs is one of the most serious problems facing our society.

Drug use and addiction affects all of us, directly or indirectly, so the fight against this problem is the responsibility of us all.

Your May issue of *The Plain Truth* is one of the best, and most complete publications on drug abuse I have ever seen. It would have taken me years to gather this type quality information. I for one would like to commend you on a job well done.

R. Wayne Elms
Butner Public Safety
Butner, North Carolina

I wish to applaud your efforts in the May issue of *The Plain Truth*. I am a professional alcohol and drug counselor

and have worked full time in the field for 7 years."

Your coverage on alcohol and drugs is the best, most comprehensible material I have seen in any magazine. And I look through a lot of them. This issue, I'm sure, will be widely used.

Jim Dunnigan
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A Universal Language

I read the article "A Universal Language" and, after reading it, I came to the conclusion that all of it relies on the fact that there was a God! If there is no God, then all this is hearsay!

It is true, having one language for all would help that considerably, but that language should be one without exceptions, irregularities, etc. Most of the national languages have those faults.

So we had better get on with

adopting Esperanto straight away without waiting for God to appear again. There may not be one.

Frank M. Easton
Birmingham

Microcomputer Revolution

Congratulations to Donald Schroeder on his pair of articles on computers. Being an intimate part of the microcomputer revolution, I can applaud the fresh insight long overdue, while overlooking a layman's technical generalities (the microprocessor is a form of integrated circuit not developed until the 1970s).

The microprocessor is the greatest tool yet devised by man. Yet it is just that—a tool! Human nature is the problem. Mr. Schroeder (rightly) points out that man's computer technology cannot solve spiritual problems. It is this idea that is truly revolutionary.

Cráig Marley
Kitchener, Ontario

Key to Radiant Health

I wanted to write and tell you how much I enjoyed your article "The Key to Radiant Health."

Last year I made a very gallant effort to rid my home of all artificial colors, flavors and preservatives. As mother of three fairly young children and a husband to feed, this was not easy. To be quite frank, I gave up trying to get rid of all of it. Even crackers contained preservatives!

We are very blessed in that we live on a farm and raise almost all of our meats, vegetables and even grains. I can grind my own whole-wheat flour and I have fresh cornmeal ground by a relative who has a grinder. But I really wish I could get away from all of these harmful chemicals instead of just a few of them.

Jeri Holcome
Boaz, Alabama

corrective punishment from God to be meted out by "men of the east"—a latter-day communist confederacy encompassing large portions of the Asian continent.

The prophet Amos also describes this coming tragedy in verses 13 to 15 of chapter 1. The prophet Jeremiah likewise provides a graphic account of this coming judgment (49:1-6). See also Zephaniah 2:8-10.

Important Lesson

This prophesied move into Jordan by "men of the east" will provide Jordanians with a painful lesson in character. King Solomon of ancient Israel cautioned:

"Rejoice not when thine enemy

falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: lest the LORD see it, and it displease him..." (Prov. 24:17-18).

Were the people of Jordan to heed Solomon's words of warning in the tumultuous days that lie ahead, they could be spared the prophesied corrective punishments of God at the hands of the "men of the east." As God himself declares: "If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them" (Jer. 18:8).

But even when people mistakenly choose to learn their lesson the hard way, there is still good news beyond the bad! God declares through Jeremiah, after enumerating the fearful

calamities that are to befall this region: "But afterward I will restore the fortunes of the Ammonites..." (49:6, RSV).

The prophesied return to this earth of Jesus Christ as Messiah will cut short the nightmarish calamities engulfing the Middle East and the whole earth. He will forcefully put an end to warfare within and among nations. He will usher in a millennium (Rev. 20:4, 5) of peace and prosperity for peoples everywhere—including the children of Lot and other peoples who live in modern Jordan.

This seemingly unsolvable Middle East problem will at last be solved by the great God who knows what is best for all peoples! □



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