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# PERSONAL FROM

*Stacy J. Rosenberg*



## Universal Prosperity: Is It Possible?

**C**AN YOU imagine a world where all poverty is banished? Well, I have news for you: Yes, good news. You're going to see it, and in your lifetime, but not the way that men think.

Does a world of universal prosperity sound fantastic? Why should it? All material wealth comes out of the ground, and there's enough in this earth to provide plenty, even luxury for everyone. Stop and think a moment: Why is today's world filled with so much poverty, hunger and want? Why do the few live in comparative wealth and the many in dire need?

One idea in circulation today is that God Almighty created this world to be poor; that God hates the rich and loves the poor. We hear a lot about "God's poor." Does God hate the successful and the prosperous? Is prosperity a sin?

Listen to what God himself has said in his inspired revelation to mankind, the Holy Bible. Through John, God says, "I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health. . . ."

In the first Psalm you read this: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly . . . but his delight is in the law of the Lord. . . . Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (verses 1-3). The man who walks God's way, who delights in God's law and is obedient in whatsoever he does, God says shall prosper. That's a promise from God Almighty.

Notice Genesis 39:2-3: "And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man. . . . The Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand." Joseph served God (verse 4).

Psalm 84 says: ". . . no good thing will [God] withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee" (verses 11-12). Blessings are promised. Do you know that God set before his people blessings on the one hand and cursings on the other? And he said to man, "Choose." Man has chosen curses and death, when God Almighty intended that man should choose happiness and blessings, prosperity and eternal life.

But God warns through David against setting our hearts even on the prosperity that he gives. That's what's wrong with this world.

The way to happiness and prosperity revolves around the true gospel of Jesus Christ. He preached the kingdom of God, which means the government of God—God's government over our lives and over society as a whole, over all of this earth.

The laws of God's government are the ways of love; of giving rather than of receiving; of serving, not getting the best of others. It is a matter of doing, not of inactive hearing. It's a matter of diligence—applying God's way, not the way of laziness. The Ten Commandments summarize that entire law. The Ten Commandments are the way into prosperity and financial success, if you understand the real meaning and spirit back of the Ten Commandments; their purpose according to the spirit of the law rather than just the letter.

The basic law of God's government is the only way to peace, to true happiness and to lasting prosperity. But this world doesn't believe it, and this world has not found prosperity. All the world's ills, all suffering, all inequality and injustice, yes, and even all poverty have come from transgressing the spiritual law—the Ten Commandments.

Sin is the transgression of that law (1 John 3:4). The apostle Paul said that that law is spiritual, holy, just and good. Many people don't believe that today, and that's why there's so much poverty in this world.

To transgress the ways that lead to prosperity, to health, to peace, to happiness and joy—is sin, and the way of sin is not good for

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# "Relaunching" a United Europe?

by Gene H. Hogberg

Under assertive French leadership, the flagging fortunes of the Common Market are being revived. But more than economic cooperation is required to produce European unity.

**F**OR THE time being at least, the slide of the 10-nation European Community into oblivion has been halted.

French President Francois Mitterrand now says that "a very vigorous and vital relaunching" of European unity can begin.

Not a minute too soon, many experts believe. For many a year the world's largest economic bloc had been teetering on the brink of dissolution. Two disastrous summits of the EC's heads of government had collapsed, largely over the issue of the size of Great Britain's contribution to the Community budget.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had insisted on a reduction in annual payments for her country, plus a reform in the EC's budget, which overwhelmingly goes to subsidizing continental farmers and has resulted in huge surpluses of butter, beef, grains and wine.

#### Mitterrand Clears the Way

At the recent June summit, at Fontainebleau, near Paris, a last-minute agreement hammered out by France, West Germany and Britain settled the British payments dispute. But more than that was accomplished, largely through the

efforts of French President Francois Mitterrand, who, observers noted, had skillfully handled the "British problem" in the last six months in which he has held the revolving presidential chair of Community affairs.

With the payments problem out of the way, the assembled leaders ordered the drafting of a single customs document for the whole Community to replace the 70-odd documents Europeans now need to sell to one another.

Even though critics claim the new form, if adopted, is still too long and cumbersome, it should speed up border crossing delays, which add an approximate 5 percent to the cost of Community-produced goods. The simple fact is, the Common Market is still a good distance from being "common."

Also, the 10 EC heads of government agreed to channel more resources into joint industrial projects instead of farm subsidies, which now eat up about two thirds of the EC budget in Brussels. Extra cash, reaching US \$5,000,000,000 a year by 1986, will be poured into ventures that include telecommunications and the launching of a European space station.

The leaders hope that by such a reorientation of priorities—even though they expect howls from farm interests—the Community



will be able to overcome what is variously called "Europessimism" and "Eurosclerosis." The terms reflect the widespread belief among Europe's leading industrialists that Europe is slipping, perhaps irrevocably, behind the Americans and the Japanese in high technology-based industry.

Early in the year the editors of

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the European edition of *The Wall Street Journal* conducted a survey of 200 chief executives representing the leading companies in 16 nations in Europe. Overall, reported the editors, the survey produced "stark evidence that Europe's executives believe their continent has declined as a source of technology leadership with the U.S. maintaining its top position and Japan gaining in importance."

"No European country," the survey found, "ranks as the leading source in any technological area, in the executives' view."

Such a bleak future the Community leaders hope to change by reorienting the EC's funding processes.

Indicating the importance he places on a Community "relaunch," Mr. Mitterrand also agreed, with Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany, to end all customs inspections at the Franco-German border.

The French President has also announced that he wants university diplomas and credit requirements

to be standardized, and a "European peace corps" organized for assistance to the Third World.

President Mitterrand also wants Europeans to sense, to a far greater degree than before, that they have a European as well as national citizenship. A standardized European passport has already been agreed to in principle by the 10 governments, and Mr. Mitterrand displayed the French version at Fontainebleau, saying it will be issued by next year.

The French leader also would like to put new political momentum into European policy-making by establishing a political secretariat. This body would be different from the European Community commission in Brussels that is concerned primarily with economic operations. A political secretariat would, in effect, be an embryonic European foreign ministry.

#### Greater Defense Cooperation

The French have been active in the field of greater defense cooperation in Europe as well. Since defense matters lie outside the purview of

the European Community, such efforts have taken place under the aegis of the long-dormant Western European Union.

The WEU is a mutual assistance pact, predating NATO, and which links France, West Germany, Italy, Britain and the three Benelux states. It was originally established to supervise West German rearmament after World War II.

The French apparently are looking to this revived body as a kind of European inner-circle that will be the place to do business on cooperative arms-production projects, as well as the exchange of intelligence

The 10 heads of state or government of the nations of the European Community met at the Chateau de Fontainebleau, near Paris, on June 25 and 26, 1984. Host of the summit conference was French President Francois Mitterrand, center of photo, left. In keeping with tradition, the leaders posed, with their ministers and counselors, for a group portrait in front of the newly restored Louis XV wing of the Chateau de Fontainebleau.



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information and sensitive issues of East-West relations.

As a result of the first meeting of the foreign ministers of the WEU states, on June 12 in Paris, 30-year-old restrictions on West German manufacture of long-range missiles and strategic bombers were scrapped.

A communiqué issued June 28 after a follow-up meeting in London said representatives of the seven nations decided unanimously to cancel "the outdated remaining restrictions concerning the manufacture of conventional armaments by the Federal Republic of Germany." The move was viewed as having primarily political impact since Germany has said it doesn't intend to start making strategic missiles or bombers.

#### Which Way America

The road that Europe takes in the future will largely be a result of a reaction to trends in the United States.

In the field of economics, the Europeans are becoming frightened at what some call the "Jamerican challenge"—the high-tech blitz of the United States and Japan. To prepare for the challenge, the Common

Market leaders know that they must put internal squabbles to an end. Europeans are also concerned that a changing America sees its future more as a Pacific Basin power.

In the security arena, nearly all European strategic thinkers also envision an eventual U.S. reduction—if not total pullout—of U.S. military forces in Europe.

No greater proof of this eventuality was the speed with which a troop reduction proposal spread through the U.S. Senate this past June. It called for a phaseout of about one third of the more than 300,000 U.S. troops committed to NATO defenses in Europe unless the Europeans contributed more funds to their own NATO commitments.

The measure was narrowly defeated, but only because of a lot of senatorial arm-twisting by President Ronald Reagan and urgent transatlantic pleas from top officials in Europe.

President Reagan was especially alarmed over the measure. Only two weeks previously he had delivered a stirring message on the beaches of Normandy, commemorating the 40th anniversary of D-day. In his remarks, Mr. Reagan

At the Fontainebleau summit, the 10 heads of state or government took time from their busy schedule to dine, above photo, at the Bas-Breau Inn at Barbizon in Seine et Marne. In photo, opposite page, Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl share a light moment. Most significant outcome of summit was last-minute agreement between Britain, West Germany and France to settle long-standing dispute over size of Britain's payments to the EC budget, which had threatened the Community's existence. President Mitterrand received praise for skillfully handling the "British problem."

stressed that America had "learned bitter lessons from two world wars," meaning that it was better to keep forces on the Continent in peacetime indefinitely than have to send a mighty army to deliver Europe from totalitarian bondage.

European leaders are "getting the message," however. Such troop withdrawal plans will be reintroduced time and again as America and Europe increasingly go their separate ways.

As a result, President Mitterrand, Chancellor Kohl and others have

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been discussing ways to strengthen the "European pillar" of the NATO alliance—to make up for what they see as the inevitable diminution of America's commitment.

#### More than Economics Needed

In his book *The Europeans*, published in 1983 by Simon and Schuster, the late Luigi Barzini stressed the difficulties ahead for Europeans as they strive for unity.

The urgency of unity is recognized, but the will to unite still is lacking. "A unified Europe could," he noted, "prepare itself in time for the dangerous, turbulent, and violent decades ahead, possibly the most treacherous times since the fall of the Roman Empire."

Yet, Mr. Barzini observed, conflicting national prides and interests remain major stumbling blocks. Furthermore, he stressed, economics has its limits as a unifying agent. "European unification," he wrote, "has been really retarded and possibly prevented forever by the delusion that a customs union would one day spontaneously generate a political and defense union."

"The reason why the economic union is a dead-end street is that it is based on a limited, oversimplified, and inadequate philosophy that became predominant in Europe after the Second World War. It was believed to be the final solution of all problems. It holds these truths to be self-evident: one, that the economy is the principal motor of history; two, that an increasingly bigger GNP was the only and sufficient condition for progress."

Much more is needed, insisted this well-known expert on European culture. "There cannot be a really united Europe without a common currency and a common foreign policy, but above all, a common defense policy. This, in the twentieth century, means nuclear weapons and space defenses."

All of these aspects leading

Europeans realize they must have. Since 1978 an embryonic European currency—the European Currency Unit, or ECU—has been in operation. However, it is essentially a computer computation, representing a "basket" of individual European monetary values. It is not yet a full-fledged currency.

The French now are talking of beginning a common foreign policy directorate. And, this past summer, both the French and the West Germans agreed to the need for developing a joint satellite intelligence network.

Furthermore, among some French officials, wrote Sam Davidson in the March 5 *Financial Times* of London, "it is now becoming acceptable to raise the long-taboo notion that there needs to be a change in the relationship

more united European defense posture, the Germans should have dual-key control of some of the French nuclear weapons."

#### Dangerous Trend?

That Europe should come to a greater sense of unity, economically and even militarily, seems logical to many, even in the United States. The U.S. government has long officially supported such a goal, though primarily mostly out of lip service. A more independent Europe could be a far more challenging economic competitor. And, in matters of defense, who knows what would happen.

An editorial in the *Los Angeles Times* early in the year stated, cautiously: "There is a danger that the movement for 'Europeanization' of European defense could become a



between West Germany and nuclear weapons.

"It is Jacques Chirac, no less, the leader of the Gaullist party, who has said that this problem needs to be addressed; how he does not claim to know, but somehow or other, he believes, it must be addressed. And quite recently a French Socialist deputy, writing in *Le Monde*, argued that, as part of a move towards a

vehicle for anti-Americanism in Europe and isolationism in America."

And in the Spring 1983 edition of *Atlantic Quarterly*, in an article entitled "European Self-Reliance and the Reform of NATO," author Healey Bull wrote that a more independent Europe "is likely to disappoint some of the expectations that Americans commonly have

about it. It would be less willing to follow the American lead, more capable of working against American policies should it wish to do so, and more of a risk as an ally of the United States than one America is able to control."

Nevertheless, influential policy framers in the United States are actually encouraging such development of a militarily independent Western Europe.

For example, Melvyn Krauss of the Hoover Institution in California recently urged that the United States "must reduce Europe's defense dependence on this country. The Europeans must be made to realize that, given unilateralist and anti-Western sentiment in this country, U.S. troops will leave Western Europe one way or another."

"Moreover," Mr. Krauss added, "the Europeans must have their [own] nuclear umbrella to replace the American one."

It is largely the European dependence on the United States that has impeded the development of European defenses, contended Mr. Krauss. "When that guarantee is removed," he emphasized, "and Europe's military again becomes important, people of daring and imagination will be attracted to serve."

Few stop to reflect, it seems, on the military genius that the European nations have generated in the past—"people of daring and imagination" that, at times, have threatened the entire world.

The fact is, as pointed out by Josef Joffe at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, America's 39-year-long presence in Europe has been the key to

Europe's unprecedented peace and prosperity. America has been, Mr. Joffe explains, "Europe's pacifier"—protecting not only Western Europe from the East, but "the half-continent against itself."

"NATO's detractors ignore," claims Mr. Joffe, "the central role America has played in pacifying a state system that almost consumed itself in two world wars."

During this time of pacification, Europe's traditional adversaries, France and Germany, have learned to cooperate to an unprecedented degree. And while possessing sizable military establishments, they have not had to be concerned about their ultimate security, provided by the U.S. nuclear "umbrella" and the "trip wire" presence of U.S. forces in Europe.

Remove these forces and the nations of continental Europe will have little choice but to as quickly as possible develop their own replacement force. This time they will likely cooperate with each other, but not necessarily with the United States, nor with Great Britain, which is less than enthusiastic about the possible emergence of a "European pillar."

The British are known to be edgy about all this talk—on both sides of the Atlantic—of America packing up, departing Europe and leaving a united European defense behind in its wake.

Where would such a development leave Britain, a nation whose ties to the Continent are tenuous at best? This was perhaps best reflected in a public opinion poll in France in which Frenchmen were asked to name their *least* admired foreign heads of government. Brit-

ish Prime Minister Thatcher finished third—after the Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran and Muammar Kadhafi of Libya, and ahead of Fidel Castro of Cuba.

#### Role of Religion

Even the military and security factors will not suffice to cement a new Europe together. The greatest "glue" is religion.

Pope John Paul II has consistently urged the nations of Europe to "rediscover their roots," meaning their Christian, or Catholic, heritage. Peter Nichols, the Rome correspondent for the *Times* of London, wrote on April 6:

"John Paul . . . has repeatedly spoken of Europe as stretching to the Urals. He sees his election as a sign that Eastern Europe must be given its just place as an integral part of Christian Europe and not be treated simply as a painful diplomatic question. He insists on common Christian roots and, added to this vision, is a dream of reconciliation between Western Christianity and the Eastern Orthodox churches."

The activities of the Vatican in promoting European unity must not be overlooked.

Continue to read the pages of *The Plain Truth* and see where the inevitable trend toward European unity will lead—and how its development will gravely impact the fortunes of both the British and American peoples.

In the meantime, if you have not yet done so, write for our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. It grippingly lays bare the true heritage and destiny of the Northwest European and North American peoples. □

#### PERSONAL

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us. It brings penalties, and one of the penalties that we are reaping in this world is poverty. God Almighty never intended it. Sin, then, is the cause of poverty, of suffering, of unhappiness and even of death.

If all men would put their lives under the government of God—if they would live by God's laws—all soon would be prosperous.

But this world has transgressed the laws of God. In the professing

Christian world people have been brought up to believe that "the law is done away"—that we mustn't obey that law today or we'll be under a curse. That's what many in the professing Christian world believe. Is it any wonder we have inequality, suffering and poverty? If only this world will turn to God Almighty and to God's ways and live God's ways, You'd just be dumbfounded at the result.

Jesus put the matter in its true relationship when he commanded us to seek first the kingdom of

God. That is, to submit our lives to the government of God (the kingdom of God is the government of God), to obey God's commandments, to live the life that God directs in his Word, to really seek after God and his ways, rather than setting our whole heart and mind on seeking after money. Jesus Christ promised that when we have done that first, material prosperity shall then be added.

But you'll need to find the spiritual riches first because they're the more valuable. □

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# Ending Your FINANCIAL WORRIES

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Today, Western nations are the wealthiest people in all history and yet we are plagued with financial troubles. Why?

**W**HY should the most universal bad news that strikes home to nearly everybody be the financial worries that seem to plague us all? It doesn't make sense.

When you stop to think about it, never in the history of this world were any nations so rich as the English-speaking, the Western European nations and Japan are today.

Yet nearly every one of us is engaged in a constant struggle to make ends meet. Financial worries seem constantly to bear us down—rob us of real happiness and joy. Why should this be?

## A Cause for Every Effect

There is a reason. You can be free from financial worry. Let me explain to you something now that you probably didn't know about your income. If there is anything people are jealous of, it is the money that they earn. They usually work hard for it, and they want full freedom in deciding for themselves what they're going to do with it.

People say, "What I earn is

mine. I can do what I please with it." But is the money that you earn really your own? Don't be too sure.

Listen to facts about your income you probably didn't know. What you earn is not yours. The man is mistaken who says, "What I do with the money that I earn is nobody's business. I produce it; it belongs to me." What you earn by work performed, by services rendered, from investments made, is not yours—not any part of it—that is, not until—and I will have to explain that "until."

Your Maker who gives you the very air you breathe tells you that it all belongs to him, not to you. But didn't you earn it? Didn't you produce it? Not exactly. Everything produced—money and the things that money can buy—comes out of the earth. And you didn't produce the earth. God created that.

You merely applied certain energy in thinking and in physical action to that which God created and owned. And where did the energy that you expended come from? You didn't create or supply that. You merely utilized what God created and supplied. God created even your thinking processes.

God Almighty created not only

matter, but all force and energy. And God set them in motion in the laws of physics and chemistry. He created the human mind. He supplies even the energy that is used in thinking and acting. Yes, all has come from God. And it is God who sustains, who preserves in motion, guides and directs all the forces and energies.

And so God is not merely a Creator of the long ago. God is the sustaining, directing, living Ruler over all today. And so, it's a simple fact, after all, that it was God's labor of original thinking, planning and creating, and of continuous sustaining and directing, that really produces all. And, therefore, God's claim to ownership of all that you have thought that you produced or earned is valid. It is a prior claim to yours.

God Almighty says in Psalm 24:1-2: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods." And these inspired words are repeated in the New Testament in I Corinthians 10:26.

God Almighty owns this earth and everything that exists or lives upon it. "Whatsoever is, under the

whole heaven is mine," claims God in Job 41:11.

Now, turn to Deuteronomy 10:14. "Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, [and] all that therein is." And in Exodus 19:5 God says, "... all the earth is mine."

"If I were hungry [says God in Psalm 50:12], I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof." And then in verse 10, "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills."

Yes, even the money, even the gold and the silver on this earth. In Haggai 2:8 we read, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts."

Dare any man deny this claim of God? God's claim stands. Admit, then, your income belongs to God. It's his to do with as he wills, not as you please.

#### Your Reward for Your Labor

But God is a God of love. He knows your needs. God is concerned about you—about all of us. And, therefore, God has made a law respecting that portion of his wealth that your thinking—your labor—has extracted and worked upon.

Now, get this fixed thoroughly in your mind. Your wages, your salary, your profit, your income belong to God, not to you. Probably you never thought of it that way or realized this before. This may seem like a new idea to you. But it's not an idea at all. It's a fact. And so, God, the rightful owner of your income, has made a law respecting its disposal and its use.

God's law respecting what you earn is in fact a deal that he has made with you. He allows you to work on his earth, to use a part of the earth, what is in it or on it, its forces and energies, and to extract from it food, materials, supplies, metals, wood, oils, coal or whatever. Or to work with that which others have extracted from the earth, in manufacturing or distributing, or selling, buying, investing—whatever may be your occupation, job, or your profession. And so, whether you have realized it or not, you have been working in partnership with God.

The farmer or the gardener may plow, plant seed and expend his labor in raising food. But who supplied the soil? Who created the living processes that make the seed sprout and grow? Who sends the rain or produces water for irrigation? Who set the sun in the sky and causes it to shine and to warm the earth? Who causes the plant to drink out of the soil the minerals, the elements, and to grow into the vegetable, the grain or the fruit? Did you perform this part of the business of raising the food that you eat?

When you sit down and really think, you shall see that God supplies about nine parts of everything that man makes or produces. And man's thinking, planning and working supply only about one part. But God does not take nine tenths of the proceeds of the income. He doesn't take even eight tenths, or seven, or even three, or even two tenths. No, God is generous when we come to really understand. God has reserved for his use only one little tenth of what is produced out of his earth through his forces and his energies, and with your brain that he devised and he created, and with your hands and your labor. God takes only one tenth. And after you have been honest in paying God's tenth to God's chosen representative as God has directed, then—and not until then—God has decreed that the other nine tenths legally become yours.

That is God's law—not generally known today; is it?

When we get our thinking straight, when we get to understanding, when we stop to realize how much of what we have was provided by God, then we realize how generous, how solicitous for our welfare God really is.

But that's only part of the story. What does God want with that first tenth? And why does he want it anyway?

#### How Does God Use It?

God requires that small fraction of what is produced out of his earth that he created for the purpose of disseminating to the people of this world his message of the way of life that will free them from fears and from worries, that will give them

peace of mind and happiness, that will give them joy, success and life eternal.

Yes, even that tenth that God withholds for his own use is expended for human good, to make life worthwhile and to make people happy; for proclaiming his gospel of peace, of happiness and of joy and salvation; for letting people know that God will heal them when they're sick, that God will deliver them from every trial and trouble, supply their every need, guide them and direct them, give them wisdom, show them the way, give them eternal life.

This unhappy world is starving for that knowledge. This world is under a curse because it has robbed God of his money, of his wealth, and, thereby, has withheld from itself the knowledge of why this world is now in chaos, why it has had so many wars, why there is not real peace, why it finds life empty and fruitless, full of suffering and unhappiness, frustration and death.

God's laws are for man's good. Obedience to God's laws brings blessings. But when we violate God's laws, we bring curses upon ourselves.

Since whole nations are under a curse—because of lack of understanding, as well as for disobedience to the laws of God—it's certainly time that we opened our Bibles and began to study honestly, diligently, prayerfully, exactly what the Almighty has declared on this much-misunderstood subject.

#### What Do You Mean—Tithe?

But first, before looking in the New Testament teaching to see whether or not Christians must "tithe," let me make clear just what God does mean by this word *tithe*. It's an old English word, commonly used three or four hundred years ago. Today, it is seldom used, except in this scriptural connection. The word *tithe* means "tenth." A tithe of anything is a tenth part of it.

It is well known that the ancient nation Israel was required to tithe, that is, to pay in one tenth of income. But the matter of to whom each Israelite paid this tenth, which tenth was paid, why and for what

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purpose, seems to confuse a great many today. And the New Testament teaching for Christians about tithing is understood by only a very few.

God said in essence to ancient Israel in Leviticus 26 and in Deuteronomy 28: "If you walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments . . . then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit."

God Almighty promised that obedience to his laws would mean prosperity. Do you know that if you could just believe him, you would be more prosperous, you'd have fewer troubles, you'd be happier, you'd find life more worthwhile? Millions of you believe in God, yet you still do not believe him. You don't believe because you don't put into practice the laws of God as taught in and through the Bible.

In the Bible, God reveals to man that he never has given to man the whole of what he produces and earns. The first tenth of all that you produce from the ground—of your wages, your salary, your profit, your income—that first tenth remains wholly to the Eternal. And that he has reserved for himself, for his holy and his spiritual use.

After man has paid to God that first tenth, which belongs only to God and which never belonged to the man, then the remaining nine tenths God gives to man. It's a good deal like Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden and the first sin. The garden was beautiful beyond description—just one tree in all the garden, however, God reserved for himself. That remained God's. And that God never gave to Adam and Eve. That they had no right to touch or to use. All the rest God gave to them, but they were not satisfied with what was theirs—ample though it was. Filled with greed to possess all, they reached out and they took the fruit of that one forbidden tree that belonged to God and was not theirs. And that was stealing—the very first human sin.

And today, the same Satan who deceived Mother Eve has deceived this whole world into believing that all of each man's farm, or each man's business, or each man's mon-

ey or property, or whatever he may have belongs to him—that the whole of a man's income is his own. The divine and original truth of ownership has been hidden from the people through the deceptions of the god of this world.

#### What God Does with the Tithe

But why does God retain for himself the ownership of that first tenth—that tithe—of your income? Here, again, comes the truth that man would never know and could not find out except by God's revelation to man.

God has a great purpose he is working out, here below, and he reveals it in his Word, his revelation, the Bible. For the carrying out of God's holy purpose, in placing mankind upon this earth, God has always had a priesthood—a ministry—representing him on this earth, serving him, carrying out his mission for mankind. In the dim antiquity of patriarchal times, God's high priest, his representative on earth, was Melchizedek.

During the national dispensation of Israel under the covenant made at Sinai, the tribe of Levi constituted the ministry of God, known as the Levitical priesthood. And then later, when Jesus Christ arose from the dead, he ascended to heaven as the living high priest. And today he calls into his true Church those he intends to use, as his true representatives in a darkened and a Satan-deceived world, to carry on his plan. Today, the Melchizedek priesthood is restored in Jesus Christ (see Hebrews 7).

It costs money to carry on the work of God. And so in order to provide for the financing of God's ministry, God has, from the very beginning, retained for himself the first tenth of the income of every human being on earth. The ownership of that first tenth of income is God's.

How then can you pay that tenth to God? Since you can't see God, you can't go to God's throne up in heaven, God instructs you in his revealed Word to pay it to his Church as his representative, just as a collector of some business firm to whom you pay a debt represents the company to whom you owe that particular amount of money.

Once paid, so far as you are concerned you have paid God's tithe to God. The question now is, What does God do with it? Why does he want it? God uses it for his ministry, for carrying on his work. The nature of God's ministry on earth has changed with changing circumstances.

Not much is revealed as to how God's ministry was carried on in patriarchal times. We know Melchizedek was then the high priest. All we know of those days of the dim, distant antiquity is that the tithes were paid to Melchizedek—a divine being—for the service of God's ministry for that time.

But beginning with Moses, God formed ancient Israel as a civil nation and also as a church, as you read in Acts 7:38. Between Moses and Jesus Christ, under the Sinaitic covenant, God's ministry was purely national. It was for ancient Israel alone. There was no gospel being preached to the world. It was purely material, not spiritual.

As a church or a congregation, Israel was given a constant round of physical ceremonies and rituals—animal sacrifices, meat and drink offerings, carnal ordinances (see Hebrews 9:10)—that were of a material and not of a spiritual nature. Consequently, the ministry in ancient Israel was one of ministering to the Israelites only. There was no spreading of the gospel. The ministry, rather, was largely a matter of physical labor, pertaining to animal sacrifices, meat and drink offerings, administering the different washings, physical ordinances and rituals.

For this service, God himself selected his ministers. The people had no choice as to who their ministers were to be. For this service, God took one whole tribe of the 12 tribes of Israel—the tribe of Levi. And during these years, from Moses to Jesus Christ, God himself paid his Levitical priests by turning over to them all of his tithes.

#### The Work of God Today

Now, today, we are in the age of the New Testament Church—the New Testament gospel dispensation—and today the Levitical priesthood is gone, and Jesus Christ, head of the Church, and



high priest. Today, all true ministers of Jesus Christ are called by a special spiritual call from God, through his Holy Spirit through and into his Church—not by flesh birth, not by self-desire to become a minister, not by selection or by appointment or by vote of the people. Jesus Christ came as God's messenger bearing a spiritual message from God to man—that message of his gospel, the good news of the coming kingdom of God, the world tomorrow, a kingdom of immortals that human flesh and blood can never enter. One must be born into the kingdom of God.

And today Christ's commission to all of his true ministers is this: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel [the good news of the kingdom of God]..." (Mark 16:15). "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..." (Matt. 28:19). And for our day now: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end [of this age, this world] come" (Matt. 24:14).

Today the ministry is a spiritual ministry—a ministry of prophecy, a ministry of salvation, a ministry of warning. Today it is not physical and national; it is spiritual and individual. It is not for a single nation, but it is a witness to all nations.

Today, in these critical, chaotic days approaching the end of an age, that carrying on of God's true message is a worldwide effort that must reach millions of people, and quickly, for "the night cometh, when no man can work." Today, Jesus Christ's true ministry is a huge undertaking. It requires not the mere financing of personal needs of a few ministers, but the employing of tremendous facilities for proclaiming the world-shaking warning, for preaching the gospel of the kingdom into all the world for a witness to all nations. Today, God has provided for the financing of his powerful ministry by the same system that he has used through all ages and dispensations—his tithing system. That is God's way as it always has been.

In 1 Corinthians 9 the apostle Paul is inspired of God to instruct us that God has ordained that the New Testament gospel ministry of

Christ shall be similarly financed as the Levitical priesthood of the Sinaitic covenant was, by the tithes and the freewill offerings of the people.

Speaking of the Levitical priesthood, which was supported by the tithes of the people, it is written: "Even so [by the tithes] hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14). This makes the tithing system binding in the New Testament, carried over from the Old Testament Levitical priesthood.

Tithing is further made a New Testament financing system for the Church in the priesthood book of the New Testament. In Hebrews 7 the first four verses show how Abraham paid tithes to the Melchizedek priesthood.

Verses 5 to 11 explain how the tithes were paid in ancient Israel to the Levitical priesthood, according to the tithing law.

Verses 12 says plainly, "For the priesthood being changed [from the Old Testament Levitical priesthood to the New Testament Church], there is made of necessity a change also of the law [including tithing]." So that tithes today are paid into the Church of which Jesus Christ is head and high priest.

God's own financing system is making possible this very work of God, proclaiming to the world the gospel that Christ preached, on the worldwide program *The World Tomorrow*. Hundreds are writing in and asking, "How can you send out this powerful broadcast to the world without ever asking for money?" I hope you have noticed that we never do. And they ask, "How can you publish a magazine of worldwide circulation without subscription price?"

And the plain, simple, straightforward answer is, This is the work of God supported by God's tithe.

#### Will You Rob God?

Now notice the blessings for obedience and for honesty in money matters with God, and the curses for neglect and for disobedience. God says to us through Malachi: "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me. But you say,

Wherein have we robbed thee? [and God answers] In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation" (Mal. 3:8-9).

Continuing in Malachi 3, verse 10: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

That is God's promise. Why don't you put God to that test? Why don't you prove him as he challenges you to do, and to see if he doesn't increase your income so that your own nine tenths that God gives you will be larger than your whole ten tenths of income now, that your financial worries will finally be ended? "But I can't afford to tithe," complains one man. God's answer is, Can you afford to steal from God?

Pay God his tenth. Watch God increase both his tenth and your nine tenths. That's the way to have your bills paid, to get out of debt, to be free from financial worries. Tithing is a financial law. And yet, notwithstanding, the biggest blessing of all is the spiritual blessing.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." And that too is a law. If your treasure is in this world's amusements and its pleasures, if your money—pardon me, I mean God's money—is being spent on yourself and your selfish desires, even including your needs, then your whole heart and your interest is in this world, this material world, and not in the kingdom of God.

Jesus also said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these [material needs] shall be added unto you." Seek God, and you'll prosper. The way to grow spiritually and to enjoy the glorious happiness of God's grace is to put God's tithe and your offerings, your treasure, into God's work. Seek with all your heart the kingdom of God, and financial troubles will vanish, your life will become happy, full and abundant with assurance of life eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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# ...fulfilling the ITALIAN DREAM

by Keith W. Stump

Italians dream of a coming time of good government to end their "eternal crisis". How will Italy's—and the world's—hope for good government be fulfilled?

**P**ERHAPS no city on earth—with the exception of Jerusalem—has enjoyed a longer, more continuous importance than Rome, the city of Caesars and Popes.

This "city of the seven hills" is one huge living museum. Mementos of Rome's ancient grandeur are everywhere.

Rome's more recent past is also in ample evidence. A visit to the square known as the Piazza Venezia gives one a strong sense of Rome's modern history. Dominating the square is the white marble monument to Victor Emmanuel II. This enormous edifice was built around the turn of the century to commemorate the unification of Italy and to honor the nation's first king.

Overlooking the vast piazza is the celebrated balcony of the 15th-century Palazzo Venezia. It was from this balcony that Fascist leader Benito Mussolini addressed huge crowds massed in the square below. And it was from

this balcony that *Il Duce*, in 1936, proclaimed the resurrection of the Roman Empire following Italy's victory over Ethiopia.

#### Today's Nostalgic Mood

Many Italians today seem to be in a nostalgic mood. The memory of Rome's—and Italy's—glorious past remains strong. Nostalgia for another, more powerful Rome is much in evidence. As one native Roman ex-

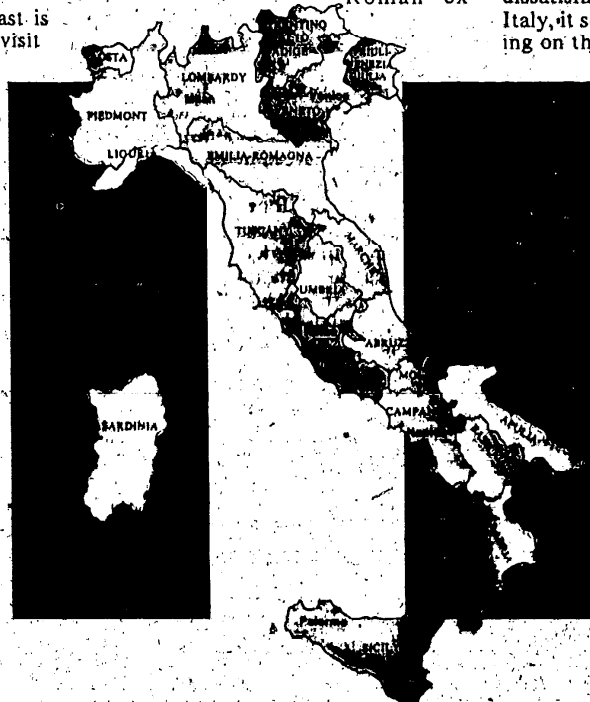
pressed it to this writer near the spectacular ruins of the ancient Roman Forum: "Look what we *had*; now look what we *have*!"

Indeed, Italy today is but a faint shadow of the great empire that Rome once was. Fears about Italy's political and economic future seem to dominate news stories coming out of this boot-shaped Mediterranean country of 58 million people.

Italians are the first to express dissatisfaction with their country. Italy, it seems, is perpetually teetering on the brink. Crisis follows crisis. Italians themselves speak of "the eternal crisis."

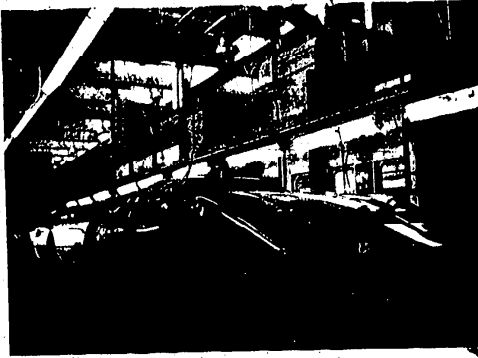
But if Italians are indeed heading toward collective catastrophe, you wouldn't know it just by looking. The more Italy's political and economic life deteriorates, the more its people seem to enjoy *la dolce vita*—"the sweet life."

Italy is a country of paradoxes and contradictions. Most Italians see no immediate way out of "the eternal crisis." But then, their crises have persisted for more than 2,000 years, and the "Eternal City" still stands. "We will



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survive," Italians confidently assert, as they go about their business.

#### The Search for Good Government

But most Italians would like to do more than merely survive.

Under the superficial gaiety is a yearning to deal effectively with the country's growing list of ills, to find a way to free themselves from the chaos that has long gripped Italy. Italians would naturally like to have a sounder economy, a stronger government and a larger role in international affairs. They have never liked living in a disorderly country.

The late Luigi Barzini, Italy's celebrated journalist and author of the best-selling books *The Italians* and *The Europeans*, has observed:

"Italian history could in fact be interpreted as a vain and sickening search for *il Buongoverno* [good government] down the centuries."

It is clear the Italians have not yet found it. The average life span of an Italian government is less than a year. Since 1945, Italy has had more than 40 governments!

The reason?

Italy has eight nationwide political parties, most divided internally. No one party is strong enough to command a clear majority. Government must therefore be carried out by coalition—fragile, short-lived alliances of parties. The situation is inherently unstable.

Italy's major party is the Christian Democratic Party, which has ruled Italy, alone or in coalition, since 1945. It garnered 32 percent

of the vote in the June 1983 general elections. At this writing it is in partnership with the Socialist Party (11 percent of the vote). Troubled by intra-party divisions, the Christian Democrats have allowed Socialist leader Bettino Craxi to have Italy's premiership while they sort out their internal affairs.

Lack of a strong and efficient central government is high on the list of

Italians' complaints. Politician-baiting is a national sport in Italy.

Plans to strengthen the government's executive powers have failed. A weak federal government is widely viewed as Italy's greatest liability. But there are others, such



as flagrant corruption and an inept and swollen bureaucracy, which Italians mock as *lacci e lacciuoli*, "shackles and snares."

#### Individualismo

As they view the disorder of a rudderless government led by weak, sometimes incompetent politicians, many Italians hanker after a firm hand to guide them. The growing muddle is engendering calls for a more authoritarian government.

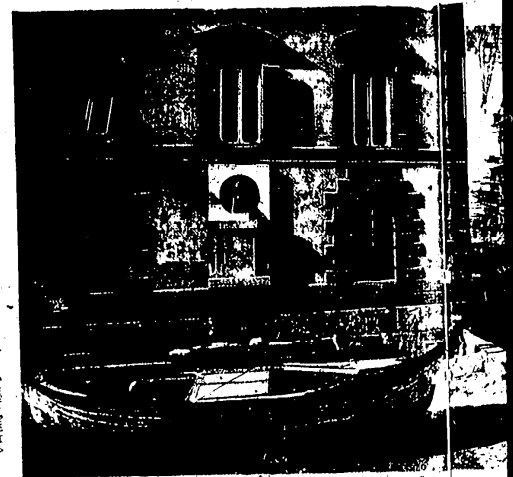
This is not a call for a return to fascism or an experiment with communist rule, but for any government that will function effectively. The once-formidable Italian Communist Party has been pushed to the sidelines in recent years. Italy's small neofascist Italian Social Movement won only 6.8 percent of the vote in 1983.

In the meantime, life goes on in spite of the government.

Italy's strengths and weaknesses reside in the character of her people. The Italians are flexible, resourceful. They have tended to adapt to crises rather than solve them. They are the first to admit that they are a nation with a history of running from problems.

Italians realize it is pointless to expect anything from a government that does not function. If they cannot count on their government, Italians know they can count on *individualismo*—their own individual strength—and *famillismo*, family togetherness.

Italians have a highly developed



sense of personal responsibility. Their allegiances are first to their families, then possibly to their cities. These allegiances are what keep life going and what hold the country together. This Italian individualism was exemplified by Renaissance

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and political wrangling cannot be quickly overcome.

There is even today a great deal of truth in an observation made more than a century and a half ago by the Austrian statesman, Count Metternich: "Italy is not a country but a geographical expression."

Italy is not one land but many. It is at least two countries—the more prosperous "European" north, and the poorer "Mediterranean" south. The widening economic gap between the two regions remains a major national concern.

#### Economic Collapse?

Individualism is also evident in the economic sphere.

attics, basements and back-alley shops, keeping no records and paying no taxes.

These small businesses—often individual or family enterprises—produce mainly low-technology consumer goods such as purses, gloves and dresses. They provide full-time, part-time and moonlighting jobs for millions of Italians, easing the pressures on the employment market and adding to national productivity and personal living standards. Yet none of it shows up on the official statistics.

Naples, for example, exports millions of pairs of gloves each year, yet does not have a single glove factory—at least not on the books!

The underground economy is believed to represent an amazing 30 percent of the Italian gross national product!

So here again, by pulling back into individual strengths and family togetherness, the Italians have kept their country functioning and made the best of bad times. They have survived—despite what many see as government mismanagement of the economy.

Now look at religion.

#### Secular State

More than 90 percent of Italy's people are baptized Catholics. Large numbers, however, are non-practicing. Italy has become a secular state. Long a pivotal power in Italy, the Roman Catholic Church has lost some of its influence in recent years.

Divorce is legal in Italy. Italy has



The transformation of most Italians' living standards since World War II has been dramatic. Yet despite the postwar surge, Italy is still a relatively poor country.

Italy's economic woes are many: persistent double-digit inflation, chronic unemployment and underemployment, a huge national debt, large balance-of-trade and balance-of-payments deficits (Italy imports 80 percent of its energy), and a sizable national budget deficit.

For years, analysts have been looking at the statistics and declaring Italy to be on the verge of imminent economic collapse. Yet the country has remained afloat. Why?

Much of the answer lies with Italy's "underground economy"—the thousands of small unreported firms that operate cheaply and efficiently in



Views of Italy today: Scene at Livorno Harbor, Tuscany (center); Clockwise from upper left: Ferrari factory at Modena, Emilia-Romagna region; Grape harvest in Trentino-Alto Adige region; Rooftop view of Rome looking toward dome of St. Peter's Basilica; Woman crocheting at Bacoli in Campania; Woman working at a knitter in her house at Soleto in Apulia; Harvesting olives at Salento in Apulia.

since Italy's collection of city-states, each its own nation.

Italy as we know it today has existed as a nation for only a little more than a century. It has been a republic only since 1946. Regional differences remain strong. National civic responsibility is far less well developed. Centuries of division

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one of Western Europe's most liberal abortion laws. Italy's birthrate is now among the lowest in the industrialized world—evidence that the Church has not won its battle against contraception.

Many of Rome's newsstands sell pornography. The situation is little better elsewhere in the country.

These developments have taken place despite strong opposition by the Vatican, an indication of the diminishing hold of the Catholic Church in civil life. The truth of an old Roman saying has been borne out: "Faith is made here and believed elsewhere."

Capping the trend toward secularism was a recent far-reaching change in Italy's formal relationship with the Roman Catholic Church.

In a nationally televised ceremony in February of this year, Italy and the Vatican signed a concordat under which Roman Catholicism ceased to be the official state religion of Italy. The new concordat replaced the 1929 concordat concluded between Pope Pius XI and Mussolini, which granted the Vatican many special privileges. The new concordat, however, continues to recognize Vatican City as an independent and "sovereign state, ruled by the Pope.

#### Ancient Dream

Few Italians have any illusions that Italy alone will ever regain the lost power and influence of her great past. But their nostalgia for another, more powerful Rome—as well as their desire for strong, effective government—could well find realization in another way.

Amazingly, many Italians today do have hope for realizing their centuries-old dream of *Il Buongoverno*. That hope lies within the context of a *United Europe*!

Paradoxically, the otherwise individualistic Italians are enthusiastic supporters of the concept of a *United Europe*—a united European fatherland without frontiers. There is greater enthusiasm for European union among the populace in Italy than in any other Western European nation!

This was evidenced in a poll done for the European Parliament in May 1984. Of the European Com-

munity's member nations, *only Italians* said they believed the unification of Europe would benefit the next generation. The other nine nations expressed skepticism regarding the Community's future.

Upon reflection, it should come as no great surprise that Italy—the source and focus of a great historical tradition, the ancient Roman ideal of *one Europe*—should be a leading force in the modern drive for European union. The very document that established the European Community or Common Mar-



Poster of Benito Mussolini affixed to lamp post in Rome announces one person's solution to Italy's crisis.

ket was signed in Rome.

Writes Luigi Barzini: "... the Italians of all parties were and are among the most fervent champions not merely of the integration of Europe but of its unification, its setting up business as a third superpower."

Possibly it is *because* the Italians are a people who find strength in the family unit that they see so clearly the great potentialities of Europe as *one family of nations*!

#### The Future of Italy

This magazine has long foretold Italy's important role in a developing "United States of Europe." In the July 1935 *Plain Truth*, editor Herbert W. Armstrong declared:

"Out of the present Italy is to emerge a reincarnation of the once great and powerful Roman Empire, by an alliance of ten nations within

its ancient territory."

Bible prophecy reveals a coming political union of 10 nations, or groups of nations, in Europe—a resurrection of the ancient Roman Empire. Italy will be an integral part of that great political-economic-military system.

And despite the increasingly secular trend in Italy today, prophecy declares that the Roman Catholic Church will also reassume its past influence in Italy, as throughout Europe!

The political muscle of the Vatican is rapidly becoming reinvigorated. The Church is repairing its battered image and moving ahead with its commitment to encourage the union of Europe, religiously and politically.

As a series of historical articles in this magazine has shown, the past is pointing the way to the future in Europe. The Roman dream of a politically united Europe yet lives! And it *will be achieved* for a brief period!

The coming United Europe will be a great third force in world affairs—a superpower in its own right. And Italy will share in its wealth and power.

But its glory will be fleeting. In the end, Italians will discover that the United Europe will also fail to bring them the *Buongoverno* they have sought for so long.

But a *Buongoverno* does lie ahead! Beyond the turmoil that will engulf the world in the years just ahead, a good government—a *perfect* government—will be established for Italy and the world! That world-ruling government is the *kingdom of God*.

A new age is coming! If you want to know more about this coming divine world-ruling government that will bring peace to this earth—and your potential part in it—write for our free booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*. And why not at the same time send for *What Is the True Gospel?*, which explains Jesus' message about world government? It's free, too.

God's government is the *ONLY* government that will produce the lasting peace and prosperity that Italians—and peoples everywhere—have sought through the ages! □

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# What Psychologists Don't Know About Child Rearing

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**T**here is an old proverb that says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6, Jewish Publication Society translation).

Yet many have believed they followed that advice, only to discover when the child became an adult that he (or she) had departed from it completely. They think that Solomon meant training as

not a "soul." The breathing physical man was the soul (Gen. 2:7). The spirit in him did not impart life to him. His breathing imparted the breath of life to his circulatory system. So says God.

Adam was made to need knowledge that no animal can know. He was made to need three kinds of knowledge: 1) knowledge for contact and relationship with God, 2) knowledge to have relationship with other people, and 3) knowledge to deal with things—matter.

Adam was created with a human spirit by which of himself he could acquire knowledge. Man has acquired by himself knowledge to build houses, make and operate automobiles, airplanes, computers. He has developed a sense of good and evil, right and wrong. Yet in nearly 6,000 years man has never learned how to get along with fellowman.

Husband and wife clash and divorce. Parents can't understand and properly train children. Children too often

resent parents. Family can't live happily with next-door neighbor. Management and labor clash, races and ethnic groups clash, nations war against one another.

And man has not learned—and doesn't seem to want to know—how to have a close association with his Maker.

Why? Because man was made with a human spirit, unlike animals, but he was made to need another Spirit—the Holy Spirit of God.

The Creator freely offered his Spirit, which also begets eternal life, to Adam. The Holy Spirit would have imparted to him knowledge for contact and relationship with God—how to get along with his fellowman—how to treat his mate and rear his children. But Adam rejected the Spirit of God (tree of life) and took to himself the knowledge of good and evil. He decided to acquire and produce by himself his own knowledge. But God had not created in him the tools (his Holy Spirit) by which he could decide the right knowledge. Without the addition of God's Spirit, man with his own mind could only produce selfish, self-centered knowl-

edge. Adam's mind, as a result, was only half complete. He was not mentally "all there!"

But, even though limited to only the human spirit, he still had a mind that could think, reason, calculate, make decisions. What an animal does is by instinct. What a human does is by thought—by reason—by decision.

Now see where this leads us. You train a growing child as you would train a dog or an elephant to do certain things a certain way. In some cases, because it has become habit, he may not change it.

But he has a mind that can think, reason, decide what to do and direct his actions differently from parental teaching—especially if an attitude of resistance, hostility, resentment of authority or prejudice—or if conformity to custom of his peers—causes a change of mind. In later life because of disagreement he may entirely depart from childhood training. Where, then, does this lead us?

In earliest childhood, Satan—the invisible spirit ruler of this world—begins to work on the child's mind. He broadcasts not in words, sounds or pictures, but in attitudes of selfishness, hostility, disagreement, resentment and self-will. Many parents neglect teaching their children's minds. They wait until teachers at school can teach them.

But Satan does not neglect your child's mind! Satan begins broadcasting into it, when only a few months old, attitudes of selfishness and self-centeredness.

How, then, should you train up a child in the way he should go? Not only by habit to do certain things a certain way, as you would train a dog, but by teaching the child to think for himself or herself!

Train a child to think and decide according to the spirit and attitude of God's law—love toward others, consideration for the good and welfare of others—and teach that Satan's way of selfishness and jealousy, envy, antagonism toward others, is wrong. Teach a child to honor his parents. Teach the principle and attitude of God's law of love to God and love to other people.

The psychologists who reject the revealed Word of God cannot rightly teach you how to rear children. They do not know what the human mind is. Unless they have the Holy Spirit—and I know of no such psychologists—they are incompetent to teach authoritatively on child rearing.

one would a dog, by teaching a child to do certain things, enforced by a system of rewards for performance and punishment for disobedience.

But what almost no one understands is the difference between a dog's brain and a child's mind.

The human brain is accompanied by a spirit in connection with it. This human spirit enables a human to think—to reason—to calculate—to make decisions.

Animals, by contrast, are equipped with instinct.

Now understand the difference!

The child's mind can think and reason. It can acquire knowledge a dog or an elephant cannot know. It is stated in I Corinthians 2:11, the Authorized Version, "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save [by] the spirit of man which is in him?" A dog or an elephant cannot know what a man knows.

Man's knowing, and power of self-decision, is imparted to the brain by the spirit that is in man.

Adam, the first created human, was created with a spirit in him. The spirit was



## Part One: THE PLAIN TRUTH ABOUT CHILD REARING

# Building Strong Family Ties in the '80s

**T**ODAY the reality of a *generation gap* stares society in the face.

Many parents frankly confess that they do not know their own children. They are like strangers. And this gap seems to have happened overnight.

Parents may appear to be close to their children when they are small. But with the advent of teenage something tragic happens. Communication breaks down. Alienation begins. Thus a generation of children has commonly become at odds with its own parents!

Why?

Examine your own situation. When does your whole family—every member—get together and talk—really have a good conversation and family communication? Chances are—seldom, if ever.

Many parents today really do try to provide the best for their children. They want to give them happiness and security. They consequently spend their time and energy in the acquisition of material possessions. Little time or energy, however, is spent to provide for the family's spiritual and emotional needs.

Do you know why children are so inclined to learn from television, whether for good or for bad? Because a television set is never too busy to talk to children. It never brushes them aside while it does household chores or becomes

involved in other pursuits. Television programming goes to considerable lengths to attract and hold the attention of youngsters. And it succeeds!

Meanwhile many fathers and mothers spend a minimum amount of time and effort maintaining direct contact with their children. And then they wonder why their children do not turn out as they would like them to.

Where were you when your son's class at school had its open house? Or when your daughter's dance team won the trophy?

Were you just too busy to be there? Was the extra money earned by working overtime that important? Did you really have to clean the oven? A few less dollars and a few specks of dirt at home, is a small price to pay toward an investment in one of your greatest treasures—your children.

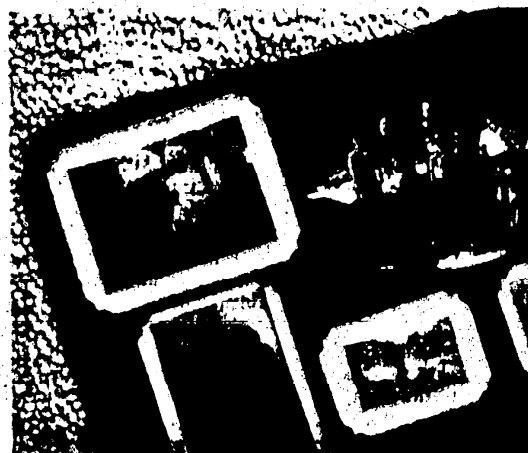
If you've been negligent in involving yourself with your children, changing that relationship may not be accomplished overnight, but with diligence and patience it can be done. It *must* be done. You would be surprised how many young people today are

deeply yearning for a closer relationship with their parents.

**Controlling Youthful Energy**

"The glory of young men," says the Bible, "is their strength" (Prov. 20:29). One of the greatest problems in any society is the harnessing of the energy and vitality of its youth. It is also one of the greatest difficulties of parenthood!

"Johnny! Please *sit still!* Stop jerking and jiggling!" shouts the



exasperated mother of a 10-year-old. "What's the matter?" she fumes. "Can't you *ever* be still and quiet?"

Parents have been saying things like that for centuries.

Virtually all "normal" children

are bundles of pent-up, explosive energy. And that energy must be released! When it is bottled up, suppressed and thwarted, it builds up incredible pressures in children. The longer energy is suppressed the more frustrated the child becomes.

Have you ever experienced this? You are driving along the freeway or the motorway. It's an extended trip of several hours. There are few stops except for gasoline or "rest" stops. The faces of the children in the backseat may be seen in the rearview mirror as they sit, squirm, struggle, wrestle, tussle, tug and pull away at each other.

The longer they have to sit there, the worse their attitudes will become. Sometimes they will fall asleep in sheer frustration. They may keep saying, "When are we going to get there, Daddy?" "How much longer?" "I have to go to the bathroom." (He just went 15 minutes earlier!)

The longer this agitation continues, the more irritable the parents become. After all, they would like a nice quiet, relaxing trip!

Before long an explosion takes place.

"Will you kids shut up!! Just sit still and be quiet! We'll get there when we get there and I don't want to hear any more about it!"

Sulk. Pout. Fume. Resent.

The atmosphere in the car has degenerated considerably since the trip began.

Why?

Simply because the parents did not understand, nor know how to cope with the factor of their children's *energy*! It's a law of nature—*energy must be released*. It must be burned up, utilized.

Yet children often lack the wisdom to know how to rightly utilize their own vast energy reserves. We are told that "a child left to himself brings shame to his mother" (Prov. 29:15, Revised Authorized Ver-



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sion). Children, left to their own devices, often use their energy in a destructive manner.

This is one of the principal reasons why children cooped up and left alone in a big-city environment often resort to acts of violence and vandalism. Children cut loose from the warm and creative environment of a close and loving family unit frequently become youthful vagrants prowling the streets and alleys of cities looking for destructive outlets for those pent-up energies. Such neglect on the part of parents is one of the key factors involved in the formation of adolescent street gangs.

A child should never be cut totally adrift from his family unit. He should be able to find expression *within* it. He should never be left *exclusively* to his or her own devices during those formative years. (This is not to say a child should not be taught independence, self-reliance and responsibility.) Parents must strive to understand their child's need for constant activity and provide ways for the release of that energy.

Family outings, sports activities, hikes, camp-outs, musical endeavors, building projects, hobbies, wrestling matches with Dad, walks and runs, jogging as a family, exercising together are all invaluable and constructive outlets that can be shared by all of the family.

Children should be taught and encouraged to "think family." Ideally, the family environment should be the *most* enjoyable place for a child to be. It should be the most interesting, the most satisfying.

A child who cannot find satisfaction and activity within his family unit will seek it elsewhere. Responsible, perceptive parents will recognize this need and seriously strive to provide the right kind of exciting, interest-filled environment for their children. Granted, it takes time and planning. But it pays off.

#### Being a Family

The Creator, God does not take the responsibilities of maintaining strong family ties lightly. After all, he created this oldest of social institutions—the FAMILY. But pressures from the world are tearing this institution apart. Seldom do families get together anymore.

In this hectic society it seems there is little time for simple yet meaningful occasions like dinner with the grandparents or a family reunion. And because we haven't taken the time for such things, the glue that holds families together doesn't hold firm.

It's time to revive some old-fashioned values and build more permanent family ties. It might just save your family.

Let's take for example the old custom of gathering the whole family together on a weekend afternoon for a big meal. If you ever had such wonderful dinners in your family, you can almost taste the delicious meals still. And who could ever forget the fun of playing outside with your cousins and neighborhood children while your parents sat and talked for hours?

If that has been a part of your life you cannot forget it. But why is it gone today? Doesn't anyone care anymore? And why can't you start or reinstate such family get-together customs now?

Well, you can.

The PLAIN TRUTH

Of course, if the grandparents live hundreds or thousands of miles away, you can't have dinner together frequently. But if they are nearby, you can certainly make it a fairly regular practice. Even if they are a great distance away, all is not lost.

Another great old-fashioned tradition used to be getting the extended family—the entire family: the brothers and sisters and all the cousins—together once a year or every other year. There is nothing like it.

We in the Western world live in very mobile societies where people move often. Sometimes these moves are hundreds or sometimes thousands of miles. When such moves happen, the children grow up without any sense of stability.

This separating of families has created a whole generation who don't know "who they are." When you grow up under the influence of your parents and your grandparents, there is little doubt of who you are. If you have a quick temper as your grandfather did,

big, you will know for sure where you got your voice.

The knowledge of one's family heritage seems to be missing in so many families today. Grandpa may have been forced into early retirement while he still had years of productivity left in him. Perhaps he died prematurely from the lack of purpose and inactivity. Like as not Grandma was put into a rest home to rock away her final years of life in boredom. What a tragedy! And all the time they could have helped so much.

Don't let the opportunity for your children to know and love their grandparents go by. Plan a family reunion as soon as it is practical. If the grandparents are not living, make it a practice to visit the cemetery where they are buried. Tell the children stories about their grandparents and the "good old days." You'll be surprised at the greater sense of identity it gives them.

Instead of positive traditions, do you know what families in today's society have? Nontraditions. What

sat around the table. Mom prepared a hearty meal of cooked cereal, toast from homemade bread, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs and a hamburger patty. Dad outlined the day's chores. That was a tradition.

A nontradition is quite the opposite. Today, Dad probably grouches his way through the morning preparing to fight the traffic jams. He may or may not bolt down a cup of coffee and a piece of toast.

Where's Mom? She may have a job of her own and hurries through the blow dryer and hair curlers to be ready for her ride to work.

And the children? Left to themselves, they take the easy way out and gobble down a bowl of pre-sweetened cold cereal. That's breakfast. That's hardly conducive to the kind of bonds that build strong family ties.

And lunch these days is no memorable occasion either. It is usually eaten by each member of the family separately. Dad eats lunch on the job. The children eat lunch at school. And Mom perhaps at home with the babies or at work.

That's what we mean by a *non-tradition*. Nothing of lasting value comes out of this life-style. There is nothing here to pass on to the next generation. No positive family relationships are built.

#### Dinner Together

Today everyone seems to be so busy. All the members of the family are involved in so many activities. With school, work, play and television—is it any wonder members of a family can seldom be together at the same time?

Usually there is only one occasion during the day when the entire family is in one place at one time. This is the *evening meal*. And this mealtime *at least* ought to be family time. But what do we see? A trend toward the no-cook-eat-in-front-of-the-television idea. City boulevards are ablaze with signs beckoning the customer to stop in and carry out a quick, already prepared meal. Society seems geared to the eat-on-the-run syndrome. Snack shops, sandwich stands, drive-in restaurants have greatly proliferated.

People in today's fast-moving  
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In many countries it is considered *essential* that all the family be seated at the dinner table together. Here a meal represents far more than just food and nutrition. It is a time for family fellowship, conversation and enjoyment.

you'll know it if you saw him yell at the cow when she kicked over the pail. If you have a fine voice for singing, you well may have inherited it from your grandmother. If you heard her singing lulla-

are nontraditions? Let me give you an example.

The typical Western breakfast.

Years ago when societies were mainly agrarian, breakfast was quite an affair. The entire family

# How the West Can End the Fear of Nuclear War NOW!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

There is no end in sight to wars. The only visible prospect is escalation. Yet there is a sure way the West could end the fear of nuclear war immediately! This is the concluding installment of a two-part article.

**M**ANY ASK, "If there be a God, WHY does God allow wars?"

They argue: "If God is LOVE, he surely wouldn't want all this suffering. And if God is ALL-POWERFUL, he could prevent wars! So why doesn't he?"

The answer is, certainly God could stop it—and in very few years will!

But, why in the future? Why did he ever allow it?

Because a PURPOSE is, being worked out here below! Man was put here on earth to develop righteous CHARACTER! That purpose necessitates free moral agency in man. It is absolutely necessary that man be given both the prerogative and the ability to make his own choice, and exercise his own will! Otherwise, —NO CHARACTER!

## WHY Must There Be WARS?

There is a way that will prevent WAR and produce PEACE—a way to happiness and abundant well-being for everybody!

The ETERNAL God offered mankind that way—and let mankind choose! The ETERNAL created and set in motion inexorable laws that

work—not only laws of chemistry and physics—but also a basic SPIRITUAL LAW, which is the way to peace, happiness, abundant well-being! That LAW is the basic CAUSE of peace. Its violation is the CAUSE of war!

Yes, it's just that simple!

But a rebellious humanity—priding itself on its rational processes of "intellect"—willingly blinds its minds to simple TRUTH, and embarks on a system of complicated and nonsensical ERROR—MUCH OF IT IN THE NAME OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Human nature is basically rebellious against God and the inexorable laws of God (Rom. 8:7).

The Creator laid before man the KNOWLEDGE of his law—the knowledge of HOW TO AVOID WARS! But yielding to human nature—vanity, greed, self-centeredness—rebellion against God's law of PEACE—that is the CAUSE of WARS!

## Nations Never Needed Go to War!

In respect to war, the basic point of God's spiritual law is the Sixth Commandment. It says, simply, "Thou shalt not kill."

If all nations OBEYED that command of God and followed the way of LOVE and PEACE there would be no war!

But, an objector argues: "That's a pretty platitude—but it's not practical. It would never work! Any nation that would follow that command would be attacked and beaten by some other nation that was more practical!"

Oh, but that way WOULD WORK! That way is practical!

The Creator understands human nature better than we humans do! He provided for that!

Do you think the Almighty Creator is so impractical that he leaves those who OBEY HIM—who accept HIS GOVERNMENT over them—helpless? Understand this! God Almighty is SUPREME! He created the UNIVERSE—and he RULES SUPREME over the entire vast UNIVERSE. He RULES over the earth, and whatever men do in their politics—their wars—their setting up of their own forms of government—is done ONLY BECAUSE GOD ALLOWS IT!

God is SUPREME in GOVERNMENT! A prime responsibility of GOVERNMENT is to PROTECT its own subjects! So, open your eyes, now, to the FACTS!

THE PLAIN TRUTH

God did take a people—a family of some two million SLAVES, children of God's friend Abraham—and offered to set them up as a special nation UNDER HIS GOVERNMENT!

To any people—whether an individual, a nation or even all nations—who will voluntarily subject themselves under God's GOVERNMENT, God says the SAME THING—he is no respecter of persons! What he said to these Israelites, he says to ALL:

"But if thou shalt indeed obey [my] voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries . . . and I will cut them off" (Ex. 23:22-23).

God promised supernaturally to fight any invading enemy to protect the nation and people under his government. God, ONLY, has the right to take human life! He created human life. All lives BELONG to him.

But, did you notice? There were CONDITIONS to God's promise of divine and supernatural protection. During the first 6,000 years of man's sojourn on earth, it is not in God's master plan to force any nation, or individual, to come under his GOVERNMENT. That is left to man's free CHOICE!

Man must choose which way he will go—the way of give and of submission to God's law and government, or the way of get, of self, of rebellion against the law and government of God.

But these freed slaves—the Israelites—accepted God's offer, and became his nation. They AGREED to obey him and his laws—his government—and he agreed to give them PEACE, as long as they obeyed and trusted him.

But human nature is human nature—and facts are facts.

#### Human Nature at Work

And HUMAN NATURE? Yes, these Israelites were full of it!

These Israelites, even while being blessed and delivered by God with MIRACLES, still were rebellious. After the MIRACLES God had performed in FREEING them from slavery in Egypt, these people began to gripe, grumble, complain and DISOBEY God.

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These people—600,000 men, besides women and children—came to the Red Sea. There were no ships, no bridges. They could not swim such a distance. They could not walk on the water. They were STOPPED by this obstacle beyond their own power.

They looked, and within eyesight, Pharaoh's ARMY was coming after them.

Right here, God demonstrated he would preserve his people from having to undergo military service, or fighting war, or taking human life!

In spite of their faithless complaining in this initial EXAMPLE of God's faithfulness, he was determined to fight *this* battle and save them.

"And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which HE WILL SHEW TO YOU to day. . . . The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace" (Ex. 14:13-14).

The Israelites were not to fight—but STAND STILL! God would fight their wars for them! They were to remain at PEACE!

#### How GOD Fights for Us!

"Moses stretched his hand out over the sea . . . Then the Eternal swept the sea along by a strong east wind, all night, till the bed of the sea was dry . . . and the Israelites marched through the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall to right and left. . . . Thus did the Eternal save Israel that day from the Egyptians. . . . Israel saw the mighty action of the Eternal against the Egyptians . . ." (Ex. 14:21-22, 30-31, Moffatt translation).

After this miraculous delivery from disaster—from a WAR—a whole army of a then great nation destroyed—those Israelites murmured against Moses and Aaron and said, "Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt. . . ." (Ex. 16:3).

Again and again, "they tempted the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us, or not?" (Ex. 17:7).

Repeatedly, God had given these people awe-inspiring and miraculous demonstrations of his intention to fight their battles for them.

After all of this OVERWHELMING PROOF, these people DOUBTED God's faithfulness—DOUBTED his power—even DOUBTED his very existence. They disobeyed. They went the way of SIN!

Moses was distraught, his nerves shattered, his patience about exhausted. After all, Moses was only human!

"What shall I do unto this people?" Moses appealed to God, "they be almost ready to stone me" (Ex. 17:4).

At this juncture, Amalek came against the Israelites in great strength with an invading army. This time God ALLOWED the Israelites to write the lesson of experience. He allowed them to SIN. God does not forcibly prevent humans from sinning.

Moses, at the end of his patience trying to induce these stubborn, rebellious people to believe in and TRUST God, said to Joshua, "Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek" (Ex. 17:9).

It was altogether unnecessary for these Israelites to arm themselves and wage WAR. It was WRONG! It was SIN. But God let the decision be theirs!

This incident was the turning point.

#### God's PURPOSE Stands!

Even though God ALLOWS humans to make their own decisions—nevertheless God's PURPOSE must stand! His PURPOSE was to settle these descendants of Abraham in the land he had promised Abraham—"the PROMISED LAND."

God's faithfulness demanded that he plant these people in that land, regardless of their conduct!

These descendants of Abraham had made their decision to be a fighting, war-waging nation. That decision was theirs to make. And since they had made it, God used them to do the fighting in driving out the inhabitants illegally possessing the land God had allotted to Abraham's descendants. Consequently God gave orders for them to do what fighting—and killing—was necessary to accomplish God's PURPOSE of putting them in the land of promise!

But that did not make war

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# When Peace Comes to Ireland

by Robert C. Boraker

Do the latest proposals for a united Ireland offer any hope for peace in Ulster? How will the violence end?

**"O**F COURSE I want a united Ireland," said the young teacher in Londonderry. "But not with that lot down South," she added with scorn.

That expresses one of the tragedies in Northern Ireland today.

Most southern Irish dream of a united Ireland while those in the North are bitterly divided over any effort in that direction. Ireland's divergent groups say they want peace and unity—but on their own terms.

It is sad to see this beautiful country ravaged by sectarian divisions and violence. The few tourists who go to Ireland today find the country-

side—both North and South—to be a green and pleasant land. That's what President Ronald Reagan discovered when he visited Ashford Castle near Galway last June.

On my most recent visit to Belfast, I observed that outwardly, living conditions were fairly normal—except for the body searches at security checkpoints and the occasional army vehicle. One would hardly





know this was the city plagued by violence for more than 15 years.

But under a surface that appears to be normal, sectarian troubles in Northern Ireland have utterly altered the lives of both Catholics and Protestants. Many families have been torn apart by two decades of violence.

Henry Sergeant, for example, begins his day at his home in the Andersonstown area of Belfast by switching on the radio to hear the latest news about bombings, hijackings and barricaded roads. The family can then plan their routes to work, school or the shops.

Mr. Sergeant tries to keep his five sons and five daughters close to home. "If one goes out, we always know where," he says. "And they call us to let us know they have arrived safely. If there's trouble, we go to get them."

The constant threat of violence takes its toll by building up stress on the mind and body. Some resort to alcohol or other drugs to cope. The consumption of tranquilizers in Northern Ireland tripled over the last 10 years. During 1983 alone, doctors wrote nearly 750,000 prescriptions for drugs. That was 20 percent more than in

the rest of the United Kingdom.

Will this suffering end? Politicians only search for a solution.

Last May the leaders of rival nationalist parties in the Republic of Ireland met at Dublin Castle to approve the New Ireland Forum Report. The 14,000-word report analyzed the island's social, economic and political problems. It also offered solutions.

It said, in brief, a unified Ireland would be the "most durable basis for peace and stability." As an alternative, it suggested that Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic could become separate states under a central government. Or Dublin and London could share responsibility for governing the North.

As usual, Ulster's unionists rejected the call for a united Ireland. They have been adamantly opposed to this concept.

County Kilkenny, southern Leinster, is typical of Ireland's natural beauty. Left, children in Belfast practice with toy guns. Right, funeral parade, 1981, for IRA's Joe McDonald.

Protestant M.P. Ian Paisley's supporters plastered "Ulster Is British" signs on Dublin's central post office. That was where the uprising against the British began in 1916.

This message from Northern Ireland was clear. There would be no surrender to any effort that leads to British withdrawal so a united Ireland could be established. Compromise would be equally rejected by most other Ulster Protestants. Northern Ireland Secretary James Prior, from England, also says there were no grounds to expect agreement for any of the three constitutional solutions suggested by the Forum's report.

After interviewing people from





both the North and South, one is forced to conclude that the Irish problem is impossible for man to solve—so long as humans defy that great spiritual law, "You shall love your neighbor [whether Catholic or Protestant] as yourself."

#### Attitudes of Fear and Hatred

In Galway, one young married man expressed to me the attitude of his Catholic father in these words: "The English have always ruled Ireland with a strong hand, denying us our rights and trying to take our religion away. They sent over the army to murder and kill. They took our land away and gave it to landlords who were Protestant settlers from England."

"If the Irish couldn't pay their rent, they starved to death. The Protestant majority in the North did not give fair play to the Catholic minority. This created the civil rights' movements. This then developed and moved into violence and murder."

Ulstermen, in turn, have had a siege mentality since the 17th century. They fear losing their civil and religious liberty won by the Protestant Reformation.

In the past, Protestants felt compelled to safeguard their freedom by discriminating against Catholics. Admittedly, Catholics have been treated better in recent years by being given improved housing and more jobs. But Ulster Protestants still have a fear of being outnumbered by Catholics, affecting their jobs, their government and their religion. And especially a fear of a repetition of the A.D. 1641 massacres, which they also remind themselves of every July 12.

There would be three million Catholics to only one million Protestants if Ireland were to be re-united as 32 counties. Instead of being a powerful majority, Ulster Protestants would then be in the minority—outvoted and dominated by Catholic politics. That's why they resist any forced reunion of the two Irish territories.

Many Ulster-Scot Protestants also fear the international political power of the Roman Catholic Church. They detest becoming part of what they regard as a rigid Catholic state. Under such a Catholic gov-

ernment, large numbers of Ulster Protestants fear it would no longer be easy for them to divorce or practice birth control.

#### How Irish Strife Began

Protestants and Catholics in Ireland have distrusted each other for centuries. "The Irish have long memories," one man told me.

To understand why there is strife in Ulster today, we must understand Irish history. Ireland has a complex history that involves cultural, ethnic, economic, political, temperamental and social differences.

It's a history filled with conflict between the native Irish and the foreign colonizers—whether they were Danes, Normans, English or Scots. The Irish also fought among themselves. There were feuds between families, battles between tribes and wars between provinces.

In the 12th century, Pope Adrian appealed to England's King Henry II (1154-89) for help in reforming Ireland by establishing full Papal authority. Pope Adrian's document said: "You shall enter that island and execute whatever may tend to the honour of God and the welfare of the land; and also that the people of that land shall receive you with honour and revere you as their lord..." (text of *Laudabiliter in Irish Historical Documents*, edited by Curtis and McDowell, pages 17, 18).

But England did not fully conquer Ireland until the time of Elizabeth I.

Meanwhile, Ireland, in the reign of Edward II (1307-27), was divided between Irish and English who had different languages, habits and laws. Their deep animosity toward each other was evident long before Protestantism. The English and Irish systems of land tenure, property and inheritance increased resentment and bitterness between the two factions. Religious conflict developed only later.

#### The Ulster Plantations

England's first Protestant king, Henry VIII, abolished papal authority in Ireland by declaring himself the head of the Irish church. But the Catholic friars were beyond Henry's power. They continued to preach everywhere among the people.

Toward the end of Henry's reign, the Jesuits came to Ireland under the protection of Con O'Neill, "prince of the Irish of Ulster." Because they helped keep Roman Catholic traditions alive, most of Ireland remained faithful to Rome.

In 1541, the English Parliament declared Henry VIII "King of this land of Ireland, annexed and knit forever to the imperial crown of the realm of England." This paved the way for the effective conquest of Ireland by Queen Elizabeth I.

Ulster demanded the immediate attention of Queen Elizabeth. It was here that the Catholic Earl of Tyrone led the last pocket of Gaelic Irish resistance against English conquest and colonization. His army was defeated at Kinsdale in 1601. His lands—comprising six of the nine counties of Ulster—were planted or settled with Scottish Protestants.

Under James I, massive tracts of land were seized from the natives and granted to Scottish and English colonizers. By 1640, Protestants owned three million out of 3.5 million acres.

These "Ulster Plantations" divided Ireland into two antagonistic communities. The conquered and impoverished Catholic natives remained side by side with the Protestant settlers. When Sir George Carew reported on the plantations in 1611, he clearly foresaw that the Irish would rebel again.

The Scots who settled in Ulster were considered by the native Irish as being proud and haughty aliens. To the Scots, the Irish were backward in manners and customs. Thus the scorn of the Scot was met by the curse of the Celt—"the wild Irish" as they appeared to the eyes of the Scots.

In parts of Ireland, English colonists became absorbed by the native population. But in Ulster, Presbyterian Scots didn't generally intermarry with the devoutly Catholic native Irish.

Irish Catholics resented being ruled by persons of a different ethnic background and a different religion. To them, it was Protestant monarchs in England who had exploited and oppressed them. They felt discriminated against in respect to land tenure, housing,

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employment and political opportunity. This discrimination led to the uprisings in 1641, 1798 and, most recently, 1969.

Ulster Presbyterians such as Henry Cooke, Thomas Drew and Hugh Hanna became involved in politics as early as 1820. Politics and religion became mingled together, remaining so to this day.

#### Why No Peace?

Why is there no peace in Northern Ireland today? The ethnic, religious and political differences are contributing factors. But the Bible reveals a more important reason.

When God chose ancient Israel to be his nation, he revealed a code of law as a basis for their way of life (Deut. 32:45-47). This special knowledge would make them a wise and understanding nation. So much so that other nations would marvel and say: "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?" (Deut. 4:6, 8, Revised Authorized Version throughout).

The many blessings ancient Israel would receive for obeying God's commandments are enumerated in Leviticus 26. Notice one blessing in verse 6, "I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none will make you afraid."

But should the nation transgress God's law by going the way of selfishness, jealousy and greed, God said curses would come as a penalty: "Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country" (Deut. 28:16).

That is happening in Northern Ireland today. People live in fear. The nation is under a curse for violating the great spiritual law God set in motion at creation—to love your neighbor as yourself.

How can peace and stability be restored to this cursed land? There is a cause for every effect. The curse of discord is the direct result of violating the spiritual law that

regulates human relationships and governs human conduct. This divinely revealed, spiritual law shows how to live at peace with one's neighbor.

The apostle Paul's words describe those who have brought a curse on Ireland: "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace they have not known" (Rom. 3:14-17, emphasis ours).

#### The Way of Peace

The way of peace is revealed by God's law. "Great peace have those who love Your law," David prayed



Pro-IRA slogan in support of 1981 hunger strikes of Bobby Sands and others.

(Ps. 119:165). Not only did he love and respect God's law, as the king with sovereign authority David enforced it in ancient Israel.

To have peace in any nation, there must be a constituted authority to administer the law fairly and equally, state the punishment and then see that all lawbreakers are punished justly, swiftly and consistently.

When the law is not enforced, crime and violence increase. The painful result is anarchy and gun law. That has happened in Northern Ireland.

Irish history for a thousand years is filled with accounts of abuse of authority and rebellion against constituted authority, whether it was exercised by the Danish, English or Scottish lords. One man summed up the situation in a nutshell when he said: "Under our system, you can govern people only to the

extent that they wish to be governed. And by now, big numbers in the North, on both sides, do not wish to be governed."

The Bible commands both sides, "Pursue peace with all men," and "Be at peace among yourselves" (Heb. 12:14 and I. Thess. 5:13). Political bombings to force a million Protestants into a united Ireland is not the way to peace. Neither is organizing Protestant murder-gangs to fight Catholic murder-gangs. That's the way to sectarian civil war.

Cooperation—rather than divisive antagonistic action—leads to social stability. But North and South have not yet been able to work together on some of the most essential matters of common interest. They have not known how to begin a mutual campaign to stamp out terrorism perpetrated by either the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) or the Provisional Irish Republic Army (IRA).

#### The IRA's Plan

Whether all Irish Americans believe it or not, it is documented that the IRA is part of the international network guided and exploited by the Soviet intelligence agency, the KGB. Both Palestinians and Cubans have trained IRA members in guerrilla tactics.

The IRA has a plan. It will continue to carry out bombings, shootings and other terrorism until the British withdraw because of frustration with the futility of it all. The IRA believes that its tenacity will eventually pay off.

But what does the IRA have in mind for a free and united Ireland if it ever succeeds? After talking to leaders of the IRA and the Irish National Liberation Army in 1981, Otto von Habsburg became convinced they are intent on overthrowing the Dublin government and replacing it with a Marxist people's republic (*The Guardian*, July 10, 1981). Some IRA leaders talk of a socialist state that will redistribute Ireland's resources.

The power of the IRA can only

be curbed when the South and the North become united in their efforts to stamp it out. Irish Americans can also help. When Irish Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald went to the United States in March of this year, he said they could help the Irish cause best by refusing to contribute to "charities" that are known to finance IRA activities. He is determined to thwart the IRA's objectives to establish a military dictatorship on the island.

Protestant paramilitary organizations in turn respond to IRA terrorists by causing more loss of life, injury and damage to property. The actions of both extremist groups succeed only in sowing fear, division and distrust throughout the whole community.

What will happen at the end of the day," as the Irish say? Both Catholics and Protestants agree that a military solution won't work. A political solution has yet to be found that will satisfy everyone.

Then what about a religious solution? Since there is a religious conflict, the only possible way to an enduring peace must involve religion. Are all parties willing to look to the law of God for a spiritual solution to their own attitudes and their mutual problems?

#### Prince of Peace

The founder of true Christianity came to "guide our feet into the way of peace" (Luke 1:79). What then did Jesus Christ, as the Prince of Peace, say about the way that brings peace?

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matt. 5:9). A real Christian man will work to bring about peace in his family and set an example in his community. He will not support and follow leaders and organizations that stir up strife, bitterness and hatred of any form.

When Catholics and Protestants battle it out with stones, firebombs, fists and even guns, can they do it "in Jesus' name"? A proverb for the wise says, "It is honorable for a man to stop striving, since any fool can start a quarrel" (Prov. 20:3).

A true Christian will heed the words of Christ: "Love your ene-

mies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matt. 5:44). Hatred cannot be in the heart of one who obeys Christ's words. True love is outgoing concern to others. It is a sharing, helping and giving type of attitude.

True Christianity is a way of life based on helpfulness, toleration and respect for other people and their property. Too many in Northern Ireland are involved in a way of life that includes prejudice, hatred, discrimination, resentment and, in some cases, outright murder.

There is too much hatred and not enough love in Northern Ireland. Young children can sometimes be seen with faces contorted by angry rage as they shout vile curses at British soldiers or those who have a different religion.

Sectarian hatred and prejudice are learned at home and nourished in the community. The attitudes of parents are passed on to their children. Irrational violence can also be traced to the home where children too often are conditioned to brutality.

To solve this problem will require changes in child training. Parents should first set a good example by rooting religious prejudice out of their own attitudes. They should not allow their children to chant rhymes of sectarian hatred or take part in mob action on the streets.

The educational system also needs to be transformed. Divisions start in elementary schools that are either Catholic or Protestant. Catholics go to segregated schools and grow up without speaking to Protestants until late in their teens.

(To overcome those barriers, Belfast's Lagan College opened up its doors three years ago to both Catholic and Protestant youngsters. See the accompanying interview about this integrated school system.)

Discrimination in employment is still a problem in Northern Ireland. Protestant-owned firms employ mainly Protestants. Catholic firms do the same. Employers don't want to upset their employees by hiring someone of a different religion. They have yet to acquire the courage to be impartial in whom they

hire rather than practice sectarian discrimination.

These changes are imperative before any peaceful solution can be implemented. Most important of all, what's needed is a change in the human heart and attitude.

#### When the Dream Becomes Possible

Will Ireland be united in the foreseeable future? The chasms that divide the island are so deep and wide, it could take years before there is any hope of reconciliation. The dream of a peaceful unification must be seen as impossible so long as both the Irish and Ulstermen have their human nature dominated by sectarian hatred, hostility, mistrust and anger.

Reunification is not a magic cure-all that will automatically bring peace. The problem is how to share an island in conditions of peace and reasonable fairness—how people of different ethnic origins, religions and political views can live together with toleration toward one another.

No peaceful solution appears to be on the horizon because the way to peace is not practiced. Yet there will come a peaceful world of tomorrow, the time when the government of God will be enforced by the returned Jesus Christ who will bring peace. You can read of this wonderful day for Ireland and for the whole world in our free booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*.

The Irish dream of the day when ancient and horrible hatreds will be forgotten. They dream of the time when their country can live in unity and peace—living secure lives in happiness. The prophet Isaiah said that dream will come true when Messiah is King:

"Behold, a king will reign in righteousness. . . . Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places" (Isa. 32:1, 16-18).

That truly will be the day "when Irish eyes are smiling . . . when Irish hearts are happy." ☪

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**I**T CAN be done! Here is a success story—an absorbing account of School on the Hill or Lagan College in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

It was founded by All Children Together Movement.

In this interview by John Ross Schroeder we introduce the achievement of the School on the Hill through one of its founders, George Hewitt.

**Q: What makes the School on the Hill different from other comprehensive schools in Northern Ireland?**

**A:** The first thing that makes it different from all the other comprehensive schools in Northern Ireland is that we planned for Catholic and Protestant children to be educated side by side.

Another thing which makes this all-ability post-primary school different from other schools is that it is coed, boys and girls. When we started, it also had the distinction of being an independent school funded totally by voluntary contributions. Happily that ended on the 1st April, 1984, when the Department of Education for Northern Ireland granted what is termed, maintained status. This means that the government will render themselves responsible for 85 percent of capital outlay, total maintenance and they will totally meet the salaries of all the teaching staff.

**Q: What is your fundamental purpose in this school? You're flying somewhat in the face of accepted tradition in Ulster.**

**A:** Our basic purpose is to show that there can be a third system of education within the area of Northern Ireland. To all intents the prevailing system is a Protestant-dominated system. There is also a maintained system, which is totally Roman Catholic. We are putting forward a third system where Cath-

olic and Protestant children and Catholic and Protestant teachers can be associated together under the roof of one college or school.

**Q: How many children do you have here? How many did you start out with and do you have plans to have an increase by, say, 1990?**

**A:** First, it should be understood that I am merely a trustee of the All Children Together Movement. There is a maintained schools committee that manages the school

College a mixture of Catholic and Protestant children, a mixture of boys and girls, a mixture of children from all sections of the social stratum. We have also a mixture with our teaching staff.

One of the things many worry about here in Northern Ireland, or Ulster as some of us call it, is the difficulty of teaching Religious Education (R.E.). But if you plan your R.E. syllabus properly it presents no difficulties whatsoever.

The way the college operates on R.E. is, generally speaking, to have a core subject which is taught to all children. After that core subject, there are denominational classes taught by either teachers who are qualified to instruct in those disciplines or by clergy who come in from the outside. Difficulties that arise are always discussed and smoothed out in a very intelligent and sensible manner.

No difficulty has arisen, as far as I am aware, which has ever caused any child or any parent any distress. In fact, the parental support for the R.E. teaching in this college is absolutely superb.

It is interesting to note that although there may be parents who are not attached to any particular denomination within the Christian community, not one single child has been opted out of R.E.

Now apart from the teaching of R.E., we are very well aware that there are other differences between the two ethnic groups—if you would like to call them that—in this part of Ireland. The cultural differences that arise are greatly exaggerated by people who are ignorant of the subject.

At the moment our children are only up to 14 to 15 years of age. But by September they will be entering for what we call here in the United Kingdom the "O" level examination, and at that point they start on different options.

Another interesting thing about the school is that boys and girls are

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itself. However, I can answer these questions in general.

First of all we started off in 1981 with 28 children—mixed Protestant and Catholic, mixed boys and girls. In the next two years we increased the number of children and we hope to go up to 250 in September.

Eventually we would hope that Lagan College would cater for some 500 children. This, of course, is a general figure. I believe it is the philosophy of our movement and of the governors of the school and the parents that they would not wish to exceed a figure of round about 500. We believe that small is beautiful.

**Q: How are you actively pursuing the integration of Catholic and Protestant ways of life? How does it work out?**

**A:** The answer to that is very simple. It does work; it works extremely well. We have here in Lagan

treated equally. We are not trying to put over that a boy is exactly the same physiologically as a girl. What we are trying to put over is that they have equal responsibility in society.

All boys and girls, up to and including the entry to state examinations, are taught home economy. Domestic economy, cooking and washing and all the rest of it. Secondly, all boys and girls do elementary crafts like woodwork and metalwork. All boys and girls do junior science; all boys and girls do art and design.

**Q: How do you teach history here, in view of the fact that there are two traditions and two cultures existing side by side in Northern Ireland?**

A: History is taught as history, not as legend or myth. The history teaching is taught on the basis of actual Irish history, the history of the British Isles, and the history of the world. No punches are pulled.

**Q: How are you financed? Do you get grants from the state? What are your prospects for future financing? I understand the student fees were high.**

A: As of the 1st April, 1984, there are no fees for any child at the school. Before the 1st April, 1984, the school existed totally on voluntary contributions from all our friends all over the world in many countries. But parents had to pay up to 600 pounds per year per child.

Now we would like to underline that all parents did not have to pay this amount. Some parents, in fact, paid nothing. There was a bursary system instituted right at the outset of the school's existence, so that parents who were not in a position to pay for their children at the school were given a bursary and the matter ended there.

**Q: Are Catholic and Protestant parents of your schoolchildren working together actively? What do the parents do to help out schools in Northern Ireland—particularly this one?**

A: In Northern Ireland there are PTAs at most schools. But most schools in Northern Ireland are segregated into Protestant or Cath-

olic *ipso facto*. In Lagan College the parents are by the nature of the college both Protestant and Catholic. I have never seen parents so active in helping the school—and my experience in this matter goes over a long number of years.

It is most refreshing to attend a parents' council, meeting or to attend any of the many meetings or entertainments which we have at the school. Protestant and Catholic parents as well as uncles and aunts, granddads, grandmothers—all participate in the activities. Parental concern is a cornerstone of the foundation of the school.

The parents' council in this school supports all kinds of school activities. It is a body which is composed of Protestant and Catholic members. There is no question of any differentiation and at the meetings of the council, it is quite impossible to tell who is a Catholic and who is a Protestant. That's the way we like to have it.

**Q: How does the educational community—the regular schools here in Northern Ireland—view your activities?**

A: Our acceptance within the community of schools in the province is good. No doubt at the beginning there were doubts. When the college was started the demographic trends for pupils in schools were not very auspicious in that schools were closing because of falling rolls, and therefore teachers were becoming unemployed.

There was at that time a feeling, no doubt, that Lagan College would be taking pupils from specific areas and that teachers who were teaching in those schools in those areas might lose their jobs. This, in fact, hasn't been so. For Lagan College takes its children from a very wide catchment area that covers hundreds of primary schools and many, many secondary schools.

**Q: Do you think this unique experiment will eventually spread to the rest of Northern Ireland?**

A: The movement that set up Lagan College at the behest of those 28 parents in 1981 is called the All Children Together Movement. It has been in existence from the early seventies and it is a body which is

endeavoring to introduce shared education within the province by the consent of parents. Now those words are very important to us—*by the consent of parents*. We believe that parental consent is vital in the propagation of integrated schooling.

As I said earlier, the times are difficult for this operation in that the demographic trends in schools show declining rolls. All of this makes people ask why we want another type of school. Our answer is that we believe that in the long run—not tomorrow, perhaps not in the next 20 years—the efforts made to integrate the teaching of our children will pay off.

Protestant children will discover that Roman Catholic children are the same as their friends in Protestant schools and Roman Catholic children will feel exactly the same about Protestant children.

We believe also that if we can integrate our children in schools, our parents, our uncles and aunts, granddads and all the rest will eventually become integrated. This is not so in Northern Ireland at the moment. There are many, many children who are brought up in either Roman Catholic maintained schools or controlled *ipso facto* Protestant schools, who, in fact, never ever meet Protestant or Roman Catholic children.

We feel that this situation allows children to have a distorted view of different denominations.

**Q: How do your teachers here feel about this unique experiment? Do they feel a sense of enthusiasm? Do teachers from different backgrounds get on well together?**

A: Viewing it from the point of view of someone who has been very close to the school, I can say the teachers get on extremely well together. In fact, it is never discussed. The prime requirement of a teacher coming to a school like this is commitment. And I believe that every single teacher in this school has commitment. The teachers have supported the governors of the school and the trustees of the All Children Together Movement magnificently.

**Q: Are the students themselves getting on together? Is the experiment**

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RIGHT. Whether to DO right or wrong—that is MAN'S decision! These Israelites did not need to fight.

God ALLOWED them to SIN by taking up arms.

Now you know WHY the nation Israel went to war—WHY God himself even *commanded* them to go to war, driving out the pagan nations from the Promised Land.

Many people have wondered WHY, if God's teaching is that WAR IS WRONG, he actually commanded his own nation to fight in war.

The answer is that God made man with FREE MORAL AGENCY—God not only *allows* humans to have a CHOICE—he compels us to choose!

God alone determines WHAT is sin. God *does not allow* man to decide WHAT is sin, or WHAT is righteousness. But he does *allow* man—he actually *compels* man—to decide WHETHER to sin.

God made it PLAIN to ancient Israel that they need never go to war. He guaranteed complete protection from outside enemies. He guaranteed PEACE—if they would trust him and obey the laws of his government! He demonstrated his ability—and his POWER! But the Israelites chose WAR. Just as ALL nations have chosen WAR! Just as *our* nations do—needlessly—today!

### Case History No. 2

The article last month gave the first actual case history showing, in detail, how the ETERNAL God, by supernatural miracles, did deliver the Israelites at the Red Sea from the army of the then greatest nation on earth, the Egyptians.

#### Notice case history No. 2.

This concerns King Asa of the kingdom of Judah. The king of Ethiopia came against the Jews with 300 chariots and an army of ONE MILLION soldiers. They had major size armies in those days, strange as that may seem.

In those days the Jews also had a sizable army—but not nearly large enough to withstand an invasion of a force of a million troops.

Perhaps, had the Ethiopians

come with a smaller army, Asa might have gone to war with them relying wholly on his armed force, instead of on God. But, regardless, the FACT is that in this instance this king *did* rely on God for his defense!

"And Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said, Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have NO POWER: help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God; let not man prevail against THEE. So THE LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled" (II Chron. 14:11-12).

But there is an unhappy sequel to this tremendous event—where reliance on GOD put A MILLION ARMED MEN TO FLIGHT!

The king of ISRAEL, Baasha, came with an armed force against the Jews. Incidentally, note carefully, the kingdom of ISRAEL was here fighting against the JEWS of the kingdom of JUDAH! They were two altogether *different nations*! The people of the northern kingdom of ISRAEL *never* were called Jews!

This time Asa neglected to rely on God to fight off the attacking military force! This time he did *PRECISELY* WHAT THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN ARE DOING TODAY! He hired an ALLY—the kingdom of Syria (II Chron. 16:1-3).

"And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and *not* relied on the Lord thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand. Were not the Ethiopians' and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the Lord, he delivered them into thine hand. For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself STRONG in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly."—JUST LIKE THE UNITED STATES AND ALL NATIONS TODAY!—"therefore from henceforth THOU SHALT HAVE WARS" (II Chron. 16:7-9).

If you wonder why OUR NATIONS

are continually having WARS, *there is your answer!*

### Case History No. 3

The next case history involves Asa's son, Jehoshaphat, the next king of Judah.

Three allied armies came against Judah, with a mighty military force.

"And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord; and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the Lord. . . .

"And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court, and said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and RULEST NOT THOU OVER ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE HEATHEN?"—that is, over all gentile nations, as well as Israelitish.

Continue: "and in thine hand is there not POWER and MIGHT, so that none is able to withstand thee? Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel . . . ? And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade. . . . Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. O our GOD, wilt thou not judge them? for WE HAVE NO MIGHT AGAINST THIS GREAT COMPANY that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: BUT OUR EYES ARE UPON THEE" (II Chron. 20:3-7, 10-12).

Could God *be* GOD, and fail to heed a heartrending prayer like that—coming from helpless people who were obeying and TRUSTING him?

Immediately God answered through one of his prophets:

"Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is NOT YOURS, BUT GOD'S. . . .

"Ye shall not need to fight in this battle; set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord. . . . And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground; and, all, Judah and the

inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the Lord, worshipping the Lord.

"... Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah. . . *Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.* And . . . he appointed SINGERS unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever.

"And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. For the children [soldiers] of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them; and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another. And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped" (II Chron. 20:15, 17-18, 20-24).

But would not most hoot and jeer in sarcasm, if one suggested that the West TODAY humble itself—and trust in the INVISIBLE God—and WORSHIP him, bowing our heads to the ground? Couldn't you just hear the snorts and raucous ridicule at the suggestion that the West send before an armed enemy an army of SINGERS, saying, "PRAISE THE ETERNAL!"—instead of relying on the nations' MILITARY strength?

Yes, WOULDN'T it seem RIDICULOUS to suggest that our proud nations do this—and march to war SINGING praises to "the beauty of holiness"?

Someday—and in the next few years—the West will be forced to WAKE UP to the sobering REALIZATION of *which way is truly the "foolish" way!* You'd better make the right choice NOW, before it's too late! For indeed it *is* later than you think!

#### Case History No. 4

Several years later, "Sennacherib king of Assyria came and invaded Judah. . . . And, when Hezekiah [king of Judah] saw that Sennach-

erib had come and intended to fight against Jerusalem . . . he . . . gathered [the people] together to him in the square at the gate of the city and spoke encouragingly to them, saying, 'Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid or dismayed before the king of Assyria and all the horde that is with him; for there is one greater with us than with him. With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles.' And the people took confidence from the words of Hezekiah king of Judah" (II Chron. 32:1-2, 6-8, Revised Standard Version).

Supposing, in the event of a threat of, nuclear war, Western leaders broadcast words like those to all the people—saying we would RELY ON THE ETERNAL OUR GOD to fight this battle FOR US!

This is just a hypothetical question. But you answer it!—and I think you'll realize that OUR PEOPLES have gone SO FAR away from the ETERNAL our God that, in most minds today, he seems nonexistent! Yet he is just as REAL—and as POWERFUL—as in Hezekiah's day!

Continue: "After this Sennacherib king of Assyria . . . sent his servants to Jerusalem to Hezekiah king of Judah and to all the people of Judah that were in Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria, "On what are you relying, that you stand siege in Jerusalem? Is not Hezekiah misleading you, that he may give you over to die by famine and by thirst, when he tells you, "The Lord our God, will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria"? . . . Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of other lands? Were the gods of the nations of those lands at all able to deliver their lands out of my hand? . . . How much less will your God deliver you out of my hand!"

"Then Hezekiah the king and Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, prayed because of this and cried to heaven. AND THE LORD SENT AN ANGEL, who cut off all the mighty warriors and commanders and officers in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with

shame of face to his own land. And when he came into the house of his god, some of his own sons struck him down there with the sword. So THE LORD SAVED HEZEKIAH AND THE INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM from the hand of Sennacherib king of Assyria and from the hand OF ALL HIS ENEMIES; and HE GAVE THEM REST [PEACE] ON EVERY SIDE" (II Chron. 32:9-11, 13, 15, 20-22, RSV).

War is so needless!

War is WRONG!

Yes, the West *could* put an END to the threat of nuclear war IMMEDIATELY—IF not only leaders, but ALSO the PEOPLE AS A WHOLE, could recognize REALITY—could understand that God is REAL—and would humble themselves before him, BELIEVE him—RELY ON him!

But, if our people WILL NOT, then *it is decreed* we shall, in fewer years than you will believe, see OUR CITIES DESTROYED, along with a full third of our populations by a foreign invasion!

The God who is REAL says of OUR PEOPLES: "Prophecy against the prophets of Israel. . . . O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to STAND IN the BATTLE IN the DAY OF THE LORD" (Ezek. 13:2, 4-5).

That is NOT a message to ancient Israel—but to our world TODAY. The "DAY OF THE LORD"—a time foretold in more than 30 prophecies—is going to strike sooner than you may think! You will know, then, how REAL it is. You will wish, then, you had heeded, I am not writing foolishly, but very soberly, ON AUTHORITY of the living CHRIST!

Continue this WARNING to OUR nations TODAY: "They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The Lord saith: and the Lord hath not sent them. . . . Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace. . . ." (verses 6, 10).

Perhaps you need to read the free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, and then read this whole article seriously! It is a last WARNING from the ETERNAL GOD!

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# Put Parents Back Into Education!

by Ronald S. Toth

One vital element—if implemented—would revolutionize students' scholastic performance.

**H**IGH SCHOOLS graduate functional illiterates? Young people scarcely able to read a daily newspaper or write an understandable letter?

What is happening in our schools?

One recent exam graphically illustrated the problem. Students placed the Sinai Desert in Vietnam. Others said former Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau was a hockey player from Montreal. Is it any wonder parents and educators are concerned about the standards and quality of the education of the young?

Some of the findings of a U.S. study entitled *A Nation At Risk: The Imperative for Education Reform* are shocking:

- About 13 percent of all 17-year-olds, and perhaps 40 percent of minority youths are functionally illiterate.

- Matched against 21 other countries, U.S. students never ranked first in 19 academic tests and ranked last seven times among industrial nations.

- Average scores of high school students on standard achievement tests are lower today than before 1957—the year Sputnik set off a flurry of U.S. educational reforms.

The report warns of "a rising

tide of mediocrity that threatens our very future as a nation and as a people."

What a paradox! We live in an age of a virtual knowledge explosion. More scientists are alive today than in any time in human history. Colleges, universities are found around the globe. Nations spend enormous sums on education. Yet the educational standards and achievements of students have on average declined. A survey of West European executives revealed universities aren't adequately preparing students for the new innovations in industry.

## The Missing Ingredient

Many reformers within the United States advocate restoring "good old-fashioned discipline" in schools. They say we must start teaching the basics once again. Some say teachers are improperly motivated and need higher wages.

In all these solutions, one ingredient is missing. The reports almost never mention the vital parental role in education.

As U.S. Secretary of Education Terrel Bell keenly observed: "The decline [in U.S. schools] in part reflects changes in the home [emphasis ours]. We have more families with two working parents and larger numbers of single-parent families."

Because of the growing number of two working parents and the large

numbers of single-parent families, parents seldom are involved in their children's education. For some, the first contact with their child's education is when a problem arises. Only when a child says, "Mom, I just don't understand . . ." do some parents take notice of a child's progress in school.

Teachers complain about general parental apathy. In a *Wall Street Journal* article, Victor R. Fuchs wrote: "There can be little doubt that the investments parents make in their children and the values they instill in them are a major determinant of how the children will fare in school."

Not all students ride upon the "rising tide of mediocrity." Students of recent Asian background in particular compete successfully in U.S. and Canadian schools. Mr. Fuchs continues in his article: "The success of children of Asian background in U.S. public schools provides vivid testimony that study, hard work, respect for teachers and heavy parental involvement in the educational progress of children still pay off."

Parents who are actively involved in their children's education engender positive results. One country that sets a good example in this is Japan. The Japanese mother is involved in her children's education. A *Psychology Today* article quotes George De Vos, a University of California, Berkeley anthro-

pologist. He has been studying Japanese culture for 25 years.

"The Japanese mother," writes De Vos, "is a very important influence on the education of her children. . . . She takes it upon herself to be the responsible agent,

responsible for the education of their children."

Parents should realize schools are only *one* element in the education of children. Infants are taught—whether knowingly or not—by their parents from birth.

children . . . when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up" (Deut. 11:19, Revised Authorized Version throughout).

Not only are the parents to be involved, but also the grandparents. "And teach . . . your children and your grandchildren" (Deut. 4:9). People have neglected to observe that the Bible is a book about true education and sound educational methodology.

The Bible consistently stresses the parental role in education. Parents are responsible for training their children. "Train up a child in the way he should go . . ." (Prov. 22:6). In fact, the book of Proverbs is mainly an instruction manual written by a father to his children. It contains a gold mine of information.

#### What Can Be Done

Parents need once again to assert themselves in the teaching of their offspring. Parents need not be scholars to teach their children. What they need is the will, and some imagination, to prepare children to function intelligently within society. Take your children on local outings, expose them to art, zoos and museums. Visiting nearby historical sites or restored famous homes leaves lasting impressions. Educational and wildlife programs are good supplements to formal education in class.

Start a fun-filled, challenging one-night-a-week family study. During one evening that is most convenient, have your family look at one specific subject. One week it could be geography, the next, identifying world leaders. Subjects are endless and vary with age. Bring older children into the family study. Make it exciting! Arouse enthusiasm, open doors within children's minds.

When parents themselves resolve to do their share, we will see the reversal of the downward trend in educational standards and achievements. □

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reinforcing the education process instituted in the schools."

#### Education Begins at Birth

We see a general decline in standards and deteriorating quality of education of young people in industrialized countries because parents commonly no longer help in the educational process. Parents send their children off to school beginning at age 5 or 6, then expect the government to educate their children. There is a basic flaw with this concept. Education is a process that begins at birth. Experts agree the first few years set the foundation to future performance.

Some writers, notably Theodore M. Black in his book *Straight Talk About American Education*, have perceived the problem. Author Black warns, "Parents, not schools or governments, are fundamentally

Babies pick up their parents' attitudes. Children observe *from their parents* attitudes about music, the use or misuse of alcohol, and respect or the absence of respect for authority, among other things.

Parents cannot just wash their hands of responsibility for their children's education. Parents either perform a vital element—the missing ingredient—in their children's education or by neglect set examples they may be totally unaware of.

#### Parental Role Written Long Ago

The irony is, this missing ingredient in education was understood long before our present educational crisis. This knowledge, available in a book translated into dozens of languages, has been neglected in modern educational circles. The book, called the Holy Bible, says: "You shall teach . . . your chil-

# Hope for the LATCHKEY CHILD

by Patrick A. Parnell

Children left home alone for long periods of time are called latchkey children. What is not known are the many different ways a parent who is at home may produce a latchkey child.

**L**IKE MILLIONS of other children, 16-year-old Susan and 13-year-old Cindy didn't really ask to be in the left-to-themselves situation they find themselves in so much of the time lately.

Their mother acquired a mutually agreed upon divorce from their dad. She's now gone a good deal of the time, either working or away from home visiting friends.

The girls usually return from school to an empty home and are by themselves for much of the time. Susan and Cindy's dad is in the military and he rarely sees the girls.

The girls' situation is far from ideal. Susan pretty much comes and goes as she pleases, doing what she wants when she wants. She now has a steady boyfriend and

she's known to be experimenting with drugs.

Thirteen-year-old Cindy has her own house key, which she wears on a chain around her neck so she won't lose it. She comes and goes almost as

much as her older sister. Indications are that Cindy will probably follow her older sister's lead.

It won't be long before she has a steady boyfriend, someone to give her companionship she now misses.

And it will be just a matter of time before she gives in to peer pressure and joins the in-group and begins experimenting with drugs, too.

Susan and Cindy are now deeply ensconced members of that large and increasing group of youngsters we modernly call "latchkey" children. Because they carry their own house key, they've been given the name latchkey children, a name acquired from the common word used years ago for house key. For one reason or another, whether because their parents divorced, creating a single-parent home, or because both parents work and are gone, latchkey youngsters usually come home to an empty house.



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to be by themselves and often left to their own devices.

#### Why the Drastic Change

Latchkey child rearing began its real growth during the last two decades. Before that time, up to the 1950s, in most Western countries family togetherness was considered important, and children were rarely left home alone. Books, magazine articles, television and the movies extolled traditional religious moral values, and emphasized family togetherness.

But now, life in the 1980s has drastically changed. Morals are different. Family togetherness is no longer the priority. Concern for children is waning.

Many young families are economically strapped. In some cases they are trying to maintain an unrealistic standard of living. But most are simply economically hard pressed because of ever-rising costs of living. Both parents feel forced to work to make ends meet.

In America an estimated 50 percent of mothers with children between the ages of 3 and 6 work outside the home. And, of course, most single parents must work. So we find latchkey children proliferating.

Tragically, it is not at all uncommon for children only 5 to be left home alone. There are even reported cases of latchkey children as young as 3.

This is especially true where the single parent or two-parent home cannot find, or perhaps cannot afford, proper day-care centers or baby-sitters to care for their children. And unlike years ago, Granddad and Grandmother or relatives tend to live too far away to be of help.

Certainly, in most cases, Mom or Dad gives them a list of dos and don'ts. Perhaps they're given the typical warning not to let anyone in the house. And they are most likely instructed whom to call in case of emergencies. But honest analysis should tell us this mode of child rearing is unwise.

#### Basically Negative

Reality is, our modern latchkey child-rearing trend, no matter what the cause, is unhealthy. Vance Packard in his book *Our Endangered Children: Growing up in a*

*Changing World* goes as far as to label this latchkey age "anti-child."

Some would say this label is too harsh. But today's downplay of family importance and family togetherness has led to "latchkey thinking," and it is a definite negative in child rearing.

Researchers confirm how negative latchkey child rearing is. A recent study found that, depending on the age of the child, latchkey children often suffer deep loneliness, terrible scare-filled anxieties, as well as periods of boredom.

It is reported that some small children experience recurring nightmares and obsessive concern for their safety because they've been left home alone for long periods of time.

Analysts say latchkey children are more likely to be involved in accidents, fires, drug abuse and juvenile delinquency. These same researchers say latchkey children, when left home without parental supervision and protection, are more likely to do poorly in school and be sexually abused by older siblings and children, or even adults.

On the other hand, some experts feel being a latchkey child may not necessarily be so bad. According to them, the experience encourages "independence, responsibility, street savvy and pride." But let's look at the big picture.

#### Problems a Natural Result

Worldwide, young people in droves, most lacking proper, needed parental guidance and supervision, have plunged into the drug culture. As many as 75 percent of high school and secondary school students experiment with or regularly use drugs. It is not at all uncommon for grade school children to pop pills, take various kinds of drug trips or smoke marijuana.

Penal institutions are filled with errant youths. For the most part, they've gotten into trouble because

they've lacked proper parental guidance and supervision. They've been latchkey children during major portions of their growing years.

Teenagers' ability to be confident and trusting, to have affection for their families and be able to master inner feelings and impulses, has been on a steady decline since the 1960s. That's made clear in a U.S. survey of two groups of teenagers by psychiatrist Daniel Offer and psychologists Eric Ostroy and Kenneth I. Howard.

Their published survey *The Adolescent: A Psychological Self-portrait*, compared a group of 1960 teenagers to a group growing up in the 1970s and 1980s. About 20 percent of the latter group reported feeling empty emotionally, being confused most of the time and feeling they would rather die than continue living.

These children clearly lack needed parental supervision and



guidance. That's not to say all latchkey children get into trouble, and those with adequate parental guidance and supervision do not. But common sense should tell us that the chances of latchkey children getting into trouble or having

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difficulty in society would be significantly higher.

#### Home but Not Home.

Poor child-rearing practices can create a "latchkey situation" even when parents are home. Parents can be home with their children, but not *really* home with them. Consider, for instance, that in the average home the television set is on for hours at a time. According to estimates, by the time the average American child reaches 16 he or she has spent 10,000 to 16,000 hours watching television—more hours than spent in school!

How much parental influence and interaction between parent and child can really take place when television is capturing both the eye and the ear of the viewers hours on end? Not much. Little more than an occasional two or three words, a chuckle or grunt is probably the only parent-child communication during such periods of time.

Like as not, in many homes, the child or children may be watching television in one room while the parents are viewing their special program in another room.

That's one form of latchkey child rearing! There are other ways of being home with children, but not *really* being home with them. Dad may come home from work, immediately shower and change, giving the children only a passing glance and word. He may then go out to his workshop in the garage, alone, to finish a project.

Perhaps instead of a workshop project it's the newspaper, a magazine or a book when he eats. Dads can neglect their children without even being aware of it. Moms, of course, can do the same.

Parents, without giving a second thought, give children money, send them out the door to a movie or amusement center, a friend's house or some activity. They wish them a good time. If this occurs every weekend, it becomes a latchkey mode of child rearing. It can also be a way by which the parent can avoid

being bothered with the children.

How many parents also realize they are practicing a form of latchkey child rearing when they fail to properly correct their children for obvious misbehavior? Sometimes it

ness concerns, as well as a barrage of outside-the-home activities, usually leave fathers with insufficient time to spend with children.

It can be a major irony. A father can think he himself needs to work



seems easier to let the children get away with it.

Children need structured guidance in the form of logical boundaries. They need correction when family rules are broken. Deep inside, though correction may seem grisly at the time, children receive a sense of security and love by a concerned parent caring enough to administer "tough love" when necessary.

#### Father's Importance

Fathers should especially consider their relationship with their children. Dads must go out of their way and make a concentrated effort to spend time with children. Work and busi-

ness concerns, as well as a barrage of outside-the-home activities, usually leave fathers with insufficient time to spend with children.

Children need Dad's time, his concern, teaching, guiding, giving, loving, playing and correction. Money alone cannot buy or give family and children what they need most from a father—father himself.

A father's presence is important. This is true during crucial preschool years when a child's sex-role identification, personality, motor skills, creativity and ability to achieve are being formed. It is also true when children are older, a time when they may need firm guidance and advice. Tests show

that boys deprived of a father's presence on average have more limited chances of growing up to become well-adjusted, happy, productive young men. According to studies, father-deprived boys tend to exercise less self-control and lack somewhat in social responsibility.

Father-deprived girls also suffer in similar ways and especially suffer in their ability to relate appropriately to males as they grow into adulthood.

#### Single-Parent Homes

Of course, the major area of concern in today's latchkey society is the single-parent home. Special effort by the parent in a single-parent home must be made. Single parents can succeed, but it takes extra special effort.

All of the sound child-rearing practices still apply. Instead of having two to share the parental work load, the single parent becomes Mom and Dad in giving necessary guidance, instruction and correction, and in playing with children. Television should not be allowed to become a baby-sitter.

Single-parent mothers often face financial hardships. They are today's "new poor." We speak today of the "feminization" of poverty because of financial difficulties that usually follow divorce and/or casual sexual relationships.

According to some authorities, in the U.S., divorced women with children suffer as much as a 73 percent decline in income in the first year of divorce. Paying the bills, maintaining shelter, providing necessary clothing, and just getting enough to eat aren't easy. Standards of living have to be lowered. Thriftiness must become a way of life.

Not uncommonly, the same is true for single-parent homes headed by a father.

Confided one single-parent mother about single parenting and divorce: "It comes when you least expect it. It hands out an overdose of heartache and then—as if that's not enough—when you are at your weakest, it gives you a series of headaches labeled money; children who can't understand why their daddy (or mommy) moved away; ex-spouses who seem to see their

total purpose in life as the reopening of deep wounds; and loneliness and self-doubt" (*Diary of a Divorced Mother*, Marilyn Murray Willison, 1980, page 78).

#### Pick Up from Where You Are

Perhaps you are a single parent. Though you didn't necessarily ask to be in that position, you must go forward. Pick up the pieces. Begin where you are.

One mother found herself in just such a plight. It wasn't her choice. Her husband decided he no longer desired or wanted the responsibility of a wife and four children. There she was, no job, no savings, no

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credit, no driver's license (she didn't really know how to drive a car), no immediate family to call on for help.

When her first child-support payment arrived, she couldn't even get it cashed, lacking proper identification. But she picked up the pieces and she began from where she was.

She learned how to drive. She fell back on an old skill and began working part-time to supplement her alimony and child support. A tragic automobile accident kept her from working. As a result almost all of her share of the money was already spent when the family home was sold. But she remained undaunted. This mother of four managed to raise her children without making them typical latchkey children.

Whether you are a single-parent mother, single-parent father, or a two-parent family and needing both of your incomes, you too can avoid raising latchkey children. Find a support system where possible.

Immediate family, reliable neighbors and friends can be called upon for help if available. Turn to proper authorities and use legal means if and when necessary. Don't leave any stone unturned.

But by all means avoid leaving your children home alone for long periods of time, even if they are older. Definitely avoid leaving toddlers by themselves for any length of time. A good rule of thumb might be: Don't ever leave children under 12 home alone.

#### Final Advice

During those periods of time when your children may have to be home alone out of special necessity, keep some vital points in mind. Before leaving, make certain your children know where you are going and when you will be home.

If possible, leave them the phone number where you can be reached. Call them if plans unexpectedly change and you will be delayed. And by all means, make sure they know the phone numbers for emergency help, police, fire department.

Make sure your children and your neighbors are acquainted. Arrange with your neighbors to keep an eye out for your children before you leave home. They can help be your eyes and ears while you're gone, watching out for your children's safety.

See to it that your children are properly occupied while you are away. Schedule chores for them to accomplish. Check to see that they have done them when you return. If they haven't, be sure to give them proper correction so they won't fail the next time around.

Be cautious if you utilize a day-care center or baby-sitter. There are documented cases of some few day-care centers, thought to be reputable, actually being involved in child abuse. Some baby-sitters have done the same. It is essential to check out thoroughly any day-care center or baby-sitter beforehand.

Finally, remember that you are responsible for your children. You brought them into the world. You hold the keys to their safety and success. Other institutions may help, but final responsibility rests squarely on your shoulders. □

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WOWL, Florence — 15, 7:30 a.m., Sun.  
WHNT, Huntsville — 19, 7:30 a.m., Sun.  
WCOV, Montgomery — 20, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

#### ALASKA

KTVA, Anchorage — 11, 6:30 a.m., Sun.  
KTVF, Fairbanks — 11, 11:00 p.m., Sun.

#### ARIZONA

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KTVK, Phoenix — 3, 7:00 a.m., Sun.  
KVOA, Tucson — 4, 9:00 a.m., Sun.  
KVEL, Yuma — 13, 9:00 a.m., Sun.

#### ARKANSAS

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KHBS, Ft. Smith — 40, 10:30 a.m., Sun.  
KAIT, Jacksonville — 8, 10:00 a.m., Sun.  
KATV, Little Rock — 7, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

#### CALIFORNIA

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KIEM, Eureka — 3, 9:00 a.m., Sun.  
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KHJ, Los Angeles — 9, 10:00 p.m., Sun.  
KTTV, Los Angeles — 11, 9:30 a.m., Sun.  
KTVU, Oakland — 2, 8:00 a.m., Sat.  
KESO, Palm Springs — 42, 10:30 a.m., Sun.  
KQVR, Sacramento — 13, 7:30 a.m., Sun.  
KSBW, Salinas — 8, 7:30 a.m., Sun.  
KCSF, San Diego — 39, 7:30 a.m., Sun.  
KRON, San Francisco — 4, 7:00 a.m., Sun.  
KSBY, San Luis Obispo — 6, 8:30 a.m., Sun.

#### COLORADO

KRDO, Colorado Springs — 13, 10:30 a.m., Sun.  
KCNC, Denver — 4, 7:00 a.m., Sun.  
KWGN, Denver — 2, 7:00 a.m., Sat.  
KTYS, Sterling — 3, 10:00 a.m., Sun.

#### CONNECTICUT

WTXX, Waterbury — 20, 7:30 a.m., Sun.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WDVM, Washington — 9, 7:00 a.m., Sun.

#### FLORIDA

WBBH, Ft. Myers — 20, 9:30 a.m., Sun.  
WTVX, Ft. Pierce — 34, 7:00 a.m., Sun.  
WTLV, Jacksonville — 12, 9:30 a.m., Sun.  
WCIX, Miami — 6, 9:00 a.m., Sat.  
WTVJ, Miami — 4, 9:30 a.m., Sun.  
WEAR, Pensacola — 3, 11:30 a.m., Sun.  
WXLN, Sarasota — 40, 7:00 a.m., Sun.  
WCTV, Tallahassee — 6, 12:00 noon, Sun.  
WFLX, Tampa — 1, 9:00 a.m., Sun.  
WPEC, W. Palm Beach — 12, 9:30 a.m., Sun.  
WESH, Winter Park — 2, 9:00 a.m., Sun.

#### GEORGIA

WTSG, Albany — 31, 8:00 a.m., Sun.  
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WAGT, Augusta — 26, 10:30 a.m., Sun.  
WRBL, Columbus — 3, 8:30 a.m., Sun.  
WMAZ, Macon — 13, 8:00 a.m., Sun.  
WTOG, Savannah — 11, 10:30 a.m., Sun.  
WVGA, Valdosta — 44, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

#### HAWAII

KHNL, Honolulu — 13, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

#### IDaho

KBCI, Boise — 2, 9:00 a.m., Sun.  
KPIV, Pocatello — 6, 7:30 a.m., Sun.

#### ILLINOIS

WRLN, Bloomington — 43, 10:00 a.m., Sun.  
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WCIU, Chicago — 26, 10:30 p.m., Sat.  
WGN, Chicago — 9, 7:30 a.m., Sat.  
WSIL, Harrisburg — 3, 9:30 a.m., Sun.  
WQAD, Moline — 8, 8:30 a.m., Sun.  
KHQA, Quincy — 7, 8:30 a.m., Sun.  
WTVO, Rockford — 17, 9:00 a.m., Sun.  
WICS, Springfield — 20, 6:30 a.m., Sun.

#### INDIANA

WTVW, Evansville — 7, 7:00 a.m., Sun.  
WKJG, Ft. Wayne — 33, 9:30 a.m., Sun.  
WRTV, Indianapolis — 6, 7:30 a.m., Sun.  
WTHR, Indianapolis — 13, 8:30 a.m., Sun.  
WSRT, South Bend — 22, 10:00 a.m., Sun.  
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WOI, Des Moines — 5, 10:00 a.m., Sun.  
KIMT, Mason City — 3, 10:00 a.m., Sun.  
KTVO, Ottumwa — 3, 10:00 a.m., Sun.  
KTVI, Sioux City — 4, 7:00 a.m., Sun.  
KWWL, Waterloo — 7, 10:00 a.m., Sun.

#### KANSAS

KUPK, Garden City — 13, 10:00 a.m., Sun.  
KCTV, Kansas City — 5, 10:30 a.m., Sun.  
KSNT, Topeka — 27, 10:30 a.m., Sun.  
KAKE, Wichita — 10, 10:00 a.m., Sun.

#### KENTUCKY

WBKO, Bowling Green — 13, 7:00 a.m., Sun.  
WLEX, Lexington — 18, 9:30 a.m., Sun.  
WAYE, Louisville — 3, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

#### LOUISIANA

KLAX, Alexandria — 31, 9:30 a.m., Sun.  
WAFB, Baton Rouge — 9, 11:30 p.m., Sat.  
KATC, Lafayette — 3, 8:30 a.m., Sun.  
WGNO, New Orleans — 26, 7:30 a.m., Sat.  
WWL, New Orleans — 4, 7:00 a.m., Sun.  
KTAL, Shreveport — 6, 10:00 a.m., Sun.

#### MAINE

WVH, Bangor — 7, 10:30 a.m., Sun.  
WMTW, Poland Spring — 8, 9:00 a.m., Sun.  
WAGM, Presque Isle — 8, 9:00 a.m., Sun.

#### MARYLAND

WBFF, Baltimore — 45, 10:30 a.m., Sun.  
WHAG, Hagerstown — 25, 7:30 a.m., Sat.  
WMDT, Salisbury — 47, 11:00 a.m., Sun.

#### MASSACHUSETTS

WSEE, Boston — 18, 9:00 a.m., Sun.  
WLNE, New Bedford — 6, 7:30 a.m., Sun.  
WGBR, Springfield — 40, 9:00 a.m., Sun.

#### MICHIGAN

WUHQ, Battle Creek — 41, 11:30 a.m., Sat.  
WTOM, Cheboygan — 4, 10:00 a.m., Sun.  
WJMN, Escanaba — 8, 8:30 a.m., Sun.  
WJRT, Flint — 12, 8:00 a.m., Sun.  
WZZM, Grand Rapids — 13, 12:00 noon, Sun.  
WILX, Lansing — 10, 10:30 a.m., Sun.  
WLUC, Marquette — 6, 11:30 a.m., Sun.  
WJBC, Southfield — 2, 6:30 a.m., Sun.  
WPRN, Traverse City — 7, 10:00 a.m., Sun.

#### MINNESOTA

KDLH, Duluth — 3, 10:00 a.m., Sun.  
KEYC, N. Mankato — 12, 8:30 a.m., Sun.  
KBSP, Minneapolis — 9, 7:00 a.m., Sat.  
KETP, St. Paul — 5, 7:00 a.m., Sun.

#### MISSISSIPPI

WLOX, Biloxi — 13, 8:30 a.m., Sun.  
WABC, Greenwood — 6, 7:00 a.m., Sun.  
WLBZ, Jackson — 3, 9:30 a.m., Sun.  
WTOG, Meridian — 11, 6:30 a.m., Sun.

#### MISSOURI

KRCG, Jefferson City — 13, 10:30 a.m., Sun.  
KODF, Joplin — 12, 7:30 a.m., Sun.  
KPOB, Paplar Bluff — 15, 9:30 a.m., Sun.  
KOLR, Springfield — 10, 10:00 a.m., Sun.  
KPLR, St. Louis — 11, 10:30 p.m., Sun.  
KSDK, St. Louis — 5, 9:00 a.m., Sun.

#### MONTANA

KFBB, Great Falls — 5, 8:30 a.m., Sun.  
KOLR, Hardin — 4, 7:30 a.m., Sun.

#### NEBRASKA

KCNA, Abilene — 8, 8:00 a.m., Sun.  
KWNB, Hayes Center — 6, 8:00 a.m., Sun.  
KHGI, Kearney — 13, 8:00 a.m., Sun.  
KMGY, Lincoln — 8, 8:00 a.m., Sun.  
KETV, Omaha — 7, 8:00 a.m., Sun.  
KDUH, Scottsbluff — 4, 8:00 a.m., Sun.  
KSTF, Scottsbluff — 10, 10:00 a.m., Sun.  
KSNB, Superior — 4, 8:00 a.m., Sun.

#### NEVADA

KLAS, Las Vegas — 8, 6:30 a.m., Sun.; 5:30 a.m., Sat.

KOLO, Reno — 8, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

WMUR, Manchester — 9, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

NEW MEXICO

KCSW, Albuquerque — 13, 11:00 a.m., Sun.

NEW YORK

WNYT, Albany — 13, 7:00 a.m., Sun.  
WBNG, Binghamton — 12, 11:00 a.m., Sun.  
WCBS, Buffalo — 2, 8:30 a.m., Sun.  
WENY, Elmira — 36, 9:30 a.m., Sun.  
WNEW, New York — 5, 7:00 a.m., Sat.  
WOR, New York — 9, 11:00 p.m., Sun.  
WOKR, Rochester — 13, 9:30 a.m., Sun.  
WIXT, Syracuse — 9, 7:00 a.m., Sun.  
WUTR, Utica — 20, 8:30 a.m., Sun.  
WWNY, Watertown — 7, 11:30 a.m., Sun.

NORTH CAROLINA

WPCC, Charlotte — 36, 8:00 a.m., Sun.  
WPTF, Raleigh — 28, 11:00 a.m., Sun.  
WRAL, Raleigh — 5, 7:00 a.m., Sun.  
WITN, Washington — 7, 11:30 a.m., Sun.  
WWAY, Wilmington — 3, 9:30 a.m., Sun.  
WXII, Winston-Salem — 12, 8:00 a.m., Sun.

NORTH DAKOTA

WDAZ, Devil's Lake — 8, 10:00 a.m., Sun.  
WDAY, Fargo — 6, 10:00 a.m., Sun.

OHIO

WAKR, Akron — 23, 11:30 p.m., Sun.  
WLWT, Cincinnati — 5, 11:00 a.m., Sun.  
WUAB, Cleveland — 43, 9:00 a.m., Sun.  
WBNS, Columbus — 10, 7:00 a.m., Sun.  
WDTN, Dayton — 2, 7:00 a.m., Sun.  
WLO, Lima — 35, 8:30 a.m., Sun.  
WDHO, Toledo — 24, 9:00 a.m., Sun.  
WYTV, Youngstown — 33, 11:00 a.m., Sun.

OKLAHOMA

KTEN, Ada — 10, 10:00 a.m., Sun.  
KOKH, Oklahoma City — 25, 8:00 a.m., Sun.  
KOKL, Tulsa — 23, 11:00 p.m., Sun.  
KTUL, Tulsa — 8, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

OREGON

KCBY, Coos Bay — 11, 7:30 a.m., Sat.  
KVAL, Eugene — 13, 7:30 a.m., Sun.  
KDRV, Medford — 12, 7:30 a.m., Sun.  
KOIN, Portland — 6, 6:30 a.m., Sat.  
KPIC, Roseburg — 4, 7:30 a.m., Sat.  
KRCH, Salem — 22, 11:00 a.m., Sun.

**PENNSYLVANIA**  
 WTAL Altoona — 10, 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
 WSEE Erie — 35, 11:00 a.m. Sun.  
 WLYH Lebanon — 15, 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 WPHL Philadelphia — 17, 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
 WPGH Pittsburgh — 53, 8:30 a.m. Sat.  
 WPXI Pittsburgh — 11, 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 WTVL Reading — 51, 10:00 a.m. Sun.  
 WNEP Wilkes Barre — 16, 8:30 a.m. Sun.

**RHODE ISLAND**  
 WPRI Providence — 12, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
 WCBD Charleston — 2, 10:00 a.m. Sun.  
 WPDE Florence — 15, 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
 WYFF Greenville — 4, 10:30 a.m. Sun.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
 KHSD Lead — 11, 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 KOTA Rapid City — 3, 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 KDLT Sioux Falls — 5, 9:30 a.m. Sun.

**TENNESSEE**  
 WDEF Chattanooga — 12, 10:30 a.m. Sun.  
 WDBJ Jackson — 7, 12:00 noon, Sun.  
 WKPT Kingsport — 19, 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
 WATE Knoxville — 6, 11:00 a.m. Sun.  
 WPTV Memphis — 24, 9:30 p.m. Sun.  
 WKRN Nashville — 2, 7:00 a.m. Sun.

**TEXAS**  
 KTXS Abilene — 12, 7:15 a.m. Sun.  
 KAMR Amarillo — 4, 9:00 a.m. Sun.  
 KTXA Arlington — 21, 6:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KBVO Austin — 42, 7:00 a.m. Sun.  
 KWAB Big Springs — 9, 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KZTV Corpus Christi — 18, 10:00 a.m. Sun.  
 WFAA Dallas — 8, 12:00 noon, Sun.  
 KTSM El Paso — 9, 7:00 a.m. Sun.  
 KGBT Harlingen — 4, 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KPRC Houston — 2, 7:00 a.m. Sun.  
 KONS Laredo — 8, 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KCBF Lubbock — 11, 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KTRF Lufkin — 9, 6:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KTPX Midland — 9, 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KJAC Port Arthur — 4, 10:00 a.m. Sun.  
 KIST San Angelo — 8, 10:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KENS San Antonio — 5, 7:00 a.m. Sun.  
 KLTU Tyler — 7, 6:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KFDX Wichita Falls — 3, 8:00 a.m. Sun.

**UTAH**  
 KUTV Salt Lake — 2, 8:30 a.m. Sun.

**VERMONT**  
 WYNY Burlington — 22, 10:00 a.m. Sun.

**VIRGINIA**  
 WVIR Charlottesville — 29, 10:00 a.m. Sun.  
 WVEC Norfolk — 13, 10:00 a.m. Sun.  
 WLEX Richmond — 8, 10:30 a.m. Sun.  
 WSLR Roanoke — 10, 7:00 a.m. Sun.

**WASHINGTON**  
 KNDU Richland — 25, 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KIRO Seattle — 7, 7:00 a.m. Sun.  
 KXLY Spokane — 4, 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KCPQ Tacoma — 13, 9:00 a.m. Sun.  
 KNDU Yakima — 23, 7:30 a.m. Sun.

**WEST VIRGINIA**  
 WOWK Huntington — 13, 9:00 a.m. Sun.

**WISCONSIN**  
 WOOW Eau Claire — 18, 9:00 a.m. Sun.  
 WFRV Green Bay — 5, 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
 WXOW La Crosse — 19, 9:00 a.m. Sun.  
 WKOW Madison — 27, 9:00 a.m. Sun.  
 WHI Milwaukee — 6, 10:30 a.m. Sun.  
 WTMJ Milwaukee — 4, 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
 WAEO Rhinelander — 12, 10:30 a.m. Sun.  
 WAOW Wausau — 9, 9:00 a.m. Sun.

**WYOMING**  
 KCWY Casper — 14, 9:00 a.m. Sun.  
 KVCU Cheyenne — 5, 10:00 a.m. Sun.  
 KOWY Lander — 5, 9:00 a.m. Sun.  
 KWWY Rock Springs — 13, 9:00 a.m. Sun.  
 KSGW Sheridan — 12, 8:00 a.m. Sun.

**CANADA**  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
 CJBC Dawson Creek — 5, 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
 CFJC Kamloops — 4, 8:30 a.m. Sat.  
 CHBC Okanagan — 2, 8:30 a.m. Sat.  
 CKPG Prince George — 2, 8:00 a.m. Sat.  
 CFTK Terrace-Klondike — 3, 8:00 a.m. Sat.  
 CHAN Vancouver — 8, 10:30 a.m. Sun.  
 CHIEK Victoria — 6, 7:30 a.m. Sat.

**ALBERTA**  
 CFAC Calgary — 2, 5:30 a.m. Wed.  
 CFRN Edmonton — 3, 5:30 a.m. Mon.  
 CHAT Medicine Hat — 6, 11:00 a.m. Sun.

**CKRD Red Deer** — 6, 10:00 a.m. Sun.  
**KXLY Spokane** — 4, 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
**SASKATCHEWAN**  
 CKSA Lloydminster — 2, 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
 CKTV Regina — 6, 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
 CFQC Saskatoon — 8, 10:00 a.m. Sun.  
 CJFB Swift Current — 5, 10:30 a.m. Sat.  
 CKOS Yorkton — 5, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

**MANITOBA**  
 CKX Brandon — 5, 10:00 a.m. Sun.  
 CKND Winnipeg — 9, 7:00 a.m. Sun.

**ONTARIO**  
 CKVR Barrie — 3, 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
 WGRZ Buffalo — 2, 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
 CJBK Kenora — 13, 9:00 a.m. Sun.  
 CKNV North Bay — 9, 10:30 a.m. Sun.  
 CJOH Ottawa — 13, 10:30 a.m. Sun.  
 CHC Sudb. Ste. Marie — 5, 11:30 a.m. Sat.  
 GLOBAL CHL Southern Ontario — 8:30 a.m. Sat.  
 9:00 a.m. Sun.

**CICI Sudbury** — 3, 10:30 a.m. Sun.  
**CKPR Thunder Bay** — 2, 10:30 a.m. Sun.  
**CITO Timmins** — 6, 10:30 a.m. Sun.

**QUEBEC**  
 CFCF Montreal — 12, 7:00 a.m. Sun.

**ATLANTIC CANADA**  
 WVII Bangor, Maine — 7, 10:30 a.m. Sun.  
 CJCH Halifax, N.S. — 5, 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
 CKCW Moncton, N.B. — 2, 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
 WAGM, Piquette Lake, N.Y. — 8, 9:00 a.m. Sun.  
 CHSJ St. John, N.B. — 4, 12:00 noon, Sun.  
 CKLT St. John, N.B. — 9, 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
 NTV St. John's, Nfld. — 6, 10:30 a.m. Sun.  
 CJBK Sydney, N.S. — 4, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

**AUSTRALIA**  
**A.C.T.**  
 CTC7 Canberra — 7:30 a.m. every second Sun.  
 CTC10 Tuggeraong — 7:30 a.m. every second Sun.

**NEW SOUTH WALES**  
 AMV4 Albury — 10:20 a.m. Sun.  
 WIN4 Bateman's Bay — 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
 CBN11 Bathurst — 9:30 a.m. Sat.  
 WIN4 Bega — 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
 BKN7 Broken Hill — 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
 WIN3 Broken's Nose — 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
 CWN10 Cobar — 9:30 a.m. Sat.  
 CTC10 Cooma — 7:30 a.m. every second Sun.  
 GMV10 Deniliquin — 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 CWN6 Dubbo — 9:30 a.m. Sat.  
 WIN3 Eden — 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
 CTC10 Goulburn — 7:30 a.m. every second Sun.  
 MTN9 Griffith — 9:30 a.m. Sat.  
 MTNS4 Hay — 9:30 a.m. Sat.  
 GMV8 Jerilderie — 6:00 a.m. Sun.  
 AMV4 Kambourne — 10:20 a.m. Sun.  
 NBN10 Marricopa — 7:35 a.m. Sat.  
 CWN9 Mudgee — 9:30 a.m. Sat.  
 NBN1 Murrumbidgee — 7:25 a.m. Sun.  
 WIN11 Narooma — 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
 NBN3 Newcastle — 7:25 a.m. Sun.  
 CBN8 Orange — 9:30 a.m. Sat.  
 CBN4 Portland — 9:30 a.m. Sat.  
 NBN10 Rosagoke — 7:25 a.m. Sun.  
 TEN10 Sydney — 6:30 a.m. Sun.  
 RYV2 Wagga Wagga — 10:20 a.m. Sun.  
 WIN4 Wollongong — 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
 RNV6 Young — 10:20 a.m. Sun.

**NORTHERN TERRITORY**  
 NTDS Darwin — 10:00 a.m. Sun.

**QUEENSLAND**  
 BT07 Brisbane — 6:00 a.m. Sat.  
 QTO9 Brisbane — 6:00 a.m. Wed.  
 MVQ11 Collinsville — 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
 MVQ6 Dysart — 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
 UHF32 Gold Coast — 6:00 a.m. Sat.  
 UHF42 Gold Coast — 6:00 a.m. Wed.  
 JTO10 Gungahlin — 1:15 p.m. Sun.  
 SEQ1 Gympie — 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
 DDQ10 Kladgaroy — 11:00 a.m. Sun.  
 MVQ6 Mackay — 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
 SEQ6 Maryborough — 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
 SEQ6 Meats — 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
 MVQ11 Morayfield — 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
 ITQ4 Mt. Isa — 1:15 p.m. Sun.  
 SEQ10 Nambour — 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
 DDQ5A Toowoomba — 11:00 a.m. Sun.  
 SDQ4 Warwick — 11:00 a.m. Sun.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**  
 SAS10 Adelaide — 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 GTS4 Coober — 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
 SES5 Mt. Gambier — 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 GTS5 Pt. Lincoln — 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
 GTS4 Pt. Pirie — 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
 RTS5 Riverland — 11:30 a.m. Sun.

**TASMANIA**  
 TNT10 Burnie — 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TNT11 Derby — 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TNT48 Devonport — 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TVT6 Hobart — 7:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TNT9 Launceston — 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TNT6 Lihke — 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TVT8 Maydena — 7:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TNT11 Prospect — 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TVT8 Queenstown — 7:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TVT10 Rosebery — 7:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TNT7 St. Helens — 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TNT11 St. Marys — 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TNT7 Savage River — 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TNT11 Smithton — 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TVT8 Strathgordon — 7:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TVT8 Swansea — 7:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TVT8 Taroona — 7:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TNT11 Waratah — 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 TNT5A Wynyard — 8:00 a.m. Sun.

**VICTORIA**  
 GMV10 Alexandra — 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 BTVA Ballarat — 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
 AMV11 Bright — 10:20 a.m. Sun.  
 GMV3 Elford — 6:00 a.m. Sun.  
 ATV10 Melbourne — 6:00 a.m. Sun.  
 AMV9 Myrtleford — 10:20 a.m. Sun.  
 BTV7 Nhili — 9:00 a.m. Sun.  
 BTV11 Portland — 9:00 a.m. Sun.  
 GMV6 Shepparton — 6:00 a.m. Sun.  
 BTV9 Warrnambool — 9:00 a.m. Sun.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**  
 GSW9 Albany — 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
 BTW3 Bussby — 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
 BTW11 Geraldton — 10:30 p.m. Wed.  
 VEW8 Kalgoorlie — 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
 VEW3 Kambalda — 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
 BTW10 Katanning — 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
 VEW6 Merredin — 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
 BTW6 Narrogin — 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
 STW9 Perth — 6:30 a.m. Sun.  
 BTW4 Quairading — 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
 VEW6 Tarncliffe — 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
 BTW11 Wagga — 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
 VEW47 York — 8:30 a.m. Sun.

**PHILIPPINES**  
**LUZON**  
 Legazpi — GMA Chan. 12, 8:30 a.m. Sat; 10:00 a.m. Sun.  
 Metro Manila — GMA Chan. 7, 9:00 a.m. Sat; 10:00 a.m. Sun.

**MINDANAO**  
 Cagayan de Oro — GMA Chan. 12, 8:30 a.m. Sat; 9:00 a.m. Sun.  
 Davao — GMA Chan. 7, 7:30 a.m. Sat; 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 Iligan — GMA Chan. 2, 9:30 a.m. Sat. and 10:00 a.m. Sun.  
 Zamboanga — GMA Chan. 3, 7:30 a.m. Sat; 8:30 a.m. Sun.

**VISAYAS**  
 Cebu — GMA Chan. 7, 8:30 a.m. Sat. and Sun.

**CARIBBEAN**  
 Bermuda, ZFB-TV (Eng) Hamilton — 8, 9:00 a.m. Sat.  
 Bahamas, ZNS-TV, Nassau — 13, 10:30 a.m. Sun.  
 Jamaica, JBC-TV, Kingston — 11, 3:00 p.m. Sun.  
 Puerto Rico — San Juan Cable TV WGN, Chicago 5, 7:30 a.m. CT, Sat; WOR, New York 9, 10:00 p.m. ET, Sun; WTBS, Atlanta 13, 6:00 a.m. ET, Sun.  
 Virgin Is. (U.S.A.) WSVI, Christiansted, St. Croix — 8, 8:00 a.m. Sun.  
 St. Maarten, LBC — 7, 4:00 p.m. Sun.  
 Trinidad and Tobago TV — 9 and 14, 6:00 p.m. Sun.

**OTHER AREAS**  
 Central America, TVTV, Belize — 7, 9:00 a.m. Sun.  
 Guam, KUAM, Agaña — 8, 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
 Italy, Tele-Monte-Carlo, (Italian) — 12 noon, Sun.  
 Luxembourg, RTL-TV, (French) — 10:25 a.m. Sat.  
 Monaco, Tele-Monte-Carlo, (French) — 10:45 p.m. Fri.

See next issue for radio log.

# Why Does God Hide Himself?

by Clayton Steep

Why doesn't God—if he exists—show himself to humanity? Why doesn't he appear and put an end to all the suffering and grief here on earth?

A PAIR of glasses for God to wear? That's what the handwritten sign irreverently suggested.

It was posted in the middle of a scorched, wind-eroded field. Severe drought had devastated the area.

In desperation local farmers hung a battered bucket on a weathered fence pole and tacked this sign above it: "Please contribute coins here to buy God a pair of glasses so he can see the suffering of man and beast."

The words were clearly legible in the light of the blazing sun.

It wasn't that the farmers were atheists. To the contrary, some of them had probably gone to church repeatedly to pray for rain.

But no rain fell on the parched land. Not a drop.

Why? Didn't God see? Didn't he comprehend?

Similar questions must cross the minds of many who find themselves victims of violence in places such as Lebanon, Central America or Northern Ireland. Or who are homeless because of storms and earthquakes. Or whose lives are ripped apart by domestic strife, drugs, alcoholism. Or who are lying in hospitals and emergency rooms.

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Where in the world are there not victims of tragedy and misfortune who wonder: "Where is God? Why doesn't he do something?"

That's really a fair question. Where is God? Does he know what is taking place here on earth? Does he care?

Or perhaps is it that God is indeed aware of the problems and troubles we face, but his power is limited so he can't do a whole lot to remedy the situation? That's the explanation of the school of thought called "Process Theology."

It holds that God knows what human beings are going through, and that he has an enormous amount of sympathy. But alas, he doesn't have the power to do everything he would like to do. He's not really, according to this popularized concept, "Almighty."

Could that be true? If so, why doesn't he at the very least extend his sympathy in person, explaining his limitations, appearing visibly so we can see him? Surely God has that much power? Wouldn't that act by itself tend to alleviate a great number of the problems humanity faces?

For one thing, if he were visible, atheists and skeptics could hardly continue to quibble about whether he exists, could they?

And he could straighten out so

much confusion. Take the realm of religion, for example.

So many of mankind's problems are the direct or indirect result of religious confusion. In various areas of the world religion has perpetuated, if not caused, squalor and ignorance. Clashes between religious factions have spawned suspicion, hatred and bloodshed. Think of the numerous divisions—the disagreeing sects, cults, splits, schisms and denominations.

Couldn't God end all that if he would simply appear and say: "This is how I want you to worship. This is the true religion?"

Why doesn't he?

And surely the prospects for world peace would be considerably brightened—efforts to avoid the nuclear nightmare would receive a tremendous boost—if God would appear before the United Nations, if he would spend some time in world capitals.

With his superior knowledge he could lead the way to solving so many of the baffling difficulties with which humanity grapples. The elimination of catastrophic illnesses, pollution, criminality, mental disease, social injustice, poverty—it would all at last be within our reach if only God would show himself and tell what he knows.

Why doesn't he?

It's time to face this issue

squarely! For too long theologians have hemmed and hawed on this question. They have produced answers that are nonanswers. Or they have changed the subject.

The suggestion that God is all good, but just not powerful enough to prevent calamity, is only one of the attempted explanations. Some in religion counter with: "God is indeed all-powerful. But our sufferings are due to the fact that God is not totally good."

Others dismiss the entire subject as a "mystery," something we can't understand in this life. There are some who seek to get around the question by denying the existence of evil in the first place. If there is no evil, they must reason, there is nothing for which to blame God.

In any case, none of them are able to give an adequate explanation as to why the God they profess to worship cannot be seen!

It is little wonder atheism and agnosticism flourish. It is little wonder even sincerely religious people have doubts concerning this most basic of all questions: Why does God apparently stand aloof while humanity suffers? Why does he allow pain and evil?

In short, *why does God hide himself?*

#### How It All Began

We needn't be in doubt. We can know.

The Bible makes no secret that God does indeed respond to certain circumstances and situations by withdrawing himself—*hiding* himself, if you please. "Truly You are God, who hide Yourself," exclaimed the prophet Isaiah (Isa. 45:15, Revised Authorized Version throughout).

In the midst of grievous physical affliction, the patriarch Job once used a similar term when he sought to learn why God was hiding from him (Job 13:24). And, "Why do You stand afar off, O Lord?" is the question posed in Psalm 10:1. "Why do You hide Yourself in times of trouble?" "How long, Lord?" asks another psalm, "Will You hide Yourself forever?" (Ps. 89:46; 13:1).

Yes, how long and why? Countless times in the anguished course of human history such questions

have been echoed in response to calamities, pain and suffering.

There is a reason. It all began with the first human beings—Adam and Eve. After God had created them and placed them in a splendid garden setting, the Creator God talked with them in person. He was right there, giving them instructions on how to live happy and successful lives. He taught them about an eternal law.

Humans were not just created and then left to fend for themselves, to determine for themselves what is right and what is wrong. Instead, the Creator God personal-

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ly gave to them complete information about the right way to live. Living God's way produces happiness, peace, health, prosperity and eventually leads to eternal life.

But rejecting God's way, doing what *seems* right to the natural reasoning, brings misery, sickness, war and everything evil (Prov. 14:12). It is God who defines what is right and what is wrong. To place confidence in human reason alone is folly.

Adam and Eve had to make a choice between two ways of life, symbolized by two trees described in Genesis 2 and 3. They relied on their human reason. Even if you have had little interest in religion, you probably are familiar enough with the often-referred-to account to be aware that Adam and Eve

chose the wrong tree. They sinned—transgressed God's spiritual law—rejected God's government.

Notice a significant point, though, that most overlook. Adam and Eve immediately knew they had disobeyed. Guilt and shame welled up within them. The next time the Creator came in person to talk to them, "they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and [notice it!] Adam and his wife *hid* themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden" (Gen. 3:8).

So who was the first to *hide*? Not the Creator God! It was the humans he had created who first hid from him. It was they who wanted to establish and maintain a distance—a separation—between themselves and God.

The tree of which Adam and Eve ate symbolized humanity's desire to try to define for themselves good and evil—by reasoning, by experience, by experimentation. Call it the way of trial and error. Call it the school of hard knocks, or self-will. Whatever you call it, humanity has followed that way ever since and it is that very way of life that has produced all the grief, suffering and woe this world has known.

And God allowed it! He said, in effect: "All right, you won't listen to what I say. You want to do things as you see fit. You want to hide from me? I'll hide myself from you instead. Go ahead, then. Build your civilizations, form your societies your way. I will step into the background for 6,000 years and give you the chance to 'do your thing.' Only I warn you, you are going to regret the results. With every cry of anguish and pain, with every tear and heartache, with every act of greed, cruelty and injustice you and your descendants inflict upon each other, you are going to regret the results of the direction you have chosen.

"You—mankind in general—will call out to me, but I will not answer until finally you come to the end of your rope, to the very point of destroying yourself and all life on earth with your own inventions. Then I will step in and save you from yourselves."

The PLAIN TRUTH

Now do you begin to understand?

Mankind was cut off from God because of rebellion, and God, in turn, withheld from mankind, in general, access to his Holy Spirit. Consequently, God withdrew his hand, gave mankind free rein to write indelibly and for all time the lesson in human tears and blood that, apart from obeying God's laws, universal happiness, peace and prosperity are impossible. That lesson is still being written today.

It wasn't only Adam and Eve who chose to have it that way. All their mature descendants did likewise. The whole Bible is a record of human beings—with the exception of a few individuals—rejecting God's ways and suffering for it.

Did you ever wonder, when reading the Bible, why some of the terrible accounts it contains are included in it? The reason is, the events described form a part of the lesson being written by human experience: the lesson that breaking God's revealed spiritual laws results in suffering and misery.

Hear what God says to a human race bent on self-destruction:

"Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded; because you disdained all my counsel, and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, when your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you."

God doesn't enjoy seeing people suffer. But he wants them to learn their lesson well. Continuing:

"Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they will not find me: Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, they would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies" (Prov. 1:24-31).

Why is there anguish and suffering on earth? Why is there so much heartache and pain? Humans have been eating the fruit of their own ways and they insist on continuing to do so.

Though men have formed their own religions and though many have professed to seek God, they have not found him, because they are too often like those prophesied of in Hosea 5:6: With their religious accoutrements "they shall go to seek the Lord, but they will not find Him; He has withdrawn Himself from them." Why? Listen to the prophet Micah: "Then they will cry to the Lord, but He will not hear them; He will even hide His face from them at that time, [and here is the reason] because they have been evil in their deeds" (Mic. 3:4).

**While God has throughout history maintained an overall hands-off policy, he has intervened when necessary to work out his plan.**

"When you spread out your hands [in prayer]," God says, "I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not hear" (Isa. 1:15).

Isaiah put it this way: "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear" (Isa. 59:1-2).

God hides his face because of sin (see also John 9:31; Deuteronomy 31:17-18; 32:20).

**God, However, Can Be Found**

It is important to understand that while God has throughout history maintained an overall hands-off

policy, he has intervened when necessary to work out his plan. He has dealt directly with select individuals, even appeared and spoken to some of them, giving his Holy Spirit as needed. But to mankind as a whole, he has personally remained "hidden."

Those who have ears to hear are told to *seek* God and to keep looking until they find him (Isa. 55:6-7; Jer. 29:13). It is God's will that people of every nation "should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us" (Acts 17:27). He can be found. But one needs to call out to him in obedient earnestness. Few seem willing to do that, however.

Even to those who do seek and find him God has chosen at this time to remain invisible.

The reason God now remains invisible even to those who follow his ways is that he is developing their faith and perseverance. Surrounded as we are by the tangible, material world, it requires a special daily effort to seek the spiritual values and to keep one's mind on that plane (Col. 3:1-2). Thus we are instructed that we should "not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (II Cor. 4:18).

It's easy to believe what is visible. But "faith is . . . the evidence of things *not* seen" (Heb. 11:1). Jesus pronounced a special blessing on those who remain faithful to him without ever seeing him in this life. He said to one of his disciples: "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

When Jesus was on earth, however, few even of those who saw him with their own eyes believed. That ought to tell us something. Here he was, having come to earth on the human level. He came as a mortal, flesh-and-blood man—God in the flesh—capable of being seen, talked to, even touched. And what happened? Was he accepted with open arms? Was he welcomed and given due respect?

No, he was "despised and

rejected by men. . . . And we [all of us, because all of our natures are fundamentally inclined to react in the same way] *hid*, as it were, our faces from Him" (Isa. 53:3).

How-shallow are the taunts of those who jeer, "Why doesn't God show himself?" He did. He appeared on our level, came out of hiding, so to speak. And we murdered him, nailed him to a stake. Think that one over!

Nor is that the end of it. To this day, society as a whole rejects the true God and the message of the government or kingdom of God he has had his chosen representatives proclaim. Because of rejecting the rule and the laws of God, evils are multiplying at a dizzying speed, fast bringing mankind to what would be self-annihilation—except that the Creator God is once again going to appear. This time it will be in power and majesty, "and every eye will see Him" (Rev. 1:7).

#### When God Appears Again

God shall save human beings from themselves and reestablish his government on earth. An awesome lesson shall have been written. Those who are still alive amid what will then be the rubble and ruin of man's civilization will finally come to real repentance, forced by the evidence—6,000 years of suffering and woe—to acknowledge the futility and error of being cut off from God.

No longer will the Creator God keep himself in the background then. He will be plainly visible here on this planet, dwelling among human beings in a peaceful and happy new world order (Ezek. 43:7). Of that splendid age, God declares: "I will not hide My face from them anymore" (Ezek. 39:29).

You may now wonder about the thousands of millions who have already lived and died cut off from God. How and when will they be able to benefit from the lessons of history they themselves have had a part in writing? God in his fairness has not left out all these thousands of millions of people. Write for the eye-opening article "Is This the Only Day of Salvation?" You've never read anything like it, yet it is the truth straight from the pages of your Bible! □

## Prejudice

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**working out in practical terms on the grass roots level?**

A: To that I can give a very clear affirmative. We treat our children in this school as ordinary children. They are not elitist in any way and there is no attempt within the school to put an elitist cover on either teachers or governors or children or parents. I would know we had failed if this were to occur.

**Q: I realize that Lagan, or any institution like it, is not a cure for all the ills in Northern Ireland. But do you believe you will markedly change some of the bitter hatreds that have been built up over a long period of time?**

A: We firmly believe that we can

contribute in a positive way to the amelioration of the feelings that over the past 14 years have risen to great heights, at times with appalling losses in human life and in human dignity.

We—trustees and teachers alike—know that there is no overnight cure for this. But we believe that the contribution which All Children Together Movement has made in Lagan College will have an impact upon the general scene in education.

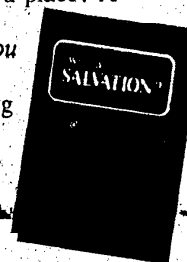
Our whole target has been to provide a positive contribution and we have never, and will never, become destructive critics of either of the two predominant systems in the country, i.e. the Catholic maintained system or the controlled *ipso facto* Protestant system. That is not our way of approaching the matter. □

If  
"The Wages of Sin  
Is Death"  
and  
"All Have Sinned"...

ROMANS 6:23

ROMANS 3:23

**T**hen all human beings—you included—have earned the death penalty for sin. The Bible also reveals that the word *death* means exactly that—complete cessation of life, not eternal existence in heaven or hell or purgatory. The most important question in your life is how to be saved from that death penalty you have incurred! What, then, is salvation? Is it a place? A condition? A reward? When do you receive it? Our free booklet *What Do You Mean . . . Salvation?* makes the truth clear. You may have a copy by mailing the card to our office nearest you.





## Family Ties

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society grow up without any importance being placed on family dinner.

Yet in many countries and among certain ethnic groups it is considered *essential* that all the family be seated at the dinner table together. Here a meal represents far more than just food and nutrition to the body. It is a time for family communion—fellowship, conversation and enjoyment.

Is it this way in your home? Do you have each and every member of your family gathered together at least for the evening meal? This seems like such a simple thing, but it has great importance. Why pass up the opportunity to gather your entire family—the most beloved people to you—around you in an atmosphere of love?

The sharing of food has always connoted the sharing of love. Sharing food together is a sure way to increase the bonds between people.

And remember: It is important to make sure the conversation at the table is *pleasant*—no bickering, arguments, unpleasant topics or controversial matters. Mealtime should be a pleasant experience filled with goodwill. This promotes family closeness and love.

### Passing on Traditions

Some of the strongest bonds in many families are passed on from generation to generation as a result of cultural heritages from the land of their ancestry. Those customs often retain cultural tastes in food, dress, dance and even in professions.

Another passing on of custom can be that of a trade or profession. Throughout most of history, children learned the trade of their fathers that had in turn been learned from their fathers.

Because many modern societies have given up such practices altogether, crafts that have endured for centuries are being lost.

Even if a youngster does not wish to follow in his father's footsteps, if a trade, craft or profession has been learned, he will have something to fall back on.

It's amazing today how few boys do any household jobs, paint or



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mend things, change the oil or tune up the car. Only a small number of girls know how to sew, quilt or even cook for that matter.

You see, in order to learn many of these skills, you have to spend time with your father or mother or with grandparents.

Since most of us are not living on a farm, we don't know how to plant, cultivate, harvest, can, bottle or freeze vegetables and fruits. Even if many families wanted to have a vegetable garden, they wouldn't know how to. Yet many middle-aged parents have known how to plant a garden—and almost every grandparent had one; probably grew up on a farm or in the country. Why haven't we passed on these fun and useful skills?

If you have not learned any skills that should have been perpetuated in your family, why not take a little time to backtrack and learn from your father or mother in order to pass them on to your son or daughter?

### Building New Traditions

Maybe you are part of a family that

just does not have a long family history. Perhaps you have no knowledge of your ancestry or even of a craft of your parents.

But that should not stop you from establishing bonds in your family now. Actually, whether you have realized it or not, there are really only two courses of action to take. Either build meaningful and lasting traditions in your family, or drift into nontraditions that will cause your family to split farther and farther apart from one another.

Why not sit down this evening and talk over what kind of relationships will best benefit your family? Get out the old picture album. Recall Granddad and Grandma—even your great-grandparents. Maybe you'll bring up some long lost part of your family past that your children have never even heard before.

Then talk about what kind of new customs you would like to incorporate into your family. Some of the most meaningful family experiences can be worked around vacation. Perhaps visiting national parks, or taking up camping, fishing or other outdoor activities, will be something your family can enjoy.

One of the best ways to spend vacation time is to hold regular family reunions such as have been mentioned earlier.

So whether you decide on special vacation trips, outdoor camp-outs, dinners or nothing more than a quiet afternoon in your own backyard, make up your mind to build strong family bonds. You'll always be glad you did. Not only will it pull your family together as a team now, but someday your grandchildren will thank you for establishing family bonds that will be passed on to their children and to generations yet to come.

Our next installment, "Growing Healthy Babies—There's No Second Chance!", will explain a most important issue many parents totally neglect. □

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## New Subscribers

I have today received my first copy of the *Plain Truth* magazine which I must confess I hadn't heard of until I saw your advertisement in the *Reader's Digest*. Even then I did not know what to expect. I have read every article and will read it again and again. I have a feeling of hope at last, which I didn't have before.

**M. Taylor**  
Blackpool, England

Just recently, a co-worker of mine told me about your magazine and the subject matter on which it dealt. Since my arrival here to Alaska in late November of last year, I had a chance to pick up a copy of your publications. I did so.

After reading *The Plain Truth* from cover to cover, I thought to myself: It's about time someone published a magazine that hit on all the aspects of life today, and how to overcome the burdens of the day. I have thoroughly enjoyed the January edition of *The Plain Truth* and have since sent for a yearly subscription of it. I have found that your periodical has also given new meaning and life to my marriage, even though my wife and child are still in Montana awaiting to come up here. Thank you for a great magazine!

**Rodney K. Allen**  
Eielson AFB, Alaska

I would like to receive my subscription to *The Plain Truth* at my home address. I usually pick them up at the local copy-mart, but would rather receive them at home. I surely enjoy reading it.

**Virginia A. Schloredt**  
Seattle, Washington

I want to express my deep appreciation for the subscription to *The Plain*

*Truth*. The in-depth analyses, which you provide in your articles, is exceptional. I especially enjoyed the article, "The Mark of a Great Mind," by Donald Schroeder, in the October issue, and would like more articles of this type.

**Eugene H. Rexilius**  
Angola, Indiana

Recently, a Christian friend of mine handed me a copy of your *Plain Truth* magazine which he believes would serve my reading pleasure.

Much as I am always tempted to shy away from magazines that claim to speak the "plain truth," I consented to at least browse through the literature and judge its contents for myself. To my surprise, I found myself drawn to the many thought-provoking, soul-searching and enlightening articles in your magazine.

Having faced the truth about *The Plain Truth*, I respectfully beg to be included in your distribution list for subsequent issues of your stimulating magazine.

**Lai Lee Kwang**  
Singapore

As a Secretary of His Grace Gabriel Zubeir Wako, Archbishop of Khartoum and President of S.C.B.C., i.e., Sudan Catholic Bishops' Conference, I showed him a copy of the magazine so as to pass over it. He appreciated it so much because it serves the social/economical and cultural activities of people. As a consequence, he encouraged me to continue in asking for more copies.

**Farida Akasha Giffen**  
Khartoum, Sudan

A few weeks back, I had a phone conversation with a potential customer, who informed me that I had called

during his study period. I apologized and was about to hang up when he informed me that he gets your Bible Study Course and though it was only his 2nd lesson, he could hardly wait to get back to it. So much so that he convinced me that I too should send for the Bible Study Course of Ambassador College. Also, I have already introduced three people to *The Plain Truth* and they, like myself, can't wait for the next issue to arrive. I'm always watching for the mailman, hoping I will receive my next issue of *The Plain Truth*.

**Ray Jackson**  
Toronto, Ontario

## Subscription Renewal

Enclosed with this letter is my request for another twelve months' set of *The Plain Truth*. I do not accept all that is written in *The Plain Truth* but I always find it stimulating. The most acceptable articles I find are those in which you point out the many misunderstandings that have crept into Christianity, which have increased my understanding of the Bible, and your "international" articles, which although not very deep always seem to be balanced and strive to see the point of view of the peoples who often get a bad write-up in other papers and journals.

**Geoffrey P. Irimy**  
Reading, England

I am serving here in England for the British Army. I come from Nepal which is in Asia, near India. There are about 4 or 5 subscribers in this battalion.

We are stationed here in England for 2 years and then we go back to Hong Kong. Our tour in UK will be until May 1985. At present I am stationed here but very soon I

will be going to Belize, Central America, for an operational tour for 6 months. But it is definite that I would get the magazine through normal army channels. I have changed my address in the membership card and would appreciate it very much if you could keep on sending the *Plain Truth* for time to come.

**Bimal Chandra**  
Church Crookham, England

I would like to renew my subscription to *The Plain Truth*. It is an outstanding magazine and therefore I can only speak with the utmost appreciation about its value for me as a teacher. It provides me with very valuable information and perspectives which are so important in educating children.

I thank God for having inspired people such as you and your fellow staff to inform the world about the ultimate truth by means of such a magazine.

**A.J. Swart**  
Lynwoodweg, Arcadia, R.S.A.

## Why Free?

I'm an old man and could never have learned what your books taught me without the "free" in front of them. I want to thank you and everyone who makes it possible for me to read them.

**R. Michel**  
Victoria, British Columbia

I have been very impressed by the fact that although I have received many of your publications, I have never received a request for payment of money. This is quite unusual to say the least.

**Rae J. Stephens**  
Pink Mountain, British Columbia

Having read your magazines with great interest during 1983 and having received a free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, I feel very, very guilty for not giving God what is rightfully his. I have often tried to get out of my financial mess but could not do so without God's help and am now even more guilty for having received help that I do not deserve. May my tithes bring joy to those in need, as I am now a joyful tither.

R. Heuschen  
Windmeul, R.S.A.

#### 50th Anniversary

The February 1984 *Plain Truth* is the most uplifting, inspiring magazine I have ever seen. The articles are most inspiring yet sobering as they show the world we live in with precise detail and also the wonderful world tomorrow.

William B. Lee  
Stratford, England

I am a typical 14-year-old who picked up a magazine at a restaurant. Ever since I have been impressed. The fact that God has blessed this whole operation for 50 years is incredible. I would like to express my appreciation to all of you involved with *The Plain Truth* for the tremendous work you are doing. Both the magazines and the literature have fascinated me. In this world full of garbage literature, it's great to see such a God-centered and powerful publication.

Dave Johnson  
Springfield, Virginia

#### New China

I doubt the optimistic picture of new Chinese open-mindedness and flexibility given by Mr. Hogberg ("New China Reaches Out," April 1984). The only reason why the Chinese are displaying any economic flexibility is because their economy is in a mess, and they will certainly reach out and grab whatever America gives them. But their basic Marxist position is unchanged, and this is only too clear in both the political and religious

spheres.

The official policy of the Chinese Communist Party is to eliminate religion under the guise of protecting religious belief (see *Red Flag* June 16, 1983, the ideological organ of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party). Buddhists in Tibet, a formerly independent country occupied by the Chinese in 1950, know all about this. A new era of liberalisation was recently promised in Tibet and it lasted just long enough for the Chinese to identify religious believers and critics of their rule.

Paul Ingram  
Secretary,  
Scientific Buddhist  
Association,  
London

#### Terrorism Interview

I was compelled to write about several untrue statements in the May '84 issue. British author Christopher Dobson is interviewed about terrorism. Several times he mentions the I.R.A. and Irish Americans. He describes the Harrods bombing as an I.R.A. attack on Christmas shoppers. In fact a 40 minute warning was given. Furthermore the bombing didn't have the support of the I.R.A. military council.

When talking about NORAID, an Irish American relief group, Mr. Dobson calls it a gun-running group that raises money to buy arms. This statement is false. It cannot be denied that persons connected with NORAID have smuggled guns, but that is their own choice. The money collected by NORAID is distributed by the Green Cross and the Society of Help. These groups are the Irish version of the Red Cross. Hardly crazed terrorist supporters.

James Murphy  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

• Christopher Dobson  
replies:

It was not my purpose to become involved in the Irish situation when we had our interview, merely to record the part being played by the

IRA in the upsurge of international terrorism. And I find that I mentioned the IRA on only half a dozen occasions in the interview. I therefore have no intention of becoming involved in the 400-year-old argument about the rights and wrongs of the Irish quarrel. It would take much too long and better men than I have tried to solve it without success. I confine myself to those questions which rise specifically out of my statements.

1. The Harrods bombing. I said, "The IRA... prefer softer targets like people doing their shopping at Harrods in London. The attack was disclaimed by the 'official' IRA who have apologised for it." Your correspondent claims that forty minutes' warning was given of the explosion and that it was not sanctioned by the IRA Council. The facts are these: A warning was telephoned to the office of the London Samaritans at 12:44. The warning was deliberately confusing, referring to a number of bombs planted in different parts of London when there was only one. The police began the search of the Harrods area at 12:54. By 1:20 they had discovered a suspicious car in Hans Crescent alongside Harrods and prepared to investigate it. At 1:21 as they approached the car, it exploded. Among the five dead were a policeman and policewoman.

As for the claim that the bomb was not sanctioned by the Army Council, this is, of course, a ploy used by the IRA when one of its operations backfires.

2. In its official claim of responsibility the IRA said: "The Irish Republican Army have been operational in Britain throughout last week. Our volunteers planted the bomb outside the Woolwich Barracks and in the car outside Harrods store." The point is that whether the Harrods bombing was carried out on the orders of the IRA Council or not, it was planted by IRA men in pursuance of the IRA's aims.

3. I argued that the Irish community in the United States also acts as a rear base for the Irish terrorists, providing money through NORAID, which buys arms in sporting goods shops and smuggles them across the Atlantic, as well as providing protection for terrorists on the run and as a center for propaganda. Here is proof: In 1982 Michael Flannery and George Harrison, NORAID's leaders, admitted in a Brooklyn court that they had supplied more than a million dollars worth of guns to Irish terrorists in the past twenty years. In fact it was not an admission, more a proud boast.

I have another, personal piece of evidence. Some years ago the British army captured a number of Armalite rifles in Belfast. I asked for and was given their serial numbers. I then flew to New York where I checked these numbers with the authorities and found that they had come from a sporting goods store just outside New York. I visited the store where I proved how easy it was to acquire Armalites by buying one. I could not prove then that these particular guns were bought by NORAID because the names given by the buyers were fictitious. One thing certain however was that they had been bought in America for use by the IRA in Belfast.

Charles Haughey when he was Taoiseach denounced NORAID in a speech at Cork on 27 July 1980: "There is clear and conclusive evidence available to the Government here from security and other sources that NORAID has provided support for the campaign of violence and indeed direct assistance in its pursuit. On the basis of these activities, it stands condemned, and I appeal to all in America who have the interests of Ireland at heart not to give the body any support, financial or moral."

Nobody could accuse Mr. Haughey of not wanting a united Ireland or of being a British stooge.

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