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OUR COVER

Conditioned early on for a life of warfare, a young Lebanese boy on the streets of Beirut flashes the victory sign while holding a Soviet-made Kalashnikov AK-47 (7.62mm).

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PERSONAL FROM



A New Truth about Abortion

WHEN does human life start? WHY human life? It's time we knew this TRUTH that has remained a mystery.

Is abortion murder? Is it a crime? Is it a SIN? A crime is a violation of a man-made law. Sin is transgression of GOD'S LAW. God's law defines right as opposed to wrong.

Humanly legislated laws do not always do that. Some things can be sin that are not a crime in man-made laws. But man-made laws have even made obedience to the higher law of God a crime, punishable by death. For example, the Council of Laodicea, A.D. 363, enacted a law enforced by the Roman government: "Christians must not Judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather honouring the Lord's Day."

If any were found to be Judaizing by "resting on the Sabbath," they were to be declared "anathema from Christ." This was interpreted by the government as a crime and often was punishable by death. Yet the law of God commands: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

But in the final judgment every individual will be judged and sentenced according to the law of God, regardless of what has received general human acceptance or what has been made into a human law.

The whole controversy on abortion revolves around the question: When does human life start?

Where did human life first begin? It began when

God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (Gen. 2:7). God had said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." God is composed of spirit. God is a Spirit (John 4:24). But man was made out of the ground—matter.

God's purpose is to reproduce himself through man, who is formed of matter or substance. God creates in a system of duality. Man was made first of material, the ground. The second stage of man's creation calls for making him into a holy, righteous spirit being as a child of God. Thus God's ultimate purpose is to reproduce himself—and God not only is formed and composed of spirit, but God is perfect righteous spiritual character. God's spiritual creation involves the development, with man's own assent in this physical life, of God's righteous character. To reproduce himself, God purposed that man should reproduce himself physically, even as God is reproducing himself spiritually. The one is the type of the other.

Human life first began with the creation of the first man Adam by a process of reproduction. The human life has continued from that original life and is transmitted from generation to generation.

God said to the first man Adam, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth" (Gen. 1:28). Man was to reproduce himself physically—in other words, continue that human life from generation to generation. But the man was unable to do that. No man has ever been able to reproduce himself all by himself. So God performed an operation. He put man into a "deep sleep," which today we would call anesthesia, and operated, removing one of the man's ribs, out of which he made a woman.

The woman was not made from the dust of the ground. Woman was first made from man. The two—the man and the woman—became one. How did the two become one? They became one human family. A family is composed of two or more. They reproduced, had children, and the family increased. That original family, by the process of human reproduction, has been increasing for 6,000 years until today there are about 4¾ billion of us humans populating the earth.

The human life in every human being started from the human life God created in Adam. Even Eve's life came from Adam. Every human life since

is a continuation of that same kind of human life continually reproduced after its kind.

This human reproduction was the exact type of divine reproduction by which God is reproducing himself.

Human reproduction started with the first human, the man Adam. Divine reproduction has started with the second Adam, Jesus Christ. Jesus was begotten and born as a human being, just as all humans have been, except that God was his Father, and therefore, one of his names is Emmanuel, which means "God with us," or, "God in the human flesh." Therefore, Jesus Christ was human, born of the human virgin Mary, but he was also God, sired by the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God actually fertilized or imparted life to an ovum in the womb of the virgin Mary.

Now examine human reproduction. Human life starts from an egg, or an ovum, produced through an ovary in the human mother-to-be. This ovum, of itself, has only a very temporary life—a matter of days. Unless fertilized by a sperm cell from the body of the male, it will soon die.

The female ovum is about the size of a pinpoint—not the head, but the tiny point of a pin, barely large enough to be seen through the naked eye. The male sperm cell that will fertilize it is the smallest cell in the human body, only one fiftieth the size of the ovum. In the female ovum is a still more tiny nucleus. Once the male sperm cell penetrates and enters the ovum, it joins immediately with the nucleus. At that instant, human life has begun.

This very start of human life is the exact type of the beginning of the divine life. Jesus said he had come that we "might have life, and that [we] might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). He was talking about the fact he had come that we might have immortal, divine life, which would be a much more abundant life than this frail human life. Jesus said, at the beginning of his ministry on earth, "I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18). Jesus chose and called 12 disciples to be taught the good news or gospel of the kingdom of God—the kingdom of God beings that shall reign over all the nations of this earth, beginning with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Now consider carefully this fact: Human reproduction is the exact type of divine reproduction. In every human there is human spirit. The human brain, as scientists have learned in the new science of brain research, differs little from animal brain. Yet we learn from many scriptures in the Bible that in every human brain resides a human spirit. This spirit empowers the physical brain with intellect, which makes the vast difference between human ability to think, to reason, to acquire knowledge, to have a sense of spiritual values, which animals do not possess.

A factor that has greatly puzzled and mystified human scientists—especially in the new science of brain research—is what constitutes the incredible difference between the vast output of the human brain as compared to the animal brain. They cannot account for it on physical grounds, and most all

stubbornly refuse to accept the truth as it is on spiritual grounds.

Most scientists, it seems, refuse to accept the existence of spirit. That very refusal caused the development in human imagination of the theory of evolution. Evolution is the atheist's and the agnostic's explanation of the presence of the physical creation without the preexistence of the great supernatural spirit Creator who is God.

The Holy Bible is the word of the Creator God. In it, God, who knows the rationalizations and reasonings of the natural mind cut off from him, says of these unbelieving skeptics, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2:14).

The God-rejecting mind, therefore, will be incapable of understanding what is to follow in this Personal.

In the comparison of human reproduction to divine reproduction, each human being is an ovum. Each of us might be called a spiritual ovum. Each has a limited life span on average of approximately 72 or 73 years at present. Unless fertilized within a life span by the spiritual male sperm, which is the Holy Spirit from the very body of God the Father, each of us will perish. How, then, does divine life start?

The original apostles had been taught and trained for some three and one half years by Jesus. They were, as it were, spiritual ova. They did not receive the spiritual sperm cell from God the Father until after Christ's sacrifice and resurrection and ascension to heaven.

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came and entered into the disciples gathered together, all in one accord. This divine sperm cell from the body of God the Father was the Holy Spirit—the very divine, life-imparting Spirit of God. Naturally, on entering the apostles, this Spirit went immediately to the nucleus of the human, which is the mind. There it joined with the human spirit that had been a part of the human being from human conception.

Thus the humans who received the Holy Spirit of God had the divine life of God imparted into them. They thus became the begotten children of God. When the Holy Spirit enters the human mind, it unites the human mind with the mind of God.

The human spirit imparts capacity to acquire physical and material knowledge infinitely superior to that acquired by the animal brain. It also imparts to the physical brain limited spiritual concepts of good as opposed to evil, albeit on the human spiritual level. However, with the addition of the divine Spirit of God to this human spirit, the human mind is capable of acquiring the spiritual knowledge of the purposes, ways and objectives of God.

The human spirit cannot see, think, hear or indulge in the process of reasoning. It is the brain that sees through the eye, hears through the ear, and does the thinking and

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What Is a West German?

By Gene H. Hogberg

Despite their phenomenal success, West Germans suffer from an identity crisis. The display of patriotism is still an acute problem. Some experts say Germany can recover its soul only within the context of a larger, united Europe.

WHAT is a West German? A strange sounding question, perhaps, to Americans, Britons and Frenchmen—all who know in their innermost being what it means to be personally part of the march of history of their nations.

The same cannot be said of citizens in the Federal Republic of Germany.

The visit of U.S. President Ronald Reagan to a war cemetery in West Germany earlier this year made West Germans painfully aware that their nation still bears a heavy burden of the recent past.

Among citizens of the Federal Republic President Reagan's personal standing rose considerably for "hanging tough" on the visit to Bitburg. (Among the 2,000 dead in the cemetery are the remains of 49 Waffen-SS soldiers, mostly young end-of-the-war draftees.)

Yet, at the same time, there was considerable disappointment and disillusionment that there should have been such an outcry in the United States. After all, every U.S. Memorial Day since 1959, the commander of the nearby U.S. air base, joined by the mayor of Bitburg, had laid down a wreath at the very spot the President did.

So, for more than 25 years, no one had complained about the pres-

ence of the SS grave markers. Not a few observers felt the incident had been blown out of proportion by the President's critics in order to cast a cloud over his entire European trip.

The American President's sincere intention had been to enact, along with his host, Chancellor Helmut Kohl, a ceremony of national reconciliation, 40 years after the conclusion of World War II.

Germany's Transformation

West Germany's transformation into a liberalized democratic state, one anchored in the West, has not been fully appreciated by the general public in the United States. Those in the position to know view it as an extraordinary achievement. Arthur Burns, retiring U.S. ambassador to the Federal Republic, said that "the transformation of Germany is one of the miracles of the modern age."

Looking back to the early postwar period, it was by no means certain that Germany's third attempt at democracy (the first in the 1830s, the second after World War I) would indeed "take." But Germa-

ny—and Japan as well—have changed their previous courses to such an astonishing degree that their former enemies and now allies tend to take their altered states for granted.

For the past 11 years, for exam-



U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Chancellor Helmut Kohl, second from right, tour German military cemetery in Bitburg, West Germany.

ple, economic summits have taken place among the Free World's leading industrial powers. The seven nations involved—the United States, Britain, Canada, France, Japan, Italy and West Germany—comprise four Allied and three Axis powers of World War II. No

wonder a generalized German reaction to the Bitburg controversy was, "Have these past 40 different years all been in vain?" Alfred Dregger, one of the most senior members of the Christian Democratic Party, said, "Bitburg raises the question of whether the American people really consider us to be allies, despite 40 years."

The Past Is Open

It would be a grave mistake to believe, as apparently some still do, that the events of the time of national socialism are still not adequately examined in today's Germany—at least in the western Federal Republic.

The author was in Germany covering this year's economic summit and the events of President Reagan's state visit. During this period of time, coinciding with the 40th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe, West German television networks presented many programs detailing the events at the close of World War II. I observed a fascinating panorama of photographs in the Hamburg city-state office in the nation's capital, Bonn. These represented a detailed account of the slave labor system employed by certain German industries during the war.

And in France, at the time of President Reagan's May 8 address to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, I visited the only German concentration camp on French soil. It was built at Struthof, across the Alsatian plain from Strasbourg, on a peak high in the Vosges mountains.

The small but grim Struthof facility is one of the better preserved camps. What struck me most, however, was that near the end of the day, a bus load of elderly German tourists, most of them women, came to tour the facility. They were of the very generation that lived through the grim days of the 1930s and '40s. They came to Struthof to see for themselves what had transpired under Nazi rule.

With Prosperity, Confusion

Not long ago a book was written entitled *The Fourth and Richest Reich*. Its pages chronicled the rise of the Federal Republic—which constitutes only the Western half of

prewar Germany—to the level of an economic superpower.

Still, despite unprecedented prosperity, many West Germans have a sense of national unfulfillment. They have had to shed patriotic feelings that would be normal in other countries simply because patriotism and nationalism had been so abused under national socialism.

German news sources acknowledge this sense of national ennui. A 1983 commentary in the Hamburg weekly *Die Zeit* reported: "The Federal Republic is, all things considered, not a bad country, perhaps even the best ever to rise from German soil. But who likes to feel themselves as Federal Republicans?"

Since coming to power in 1982, Chancellor Kohl has cautiously tried to stimulate feelings of national pride and patriotism. He is the first West German chancellor to display the national flag in his office. He has even resuscitated previously tainted words such as *Vaterland*.

So far, response by his countrymen to the chancellor's pride-building efforts has been lukewarm.

Julian Crandall Hollick, a writer and frequent visitor to West Germany, took note in the August 8, 1984, *Christian Science Monitor* of what he called West Germany's "midlife identity crisis."

"Ask a young American what being an American means and you will most likely receive a clear and confident reply. Ask a young West German and the answer will be at best unclear, at worst an embarrassed refusal. . . . What does being West German mean? Who are its heroes? What is the Federal Republic's history?"

Generation Gap

With West Germany's maturing there has also developed a generation gap peculiar to the country.

Older generation Germans vividly recall the early grim postwar years, the stimulus to the rebuilding of the country provided by the U.S. Marshall Plan and the Berlin airlift that defeated the Soviet attempt to force the Western powers out of the city.

They lived through the period of time when Chancellor Konrad Adenauer anchored the fledgling

Federal Republic in the Western Alliance system, resisting the siren call of Soviet leader Joseph Stalin, who offered German reunification in return for neutrality.

Through the 1950s and '60s West Germany was rebuilt a good deal along the at-that-time highly favored American model.

Younger West Germans today, especially those politically left-of-center, increasingly resent the Americanization of their society. They are searching out their pre-Nazi era national roots for something more authentic. Increasingly they find, on trips to East Germany, that the German Democratic Republic (DDR) seems more traditionally German. This is especially true in recent years as the authorities in the DDR have cautiously restored public monuments and statues of selected great figures of Germany's past, such as Frederick the Great and even the Iron Chancellor, Otto von Bismarck.

European Community Not Enough

With patriotism and pure nationalism so highly suspect, West Germans have sought elsewhere for their outlets. Franz Josef Strauss once said that "we must have patriotism in an entirely new understanding of the word."

For a long while it was believed by Germans as well as their neighbors that the construction of the European Community in democratic Europe would sufficiently occupy the talents and energies of the German people.

The European Community, more commonly referred to by its economic component, the Common Market, did engage the Germans as long as it was "core Europe," essentially the six original members—Germany, France, Italy and the Benelux nations.

The EC now has become too unwieldy, however. Member states such as Britain and Denmark act more as brakes, throttling the dream of creating a truly confederated European power. Greece remains an enigma. Incoming new member states such as Spain and Portugal create new problems, from agricultural surpluses to the burdens of requiring all EC docu-

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MYSTERY OF THE AGES

I N T R O D U C T I O N

How the Seven Mysteries Were Revealed

We continue, with this second installment, the serial publication of
Herbert W. Armstrong's latest book *Mystery of the Ages*.

THE world's number one concern today is the question of human survival! Science and technology have produced the weapons of mass destruction that could blast *all human life* off this earth!

So many nations now possess nuclear weapons that one madman could ignite the nuclear World War III that could erase all human life from this planet.

Yet the truth of God, if known and acted on, could have saved humanity from this threat and all its evils!

Stop a moment.

THINK on this.

You live in a world seemingly far advanced in science, technology, higher education and diffusion of knowledge. People think it's a world of GREAT PROGRESS. We send men to cavort about on the moon and return them safely back to earth. Unmanned spacecraft

land on Mars and send back to earth close-up photographs of the Martian surface. Other unmanned spacecraft fly close to Jupiter and send back astonishing pictures of Jupiter and the rings of Saturn. Surgeons transplant human hearts and other organs.

It's a magic, entrancing push-button world where work is done largely by machines. It's the glamour dreamworld of the three "Ls"—leisure, luxury and license.

But paradoxically, it's also a world of IGNORANCE! Even the educated *know not* how to solve their problems and the world's evils. They *know not* the way of PEACE or the TRUE VALUES of life.

About one half of the world's population is still illiterate, in the grip of abject poverty, living in filth and squalor. The grim reapers of starvation and disease take human lives by the millions.

It's an unhappy, restless world in frustration, staring a hopeless future in the face. It's a world ridden with escalating crime and vio-

lence, immorality, injustice (even in its courts of law), dishonesty, corruption in government and business, and continual wars, pointing now to the *final* nuclear World War III.

WHY this paradox of "PROGRESS" amid DEGENERATION?

God's Truth Would Have Solved!

True religion—God's truth empowered with the love of God imparted by the Holy Spirit—would have pointed the way, and led to happiness, abundance and eternal salvation.

When you see what's wrong with the world's religions, you'll have pinpointed the *cause* of all world evils!

What *is* religion? It is defined as the worship of, and service to, God or the supernatural. It is man's relation to his Creator. Some religions have perverted that definition. They worship not the God who created them, but gods that *they* have created. Religion involves one's conduct, one's princi-

ples, one's way of life and one's concept of the hereafter.

The real CAUSES of all this world's religious confusion—and all its evils—are revealed in SEVEN BASIC MYSTERIES that decry this babylon of religious confusion and the resulting world chaos!

But now God's time has come! He now sends a voice to cry out with amplified world-covering power to reveal the way out of this senseless madness, into the world of PEACE and righteousness that soon shall grip the earth!

In the book of Isaiah is a "NOW" prophecy: "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord. . . . lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say . . . Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him" (Isa. 40:3, 9-10).

That voice now cries out!

The prophet Malachi confirmed this: "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 3:1).

The Elijah to Come

Both of these prophecies have a dual application. First, they refer to John the Baptist, who prepared the way before Jesus' human ministry more than 1,900 years ago. BUT, as a prototype, or forerunner, they foretell one to prepare the way before Christ's Second Coming as the King of kings and Lord of lords to RULE OVER ALL NATIONS!

Malachi's prophecy, like Isaiah's, if you will read on past the first verse, refers to a human messenger preparing the way before Christ's now imminent Second Coming, this time in supreme POWER AND GLORY as Ruler over all nations!

Understand the duality principle here. These prophecies refer to a type and its fulfillment.

John the Baptist was a voice crying out in the *physical* wilderness of the Jordan River area, preparing for the human *physical* Jesus' First Coming to a *material* temple at

Jerusalem, to a *physical* Judah. But that was a prototype, or forerunner of a voice "lifted up" (greatly amplified by modern printing, radio and TV), crying out in the midst of today's *spiritual* wilderness of religious confusion, announcing the imminency of Christ's Second Coming as the spiritually GLORIFIED Christ, to his spiritual temple (the Church resurrected to spirit immortality) (Eph. 2:21-22).

Jesus came, more than 1,900 years ago, to announce the FUTURE kingdom of God. He's coming this time to ESTABLISH that kingdom. That end-time last warning message is now going out worldwide in amplified power.

It's going before kings, emperors, presidents, prime ministers of nations—and to their peoples, on all continents and all nations of the earth!

How in this age of religious confusion could one come to know these seven basic mysteries of the ages that decry this world-gripping conglomeration of beliefs?

Why, in general, are people in Thailand Buddhist; Italy, France and Spain Catholic; those in the Arab world Islamic? Primarily, of course, because they and those around them grew up being taught, and automatically accepting, those faiths. To expect one of them to discover the TRUTH (hidden from them and also contrary to the teachings of childhood and adulthood that engulfed them) would seem to be expecting the impossible.

Why do most people believe the things they believe? Few, indeed, ever stop to ask themselves in retrospect how they came to accept the beliefs that have found lodgment in their minds.

The Source of TRUTH

You probably have seen pictures of the statue "The Thinker." A man sitting alone, leaning forward, elbows on his knees, his hand supporting his head. There, supposedly, he sits in deep thought, hour after hour, day after day—just thinking!

Supposedly that statue depicts the manner in which some of the religions of the world came into being.

But "The Thinker" had nothing

to think *from*! No foundation for his thinking. No facts on which to base his conjectures.

The human mind is not equipped to manufacture truth with no basis for that truth!

However, few, it seems, really *think*!

Most people accept carelessly what they are taught from childhood. And, coming into maturity, they accept that which they have repeatedly heard, read or been taught. They continue to go along, usually without question, with their peers. Most people do not realize it, but they have carelessly *assumed* what they believe without question or proof. Yet they will defend vigorously and emotionally their convictions. It has become human nature for people to flow with the stream—to go along with the crowd—to believe and perform like their peers around them.

Further, most people stubbornly refuse to believe what they are unwilling to believe. There's an old saying, "He who is convinced against his will is of the same opinion still."

I was no different. Of myself, and of my own volition, I would never have discovered these GREAT TRUTHS.

But then, the prophet Moses never would have discovered the truths he wrote—the first five books of the Bible. It required a miraculous act of GOD, in the incident of the burning bush, to open his mind and to reveal to him the things of GOD. Moses did not seek God. God called and drafted Moses. Even on being confronted by the very voice of God, Moses protested. But God's command was irresistible and Moses yielded.

The apostle Paul, centuries later, never would have come to know or reveal for us God's TRUTHS of his own will. He was "breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord" (Acts 9:1). But the living Jesus struck him down blind, brought him to his senses and instructed him both in knowledge and in what Christ determined he should do. Christ in Person revealed to him many of the TRUTHS you will read here.

How, then, did I come to under-

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WHY the World Crisis in Leadership?

by Keith W. Stump

Global problems are rapidly overwhelming the capacity of governments to make farsighted decisions. How will today's leadership crisis be solved?

NO NEED is greater today than that of *competent leadership!*

The technological advances of the 20th century have created unprecedented new problems and unexpected perils that have seemingly out-paced mankind's ability to cope.

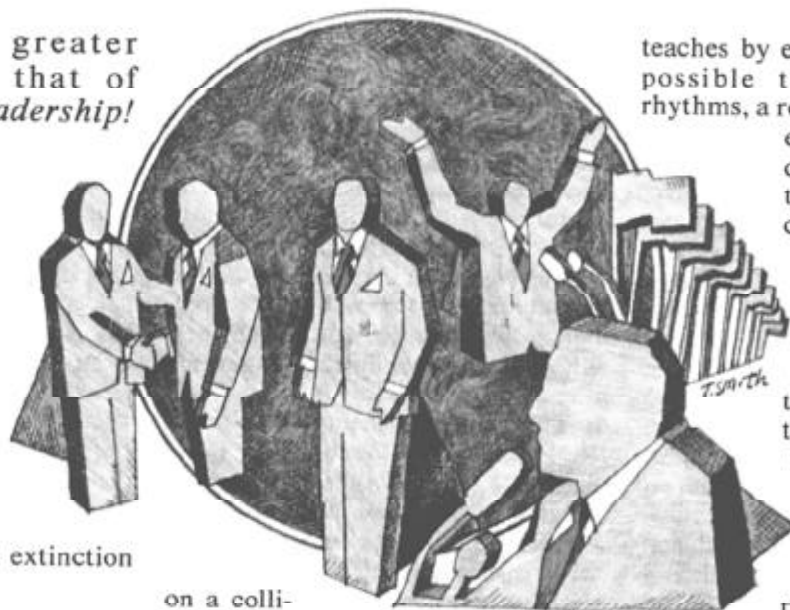
The big question of the 1990s will be that of *human survival!* Never before in history has the threat of human extinction been greater.

Governments Adrift

Today's bewildering problems are crying out for solutions, for capable leaders who will make right decisions. Yet most governments seem adrift, or they struggle in vain against onrushing tides of rapid change. Mounting global crises testify to the general *failure* of modern leadership!

Why?

Make no mistake! This world is



on a collision course with the future! We are rapidly nearing a time of decision. Forces are even now impelling mankind toward a crisis unparalleled in human history. Will wise leaders act in time to avert it?

Lessons of History

"History repeats itself," declares the old saying. And, in a certain sense, it is true.

History is a great teacher. It

teaches by example. In history it is possible to discover cyclical rhythms, a recurrent ebb and flow of events. The general course of the future is thus written in the chronicles of the past.

As wise king Solomon observed anciently:

"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun" (Eccl. 1:9).

The reason?

History is simply a record of the principles of *human nature*, writ-

ten on time. The basic urges and drives of human nature are abiding and fundamental. They manifest themselves through time in largely predictable patterns.

One of the recurrent cycles or patterns evident in history involves the cyclic nature of leadership.

Periods of dynamic and enlightened rule by reasonable, fair-minded men are generally followed by periods of decay and crisis under

weak or misguided successors—and ultimately by periods of despotism and barbarism under unstable, self-seeking tyrants intoxicated by ambition.

The experience of history teaches that governments endure only as long as they respond successfully to challenges. When well-meaning but weak leaders fail to act swiftly and effectively against serious challenges

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that have arisen, an evil alternative will invariably present itself.

If problems are not wisely solved when they are small, they grow—and eventually become unmanageable by normal means. A cry then arises for someone to take command—someone who will have an effect on events. And quite often at that critical moment, a strong man brandishing a solution presents himself, seizing the opportunity to make an “emergency” assumption of powers.

It is the consequence—and penalty—of weak and ineffectual leadership.

Historically, freedoms have been suppressed in the name of law and order. “Necessity is the argument of tyrants,” observed British prime minister William Pitt (the Younger) nearly two centuries ago. And it is just as true today!

Opening the Pages of History

The pages of history illustrate this cyclic nature of leadership. And notice the disturbing parallels with our world today!

Travel back nearly 25 centuries to the city of Athens in ancient Greece.

Under the great statesman Pericles (495-429 B.C.), Athenian democracy reached its zenith. The Periclean Age was the “golden age” of Greece, renowned for its literary, artistic and philosophical contributions.

But when Pericles died of the plague in 429 B.C., no worthy successor appeared. Unnurtured, the spirit of Athens began to die.

Immobilized by incompetent leadership, Athens witnessed her military power and creative energy melt away. The exhausting Peloponnesian War with Sparta finally broke the power of Athens.

A committee of pro-Spartan Athenians known to history as the “Thirty Tyrants”—with Critias at their head—assumed power over Athens (404 B.C.). Reigning through terror, these despots attempted to suppress dissatisfaction by political trials, banishments and executions. This short-lived tyranny marked the end of the glorious Athenian empire and the beginning of the decline of Greek civilization.

Ancient Rome has similar stories to tell.

In the years following the Third Punic War with Carthage (149-146 B.C.), many Romans began to recognize the need for reforming their whole inadequate system of government.

The problems facing the Roman Republic were formidable. Paradoxically, Rome's conquests had created new social and economic difficulties. Rome was festering with discontent. From within and without, the great city was beset by dangers.

Rome's leaders proved unequal to the task. The increasingly incompetent and corrupt Senate—the chief policymaking body of the Roman state—seemed paralyzed. The government was neither able nor just. No capable leader came forward to save the republic.

Instead, a succession of men, each with his own ineffective ideas, engaged in struggles for power that plunged Rome into a state of fer-

ment. The republic was torn by political strife.

The inability of the Roman government to reform its political system and to rule effectively led to the disintegration of the republic, a reign of terror, the establishment of military dictatorship and the extinction of constitutional government.

Similar examples in the ancient and medieval worlds are abundant. But let us skip forward, now, to another tragedy in late 18th-century France.

Drastic Action

In the wake of the French Revolution, the French monarchy was declared abolished and a republic proclaimed in 1792. Here, it seemed, was an enormous opportunity for the early modern world to set out on a bright new path toward a better future.

But France's new leaders vied with one another for personal power, seemingly oblivious to the explosive social forces that were continuing to build in the country. Dangers of every kind—internal and external—threatened the government with destruction.

After a decade of turmoil and ineffective leadership, the crisis had reached a point where it could be overcome only by drastic action. The French Republic ended in military dictatorship. In a bold move, the dynamic Napoleon Bonaparte seized total power. Vested with dictatorial authority as First Consul, Napoleon took the destiny of France into his own hands—and set the country on the road to eventual defeat and ruin.

Our own 20th century provides numerous and different examples, with their unrealized “solutions.”

Political Paralysis

Notice what occurred in czarist Russia early in this century.

Upon the abdication of the weak Czar Nicholas II in March 1917, a moderate provisional government was formed, headed by Aleksandr Kerensky. But the new government—like the czarist regime—was unable to cope with Russia's mounting social, economic and political problems.

The measures taken by the provisional government were ineffec-

tive in countering the steadily deteriorating situation. There were endless discussions about what "ought" to be done—but no vigorous action. The weak and disorganized Kerensky government proved powerless to control the restless forces swirling around it.

As a result, the militant Bolsheviks (Communists) toppled Kerensky's government and seized supreme power November 7, 1917. Old dreams of building Russia into a representative democracy were dashed.

Lenin, leader of the Bolsheviks, was named head of the first Soviet government and ruled with a firm hand until his death in 1924—to be succeeded by the even more authoritarian Josef Stalin.

But we have to go back no further than the memories of many readers of this magazine to find two of the most telling examples of political paralysis.

Look at what occurred in post-World War I Italy. Following that conflict, Italy was plunged into a period of growing disorder. Unemployment, strikes, riots and general

blackshirted Fascist militia made its dramatic march on the city of Rome. The government was brought down and Mussolini was handed full emergency powers. Fascism had come to Italy.

Similar events were played out more slowly in post-World War I Germany.

Following Germany's defeat in that war, a system of democratic government—the Weimar Republic—replaced the old empire in Germany. But Germans quickly discovered that it is easier to write a democratic constitution than to make it work.

The new republic was plagued almost from the start by a variety of political, social and economic concerns. As the years passed, the problems grew. The collapse of the stock market and the Great Depression in the United States shook Europe's economic fabric. Germany was hit hardest of all.

Increasingly hard times fueled the fires of political pandemonium. By 1933, more than *eight million* Germans were unemployed. Tensions moved relentlessly toward the breaking point.

The disunity of weak and visionless political parties spelled political paralysis and rendered a drastic solution of the crisis inevitable.

The National Socialists under Adolf Hitler—exploiting German fear and discontent—moved to capitalize on the impotence of leadership. Thus was born the "Third Reich," which would ultimately turn German dreams into one of the most terrible nightmares of all history.

Power by Default

Situations such as the above are found in abundance among the chronicles of the past. History is a graveyard of civilizations, a record of declines and falls of empires and societies. The lessons are clear.

A society, if it is not to stagnate and disintegrate, needs the continual watchful guidance of effective leaders, courageous and reasonable men of decisiveness

and intellectual energy who will seize opportunities to sanely change things for the better—lest power fall into the hands of *unreasonable* men who lead only to ruin.

Students of history often wonder how the barbarous dictatorial regimes of history ever came to power in a "civilized" world. The answer is simple:

Either because of imperfect systems of government, or reasonable men waiting too long to solve the problems, unreasonable men get control *by default*. History is made up of unscrupulous, self-seeking men just waiting for the chance to seize absolute power.

The experience of history shows that when leaders prove inadequate in the face of overwhelming social conditions, a feeling of hopelessness and insecurity grips the people. People need leadership, and a discontented populace easily drifts toward the acceptance of unconstitutional methods. No other apparent option is left. Of course, in such situations, the people—not wholly ignorant of history—always hope that "it will be *different* this time," that *this* strong man will exercise "enlightened" power. It is the triumph of false hope over experience.

Dark Possibilities

Could this pattern be repeated in our modern "civilized" Western world?

Global problems today are severely taxing the abilities of world leaders. The potential exists for upheavals on a scale unprecedented in human history. Yet the great *urgency* of our time is not generally realized, not even by leaders who are supposed to understand such things.

Few governments today seem to have the capacity for intelligent and effective response to challenges and problems. With few exceptions, today's parliamentary leaders are unremarkable individuals, whose limited vision and strength of purpose are further diminished by elected representatives with whom they must work. They appear to be locked in a paralysis of inaction, shackled by short-term politicking, the victims of multiple forces pushing in conflicting directions.

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unrest tore at the fabric of society. Italy fell further and further into chaos.

The government was unable to establish order. It proved wholly impotent in the face of new social conditions. Events were allowed to move totally out of hand.

As Italians looked for a way out, Benito Mussolini seized an opportunity. Late in October 1922, his

ORGAN TRANSPLANTS

How far dare we go?

by Jeff E. Zhorne

WHILE the anesthesia team battled to keep the patient's lungs working and his blood pressure steady, the surgeon skillfully guided his scalpel. The patient's punctuated vital signs hovered between life and death.

Would his body turn against the newly transplanted organ?

Medical advancements—combined with powerful drugs—mean a human being no longer needs to die when one of his vital organs dies.

Today organ transplantation and artificial "spare parts" have become daily news events. The human heart, long held as the symbol of life, might now be polyurethane or consist of parts from another species, such as pigs or monkeys.

These developments in medical science highlight new ethical and economic issues: Who will receive the new technology? Who will live, who will die and who will *pay*?

The Path of Early Medicine

Replacing diseased or damaged organs (prosthetics) has long been

a goal of physicians. The ancient Greeks and Romans, to repair faulty waste elimination in ill humans, used catheters, small tubes inserted into the urinary tract. Archaeological specimens of catheters have been unearthed in Ephesus, Asia Minor and Pompeii.

While the later books of the Bible were being written, Hindu surgeons as early as the eighth century B.C. were performing skin transplants to replace noses lost because of syphilis, physical combat or punishment for crimes. Grafted skin, transplanted from convenient areas of the body, was left to regenerate, covered with a poultice of sappanwood, barberry and licorice root.

Patients, without the benefits of modern-day anesthesia, obtained relief from pain by the application of pressure on nerves, by freezing the part to be operated on, inhaling the fumes of narcotics, or by alcoholic stupefaction.

Scientific progress in the West declined after the Roman Empire collapsed in A.D. 476. Smatterings of preserved truth, mixed with superstition, were passed from generation to generation.

Then came the Renaissance and medical research resurged. New

"discoveries" were generally revivals of centuries-old concepts. Drawing from the work of the Hindu physicians, the Italian surgeon Gaspare Tagliacozzo acquainted Western medicine with nose grafting in the 16th century.

Once started, scientific advances were furthered by renowned medical schools such as the University of Salerno in Italy—movements that would eventually carry medicine into the 20th century.

These advances took place under a cloud of public censure. The chief surgeon of the U.S. National Heart Institute in 1863 hung a plaque on his wall that read, "Let no man who hopes to retain the respect of his medical brethren dare to operate on the human heart."

At the start of the 1900s a French surgeon, experimenting on cadavers and animals, learned how to sew severed blood vessels end to end so they would carry blood as efficiently as they had before an operation. For this discovery,



Dr. Alexis Carrel received the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1912. A year later he transplanted a kidney from one cat to another, the first such scientific endeavor.

Before World War I, unsuccessful attempts were made to transplant kidneys from pigs, goats, apes and monkeys into humans.

Modern heart surgery was born when surgeons such as Dr. Dwight E. Harken of Harvard Medical School saved lives during World War II by repairing heart wounds. Then came the first "blue baby" operation in 1945 at Johns Hopkins University in America,

to aid children born with defective heart passageways.

Science moved another step forward in 1961 when Dr. Norman E. Shumway of the Stanford University Medical Center became the first to implant hearts into bodies of recipient dogs. The transplant proved successful until the exasperating rejection syndrome arose.

Then a South African surgical team, headed by Dr. Christiaan Barnard, showed that the results of animal investigations could be applied to man. On December 3, 1967, the first human had

implanted into his chest the heart of a 22-year-old auto accident victim. He survived 18 days before dying of a lung infection. The historic operation unleashed the floodgates of surgical enterprise.

Headlines proclaimed: "Kidney Transplants Finally Come of Age," "Miracle Drugs Add to Success of Organ Transplants" and "The Year They Changed Hearts."

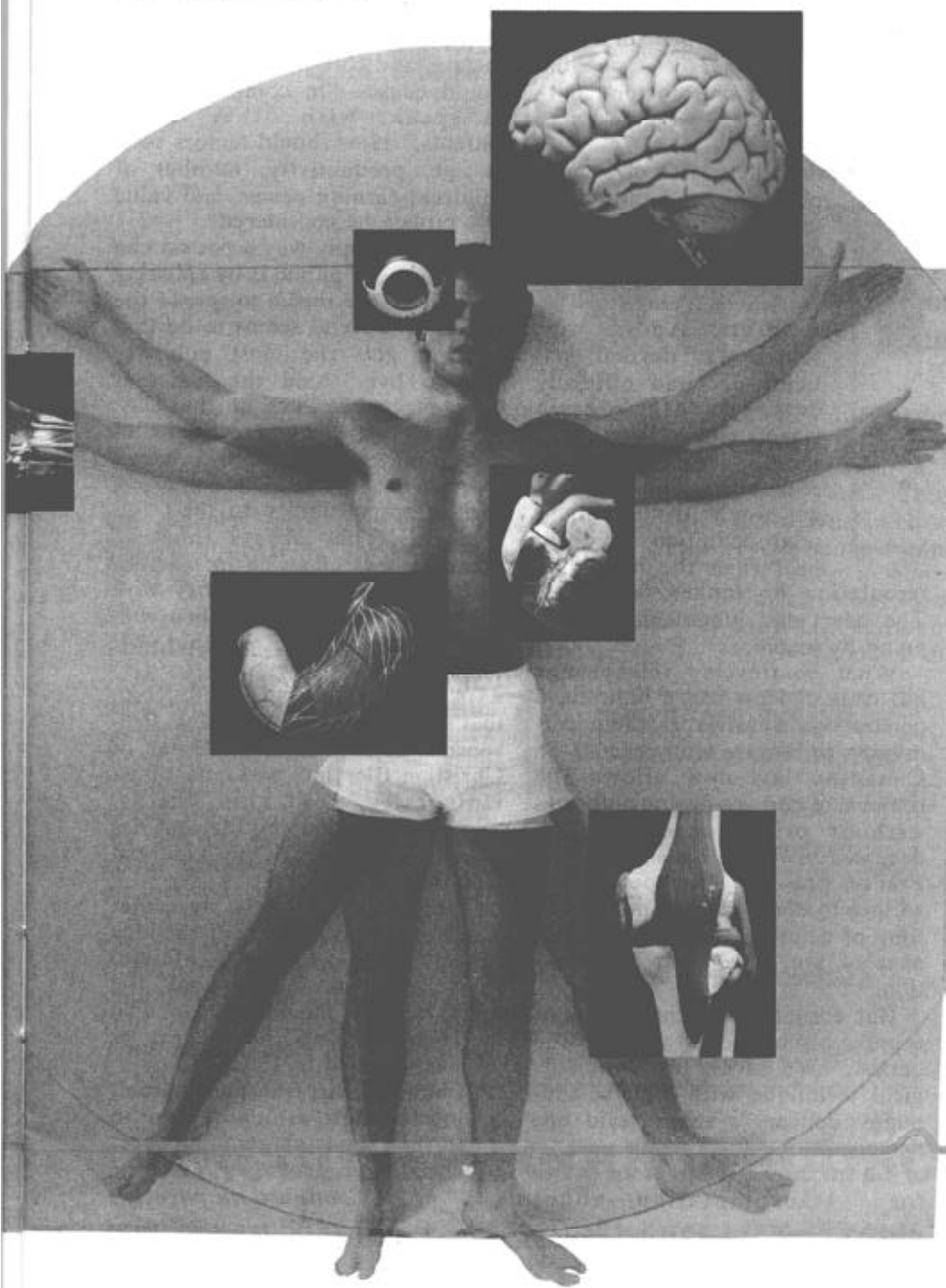
In the present decade alone medical technology has defied all supposed limits. Last year in the United States 172 human hearts were transplanted, compared to only 36 in 1980. In that same time, liver grafts jumped from 15 to 145. Worldwide, about 800 hearts have been transplanted, according to the U.S. National Center for Health Services Research, with the success rate rising from 65 percent four years ago to more than 80 percent in 1984.

Besides transplanting hearts, livers, kidneys, lungs and bone marrow and performing double-organ transplants, surgeons have even implanted permanent artificial organs made of synthetic compounds—albeit with varying degrees of success.

Out of Pandora's box have sprung serious ethical and economic questions that confront doctors worldwide. As put by one author: "No victory comes as a free gift. All the wonders of medical science exact a price."

What Price "Progress"?

Look at the toll such rapid advancements have levied. All along has been the great barrier of organ rejection. If body tissues aren't matched precisely, the



body's immune system, designed to defend against invading bacteria and viruses, attacks the "foreign" tissue.

Doctors went to work to find some way to neutralize the immune response, to penetrate the body's armor. But they soon found that immunosuppression, as the technique came to be called, was a two-edged sword. It opened the body not only to foreign tissue transplants, but to marauding bacteria and viruses as well.

The "magic threshold" was crossed with the development of cyclosporine, a new drug that prevents rejection of organs in the human body, at the same time keeping the immune system on alert to fight infection—a leading cause of death among transplant patients.

Cyclosporine is considered the

One U.S. publication reported that at Stanford University Medical Center about one out of three candidates for a heart transplant dies before a suitable heart becomes available. According to *Fortune* magazine, about 14,000 people each year need heart transplants in the United States. Last year 172 got new hearts.

Organs that could be procured from traffic accident victims are often too old, or damaged or incompatible. Moreover, doctors in the emergency room may sometimes appear "pushy," "greedy," or "cold," causing some families to refuse to allow physicians permission to extract an organ for transplanting. A brother of a possible donor described one doctor's pursuit of body parts as "almost like stripping a car."

To combat the dearth of organs, physicians at hundreds of transplant centers in 40 countries have set up communications networks stretching from Brazil to Belgium. And a new source was devised: patients declared officially dead when their brain waves stopped—even if their internal organs were still functioning. No longer would the time-honored definition of death be "when the heart and

circulation no longer function." The heart and lungs can be kept going by machines.

What controversy this change has caused! How can a brain-dead person sign a waiver granting permission to remove vital organs? So Canadian law now allows the removal of corneas during autopsies without prior consent of the deceased. Sweden, Israel, Italy and France presume that people are willing to donate body parts at the time of death unless they, or their next of kin, have filed an objection.

But even if a matched donor is found, hitches in transportation persist. "We have a lifesaving surgical technique with a horse-and-buggy delivery system," said one person waiting for a donor.

Then come the price tags for transplantation—about

US\$135,000 for a liver, US\$100,000 for a heart—far beyond the reach of most. Such surgical transplants are still considered experimental and are not covered by most insurance policies or public aid programs.

Who Lives, Who Dies?

While patients waiting for donors continue to die around the world, unnerving questions remain: Who will receive the new technology? Who will judge who is medically worthy? And who will judge the judges?

Potential organ recipients must undergo an almost ruthless medical screening, including their worth to society and the loss their death would cause—"in competition, so to speak, with other dying patients." How should factors such as age, productivity, number of children, earning power, and value as a citizen be considered?

Often the only way a person can make his need public is by enlisting the help of the media to spread the news. "The trend seems to be that whoever gets the most publicity gets to live," said the assistant director of bioethics at the U.S. National Institute of Health.

Committee members who weigh the value of one's life have a strange responsibility to their fellowman. "They always think of themselves as choosing in favor of one, not against anyone. *They have the gift of life to bestow on someone,*" said author Harold M. Schmeck Jr.

Is science giving life? "No, that's a hyperbole," D. Jack Provonsa, director of the Center of Christian Bioethics at Loma Linda University, told this writer. "Science is prolonging life that has already been given. Only God can give life."

The greatest protests, nevertheless, have always been over the idea of men taking the power of life into their own hands. Many say the moral decision should hinge on who has been waiting the longest or even be decided by lottery.

If human heart transplants aren't posing enough ethical knots to untie, then the frightening prospect of brain transplants will. At the

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first of a new generation of powerful wonder drugs that has prompted doctors to proclaim confidently that heart transplants are "just the beginning."

Yet the unpleasant side effects of cyclosporine are that it contributes to kidney and liver damage and perhaps to the development of certain cancers. Some medical writers say it is "like calling in Satan to drive out the devil."

Another problem facing medical science is acquiring body parts. There aren't enough to go around. Even if an organ is found it must be in excellent condition, and the donor's immune system must match that of the recipient. That combination is hard to find. Others waiting for replacement organs often must depend for years on life-saving machines that are also in short supply.

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beginning of this decade brain cells from infant rats were for the first time successfully transplanted into aging rats. Within three to six years, said the University of Rochester Medical Center, tests on humans can begin, to treat such disorders as Parkinson's disease.

Dr. Provonsha told *The Plain Truth*: "When you start playing around with brains . . . you deal with meaningful quality of life. Even now scientists are working with psychosurgery, and the ethical issues are very great."

Indeed they are! But, regardless of the moral, ethical and spiritual ramifications, science won't stop there. Noted Dr. Provonsha: "Science is running the danger of outstripping its morals. When one's technology outstrips its morals there's a breakdown of that technology. Science cannot be depended upon to be morally sensitive. That's why we need ethicists."

Yet it takes more than ethicists to lifeboat medical science, adrift in the middle of a treacherous technological current. Who will judge the ethicists?

What, then, is the future of man? To be one day a "completely artificial, replaceable bionic human"?

If Dr. Willem Kolff of the University of Utah predicts accurately, then in the near future, "we will be able to replace or assist most functions of the body with artificial parts."

Another medical professor opined less assertively: "The present goal of medicine seems to be indefinite life, perhaps in the end with somebody else's heart or liver, somebody else's arteries, but not somebody else's brain. Should transplants succeed, those with senile brains will form an ever-increasing fraction of the inhabitants of the earth. I find this a terrifying prospect."

It Could All Have Been Avoided

Now consider this. Humans need never have had faulty internal organs, disease or malnutrition in the first place!

Sickness, pain and suffering are the result of broken laws, the penalty nature exacts because natural and spiritual laws that regulate the physical body and mind have been broken. People seldom call in the physicians until they are ill. Then medical science attempts to nullify or remove the penalty.

Surgeons have demonstrated that they *can* accomplish the transplant. They *can* do the repair job. But medical science pays little attention to causes and treats only the effects. Dr. Arnold Relman, editor of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, says rightly: "It is a big mistake to put too much emphasis on transplants. The real drama lies in conquering the disease, not in a technological tour de force that prolongs life a bit for the relative few."

Mankind, beginning with the first man, Adam, has spread all sails in voyages of *experimental* discovery, rather than *revealed* knowledge. This the Creator knew would happen, seeing the example of Adam. God also knew that mankind, once civilization had begun, would advance, unrestrained (Gen. 11:6)—right into extinction unless God intervened in time to stop the nuclear extinction of humanity (Matt. 24:22).

If Adam had taken of the symbolic "tree of life" (Gen. 1-3), he would have received spiritual as well as physical knowledge directly from the Creator God, telling him how to solve his problems.

Without this revealed spiritual knowledge mankind has, as one author put it, "slowed to groping its way into a fog-bound future, taking soundings as it goes." This world, lost without God, has been for nearly 6,000 years reaping the wearying results of human confusion under the invisible rule of Satan, the god of this age (II Cor. 4:4).

Fortunately, the Creator will step in soon—and restore contact with God worldwide by sending Jesus Christ the second time. When he came the first time, he told those who would submit to the authority of God and reject Satan's sway that he would keep them in good health (John 10:10).

God wants us to lead active,

vibrant lives of abundant health and well-being (III John 2). He is the same God "who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases" (Ps. 103:3, Revised Authorized Version).

His offer has stood even since the days of Moses in 1443 B.C.: "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you. . . . For I am the Lord who heals you" (Ex. 15:26).

A new world is soon to appear on earth—a world wherein no one will have to live for the rest of his days connected to the end of a plastic tube.

God says disease and sickness will be conquered. When his kingdom rules, people will learn to obey nature's laws.

Instead of doctors today having little or no time to educate their patients against the causes of sickness and disease, people will be taught to avoid the cause of disease: broken laws, many of which are already revealed in the Bible. Ailments and infirmities will become a thing of the past when people stop transgressing the divinely created spiritual and natural laws—in other words, stop sinning (I John 3:4).

The Bible reveals that people in the world tomorrow will learn about sanitation, hygiene, proper diet, sensible amounts of sleep, the importance of pure water, fresh air, sunshine and adequate exercise. Trained professionals will still have their role—in assisting the birth of children, repairing accidental physical injuries and giving advice.

When the entire world begins to learn and practice God's revealed laws, other unbelievable promises will follow: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing . . ." (Isa. 35:5-6).

In describing the conditions of good health and plenty to overtake this earth, God says: "For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds . . ." (Jer. 30:17).

That's real progress! □

Today's Child-Care Crisis

IT IS now a worldwide trend.

Not only in industrialized societies, but in developing areas, such as in the islands of the Caribbean, rising numbers of mothers are joining the work force. Here, statistics show up to 90 percent of the children were in day care before they were 2 years of age.

Demand for day care in Australia, New Zealand and in Latin America is strong.

In Canada, more than half the children 5 years and under are supervised by some sort of nonparental care. About 40 percent of Britain's under-5s are in day-care facilities. More than 35 percent of children of 6 years and less are in day care in West Germany.

The United States is experiencing another baby boom, but this time, only a few months after the birth of their babies, mothers are returning to their jobs. More than half of U.S. mothers are now working outside the home. Mothers of children under age 3 are a significant part of the record-breaking increase.

Who will care for these children? And the hundreds of thousands of children in other nations whose fathers and mothers have both joined the labor force?

Is organized, government-licensed or subsidized day care really providing the answers to the need of today's families? Or can franchised or corporation-provided day care or nonprofessional care answer those needs? And what about the needs of the children?

How does custodial care in an

indifferent day-care environment affect fragile, impressionable young minds? Let's look at average day care, hopefully with competent personnel and clean, properly furnished facilities.

(It's not our purpose here to include the horror stories of the tragically mismanaged day-care



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facilities we've seen portrayed in our newspapers and on television. But we should not ignore these dangers in the system.)

Infants Learn Early

Human infants begin to learn at birth—some experts believe infants perceive information even in the womb. Before babies are a year old,

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Mysteries Revealed

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stand the precious knowledge of the TRUTH? Certainly not on my own, or because I sought it or because of any virtues of my own. But Jesus Christ struck me down in a manner quite different from the apostle Paul's experience, yet nonetheless painfully and effectively.

Such basic TRUTHS are *revealed*, not thought out in any human mind. They come from God, not man! And in all biblically recorded cases the initiative was God's!

Jeremiah protested that he was too young. But God said: "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you you shall go, and whatever I command you you shall speak" (Jer. 1:7, Revised Standard Version). Isaiah protested that he was a man of unclean lips, but God caused him to accept the appointed mission. Jonah tried to run away on a ship but God compelled him to deliver his commanded message. Peter and Andrew wanted to be fishermen but Jesus called on them to forsake all and to follow him.

Similarly, I wanted to be an advertising man, but God brought me by circumstances not to my choosing to the mission he had in store for me.

I repeat, at this point, this is the crux of the whole matter: the initiative is God's. His purpose shall stand. The world is full of religions that originated in the imagination, reasoning and speculating of certain humans. But they had no true basis to reason from. The TRUTH is REVEALED from GOD!

But, does not everybody have access to biblical truth? Yes, people *suppose* the churches teach what is revealed in the Bible.

So I give you, now, a brief synopsis of the experience by which Jesus Christ struck me down, so to speak, and revealed ASTOUNDING TRUTHS! Biblical truths *not* believed or taught by the churches!

The Awakening—Spark of Ambition Ignited

I was born of ordinary but stable and upright parents, with an ancestry in the Quaker faith. I have my genealogy all the way back to Edward the First of England and a

line extending back to King David of ancient Israel. I have been astonished to discover this genealogy and the fact that I am actually of "the house of David." My forebears emigrated from England to Pennsylvania with William Penn, a hundred years before the United States became a nation.

I had been reared from earliest childhood in the Quaker faith, but religious interest in those formative years was passive.

At age 18 I virtually dropped all interest in religion, and ceased attending church. I had, at 18, put myself through an intensive self-analysis, coupled with a survey of the occupations and professions to determine where I belonged—to avoid being the proverbial square peg in the round hole.

Even at that age I had observed that most people were simply victims of circumstance. Few had ever planned intelligently their future lives. Many or most had stumbled into whatever job they found open. They did not choose where, in what part of the country or the world, they should live. They had been buffeted about by circumstance. Those who went to college chose whatever course or profession that appealed to them at the time.

But when I was yet only 16, a summer-vacation employer had, by praise for work well done and general encouragement, aroused the burning fire of ambition within me. Ambition is not only the desire for accomplishment, it includes the will and the drive to *pay the price!*

This self-analysis at age 18 led me into the advertising profession and a business life. I studied diligently, "burning the midnight oil," instead of seeking youthful pleasures.

I became unusually successful. I worked hard, had a reputation as a "hustler." I studied diligently, worked toward self-improvement. All this, of course, developed great self-confidence, which was later to be replaced by a different kind of confidence—FAITH in Christ.

I selected the jobs where I would learn, and "sold myself to my employers," choosing fields that threw me into contact with successful men.

In 1915 I established my own business as a publishers' representative in Chicago, Illinois. I managed to represent the nine leading bank journals of the United States—journals read by chief officers of banks. I did business with the presidents of many of the nation's largest industrial corporations in the Middle West. I attended state and national bankers' conventions, got to know many of the leading bankers of South LaSalle Street, Chicago, and Wall Street, New York. I was making an income, by age 28, equivalent to approximately \$375,000 per year measured by today's dollar value.

It was at this height of my early business success that God began dealing with me. I had been recently married.

The Unrecognized Call

In a matter of days after our marriage, while living in Chicago, my wife had a dream so vivid and impressive it overwhelmed and shook her tremendously. It was so realistic it seemed more like a vision. For two or three days afterward everything else seemed unreal—as if in a daze—and only this extraordinary dream seemed real.

In her dream she and I were crossing the wide intersection, only a block or two from our apartment, where Broadway diagonally crosses Sheridan Road. Suddenly there appeared an awesome sight in the sky above. It was a dazzling spectacle—the sky filled with a gigantic solid mass of brilliant stars, shaped like a huge banner. The stars began to quiver and separate, finally vanishing. In her dream, she called my attention to the vanishing stars, when another huge grouping of flashing stars appeared, then quivering, separating and vanishing like the first.

As she and I, in her dream, looked upward at the vanishing stars, three large white birds suddenly appeared in the sky between us and the vanishing stars. These great white birds flew directly toward us. As they descended nearer, she perceived that they were angels.

"Then," my wife wrote a day or two after the dream, in a letter to

my mother that I have just run across among old family pictures, "it dawned on me that Christ was coming, and I was so happy I was just crying for joy. Then suddenly I thought of Herbert and was rather worried."

She knew I had evidenced very little religious interest, although we had attended a corner church two or three times.

Then it seemed that "Christ descended from among them and stood directly in front of us. At first I was a little doubtful and afraid of how he would receive us, because I remembered we had neglected our Bible study and had our minds too much on things apart from his interests. But as we went up to him, he put his arms around both of us, and we were so happy! I thought people all over the world had seen him come. As far as we could see, people were just swarming into the streets at this broad intersection. Some were glad and some were afraid.

"Then it seemed he had changed into an angel. I was terribly disappointed at first, until he told me Christ was really coming in a very short time."

At that time, we had been going quite regularly to motion picture theaters. She asked the angel if this were wrong. He replied Christ had important work for us to do, preparing for his coming—there would be no time for "movies." (Those were the days of the "silent" pictures.) Then the angel and the whole spectacle seemed to vanish, and she awakened, shaken and wondering!

In the morning, she told me of her dream. I was embarrassed. I didn't want to think about it, yet I was afraid to totally dismiss it. I thought of a logical way to evade it myself, and still solve it.

"Why don't you tell it to the minister of the church up on the corner," I suggested, "and ask *him* whether it means anything."

With that, I managed to put it out of my mind.

Let me say here that in about 99,999 times out of 100,000, when people think GOD is speaking to them in a dream or vision in this day and age, it is pure imagination, or some form of self-hypnotism or

self-deception. But if this was a vision from God, like Jonah, I tried to run away. But subsequent to this, in God's due time. God dealt with me in no uncertain terms, even as he had dealt with Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jonah, Andrew, Peter and the apostle Paul.

Business Disintegrates

Then came the devastating flash depression of 1920. It was not long-lived, but disastrous for the year. My big advertising accounts were in the farm tractor and implement and other manufacturing fields, rather than the metropolitan banks. All my big-commission clients, including such corporations as Goodyear Tire & Rubber, J.I. Case, Moline Plow, John Deere and Company, Emmerson-Brantingham and Dalton Adding Machine, went into receivers' hands. One nationally known corporation president of my acquaintance committed suicide. Through no fault of my own, my business was swept out from under my feet by forces beyond my control.

Out of Portland, Oregon, where I had moved with my family, I established an advertising service for laundry owners. The laundry industry was 11th in the country in dollar volume of business, yet the most backward. I teamed with an efficiency expert, in my judgment top in the nation in his field. I took on only clients who allowed us to put their businesses on a new efficiency basis—both in the quality of laundering service and in business methods, which I supervised. I had to be able to make promises in the advertising that my clients would fulfill.

But in 1926 a national advertising agency based in the East sold the Laundry Owners' National Association a bill of goods—to put big-space advertising in the national women's magazines. The association had power to obligate every member to a commitment for this magazine advertising equal to approximately 85 percent of the justifiable advertising expenditure each local laundry could make. I knew nothing of this until it was a closed deal. I had been doubling and trebling the business volume of each of my clients. My business

was growing. Again a highly successful business was swept out from under my feet through causes over which I had no control.

But there was a reason—God was taking away my advertising business.

Disturbing Dual Challenges

Then, in the fall of 1926, at age 34, it seemed that the roof had caved in and I was crushed! I was assailed by very disturbing dual challenges.

My wife, after nine years of happy marriage, began keeping the seventh-day Sabbath instead of Sunday!

I was aghast! I was angry. To me that was religious fanaticism! What would business contacts think? But she claimed to have found this teaching in the Bible.

All the arguments came instantly to mind. They were of no avail.

"But the Bible says," I protested, "Thou shalt observe SUNDAY!"

"Can you show that to me in the Bible?" she asked.

"Well, no," I replied. "I don't know much about the Bible. My interests and studies have been in the area of business. But all these churches can't be wrong—they take their beliefs from the Bible, and they all observe Sunday."

"If," she smiled sincerely—but to me exasperatingly—"you can show me where the Bible commands Sunday observance, I'll go back to it."

There was no dodging the challenge. My marriage depended on it!

Coincidentally, a sister-in-law, newly married and fresh out of college, hurled at me a second humiliating challenge.

"Herbert Armstrong," she accused contemptuously, "you are just plain *ignorant*! Everybody who has any education *knows* human life has come by evolution."

I was proud. I had not neglected study and education. I thought I knew the facts about evolution, and I didn't believe in it. But now I had to admit I had never pursued a thorough, in-depth research of the particular question.

Following on the heels of my wife's "fanaticism," this challenge was humiliating. This double jolt to

my pride hit me immediately after the second time my business had been destroyed. The effect was devastating. It was utterly frustrating. Nevertheless I was determined to prove both my wife and sister-in-law wrong.

The dual challenge drove me into a determined almost night-and-day research. That intensive study continued for six months before I found the proved answer. Yet the study has never ceased to this day.

Both challenges focused on a common starting point—the book

zation that I had *assumed* the reality of God, because from childhood I had heard, and therefore assumed, it. For a while my head was swimming. Was all I had ever believed mere myth and error, after all? Now I was determined to know the TRUTH! My mind was being cleaned out from ideas and beliefs previously taken for granted.

Of all the writings on evolution, Dr. P.E. More alone had culled out many discrepancies in the theory. Yet he, too, went along with the doctrine overall.

But now I had, first of all, to prove or disprove the existence of God. It was no casual or superficial study. I continued in this research as if my life depended upon it—as, in actual fact, it did, as well as my marriage. I also studied books on the other side of the question.

Suffice it to say here that I did find irrefutable PROOF of the existence of

God the Creator—and I found proof positive of the fallacy of the evolutionary theory. The overwhelming array of college brainwashed minds to the contrary notwithstanding. I had the satisfaction of winning the admission of one Ph.D. thoroughly steeped in evolutionary thought—who had spent many years in graduate work at the University of Chicago and at Columbia—that I had definitely chopped down the trunk of the evolutionary tree. Like Dr. More, though, she had been so thoroughly brainwashed in evolution she had to continue in what she had acknowledged was PROOF of its falsity.

Also I had the enjoyment of being able to cause my sister-in-law to “eat those words” branding me as “ignorant.” All of which was mere vanity on my part, which I had not yet eradicated.

I had proved the reality of THE GREAT MAJESTIC GOD! But my wife’s challenge was still tormenting my mind. Already, in the evolutionary research, I had studied Genesis.

I knew each of the world’s religions had its own sacred writings. Once God’s reality was proved, I had expected to continue in the

pursuit of comparative religions to see if any such sacred writings proved authoritative. Through which of these—if any—did God speak to mankind?

Since I had to research the Sabbath question anyway, and already I had delved into Genesis, I decided to continue my study in the Bible.

A Doctrine at a Time

I came across, early, the passage in Romans 6:23: “The wages of sin is death.” I stopped, amazed. “Wages” is what one is paid for what one has done. Here I was staring at a statement diametrically opposite to my Sunday school teaching (prior to age 18).

“Why,” I exclaimed, “how can that be? I was taught in church that the wages of sin is EVERLASTING LIFE in an eternally burning hell.”

Another shock came on reading the last part of the same verse: “but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

“But,” I questioned in disillusionment, “I thought I already had eternal life—I am, or I have—an immortal soul. Why should I need it as a gift?”

I researched the word *soul* by means of a Bible concordance. Twice I found the expression, “The soul that sinneth, it shall die” (Ezek. 18:4 and 18:20).

Then I remembered I had read in Genesis 2 how God said to the first humans, who were souls, “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt *surely die*.”

In Genesis 2:7 I read how God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man (dust—matter) “became a living soul.” This stated plainly that a soul is physical—formed from matter. I found that the English word *soul* is translated from the Hebrew *nephesh* and that in Genesis 1 fowl, fish and animals—all three—were *nephesh*, as Moses was inspired to write.

Next, I happened to read where Jesus said, “And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man” (John 3:13). I researched the heaven and hell

How in this age of religious confusion could one come to know these seven basic mysteries of the ages . . . ?

of Genesis in the Bible and the subject of origins—although that was only the beginning.

These challenges came at a period in life when I had ample time on my hands. I plunged with intense concentration into the study.

Researching the Bible and Darwin

I did not begin the research in Genesis. First I delved thoroughly into the works of Darwin, Lyell, Haeckel, Huxley, Spencer, Vogt, Chamberlin and More, and even into the earlier works of Lamarck and his theory of “use and disuse,” which preceded Darwin’s “survival of the fittest” hypothesis.

Immediately those writings appeared convincing. (They necessarily are, to have won virtual universal acceptance in the world of higher education.) I readily understood how the field of education had been gripped in the clutch of the evolutionary concept.

Evolution is the agnostic’s or atheist’s attempted explanation of the presence of a creation without the preexistence of an intelligent Creator.

This initial stage of my research rudely shook my faith in the existence of God. It brought me to reali-

knowledge I found them of little help.

I also used, in questionable passages, the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament, with the lexicons. And I used every translation or version then published—especially the Moffatt, Ferrar Fenton, Smith-Goodspeed, American Revised and the Williams New Testament.

My Experience Unique

My research was totally different from that of students in a seminary. They absorb what they are taught in the doctrines of their denomination. Education has become a matter of memory training. The child, and the adult student as well, is expected to accept and memorize whatever is taught.

For example, in an elementary grade one of my grandsons was once asked by the teacher, "Who discovered America?"

"The Indians," promptly answered the grandson. The teacher was astonished.

"No, Larry, don't you know that Columbus discovered America?"

"No, Ma'am, the Indians were already here to greet Columbus when he finally arrived."

The lad was given a zero for his answer and severely instructed to always remember that the book says Columbus discovered America!

A pupil, or a student in high school or university, is graded on memorizing and believing what he is taught by the textbook, the teacher, instructor or professor.

In the first dummy copy of the magazine *The Plain Truth*, which I put together in 1927—seven years before the magazine was actually published—I had an artist draw a picture of a schoolroom, with children sitting at the desks, each with a funnel stuck into his or her head. The teacher was pouring out of a pitcher ready-made propaganda into each child's head.

A student enrolled at a Methodist seminary receives Methodist doctrine and teaching into his head. A Catholic student studying in a Catholic seminary is taught Roman Catholic teachings. A student in a Presbyterian seminary is given Presbyterian doctrines. A student in Germany studying history is

instructed in one version of World Wars I and II, but a history student in the United States is taught a somewhat different version.

But I had been called specially by the living GOD. I was trying to prove the very opposite of what I found clearly and unmistakably to be what the Bible SAYS! I was taught by Christ what I did not want to believe but what he showed me was TRUE!

Jesus Christ is the *personal* Word of God. He, in person, taught the original 12 apostles and the apostle Paul. The Bible is the SAME Word of God IN PRINT today. Thus it was the same Jesus Christ who taught both the original apostles, beginning A.D. 27, and 1,900 years later, beginning 1927, myself.

And let me add here that my study of God's revelation of truth has never ceased. Later Christ used me in founding three liberal arts colleges—including one in England. Through constant study, teaching and collaboration with spirit-minded faculty members in theological courses, my mind has remained OPEN. And knowledge of God's revealed truth has increased.

But in my initial six-months intensive in-depth study I was undergoing a process of UNlearning—discovering that church teachings had been the diametric opposite of Bible TRUTH!

"Eating Crow"

This is not the place for a lengthy, detailed account of my intensive search in the Bible, and of my conversion. I had been bent on proving to *my* satisfaction that "all these churches can't be wrong, for their teachings came from the Bible!" The essential point here is the simple fact that I did find irrefutable PROOF of the divine inspiration and supreme AUTHORITY of the Holy Bible (as originally written) as the revealed Word of God. Even all the so-called contradictions evaporated upon unbiased study.

The most difficult thing for any human mind is to admit being wrong. It was not more easy for me than for others. But God had brought me, through circumstances, to the point where he had made me willing.

To my utter dismay and chagrin, I was forced to "eat crow" in regard to my wife's supposed "fanaticism." It was not what I *wanted* to believe *then*! But by that time I had taken a severe beating. I had to accept PROVED truth, contrary to what I had wanted to believe!

It was humiliating to have to admit my wife had been right and I had been wrong in the most serious argument that ever came between us.

Disillusionment

But to my utter disappointed astonishment, I found that many of the popular church teachings and practices were *not* based on the Bible. They had originated, as research in history had revealed, in paganism. Numerous Bible prophecies foretold it. The amazing, unbelievable TRUTH is that the SOURCE of these popular beliefs and practices of professing Christianity was, quite largely, paganism and human reasoning and custom, *NOT the Bible!*

I had first doubted, then searched for evidence, and found PROOF that God exists—that the Holy Bible is, literally, his divinely inspired revelation and instruction to mankind. I had learned that one's God is what a person OBEYS. The word *Lord* means MASTER—one you OBEY! Most people, I had discovered, are obeying *false* gods, rebelling against the one true CREATOR who is the supreme RULER of the universe.

The argument was over a point of OBEDIENCE to GOD.

The opening of my eyes to the TRUTH brought me to the crossroads of my life. To accept it meant to throw in my lot with a class of humble and unpretentious people I had come to look upon as inferior. It meant being cut off from the high and the mighty and the wealth of this world, to which I had aspired. It meant the final crushing of VANITY. It meant a total *change of life!*

Life-and-death Struggle

It meant real REPENTANCE, for now I saw that I had been breaking God's law. I had been rebelling against God in many more ways than just breaking the Sabbath

command. It meant turning around and going **THE WAY OF GOD**—the **WAY** of his **BIBLE**—living according to every word in the Bible, instead of according to the ways of society or the desires of the flesh and of vanity.

It was a matter of which **WAY** I would travel for the remainder of my life. I had certainly reached the **CROSSROADS**!

But I had been beaten down. God had brought that about—though I didn't realize it then. Repeated business reverses, failure after failure, had destroyed self-confidence. I was broken in spirit. The **SELF** in me didn't want to die. It wanted to try to get up from ignominious defeat and try once again to tread the broad and popular **WAY** of vanity and of this world.

I had been part of this world. I did not realize, then, that this was not God's world but Satan's. I came to realize that accepting God's truth meant being called out of this world—forsaking this world and its ways, and even to a great extent my friends and associates in this world. Giving up this world, its ways, interests, pleasures, was like dying. And I didn't want to die. I think one of the greatest tests that everyone whom God has called faces, is giving up this world and being part of it. But now I knew that this world's way was **WRONG**! I knew its ultimate penalty was **DEATH**. But I didn't want to die *now*!

It was truly a battle for **LIFE**—a life-and-death struggle. In the end, I lost that battle, as I had been losing all worldly battles in recent years.

In final desperation, I threw myself on his mercy. If he could use my life, I would give it to *him*—not in a physical suicide, but as a *living* sacrifice, to use as he willed. It was worth nothing to me any longer. I considered that I was only a worthless piece of human junk not worthy to be cast on the junk pile.

Jesus Christ had bought and paid for my life by his death. It really *belonged* to him, and now I told him he could have it!

From then on, this defeated no-good life of mine was **GOD'S**. I didn't see how it could be worth anything to him. But it was his to

use as his instrument, if he thought he could use it.

JOY in Defeat

This surrender to God—this **REPENTANCE**—this **GIVING UP** of the world, of friends and associates, and of everything—was the most bitter pill I ever swallowed. Yet it was the *only* medicine in all my life that ever brought a healing!

For I actually began to realize that I was finding joy beyond words to describe in this total defeat. I had actually found **JOY** in the study of the Bible—in the discovery of new **TRUTHS**, heretofore hidden from my consciousness. And in surrendering to **GOD** in complete repentance, I found unspeakable **JOY** in accepting **JESUS CHRIST** as personal Savior and my present High Priest.

I began to see everything in a new and different light. *Why* should it have been a difficult and painful experience to surrender to my Maker and my God? *Why* was it painful to surrender to *obey* God's right ways? **WHY**? Now, I came to a new outlook on life.

Somehow I began to realize a **NEW** fellowship and friendship had come into my life. I began to be conscious of a contact and fellowship with Christ, and with God the Father.

When I read and studied the Bible, God was talking to *me*, and now I loved to listen! I began to pray, and knew that in prayer I was talking with God. I was not yet very well acquainted with God. But one gets to be *better* acquainted with another by constant contact and continuous conversation.

So I continued the study of the Bible. I began to write, in article form, the things I was learning. I did not then suppose these articles would ever be published. I wrote them for my own satisfaction. It was one way to learn more by the study.

And I can say now, with the apostle Paul, "that the gospel which [is] preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. . . . But when it pleased God . . . to reveal his Son in me . . . immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: neither went I

[to a theological seminary, but I was taught by Jesus Christ, the Word of God (in writing)]" (Gal. 1:11-12, 15-17).

That is why I have said the experience I was painfully subjected to in this original intensive study was unique in human life and conduct in our time. I know of no world religious leader who arrived at his teachings in such a manner. This world's religious teachings did not come from **GOD**! Only God is infallibly correct!

I was brought, by the spring of 1927, to a complete **MIND-SWEEPING**! My mind was being *swept clean* of previous assumptions and beliefs—I had been brought through a painful experience.

Twice profitable businesses had collapsed, leaving me frustrated.

Then I was brought to acknowledge that whatever religious beliefs I had held were contrary to the truth of God. Not only what I had believed, but also the churches!

I had taken a beating! I had been brought to realize my own nothingness and inadequacy. I had been **CONQUERED** by the great majestic **GOD**—brought to a real *repentance*—and also brought to a **NEW** **ROCK-BASED SOLID FAITH** in Jesus Christ and in God's Word. I had been brought to a complete surrender to God and to his **WORD**.

I was baptized, and the infilling of God's Holy Spirit opened my mind to the **JOY UNSPEAKABLE** of knowing God and Jesus Christ—of knowing **TRUTH**—and the warmth of God's divine **LOVE**!

What I once hated I now loved. I found the greatest and most absorbing joy of my life in *continuing* to dig out those gold nuggets of **TRUTH** from God's Word. Now came a new enthusiasm in Bible study.

And I was led through the years from conversion to understand God's revelation of these seven biblical mysteries that have baffled the minds of humanity and to find that one and only true Church of God, founded by Jesus Christ on the day of Pentecost, A.D. 31.

I now reveal, to the reader, **SEVEN MAJOR MYSTERIES** that have bewildered all humanity. I begin, next month, with "Who and What Is God?" □

What Is True Success?

by John Ross Schroeder

Success is back in vogue. Books on how to succeed have returned to best-seller lists. But are people really discovering true success?

CAST your eyes on some new titles now in your local bookstore.

Getting Yours. Winning with Deception and Bluff. How to Get Ahead by "Psyching Out" Your Boss and Co-Workers.

It's embarrassing! You'd think that publishers would be ashamed of such bold titles. But at least they're being honest.

The naked pursuit of materialism grips the minds of many. Individuals are intent on getting theirs while the getting is good. The millionaire chase is on.

But is this the type of success that is best for human beings? Is this the brand of success that brings happiness?

Success is often thought of as building a winning reputation—amassing wealth—wielding power over others. Isn't there more to success than "making it to the top"—often by climbing over others to get there?

A Trip to East Texas

In a summer more than 30 years ago a middle-aged man took a long automobile trip from Pasadena, California, to Eastern Texas. With him were his wife and younger son.

Riding along in the car hour after hour this man began to think about the scores of successful men he had

known in his 20s and early 30s. This man had been unusually successful in his youth. His advertising business had thrown him into constant contact with the great and near-great of this world.

He knew the American philosopher and lecturer Elbert Hubbard. He was privileged to know many multimillionaire capitalists and heads of great corporations in the American business world.

On reflection and undisturbed concentration in the car, he realized that even these great men had *not*—after all was said and done—achieved true success. Yes, they all had reaped material rewards. Their personal bank accounts bulged with money. They had applied some of the right principles of success.

But they hadn't been aware of the true values. They lacked the guidance and help of the great God. They never possessed the one right goal in life.

This long motorcar trip from California to Texas brought forth a brand new dimension to the subject of success. Undisturbed concentration—away from normal telephonic interference and routine executive duties—crystallized this man's thoughts on the so-called successful people of this world. What things had they all done to bring material success? What right principles had they followed? And what great overriding principle had they all—to a man—overlooked?

Seven Laws of Success

Eventually the seven laws of success

began to emerge in this man's mind. One by one—step-by-step—a clear picture of the true principles of success slowly began to form.

His identity? He just happens to be the editor in chief of *The Plain Truth*—Herbert W. Armstrong. Now in his 94th year, Mr. Armstrong is enjoying more true success than ever before in his long life. His big secret is practicing what he has termed the "give" way of life—as opposed to a totally opposite philosophy he has dubbed the "get" way.

Remember the book titles quoted at the onset of this article? They all center on this selfish "get" way of life. Any temporary material success achieved through following theirs and similar advice will turn into empty husks in the long run. The values are false. The philosophy is in error.

But realizing real success is more than discovering the one big principle embodied in the "give" way. Human beings need more detailed instruction. After all, the two great principles of right conduct—love God foremost and your neighbor as yourself—are carefully broken down into 10 specific commandments. It's the same with success.

The one big principle of attaining success is subdivided into seven specific laws. Mr. Armstrong has published an attractively printed booklet all about these seven laws of success. He has spelled them out in detail. He has explained what true success is and how to achieve it.

It is certainly true that you can derive some benefit from reading the better success books available in bookstores. But even the best of these will cost you money and none will give you the all-important overview of success.

Mr. Armstrong's booklet—aptly entitled *The Seven Laws of Success*—is absolutely gratis—totally free of charge. Your copy is on reserve for you in our mailing room. □





“The Way of Peace

All around this strife-torn planet, thousands of children are directly involved in war or are training in the art of war. Their youthful enthusiasm is readily channeled into the tasks of soldiery.

Jubilant Palestinian youths (above) in Tripoli, Lebanon, celebrate their exuberance for victory. Is theirs to be a world of one life-and-death struggle after another? Or will they be able to enjoy the peace and prosperity humanity yearns for?

Some youths are directly involved in front-line fighting like this

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WHAT a paradox! We hope and dream that our children will enjoy a life free from want, a life of abundance and peace.

Yet, in many parts of the world we see children, often smaller than the weapons they are carrying, being drilled in the art of revolution, counterrevolution and war.

Forced to lay aside the innocence of childhood, they are immersed in a sea of adult hatreds to learn to kill or be killed for causes they don't fully understand, in a world increasingly hostile to their very existence.

Why this paradox? Why do adults dream and hope for peace, yet practice the arts of war?

Child Warriors

Thousands of children around the world have been pressed into military and paramilitary organizations to fill real or imagined manpower shortages. Many volunteer in a euphoric state of patriotism. Others succumb to peer pressure or outright coercion.

The death-dealing instruments in their hands suddenly make them

a force to be reckoned with. And the heroic fantasies of youth are easily exploited by those who claim to be fighting for the benefit of future generations.

The teachable qualities of youths make them desired as the most malleable of soldier material. They become willing to carry out even the most dangerous or repulsive commands. They are often less fearful, not having known enough of life to fear death.

For many of these children, the future is a fatal bullet, a deadly bomb or a life shattered by a landmine.

A Global Problem

According to one estimate, Iran has mobilized about 60,000 *Baseej*, or boy soldiers, under the draft age of 18. Some of the young Islamic warriors are only 10 years old.

According to the Ayatollah Khomeini: “They run away from their parents to become martyrs. And parents take pride in having their children martyred. Even parents with five martyred children regret that they don't have any more to send to the front.”

These young Iranian boys—the very future of that nation—are given rudimentary training and much indoctrination, then sent to the

Isaiah 59:8

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Iraqi front where they perish by the hundreds, hurling themselves at Iraqi fortifications, tanks and minefields to clear the way for adult soldiers who are more "valuable" for the war effort.

In Northern Ireland, the situation is different. There are no massive fronts, but the battlelines have been drawn and children are victimized by the rage of their elders.

The conditioned-response hatreds of the home spill over into the streets as youths periodically become involved in street violence against opposing religious or political factions or security forces.

In spite of the known dangers of confronting security forces in Belfast and elsewhere, children are at times placed in the front of funeral processions and protest demonstrations.

In Pol Pot's Cambodia, youthful communist Khmer Rouge soldiers committed atrocities on children and adults alike.

In El Salvador, scores of youths fight in the ranks of antigovernment forces. The hit-and-run style warfare conducted by the guerrillas has made them a formidable military force in certain areas of that strife-torn land.

Throughout Africa as well,

youthful recruits fill the ranks of various antigovernment armies of liberation.

The use of children in warfare is not new, of course. Allied soldiers in the Second World War faced hundreds of German youths on both fronts as a desperate Nazi empire was crumbling.

Further back, in the history of Catholic Europe, is the incredibly tragic Children's Crusade that took place in A.D. 1212. Two teenage boys, one in France, one in Germany, raised up two armies of youths to reconquer the Holy Land. They believed that a lack of virtue in the adult crusaders was the cause of previous failures. The German group got no farther than Genoa, Italy. The ill-fated French group wound up being sold into slavery in Egypt by unscrupulous merchants who had promised them passage to Palestine.

The tragedies, past and present, of youths robbed of their childhood make a mockery of the purpose of childhood and of human existence.

Why Is It Happening?

Humanity need look no further to discover the cause of today's wretched condition than this revelation: "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness. Their feet are swift to

shed blood, in their paths are ruin and misery, and *the way of peace they do not know*" (Rom. 3:14-17, Revised Standard Version).

They have never been taught how to live the way of peace with their neighbors. Training children for revolution and war is not what God had in mind when he created humans to go through the experience of childhood. Happily, the society God is soon going to bring to this planet is one full of instruction in peace and joy. "All your children shall be *taught* by the Lord, and great shall be the *peace* of your children. In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you" (Isa. 54:13-14, Revised Authorized Version).

Only when God's government is restored and enforced on earth will humanity at last be able to "beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks." And "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (Isa. 2:4, RAV). Only then, when revolutions, counterrevolutions and wars are banished, will the hopes and dreams humanity has for its children begin to come true.

—Dan C. Taylor





PHOTO: SYGMA. INSET: FROM LEFT: GUCHARD, SYGMA, NEZA—LUSON, LEON SYGMA

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Iranian *Baseej* on the Iraqi front near Dizful, Iran (inset left). For others, the front lines are less well defined as in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, where a rock-throwing youth vents anger on security forces during a riot (center).

Learning the ways of war, in the United States thousands of youths receive military training in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC). Here a JROTC cadet receives military skills training at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina (inset top).

Meanwhile, in Cambodia, young Khmer Rouge recruits present arms during military training sessions.

In anticipation of the day when





YAGHOOZADEH—SYGMA, AGE 15 FROM LEFT: VOLLMER—
LAGSON, NICKERBRO—UNSON, LAFFONT—SYGMA

they will join the ranks of the East German tank corps, Young Pioneers parade in East Germany (inset top left) riding in minitanks—scaled-down versions of the real thing.

Elsewhere, youthful Salvadoran guerrillas survey the fiery devastation of a successful roadblock (inset bottom left).

Victory amidst the rubble is proclaimed by a young Shiite Muslim and his companion in Beirut (center). While in Angola, a recruit of the Marxist regime's Pioneer Group drills with a wooden gun (inset right). □

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CHILD REARING

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they will have acquired more knowledge and awareness of their surroundings than they will in any other comparable year of their lives. Before infants can reach out, some researchers find that they have stored up, through sight, information about an object, and are not totally surprised at its shape when able to handle it.

A baby quickly learns to recognize mother and definitely prefers her face and voice. (And more researchers are emphasizing the added importance of father's play with the child in the beginning years of life, as well as later.)

By the time the baby is 5 or 6 months old, the degree of mental and physical abilities acquired will depend upon the response and interest of parents, especially the mother. Parental response increases alertness even in the tiniest of infants.

A baby left alone for long periods of time becomes not only lonely, but also frustrated. He or she is not able to exercise, and thus develop, all the new skills being learned. Later the frequency with which the infant expresses himself or herself in making sounds will decrease if not stimulated, and the child's language development will slow.

Infants and young children do not thrive physically, mentally or emotionally in an environment where they are denied consistent loving attention—the case in average day-care institutions.

Sobering studies reveal that a child's ability to form a lasting attachment to another human being—the capacity to love—is learned before age 3. This ability to form a lasting mutual attachment seems to be inexorably tied in with the development of the child's conscience. In other words, no human attachment equals no properly developing conscience.

Yet how many toddlers today have been confused at one time or another, calling some part-time caretaker "Mommy"?

What does the absence of a full-time mother do to impressionable young minds? From studies over

the last 20 or 30 years, infant psychologist Selma Fraiberg states: "... we have learned that the human qualities of enduring love and commitment to love are forged during the first two years of life. On this point there is a consensus among scientists from a wide range of disciplines" (*Every Child's Birthright: In Defense of Mothering*).

Day-care advocates have not been fully aware of the limitations of a caretaker environment. Most of their studies were made in day centers of above-average quality. Few of these facilities are available and would be out of the price range of most families anyway.

It's a controversial subject and books and articles expressing opposing views are numerous, but it's hard to deny living, breathing evidence. The effect on the future character development of these children is not even addressed in the studies.

The God-ordained Family

Broken homes are a tragedy. Children need two loving, concerned parents (especially their mothers, at an early age) to develop into mature adults capable of loving and caring for other human beings. Adults who can enrich the lives of others with their own unique creativity, who, guided by loving parents, have exercised their God-given right of independent thought and action. The developing of such character in young children is the responsibility of parents.

Our transient mobile society has robbed our children of the stable extended-family ties enjoyed by our grandparents. Most young people have little sense of the past and less regard for the wisdom of their elders. It should come as no surprise that youths have been wandering around for the last two decades wondering who they are.

The society we live in has made child rearing doubly difficult. Without the support of the extended family, parents' responsibilities today have never been more important.

Children need both parents more than ever. To avoid future deep-seated emotional problems, there is

no substitute for mothers during those early years.

For those with older children, depending on the family circumstances and children's ages, some form of day care may be an alternative, but for those with young preschool children, mothers are indispensable—at home!

Daring to Question

For many there's no alternative, of course—single parents trying to single-handedly hold their fractured families together physically and economically, as well as emotionally. They're caught, we're all caught, in a system we didn't create, but to which the majority are paying more than lip service.

But what about the rest? Some women are reanalyzing their priorities. Husbands and wives are going over their budgets, taking the time to count the cost of turning their children over to others to rear. Is it really worth it? Cost of day care is rising—some women are paying almost 50 percent of their paychecks for child care.

Other women have stopped long enough to take a good look at their goals in life and how they plan to accomplish them. They've plotted a time to have children and to enjoy rearing them. They believe child rearing is a career. These goal-oriented women approach training and rearing their children in the same way they have successfully accomplished responsibilities in other areas of their lives.

More companies are offering job-sharing opportunities and flexible working hours to their employees. Some will allow working hours to be scheduled around family responsibilities. In this computer age, various corporations are encouraging employees to work from their homes.

Cottage industries are another alternative. Some people, even those who aren't parents, prefer to pursue their careers from their homes.

Don't think you have no choice when with a bit of ingenuity you may be able to come up with a workable solution. Avoid day care for your infants and preschoolers if at all possible. Give your children the priceless gift only you can give—yourself, at home. They're worth it. □

EPILOGUE

Everyone wants to be happy in life. There is a definite way to true, satisfying happiness—a *way of living* that will produce happiness as a by-product.

By teaching your children early how to properly conduct themselves, you can help them avoid a life full of heart-

When children are in rebellion against parents, there is a reason. There is a cause. Some parents blame circumstances for the waywardness of their children. They blame the school systems. They blame one another—father blames mother, and vice versa.

Some reason that our youths are only running their course. They say, "They're only doing what I did when I was their age!" These are excuses for parental neglect. The actions of parents are responsible for how their children turn out just as surely as they are responsible for their begetting and birth.

Don't leave your children on their own to get into trouble in later years. Start early to put them on the right track! Sidestepping your responsibilities in this area can lead to

ultimate disaster. There are definite penalties for breaking child-rearing laws. If practiced, right principles of child rearing will produce happy, vibrant, responsible children! It is in your power to mold, form, shape and develop right and wholesome

character!

Still, after all is said and done, after the children are grown and no longer at home, can any parent look back and say, "I did a perfect job in rearing my children"? Surely not. At our best, we all fall short of perfection. In whatever we do, including child rearing, we must have God's help. Jesus said, "Without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5, Revised Authorized Version).

This most important point in child rearing is probably the most overlooked in today's world. We humans need divine guidance. We receive that help through studying God's written word and, upon conversion, by the leading of God's Holy Spirit (John 16:13).

Ask God to help you understand what to do in your situation, in dealing with your children, and then to help you do it the right way, with love and consistency.

Children are precious to God (Mark 10:14). They are a heritage from him (Ps. 127:3). God lets you care for your children for a few years till they are mature. You must take advantage of the few short years they are with you.

Learn to rear your children God's way. If you do, your children will enrich your life greatly and bring joy to your home. The character you help them build will be of inestimably great value to them for the rest of this physical life and, it is to be hoped, for all eternity. □

The Happy Conclusion

ache and problems.

It is never too early to begin giving your children clear standards of behavior! From their earliest years, you are influencing the character of your children—actively or passively—for good or evil.

If you don't actively *teach* them how to live life the right way, they will live it whichever way follows the path of least resistance. "Delinquent children have delinquent parents," goes one saying.

And it's true!



PERSONAL

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reasoning as it is empowered in the reasoning and thinking process by the human spirit.

However, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Cor. 2:9). This further and deeper and more profound spiritual knowledge of God's purposes and plans and of God's righteousness is acquirable only by the addition of the Holy Spirit of God uniting with the human spirit of man.

On that day of Pentecost, A.D. 31, at the very founding of the Church of God, this divine Spirit of God entered into the believers there assembled in Jerusalem.

The point I want to make at this juncture is that at this moment of divine conception—the receiving of the Holy Spirit—they became the children of God, though as yet unborn. The divine "sperm" of the Holy Spirit had entered the human "ovum" as it were, and divine conception had taken place. The human sperm cell entering the human ovum constitutes human conception.

The then-fertilized human ovum from that instant is medically called an embryo. After some weeks, as it grows gradually into a human form, it is called a fetus. This growing and developing stage is called gestation. This is the precise type of spiritual conception and the Christian period of growing spiritually in grace and spiritual knowledge (II Pet. 3:18).

The Bible calls the Church of God "the mother of us all" who are the begotten children of God. The Church, as the spiritual mother, feeds spiritually the converted Christians within her, protects them from false teachings and ways, and brings them along in a spiritual period of gestation, ready to be born spiritually by a resurrection (at Christ's coming), an instantaneous change from mortal human to divine God in the kingdom of God.

Reproduction of human life is the exact type of spiritual reproduction. Our question is, When does human life start?

Human life in general started with the creation of Adam. He alone was specially created. All other humans have been reproduced from Adam. This reproductive process was designed by the same God who designed the spiritual reproductive process by which God is reproducing himself. A *human* life first starts in each individual human; so *divine* life starts by a spiritual conception—when the Holy Spirit first enters the human.

Now when does divine life start? When does one become a Christian—one of Christ's? In Romans 8:9, one who has received the Holy

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Spirit is Christ's. One who has not the Spirit of God is "none of his"—not a Christian. And, verse 11, if the Holy Spirit dwells in one, he shall be born immortal. In verse 14, as many as are led by the Holy Spirit dwelling within them, are, already, during this Christian life—this spiritual gestation period—the sons of God, though as yet unborn spiritually. They are begotten children of God.

In I John 3:1-2: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

Already now in this human

Christian life, as yet unborn, in gestation stage, we are the children of God. Yet we do not yet "appear" visibly as we shall be when born.

At the instant of physical conception, the embryo, and weeks later the fetus, is, already, the child of its parents. It is not just and only a piece of "fetal tissue," as abortionists argue, in their attempt to justify human murder.

From the instant of conception, a human life is in existence. To deliberately kill or destroy that human life, the GREAT LAWGIVER and SUPREME JUDGE says, is MURDER, punishable by eternal and final DEATH!

Regardless of human lawyers, human courts, human judges, or even supreme court justices, abortion is an act of murder, in defiance of the supreme Almighty God. And those who commit it, and order it, or "legally" by man's law authorize it, will be held in contempt of this SUPREME COURT OF HEAVEN, and answerable to that great Supreme Judge!

God Almighty has called and authorized me to "CRY ALOUD, AND SPARE NOT, AND SHOW OUR PEOPLE THEIR SINS!"

If we obeyed the laws of God we would avoid a world filled with suffering, anguish and helpless frustration. God's laws are the way to PEACE, to HAPPINESS, to JOY, to accomplishments that make life full, enjoyable and abundant.

God says, "Children are an heritage of the Lord" (Ps. 127:3). Human family relationship is one of the supreme blessings God has given mankind. What a tragedy that a rebellious mankind has spurned, forsaken and deprived itself of the wonderful blessings and happiness a loving God has made possible.

However, the final conclusion of the whole story of human life is this: When mankind has succeeded in spurning and repudiating every blessing, and has brought itself to the very brink of the total extinction of the human race through man's own nuclear and other life-destroying inventions, the merciful Eternal God will intervene and at last usher in the happy, peaceful and overwhelmingly satisfying eternal life in the glorious kingdom of God. □

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WHNT, Huntsville — 19, 7:30 am, Sun
WCOV, Montgomery — 20, 9:30 am, Sun

ALASKA

KIMO, Anchorage — 13, 10:00 am, Sun
KTVF, Fairbanks — 11, 8:00 am, Sun

ARIZONA

KNAZ, Flagstaff — 2, 9:00 am, Sun
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KUSK, Prescott — 7, 10:30 am, Sun
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KYEL, Yuma — 13, 9:00 am, Sun

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KTVE, El Dorado — 10, 7:00 am, Sun
KPOM, Ft. Smith — 24, 9:00 am, Sun
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CALIFORNIA

KBAK, Bakersfield — 29, 9:00 am, Sun
KIEM, Eureka — 3, 9:00 am, Sun
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KCOP, Los Angeles — 13, 12:00 midnight, Sun
KHJ, Los Angeles — 9, 12:30 pm, Sun
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KRBK, Sacramento — 31, 8:30 am, Sat
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KGTV, San Diego — 10, 7:00 am, Sun
XETV, San Diego — 6, 10:30 am, Sun
KBHK, San Francisco — 44, 11:30 pm, Sun
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KSBY, San Luis Obispo — 6, 8:30 am, Sun

COLORADO

KRDO, Colorado Springs — 13, 10:30 am, Sun
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WEAR, Pensacola — 3, 11:30 am, Sun
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WRBL, Columbus — 3, 8:30 am, Sun
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WTOG, Savannah — 11, 10:30 am, Sun
WVGA, Valdosta — 44, 10:30 am, Sun

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KSNB, Superior — 4, 9:30 am, Sun

NEVADA

KVCB, Las Vegas — 3, 7:30 am, Sun
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NEW HAMPSHIRE

WMUR, Manchester — 9, 10:30 am, Sun

NEW MEXICO

KGSW, Albuquerque — 14, 11:00 am, Sun

NEW YORK

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WKW, Cleveland — 8, 7:30 am, Sun
WUAB, Cleveland — 43, 9:00 am, Sun
WBNS, Columbus — 10, 7:00 am, Sun
WTVN, Columbus — 6, 9:30 am, Sun
WDTN, Dayton — 2, 7:00 am, Sun
WKEF, Dayton — 22, 11:00 am, Sun
WLIO, Lima — 35, 8:30 am, Sun
WTOV, Steubenville — 9, 9:00 am, Sun
WDHO, Toledo — 24, 9:00 am, Sun
WYTV, Youngstown — 33, 11:00 am, Sun

OKLAHOMA

KTEN, Ada — 10, 10:00 am, Sun
KAUT, Oklahoma City — 43, 9:30 pm, Sun
KOCO, Oklahoma City — 5, 7:30 am, Sun

KTUL, Tulsa — 8, 10:30 am, Sun
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OREGON

KCBY, Coos Bay — 11, 7:30 am, Sun
KVAL, Eugene — 13, 7:30 am, Sun
KDRV, Medford — 12, 8:00 am, Sun
KOIN, Portland — 6, 6:30 am, Sun
KPIC, Roseburg — 4, 7:30 am, Sun

PENNSYLVANIA

WTAJ, Altoona — 10, 11:30 am, Sun
WSEE, Erie — 35, 11:00 am, Sun
WLYH, Lebanon — 15, 8:00 am, Sun
WPHL, Philadelphia — 17, 7:30 am, Sun
WTAF, Philadelphia — 29, 7:30 am, Sat
WPGH, Pittsburgh — 53, 9:30 am, Sat
WPXI, Pittsburgh — 11, 7:30 am, Sun
WTVZ, Reading — 51, 10:30 am, Sun
WDAU, Scranton — 22, 12:00 noon, Sun
WNEP, Wilkes Barre — 16, 8:30 am, Sun

RHODE ISLAND

WPRI, Providence — 12, 10:30 am, Sun

SOUTH CAROLINA

WCBD, Charleston — 2, 9:00 am, Sun
WOLO, Columbia — 25, 10:00 am, Sun
WPDE, Florence — 15, 9:30 am, Sun
WYFF, Greenville — 4, 6:30 am, Sun

SOUTH DAKOTA

KHSD, Lead — 11, 8:00 am, Sun
KOTA, Rapid City — 3, 8:00 am, Sun
KDLT, Sioux Falls — 5, 9:30 am, Sun

TENNESSEE

WDEF, Chattanooga — 12, 10:30 am, Sun
WTVZ, Chattanooga — 9, 12:30 pm, Sun
WBBJ, Jackson — 7, 12:00 noon, Sun
WKPT, Kingsport — 10, 11:30 am, Sun
WATE, Knoxville — 6, 11:00 am, Sun
WPTY, Memphis — 24, 9:30 pm, Sun
WKRN, Nashville — 2, 9:00 am, Sun
WTVF, Nashville — 5, 10:30 am, Sun
Nashville Network, (TNN/NSH) Nashville (on
cable stations throughout the U.S.) — 7:00 am
CT, Sat

TEXAS

KTNS, Abilene — 12, 7:15 am, Sun
KAMR, Amarillo — 4, 9:00 am, Sun
KBVO, Austin — 42, 7:00 am, Sun
KZTV, Corpus Christi — 10, 10:00 am, Sun
KTVT, Dallas — 11, 7:00 am, Sun
WFAA, Dallas — 8, 12:00 noon, Sun
KTSM, El Paso — 9, 7:30 am, Sun
KGBT, Harlingen — 4, 7:30 am, Sun
KPRC, Houston — 2, 7:00 am, Sun
KGNS, Laredo — 8, 7:30 am, Sun
KCBF, Lubbock — 11, 9:30 am, Sun
KTRE, Lufkin — 9, 6:30 am, Sun
KMID, Midland — 2, 8:30 am, Sun
KJAC, Port Arthur — 4, 10:00 am, Sun
KLST, San Angelo — 8, 10:30 am, Sun
KENS, San Antonio — 5, 7:30 am, Sun
KSAT, San Antonio — 12, 8:30 am, Sun
KCEN, Temple — 6, 11:30 am, Sun
KLTV, Tyler — 7, 6:30 am, Sun
KFDX, Wichita Falls — 3, 9:30 am, Sun

UTAH

KSL, Salt Lake — 5, 7:30 am, Sun
KUTV, Salt Lake — 2, 8:30 am, Sun

VERMONT

WVNY, Burlington — 22, 10:00 am, Sun

VIRGINIA

WVIR, Charlottesville — 29, 10:00 am, Sun
WSET, Lynchburg — 13, 7:30 am, Sun
WVEC, Norfolk — 13, 10:00 am, Sun
WXEX, Richmond — 8, 10:30 am, Sun

WASHINGTON

KVOS, Bellingham — 12, 10:30 am, Sun
KVEW, Kennewick — 42, 11:00 am, Sun
KIRO, Seattle — 7, 7:00 am, Sun
KXLY, Spokane — 4, 9:30 am, Sun
KSTW, Tacoma — 11, 10:00 am, Sun
KAPP, Yakima — 35, 11:00 am, Sun

WEST VIRGINIA

WOWK, Huntington — 13, 9:00 am, Sun
WSAZ, Huntington — 3, 10:00 am, Sun
WOAY, Oak Hill — 4, 10:00 am, Sun

WISCONSIN

WQOW, Eau Claire — 18, 9:00 am, Sun
WFRV, Green Bay — 5, 9:00 am, Sun
WXOW, La Crosse — 19, 9:00 am, Sun
WKOW, Madison — 27, 9:00 am, Sun
WITI, Milwaukee — 6, 9:00 am, Sun
WTMJ, Milwaukee — 4, 8:00 am, Sun
WAEO, Rhinelander — 12, 10:30 am, Sun
WAOW, Wausau — 9, 9:00 am, Sun

WYOMING

KCWY, Casper — 14, 10:00 am, Sun
KVCU, Cheyenne — 5, 10:00 am, Sun
KOWY, Lander — 5, 10:00 am, Sun
KWWY, Rock Springs — 13, 10:00 am, Sun
KSGW, Sheridan — 12, 8:00 am, Sun

CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA

KVOS, Bellingham — 12, 10:30 am, Sun
CJDC, Dawson Creek — 5, 11:30 am, Sun
CFJC, Kamloops — 4, 8:30 am, Sat
CHBC, Okanagan — 2, 8:30 am, Sat
CKPG, Prince George — 2, 9:30 am, Sat
CFTK, Terrace-Kitimat — 3, 9:30 am, Sat
CHAN, Vancouver — 8, 6:30 am, Sun
CHEK, Victoria — 6, 7:30 am, Sat

ALBERTA

CFCN, Calgary — 4, 11:00 am, Sun
CFRN, Edmonton — 3, 5:30 am, Mon
CHAT, Medicine Hat — 6, 11:00 am, Sun
CKRD, Red Deer — 6, 10:00 am, Sun
KXLY, Spokane — 4, 9:30 am, Sun

SASKATCHEWAN

CKSA, Lloydminster — 2, 9:30 am, Sun
CKBI, Prince Albert — 5, 7:00 am, Sun
CFQC, Saskatoon — 8, 10:00 am, Sun
CJFB, Swift Current — 5, 10:30 am, Sat
CICC, Yorkton — 10, 6:30 pm, Sun
CKOS, Yorkton — 5, 11:30 am, Sun

MANITOBA

CKX, Brandon — 5, 10:00 am, Sun
CKND, Winnipeg — 9, 7:00 am, Sun

ONTARIO

CKVR, Barrie — 3, 11:30 am, Sun
WGRZ, Buffalo — 2, 8:30 am, Sun
CJBN, Kenora — 13, 9:00 am, Sun
CKWS, Kingston — 11, 12:30 pm, Sun
CKNY, North Bay — 9, 10:30 am, Sun
CJOH, Ottawa — 13, 10:30 am, Sun
CRHO, Ottawa — 9, 8:00 am, Sun
CHEX, Peterborough — 12, 12:30 pm, Sun
CJIC, Sault Ste. Marie — 5, 11:30 am, Sat
Global, CIII, Southern Ontario — 8:30 am, Sat;
9:30 am, Sun
CICI, Sudbury — 3, 10:30 am, Sun
CKPR, Thunder Bay — 2, 10:30 am, Sun
CITO, Timmins — 6, 10:30 am, Sun
CFTO, Toronto — 9, 9:00 am, Sun

QUEBEC

CFCF, Montreal — 12, 7:30, 9:30 am, Sun
CKMI, Quebec City — 5, 10:30 am, Sun

ATLANTIC CANADA

WVIL, Bangor, Maine — 7, 9:00 am, Sun
CJCH, Halifax, N.S. — 5, 11:30 am, Sun
CKCW, Moncton, N.B. — 2, 11:30 am, Sun
WAGM, Presque Isle, Maine — 8, 9:00 am,
Sun
CHSJ, St. John, N.B. — 4, 12:00 noon, Sun
CKLT, St. John, N.B. — 9, 11:30 am, Sun
NTV, CJON, St. John's, Nfld. — 6, 10:30 am,
Sun
CJCB, Sydney, N.S. — 4, 11:30 am, Sun

AUSTRALIA

ACT

CTC7, Canberra — 7:30 am, every second Sun
CTC10, Tuggeranong — 7:30 am, every second Sun

NEW SOUTH WALES

AMV4, Albury — 8:30 am, Sun
WIN11, Bateman's Bay — 8:30 am, Sun
CBN11, Bathurst — 8:30 am, Sun
WIN6, Bega — 8:30 am, Sun
BKN7, Broken Hill — 8:30 am, Sun
WIN3, Broken's Nose — 8:30 am, Sun
CWN10, Cobar — 8:30 am, Sun
CTC10, Cooma — 7:30 am, every second Sun
GMV10, Deniliquin — 7:30 am, Sun
CWN6, Dubbo — 8:30 am, Sun
WIN3, Eden — 8:30 am, Sun
CTC10, Goulburn — 7:30 am, every second Sun
MTN9, Griffith — 8:30 am, Sun
MTN5A, Hay — 8:30 am, Sun
GMV8, Jerilderie — 7:30 am, Sun
AMV4, Khancoban — 8:30 am, Sun
NBN10, Merriwa — 8:30 am, Sun
CWN9, Mudgee — 8:30 am, Sun
NBN1, Murrumbidgee — 8:30 am, Sun
WIN11, Narooma — 8:30 am, Sun
NBN3, Newcastle — 8:30 am, Sun
CBN8, Orange — 8:30 am, Sun
CBN4, Portland — 8:30 am, Sun
NBN10, Rossgile — 8:30 am, Sun
TEN10, Sydney — 6:30 am, Sun
RVN2, Wagga Wagga — 8:30 am, Sun
WIN4, Wollongong — 8:30 am, Sun
RVN6, Young — 8:30 am, Sun

NORTHERN TERRITORY

NTD8, Darwin — 10:00 am, Sun

QUEENSLAND

QTO9, Brisbane — 6:00 am, Wed
MVQ11, Collinsville — 11:00 am, Sun
MVQ6, Dysart — 11:00 am, Sun
UHF42, Gold Coast — 6:00 am, Wed
ITQ10, Gunpowder — 2:00 pm, Sun
SEO1, Gympie — 11:30 am, Sun
DDQ10, Kingaroy — 11:00 am, Sun
MVQ6, Mackay — 11:00 am, Sun
SEQ8, Maryborough — 11:30 am, Sun
SEQ5, Monto — 11:30 am, Sun
MVQ11, Moranbah — 11:00 am, Sun
ITQ8, Mt. Isa — 2:00 pm, Sun
SEQ10, Nambour — 11:30 am, Sun
DDQ5A, Toowoomba — 11:00 am, Sun
SDQ4, Warwick — 11:00 am, Sun

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SAS10, Adelaide — 8:00 am, Sun
GTS8, Cowell — 8:30 am, Sun
SES8, Mt. Gambier — 8:30 am, Sun
GTS5, Pt. Lincoln — 8:30 am, Sun
GTS4, Pt. Pirie — 8:30 am, Sun
RTS5, Riverland — 11:30 am, Sun

TASMANIA

TNT10, Burnie — 8:00 am, Sun
TNT11, Derby — 8:00 am, Sun
TNT48, Devonport — 8:00 am, Sun
TVT6, Hobart — 8:00 am, Sun
TNT9, Launceston — 8:00 am, Sun
TNT6, Lileah — 8:00 am, Sun
TVT8, Maydena — 8:00 am, Sun
TNT11, Prospect — 8:00 am, Sun
TVT8, Queenstown — 8:00 am, Sun
TVT10, Rosebery — 8:00 am, Sun
TNT7, St. Helens — 8:00 am, Sun
TNT11, St. Marys — 8:00 am, Sun
TNT7, Savage River — 8:00 am, Sun
TNT11, Smithton — 8:00 am, Sun
TVT8, Strathgordon — 8:00 am, Sun
TVT8, Swansea — 8:00 am, Sun
TVT8, Tarooma — 8:00 am, Sun
TNT11, Waratah — 8:00 am, Sun
TNT5A, Wynyard — 8:00 am, Sun

VICTORIA

GMV10, Alexandra — 7:30 am, Sun
BTV6, Ballarat — 7:30 am, Sun
AMV11, Bright — 8:00 am, Sun
GMV3, Eildon — 7:30 am, Sun
ATV10, Melbourne — 6:00 am, Sun
BTAMV9, Myrtleford — 8:30 am, Sun
BTV7, Nhill — 7:30 am, Sun
BTV11, Portland — 7:30 am, Sun
GMV6, Shepparton — 7:30 am, Sun
BTV9, Warrnambool — 7:30 am, Sun

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

GSW9, Albany — 7:30 am, Sun
BTW3, Bunbury — 7:30 am, Sun
GTW11, Geraldton — 11:30 am, Wed
VEW8, Kalgoorlie — 11:00 am, Sun
VEW3, Kambalda — 11:00 am, Sun
BTW10, Katanning — 7:30 am, Sun
VEW6, Merredin — 11:00 am, Sun
BTW6, Narrogin — 7:30 am, Sun
STW9, Perth — 6:30 am, Sun
BTW6, Quairading — 7:30 am, Sun
VEW63, Tammin — 11:00 am, Sun
BTW11, Wagin — 7:30 am, Sun
VEW47, York — 11:00 am, Sun

PHILIPPINES

LUZON

Metro Manila — GMA Chan. 7, 8:30 am, Sat; 9:30 am, Sun

MINDANAO

Cagayan de Oro — GMA Chan. 12, 7:00 am, Sat; 8:30 am, Sun
Davao — GMA Chan. 7, 9:00 am, Sat; 10:00 am, Sun
Iligan — GMA Chan. 12, 8:00 am, Sat; 9:30 am, Sun
Zamboanga — GMA Chan. 3, 8:30 am, Sat; 9:30 am, Sun

VISAYAS

Cebu — GMA Chan. 7, 8:00 am, Sat and Sun

CARIBBEAN

St. Lucia, HTS, Castries — 4, 6:30 pm, Wed
Bermuda, ZBM, Hamilton — 10, 4:00 pm, Sun
Bahamas, ZNS, Nassau — 13, 11:00 am, Sun
Puerto Rico, WSJU, Carolina — 18, 8:00 am, Sun
Puerto Rico — San Juan Cable TV WGN, Chicago — 5, 7:30 am CT, Sat; WOR, New York — 9, 11:30 am and 11:00 pm ET, Sun; WTBS, Atlanta — 13, 6:30 am ET, Sun
Virgin Is. (U.S.A.), WSVI, Christiansted, St. Croix — 8, 7:00 am, Sun
St. Maarten, LBC, Philipsburg — 7, 4:00 pm, Sun
Antigua, ABS, St. John's — 10, 9:00 am, Sun
Trinidad and Tobago TV — 9 and 14, 6:00 pm, Sun
Aruba, Telecaruba, Oranjestad — 13, 7:00 pm, Sun

EUROPE

Italy, Rete Quattro (Italian) — 8:00 am, Sun
Italy, Tele-Monte-Carlo (Italian) — 4:30 pm, Sun
Luxembourg, RTL-TV (French) — 11:15 am, Sat; 11:30 pm, Thurs
Monaco, Tele-Monte-Carlo (French) — 11:30 pm, Mon
Norway, Oslo, Janco-TV — 10:30 am, Sun

OTHER AREAS

Belize, Central America, TVTV — 7, 9:00 am, Sun
Guam, KUAM, Agana — 8, 9:30 am, Sun
Japan, JCTV, Tokyo — 5:00 pm, Sun
Sri Lanka, ITN11, Colombo — 7:30 pm, Sun
Tonga, ASTL, Nuku'alofa — 7:30 pm, Sun

RADIO LOG

Listed by state or province are the station's call letters, location, frequency and time when the *World Tomorrow* program is aired.

UNITED STATES

KSL, Salt Lake City, Utah — 1160, 5:30 am, Sun

CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA

CKO-FM, Vancouver — 96.1, 8:30 pm, Sun-Fri
CJVI, Victoria — 900, 10:30 pm, Sun-Fri

ALBERTA

CKO-FM, Calgary — 103.1, 9:30 pm, Sun-Fri
CFCW, Camrose — 790, 10:00 pm, Mon-Fri
CKO-FM, Edmonton — 101.9, 9:30 pm, Sun-Fri

ONTARIO

CKO-FM, London — 97.5, 9:30 pm, Sun-Fri
CKO-FM, Ottawa — 106.9, 9:30 pm, Sun-Fri
CKO-FM, Toronto — 99.1, 9:30 pm, Sun-Fri

QUEBEC

CJMS, Montreal (Fr) — 1280, 6:15 am, Sun
CKO, Montreal — 1470, 9:30 pm, Sun-Fri
CKVL, Montreal — 850, 11:30 pm, Sun
CJRP, Quebec City (Fr) — 1060, 7:15 am, Sun

NOVA SCOTIA

CKO-FM, Halifax — 8:30 pm, Mon-Fri

CARIBBEAN

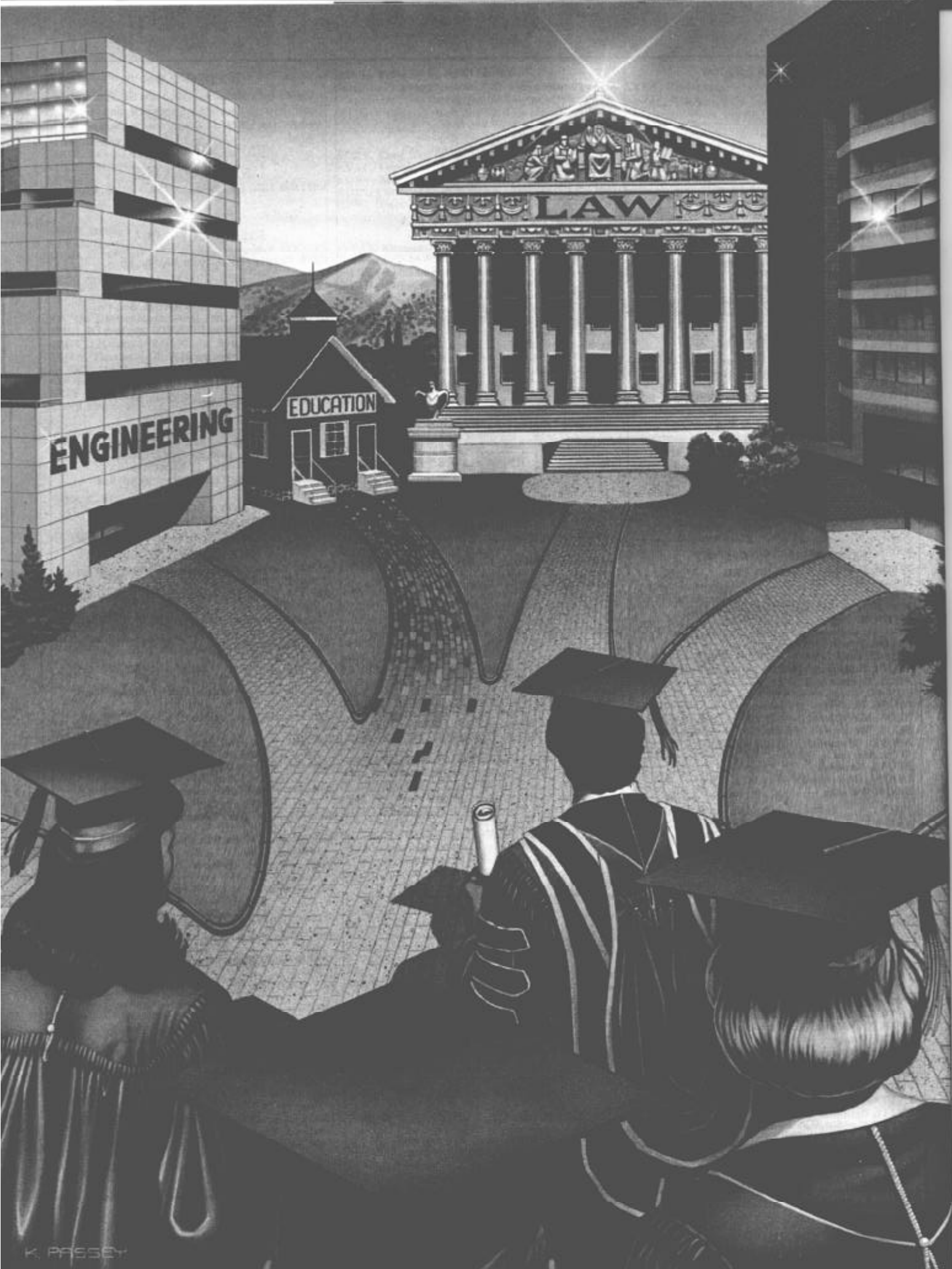
ZNS-3, Freeport (Engl), Bahamas — 810, 6:00 am, Mon-Fri; 9:00 am, Sun
RJR-FM, Christiansburg, Jamaica — 101.3, 6:00 am, Tues, Thurs; 6:30 am, Sun
RJR-AM, Kingston, Jamaica — 720, 4:00 am, Sun-Wed; 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat
RJR-FM, Kingston, Jamaica — 92.7, 6:00 am, Tues, Thurs; 6:30 am, Sun
RJR-FM, Kingston, Jamaica — 94.7, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat
RJR-FM, Kingston, Jamaica — 95.7, 6:00 am, Tues, Thurs; 6:30 am, Sun
RJR-FM, Kingston, Jamaica — 104.5, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat
RJR-AM, Mandeville, Jamaica — 770, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat; 4:00 am, Sun-Wed
RJR-FM, Montego Bay, Jamaica — 92.9, 6:00 am, Tues, Thurs; 6:30 am, Sun
RJR-AM, Port Maria, Jamaica — 580, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat; 4:00 am, Sun-Wed
RJR-FM, Spur Tree, Jamaica — 90.5, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat
MBC Radio (Fr), Port au Prince, Haiti — 1430, 10:30 am, Sun
VOB, Bridgetown, Barbados — 790, 7:30 pm, Mon-Sat
NBS, Trinidad — 610, 10:30 pm, Sun-Fri

NEW ZEALAND

IXP, Radio Pacific, Auckland — 1593, 6:00 pm, Sun
IXW, Radio Waikato, Hamilton — 954, 10:30 pm, Sun
KCC-FM, Whangarei — 90.3, 9:00 pm, Sun

OTHER AREAS

A3Z, Tonga Radio (Engl), Nuku'alofa — 1020, 6:30 pm, Sun
CZAM, Radio Nauru — 1323, 9:00 am, Sun
Hong Kong Radio, Kowloon — 1044, 6:30 am, 12:00 am, Sat
Radio Ceylon — 7190, 9720, 15425, 9:00 pm, Sun, Tues, Thurs, Sat
Honduras, San Pedro Sula, Radio Norte (Sp) — 780, 8:45 am, Sun
Radio Luxembourg (Fr) — 5:15 am, Mon; 5:00 am, Tues, Thurs
France, Radio SUD (Fr), Toulouse — 1161, 5:45 am, Tues, Fri



Why Good Teachers Are Hard to Find

by Ronald D. Kelly

Education is in trouble worldwide. Parents worry about the quality of teaching. Teachers strike. Why?

SOMETHING is seriously wrong in the field of education. In our modern, technological world one would think children should be better educated than at any other time.

Not necessarily true.

Over the past quarter century standardized test scores have gradually declined in numerous countries. For instance, in the United States the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores dropped an average of 20 to 30 points between 1966 and the present.

Worldwide, many schoolchildren are not advancing in science and math. Their reading and writing skills are also minimal.

Why?

Who Is to Be Blamed?

In the United States a 1983 report by the National Commission on Excellence in Education stated: "Each generation of Americans has outstripped its parents in education, in literacy and in economic attainment. For the first time in the history of our country, the educational skills of one generation will not surpass, will not equal, will not

even approach, those of their parents."

More recently, the U.S. Department of Education reported nearly one in five American adults is *functionally* illiterate—cannot effectively read and write the English language. Many corporations, realizing this, have had to institute multimillion dollar programs to teach employees the most basic reading and writing skills—skills they should have perfected in school.

What's wrong with a system that requires school attendance, but can't seem to teach the most basic skills to untold millions of youths?

Is it the system? Is it lack of money? Is it the fault of school administrators? Have teachers failed? Are parents to be blamed?

The answer to each of these questions is, in one way or another, "YES!"

Seldom has a subject stirred as much comment as education and teachers. At a lunch break during the completion of this article, I was sitting next to a family from Canada. Across the table was a couple from England. I casually asked them both, "How do you find the quality of education in your school systems?" An animated one-hour discussion began. Education in both

those countries is in serious trouble, just as in the U.S. system.

The Canadians told of diminishing educational standards, lack of discipline in the classroom, incompetent and uninterested teachers.

The British couple told of teacher strikes, closed schools, substandard preparation for examinations.

An American woman nearby, overhearing the conversation (it was a bit loud and lively), joined in with a story from her son's high school where violence is practically a way of life.

Somehow, most Americans have thought the problem was more acute in the United States. But research from our regional office directors in New Zealand, Australia, West Germany, France, England and throughout Africa indicates the problems of education are indeed worldwide.

Importance of Teachers and Administrators

It is unfortunate the modern world is just beginning to understand the importance of teachers and school administrators.

After World War II, there was a worldwide baby boom. That generation of young people passed through the educational system,

creating massive needs for schools and teachers.

In many cases teachers were drafted for the job without fully adequate qualifications. If not academically limited, then they were often unsuited in personality. Meanwhile the hands of school administrators were tied when it came to student discipline.

Many parents fail to realize some of the most influential people in children's lives are teachers.

Most of our readers can probably recall good and bad teachers they had. There are those inspiring teachers who make such an impact they shall never be forgotten.

Perhaps it was a high school athletic coach, the journalism teacher, the history professor, the language teacher who helped set a lifelong course. I fondly remember my high school Latin teacher. Most people think Latin is the most boring subject possible. But this marvelous teacher made language important—interesting. I went on to study German, Greek and a smattering of other languages because she made another language fun.

My high school football coaches were instrumental in forming character, determination and stick-to-itiveness.

One of the most fascinating classroom teachers I ever met made history come alive in my college years. While I am by no means a historian, I still frequently read books on history.

Most of you can probably name your favorite teachers. But sadly, the list of such memorable teachers is usually quite short.

Then, there are those teachers who bored students to tears, who never seemed to motivate, who were hard to understand and unmerciful in grading policies. We can name them, too.

Between those extremes are a majority of teachers. We neither remember them for good or bad. We don't remember them at all.

Creative, innovative, memorable teachers are few and far between.

Why should that be?

There are those dedicated educators who teach for the joy of teaching, who receive life's greatest pleasures from giving knowledge, providing direction for young people.

Emotionally, there are few greater thrills than the experience of helping a youngster learn.

But good teachers and administrators are hard to find for a variety of reasons: 1) Salaries are not competitive with other professions of equal or less education and responsibility. In some U.S. cities, for instance, the trash collectors earn more than the schoolteachers.

2) In many schools, discipline is at an all-time low—violence at an all-time high. Teachers do not feel safe in the "hallowed halls" of their own schools. Administrators are often criticized by naive parents for being "too tough."

3) The teaching profession has devised no adequate way to reward the truly inspiring teachers. Inferior teachers and good teachers are generally compensated the same.

4) The teaching profession is not held in sufficient respect or honor. Suppose a son or daughter planned a career in teaching. A typical attitude is illustrated by University of Chicago professor Anne Wheeler as quoted in the September 24, 1984, issue of *Newsweek* magazine. "Dad's a lawyer and Mom's a doctor and they both ask, 'You want to be a teacher? What do you want to do a thing like that for?'"

What About Teacher Pay?

I'll resort to a cliché: "You get what you pay for." Traditionally, teachers are among the lowest paid of the educated professions. While advances are being made in many areas, faculty salaries lag behind comparably educated people in other fields.

The April 25, 1985, issue of *U.S. News & World Report* featured an article on the executive pay structure of America's largest corporations. Many upper-level executives now earn in excess of \$1 million a year.

I couldn't help but wonder how many of these highly capable, top-level men and women would have entered the teaching profession or would have become academic administrators had they been able to earn salaries higher than those now paid in the teaching profession. And if most of them had become teachers and educational

administrators, what kind of educational system would we have?

These corporate executives have the ability to motivate employees, convince the board of directors, sell their products. Some have taken companies on the verge of bankruptcy and brought them back to profitability. They are men and women of personality. Dedication. Hard work. They make the right decisions.

But it is not hard to understand why someone potentially able to earn a chief executive-level salary would choose that over a virtually subsistence-level teaching career. Nor is it hard to understand why someone already in teaching would quit it in order to work toward executive responsibility.

It is unfortunate our Western society has put so much emphasis on materialism, but that's the way it is. Those dedicated teachers who stayed on the job when they could have earned more in another field deserve admiration.

But admiration and job satisfaction are not the answer.

The teaching profession is also on the bottom of the desired career list of many young people today. When children are asked what they want to be when they grow up, they answer almost every profession but teacher.

The best of the college students seldom enter teacher training programs—there is no bright economic future in it.

Who are the majority of students choosing a teaching career? In a July 1983 interview with *U.S. News & World Report*, Secretary of Education Terence Bell observed, "Most of the students who are studying to be teachers today score in the bottom 25 percent of the college entrance examinations. That shows how far we've slipped in making teaching attractive."

To be more specific, a National Education Association report revealed the average SAT score of college-bound high school seniors intending to become teachers was only 812 (out of a possible 1600 points). By contrast students who planned careers in engineering averaged 987, those planning careers in mathematics averaged more than 1,000 and the national

average for all seniors taking the test was 893.

A Price to Pay

With the furor over teachers and education growing annually, it would be well to take a long, hard look at the future to see what must be done to attract bright, creative, talented men and women to the teaching profession.

One good place to start is to elevate the pay structure to a respectable level and place it near the top of the priorities that will help attract the cream-of-the-crop to this profession.

As a contrasting example, it is a shame many who don't even learn the basic skills of reading and writing can earn astronomical salaries in professional athletics. Millions of Americans are willing to pay \$15 or more to view a professional sporting event, making it possible to pay high salaries to athletes. Yet those same spectators may scream at the thought of paying an extra \$15 in taxes to support teacher pay raises. And those same people are the chronic complainers about the standards of education their children are receiving.

It somehow doesn't make sense.

The concern over educational standards and the mounting violence in the public schools is driving more and more American families to place children in private schools or even take them out of school altogether, educating them in the home.

But the high cost of private schooling doesn't make this a viable alternative for most families. And few families are really qualified to educate their own children at home—even though in the United States some estimate as many as three million people are pursuing in-home education.

In Britain many parents are so concerned about the teacher strikes and other problems of education that thousands are pursuing special schooling for their children.

The school systems of many nations are clearly in trouble.

A Word About Teacher Qualifications

Awareness of lower test scores, disruption of classes, lack of discipline

and related problems have focused attention on the lack of qualifications in teachers.

Recent legislation passed in the state of California requires a proficiency test for college graduates entering the teaching profession.

The first test was administered in late 1982. Results were shocking. Nearly 7,000 prospective teachers took the test. Almost one third failed it.

How many of the presently credentialed teachers could pass the test? California does not require such testing for established teachers. But many states are considering it—a few have implemented this procedure.

In many cases teachers resist such testing and evaluation. Why? What is there to fear if they have been properly educated, are good teachers, have a successful record? Taking a test shouldn't interfere with that career. And what if they can't pass a standardized test? How about requiring night school till they can? And if they can't should they even be teaching at all?

A cartoon appeared in the *London Daily Mail*. In the cartoon teachers on strike were picketing with signs for more pay. One teacher's sign demanded the superintendent "shud pay us what weer wurth!" Another teacher leaned over and said, "For your sake, I do hope he doesn't."

Eloquently spoken!

If pay scales are ever going to reach an acceptable level, teachers must be qualified. Of all people who ought to know reading, writing and arithmetic, teachers should.

The Question of Merit

Then there is the question of teacher advancement and pay based on merit—success in the classroom. This sounds good at first, but no one has yet devised an effective method for evaluating teachers. It is subjective.

A few years ago I took a course on the history of higher education. I don't think I ever had a teacher more interesting in the classroom—he was truly a teacher's teacher. Students in the School of Education clamored to get his section of the required course.

But in university life, most

teachers are evaluated on how much they publish—not only on how well they teach.

This teacher loved teaching so much and was so good at teaching that he didn't find time to publish often enough in educational journals and magazines. When evaluated for tenure, he was turned down because he had not published sufficiently. Yet his classes were full. All the students I talked to said he was the best teacher they had ever had (and this was in the doctoral program).

Those teachers who can inspire, motivate and lift the spirits of students need recognition. Up to now they have had to be content with a file drawer full of appreciative letters from former students.

The future of education is at stake. The next generation and the one after that are in our hands today. We need quality teachers and safe schools.

There is little chance the most capable lawyers, doctors, corporate executives, accountants and businessmen are going to retrain as teachers and school administrators.

But the rewards of teaching and school administration are great. The joy of seeing children learn, grow, progress, overcome is beyond explanation.

If men and women of high school and college age see the challenge of teaching for what it really is, if they knew it would become one of the most highly respected professional fields, if they knew it would have sufficient and comparable financial rewards as other professions, you would see a new flood of students to the field of education.

And it would not be a flood of those who didn't know what else to do, of substandard students who couldn't measure up to law, business and medicine courses. It would be a flood of the most capable men and women in the nation.

If parents, administrators and teachers would rally together with the intent to ban polydrug abuse, to improve conditions, to restore discipline and make the schools safe and to strive for excellence, we would be on the way to solving our education dilemma.

In a short time the furor over teachers and education would cease! □

Leadership?

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The problem is profound.

From the record of history—and, even more so, *prophecy*—the outcome of such irresolution is plain.

This world is headed for a time when leaders of major nations will *not* be reasonable men. For the sake of order and survival, unreasonable people will obtain control by default and make decisive, confident decisions to meet extraordinary crises. They will move history in new and perilous directions of their own choosing.

If events continue on their present course, we must sooner or later enter a new age of political despotism and social and religious barbarism. The world will find itself at the mercy of leaders who, though morally disqualified, will exercise enormous power—power divorced from reason, power that will bring unparalleled ruin on the world!

Understand this: What we call “civilization” is largely a veneer, a facade, a pretense. World War II shows that the line between civilization and barbarism in Europe and Asia is a fine one indeed! Civilization has been built on the sandy foundation of denial of basic human behavior patterns, of repression of the dark side of human nature. When times are good, the pretense of civilization holds.

But as economic and social conditions deteriorate and human nature is unleashed in its full fury by self-willed, bellicose, intemperate men governed only by passions and prejudices, civilization rapidly crumbles to dust!

Bad News—Then Good!

Bible prophecy *confirms* the reality of the dangers that history indicates lie ahead.

Jesus Christ revealed that we are headed into a time of tribulation “such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever shall be” (Matt. 24:21). It will be the most awful international catastrophe in earth’s history!

It will be a time when “nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom” (verse 7). And—if not supernaturally cut short—it would be a time so

perilous that “there should *no flesh* be saved [alive]” (verse 22).

Bible prophecy also tells us that the days ahead will be a time of despotism on a scale unmatched in history! Most prominent among the end-time tyrants will be one symbolically called “the Beast.”

The Beast is a great dictator revealed in the Apocalypse or book of Revelation. He is to rule over 10 nations or groups of nations, centered in Europe, just before the return of Jesus Christ (Rev. 17:12-13).

More than 25 centuries ago, the prophet Daniel recorded a description of this coming despot:

“And in the latter time . . . a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty . . . and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people” (Dan. 8:23-24).

This tyrant is portrayed as proud, insolent, merciless, a manipulator, cunning in the art of political maneuvering—the epitome and culmination of the worst in despots throughout history. He and others will plunge the earth into a new and terrifying—and thankfully brief—Dark Age!

To save humanity from total destruction Jesus Christ will return to rule as King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:16). He will return to a world in ruins, foul with corruption, the victim of its own false ways. He will “destroy them which destroy [or corrupt] the earth” (Rev. 11:18). He will then establish *God’s* kingdom over all nations, replacing the governments of man.

Man will then learn the supreme lesson—that human beings, cut off from God and rejecting his knowledge, *do not know* the way to peace (Isa. 59:8).

The reason?

This world’s problems are essentially *spiritual* in nature. They cannot be solved through the use of mere physical knowledge alone. That’s why leaders may use all of their productive skills and knowledge and ingenuity—and *still* be unable to master the problems that confront them! They might prolong the life of their societies by compe-

tent action—but never indefinitely!

Apart from God, leaders can only grope in darkness, struggling in vain against forces far beyond their ken. Mankind through history has rejected the only knowledge that would allow its governments to succeed—the revealed knowledge of God and his way!

Man’s attempts to rule his own way, apart from God’s revelation of essential knowledge, have proved utterly *disastrous*. Man has proven his complete incapability of ruling himself!

God is permitting the world to go its own way, to learn for itself the bitter lesson that the Satan-inspired way of *rejecting* the laws and government of God can in the end bring nothing but calamity.

Most would never believe it—*now*.

The good news Jesus Christ brought is an *announcement*—a proclamation that the imperfect, humanly devised governments of this world are soon to pass into history, to be replaced by the world-ruling perfect government of God!

It is going to happen—but only after mankind learns some hard lessons through bitter experience!

Moreover, Jesus Christ is not going to do this ruling by himself! He is coming to set up a highly organized **WORLD GOVERNMENT**, with many positions of authority—positions that will be filled by former humans who, in this life, have qualified for a position in the kingdom or government of God. They will not be elected by men, nor will they selfishly seize power—but rather will be appointed and set in office by God’s appointed ruler, Jesus Christ.

Then the earth will at last have leaders who will not be overwhelmed by events, and who will not be corrupted by great power—leaders who will understand that true leadership comes through *serving others* (Mark 10:43-45).

A new age is coming! This “present evil world” (Gal. 1:4) is soon to pass away. In place of this world’s civilizations, all nations will learn the great lesson that *God’s* government is the only way that will produce the lasting peace and prosperity that all peoples seek! □

When an Earthquake Strikes...

Santiago, Chile

FOR Rebeca Martinez, it was a moment she would never forget.

The evening of March 3, 1985, she was bathing when the powerful earthquake struck.

The walls, the roof and the floor began to shake violently. Instinctively, she dashed for the door. But the walls were pressing against the door frame and had jammed the door shut. With the sudden strength one is able to muster as life is threatened, she heaved and the door flung open.

She leaped out and a second later the heavy roof and walls came crashing down. She watched horrified as much of the bathroom fell to the second floor below. She ran downstairs amid the sound of falling plaster, bricks and wood. She made it out the front door as her husband covered her with a towel.

Fortunately for this Santiago family, none were injured, but much of the house lay in ruins. The earthquake, which finally was estimated at 7.8 on the Richter scale, left a million people either homeless or with heavy damages to their houses. Close to 200 people died and thousands were injured in what authorities consider to be one of the most destructive earthquakes in the Western Hemisphere in this century. Over a thousand after shocks occurred in the first four weeks after the earthquake.

What happens when an earth-



On March 4, 1985, Esperanza Street in Santiago.

quake strikes? What goes through a person's mind? How is one's life affected?

For Rebeca Martinez, the young housewife of the story, her thoughts were of escaping. In her desperation as she fought to open the door, she began to pray for help. Yet she had not attended any church for years. As a result of her close brush with death, she is searching for a greater and more secure Power in her life.

"I felt so helpless and insignificant in the midst of all the crumbling walls. I thought for a moment the end of the world had come and I was not ready. I now want to draw closer to God and know why I am alive."

Many of those seriously affected by the quake did think in those two destructive minutes that the end of the world had come. Soledad Cornejo, a university student, said, "We have been through two other terrible earthquakes. My mother saw in the earthquake of 1965 how the houses came down on the people. This one was so violent that I thought the

earth would open and swallow all of us.... There was no place to escape."

For those who did not suffer damage, their attitude was markedly different. Edgar Baerwald, a businessman, was on the 10th floor of an apartment building at the time of the quake. "All I thought about was how terribly long it was and how to calm my aging mother. Now, I have a hard time

going to sleep and am more nervous than normal."

For the first week after the quake, most churches were filled with frightened people. But after things returned to a more normal pace, the attendance figures came back to the prequake average.

Rebeca Martinez attended church once after her terrible ordeal in search for some answers to her existence. "I have seen a need to draw closer to God," she said, "but there are so many problems I need to deal with now. I have difficulties in my home and now I have to find a way to build the house again."

Her initial search for the answers about life and the purpose of her existence will probably diminish as the pressing needs of the moment become her primary concern. Though she will never forget those horrible moments when her life was at stake, those moments of drawing closer to God will dim as life's daily problems again become the priority.

—Mario Seiglie

West German?

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ments to be translated into two more official tongues.

American journalist William Pfaff vividly explained the German frustration with the European Community: "To create Europe was an appropriate task for Germans. But that opportunity has now been taken away from Germany.... Now that the Community has ceased to be core Europe, the serious political potential of 'Europe' has been lost, and Germany has thereby been deprived of the possibility of transcending its nationalism and its history by becoming a part of a whole."

Thus, West Germany is approaching a crossroads. "America is no longer the answer," adds Mr. Pfaff. "At the same time, the European Community steadily diminishes in moral importance for the Germans—a mere mercantile arrangement."

Mr. Reagan's Appeal

Another fundamental reason for the decline in the attractiveness of the European Community is that it has so far left unresolved the age-old German Question—how the Germans are to be reunited as one folk—an issue that older Germans have generally left to the distant future, but that younger Germans today are increasingly interested in seeing settled in their lifetime.

In light of the above, one of President Reagan's least dramatized stops on his state visit to West Germany may prove one day to be the most significant.

He delivered an inspirational speech to several thousand young Germans who had gathered to hear him on the grounds of the historic Schloss Hambach, the cradle of German democracy in the 1830s.

The President declared that the "new Europe" was not yet complete because it was "divided by concrete walls, by electrified barbed wire and by mined fields... killing fields."

To loud applause of the students—he was interrupted 40 times!—he continued: "Nothing could make our hearts more glad than to see the day when there will

be no more walls, no more guns to keep loved ones apart."

Calling for the unification of Germany within the framework of a united Europe, the President declared that "democracy will only be complete, Europe will only be united when *all* Germans and all Europeans are finally free."

Two days later, speaking to the European Parliament assembled in Strasbourg, the President returned to the theme of a united Europe:

"It is my hope, our hope, that in the 21st century—which is only 15 years away—all Europeans, from Moscow to Lisbon, will be able to travel without a passport and the free flow of people and ideas will include the other half of Europe. It is my fervent wish that in the next century there will be one, free Europe."

Earlier that same day, European Parliament President Pierre Pflimlin eloquently spoke of the dream of a united Europe—one incorporating the great cities of Dresden (in East Germany), Warsaw, Prague and Budapest.

Dreaming of such a union may seem now to be a "vain hope," said Mr. Pflimlin, "but no one can stop us of dreaming of a complete Europe united in peace."

The Heart of Europe

Partly because of its geographic location, equally so because of the dynamic nature of its people, Germany, divided or united, remains at the heart of Europe. And Europe's future will once again, as so often in the past, be decided by Germany's decisions.

In the year 962, Otto the Great revived the Roman Empire in the West, which became the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation.

William I, who became German emperor in 1871, spearheaded a "Second Reich." He had wanted to be crowned with what he called the true crown—the Holy Roman crown dating back to Otto's time—reposing in Vienna. Being Protestant, he was denied this request.

That newly united Germany did not claim the Holy Roman succession. And Hitler's Third Reich was essentially a summoning up of Teutonic warrior gods, a time of what author George Bailey calls "Ger-

many's strongest and most harmful illusion."

But, Mr. Bailey emphasizes in his book, *Germans*, "the dream of the Holy Roman Empire has remained. It has bemused every generation of Germans since Charlemagne."

Moreover, the Empire was always bound with the fortunes of the Church in Europe—Emperor and Pope, secular and religious authority intertwined.

And as author Bailey asks, in a most intriguing manner: "Can we be sure that history has written *finis* to what was perhaps the grandest design ever conceived by man: the Holy Roman Empire?"

Exactly *how* the union of Europe will come about, is not yet clear. Many events must yet transpire. A new leadership in the Soviet Union as well as declining economic fortunes of the entire East bloc are factors to consider. A split between Western Europe and the United States, leading to a withdrawal of American forces, must certainly also occur along the way.

The Bible clearly reveals there will be a 10-nation end-time revival of the Roman system in Europe. It would seem at this moment that the vital ingredients essential to give life to a largely apathetic Western Europe are still frozen inside Eastern Europe.

With regard to religion, the flames of religious zeal still burn bright in Poland, whereas the lights are dim in the secularized Western societies. Pope John Paul II's rude reception in the Netherlands earlier this year made this point abundantly clear.

In the secular field, German patriotism will not be revitalized until the Federal Republic can be linked with what some call the fossilized German state in the East.

Thus, in a roundabout manner, German disillusionment with its American "big brother," plus its inability to recover a sense of purely national pride and patriotism, could rebound into a greater German zeal for a Europe united politically and religiously. This in turn could lead to the biggest dream of all: a reunited German nation in the heart of Europe, one Germans would feel proud of again. □

NEWS OVERVIEW



Understanding World Events and Trends



New Caledonia's European youth on parade. KANAK leader Tjibaou beside photo of fallen leader Machoro.

primarily for its rich nickel deposits and enticing beaches, New Caledonia is home to some 140,000 residents.

Now civil war between pro- and anti-independence forces looms as a distinct possibility.

The original Melanesians, called Kanaks, constitute 43 percent of the population. It is from their ranks that most of the pro-independence activists come. Opposing them are the bulk of 52,000 French settlers and a minority of Asians and Pacific islanders who wish to remain under the flag of France.

Increasing tensions have caused tourism to drop. The island has become an armed camp in many

areas, and violent clashes have taken their toll on human lives and property.

President Mitterrand of France proposed a referendum on autonomy for 1989. The separatists, however, clamor to have it earlier, perhaps in 1986; parliamentary elections are due in France in 1986, and they fear a conservative swing could make independence harder to achieve. The separatists' National Liberation Front has already set up its own provisional government.

Many French settlers accuse Paris of planning to abandon its children. They want no part of independence. Washington, while leaving hands off, has its eyes on the situation.

More than rhetoric is involved in claims that "foreign powers" are behind the scenes, stirring things up. Libya's Muammar Kadhafi last year proclaimed that it is time to "liberate the French colonies," and he played host to leaders of the New Caledonian independence movement.

Independence for New Caledonia could help pro-independence moves elsewhere in the South Pacific, as well as in the French West Indies. A New Caledonia "in the wrong hands," some say, would be destabilizing.

As a prominent French weekly put it, "Neither Australia nor New Zealand has any desire today to have a Cuba at their doorsteps." ■

Trouble in Paradise

"Yanks, Come Back!" Those are strange words to be seen on a banner being waved by a group of demonstrators. But the plea is not so farfetched to at least some French citizens of New Caledonia.

This traditionally serene South Pacific island, situated off the northeast coast of Australia, is a remnant of France's colonial past. Renowned



Model of dome of the 400-inch (10-meter) Keck Telescope. The world's largest optical telescope, funded by a grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation, will be built atop Mauna Kea on the island of Hawaii.

Color Copiers Threaten Currency

Advanced color photocopiers will be in use in sufficient numbers in the next two years to pose a serious threat to U.S. currency.

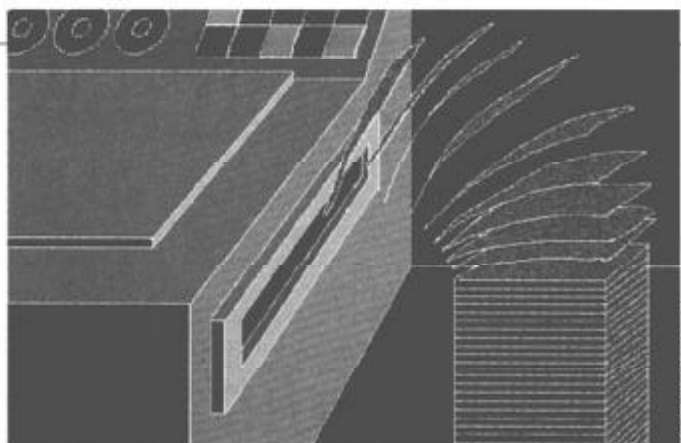
Already, U.S. currency is the most counterfeited in the world. Other countries have redesigned their currencies to meet a similar problem.

Canada and England reduced levels of counterfeiting after

converting from single-color to multicolor notes, according to Joseph Sheldrick of Battelle Columbus Laboratories, which was commissioned to study deterrents to copier counterfeiting.

Last year in England a new 20-pound note was issued. A security thread appears as a line of silver dashes down the front of the bill; when held up to light it appears continuous.

Last November, Japan changed its currency, already among the hardest to counterfeit, by introducing a special ink



and increasing the number of lines in portraits.

The United States, with one of the few remaining one-color currencies, is also considering changes, among them pastel colors, security threads and optically variable devices.

Optically variable devices such as holograms, in use now on some credit cards, would create shifting images as viewed when the bill is moved. But they are too expensive and "we're not that sure of the technology yet," Robert J.

Leuver, director of the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing, told *The Plain Truth*.

But will counterfeiting cease when these deterrents are used?

According to Mr. Sheldrick: "The professional criminal will put forth additional efforts to compromise the deterrents, and it has been demonstrated that given enough time and money, methods are available to compromise essentially all of these deterrents." ■

Chile's Costly Earthquakes

Chile's March 3 earthquake, one of the most intense in the nation's history, also could well turn out to be the most

expensive.

Original government estimates of damages were US\$538 million. But later the government trebled the figures. The severe quake caused damages requiring replacement of 200,000 homes plus damages to numerous public buildings, schools, hospitals, water and sewage works, roads, ports, transport and telecommunications, power supplies, mining and agriculture.

Since 1900 Chile has suffered 150 tremors of 6.5 or more on the Richter scale (powerful enough to do serious damage to buildings and human structures), with 300,000 deaths.

The March quake added a heavy burden to a nation

Despite the widespread belief that smoking marijuana is harmless, if not helpful, scientific research is proving quite the opposite.

"Smoking one marijuana joint is probably equal to smoking a pack of cigarettes a day," says Dr. Alfred Munzer, a member of the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association.

Laboratory tests show that marijuana smoke contains about 50 percent more cancer-causing substances than cigarette smoke. Because marijuana smokers inhale more deeply, burn as much of the joint as possible and do not use filters, the deleterious effects are multiplied. ■

already struggling to overcome severe economic difficulties. Many industries were apparently lulled into a sense of false security by the unusual lapse between major earthquakes.

Since the 1940s, Chile had suffered at least

one such catastrophe during each six-year presidential term. General Augusto Pinochet Ugarte had ruled for more than 11 years without a major quake. The disaster again showed the dramatic impact earthquakes have on 20th-century civilization. Personal reactions to the Chilean trauma are reported in this issue of *The Plain Truth*. ■

Aftermath of earthquake, San Antonio, Chile. Map to left: selected Richter scale readings.



Drug Use Epidemic

Drug abuse has reached unprecedented proportions worldwide, even threatening the security of some nations, according to the annual report of the International Narcotics Control Board. Illicit production, trafficking and the abuse of drugs—legal and illegal—now affects record numbers of people.

Among the findings:

- The situation in Western Europe is "grim and deteriorating," with heroin use in particular "a major public health problem." Britain, West Germany and Italy reported the largest amounts of heroin seized last year, while the Netherlands, France and Belgium were also gravely affected. Cocaine is also "a major drug of abuse," with large amounts seized in Spain, Belgium, France and West Germany. Amphetamine

misuse is greatest in Scandinavia.

- In Canada, "Abuse and illicit traffic in drugs constitute serious and growing concerns. Cannabis and its derivatives remain the most extensively abused... Cocaine is increasingly becoming the second drug of abuse..."

- Drug production, especially cocaine, and trafficking continue to expand in Latin America and the Caribbean.

- The Middle East "remains a major source of opiates for the international illicit traffic. Over one half of the heroin seized in North America and around 70 percent seized in Western Europe during the first seven months of 1984 originate in the Near and Middle East."

- Traffickers in economically depressed areas of Africa have put that continent "at great risk."

- Countries such as Brazil have been transformed from

transit routes into cocaine production centers.

While drug abuse remains a serious problem in the United States, overall percentages of current and new abusers seem to be leveling off within some age groups. According to a University of Michigan survey, there is a growing aversion

to marijuana, cigarettes and alcohol among high-school seniors, while the level of cocaine use has not changed since 1979 among that group.

The World Health Organization estimates that there are some 48 million drug abusers worldwide, and the number is increasing. ■

Italy Battles Tax Dodgers

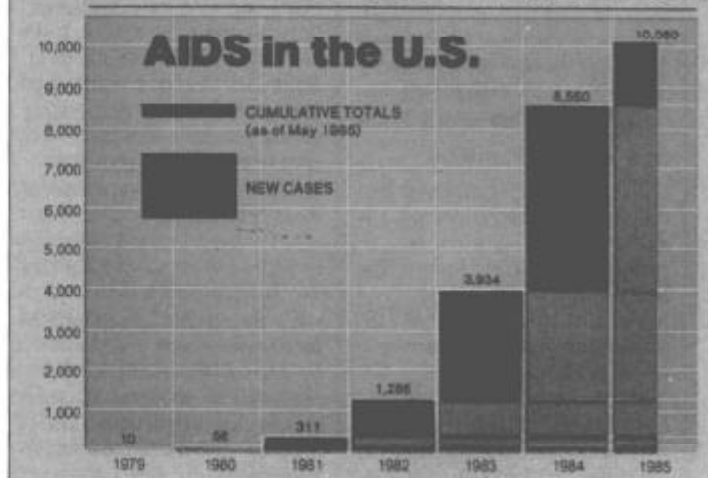
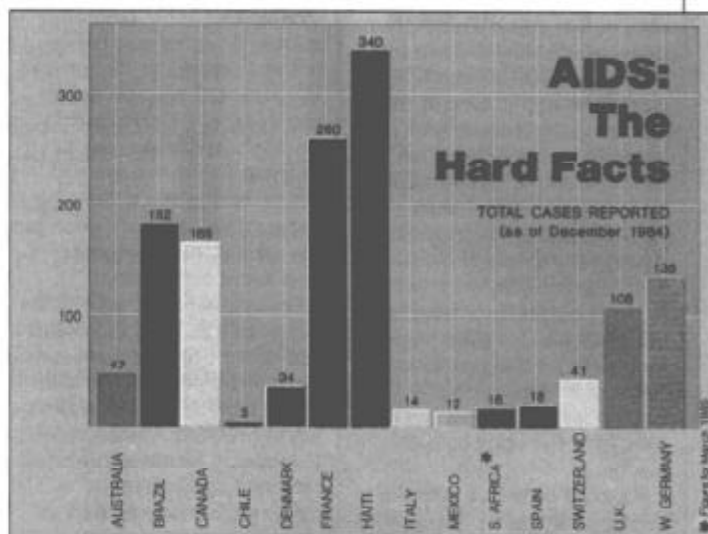
A friend of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini once commented that Italy must be difficult to govern. "It is not difficult," replied Mussolini. "It is impossible."

Part of the difficulty the Italian government faces is how to deal with tax dodgers. The trouble is that avoiding one's taxes is

seen by many as one more necessary duty in *l'arte di arrangiarsi*—the art of getting by.

Finance Minister Bruno Visentini is armed with a battery of computers to identify the country's millions who refuse to pay their share of taxes. Behind him stand Italy's trade unions and hourly wage earners who are unable to avoid taxes because of payroll deductions.

Shopkeepers and salaried workers are the main targets for investigation. According to government reports, the average shopkeeper declares an annual income less than that of his employees. Professionals and other salaried workers often report similarly "poor



incomes."

Mr. Visentini plans to curtail what is seen as massive fraud by closing tax loopholes.

Opposition to the finance minister is significant, however. Some even fear that the Craxi government could collapse over the issue. But the socialist government feels something must be done to spread the burden of Italy's generous welfare system

evenly and fairly among all taxpayers. And it is the fairness issue that has divided the nation's business and working classes.

In Italy, the unemployed can receive 80 percent of their income in a welfare system increasingly financed by the wage earners. Yet businessmen complain that obeying the law would greatly increase their costs. ■



HENRI PARMENTIER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Art of Grandparenting

I have just received my (or rather my husband's) second copy of *The Plain Truth* and again, everything else had to wait while I had a "quick" glance through it. One of the articles that particularly interested me was "The Art of Grandparenting" by Ronald Kelly, especially as I am a 47 year old grandmother of six. Also, in the theme of Ronald Kelly's article, my 80 year old father is currently writing his life story which I am typing for him, an enjoyable task as I am learning all sorts of family history and facts about my parents in the years before I was born.

I should be most grateful if you could let me have a copy of the free booklet mentioned in Mr. Kelly's article, *The Early Years of Herbert W. Armstrong*.

L.L. Slingsby
Chelmsford, Essex

Sex Without Marriage

I was terribly distressed by the startling revelations of author Schroeder when he says, "The central Harlem health district reports 80 percent of babies are born out of wedlock." And, according to Mrs. Eleanor Holmes Norton, former New York City Human Rights Commissioner, these fatherless children "are virtually guaranteed to grow up with problems of the most severe kind. . . . They are the ones most likely to become truants and jobless, to be engaged in violent crime."

How could there be peace and tranquility in this world when such a staggering proliferation of human beings born out of wedlock are not reared properly because of the lack of appropriate guidance from loving, responsible fathers?

Angel G. Florentino
Long Beach, California

In the April edition of your magazine you wrote of sex before marriage as if it is a terrible sin. What does it matter if you're married or not as long as you like or love the person. I am not against marriage, but I certainly wouldn't advise any one to wait until they are married before having sex if they happen to . . . like someone but not enough to get married. You use most of your magazine to tell of prophecies and what the Lord God likes and doesn't like yet never seem to try to make sensible suggestions as to how various world problems can be solved. However, I would still like to receive a copy of your magazine because as well as being informative and useful for my studies at school I like to read what God thinks is right and wrong. I really think it is quite comical that people actually believe and do as 'He' says without even trying to find out WHY they are doing what 'He' says.

T. Malcolm
Edinburgh

• We do not make suggestions as to how world problems will be solved. We announce how they will be solved — by the restoration of the spiritual laws of God under the government of Jesus Christ. It is the breaking of these laws that is the cause of world problems. The devastating disease AIDS, for example, would not be spreading if premarital sex and homosexual and extramarital sex ceased.

A colleague recently lent me your magazine. I am amazed to find and understand just how foolish man can and has become.

Your articles explain and provide the answers to most of the world's present day

problems—which, if only man will accept, can lead to the better world we all wish for and seek.

But just how can man be taught to believe and be led to this better way? How can the man in the street be approached? How can the church-goer abandon some of the smugness deriving from the false satisfaction of 'I go to church every week—that's my bit done'? When will such people realize that with their knowledge of the 'Book of Rules' they can be the leaders and show the example towards this better future?

These are but a few thoughts implanted by your magazine. They are but an unintentional preliminary to my very simple request to be put on your mailing list.

Looking forward to a very simple education in this so very unnecessarily complex world of Christianity.

Ernest R. Self
Stockport, Cheshire

Abortion

Your article on abortion published in the May, 1985 issue (written by Ronald Toth) was interesting. Obviously it was written by a man.

Just to share a few observations: Women do not debate endlessly on whether a fetus is alive, or human, or viable, or whatever. Women know these things. No woman expects a fetus to grow into anything nonhuman! Also, they do not expect a fetus not to be a living entity—if there was any doubt about its living nature, more women would take a chance that it wasn't a living organism, and would not pay to have an abortion. Women know this is human, that it is alive, and that it is or will be viable. That is why they have abortions. Because they know

this, and THAT is the problem: the fetus is alive, it is human, it is viable, and THEREFORE it will 1) cost \$100,000 (U.S. government figures) to raise to maturity and social usefulness, 2) require 24-hour-a-day care, much of it unshared, hard physical labor, 3) cause embarrassment to its mother and father if they aren't married, and more so if they are married—but not to each other, 4) endanger the health of its mother while gestating, 5) provide a work load for its mother which may not, by both law and custom, be compensated for monetarily, 6) etc, etc, etc.

Your article provided few answers for these very real concerns. Abortion is convenient? Yes, it is. So is the refusal of men to wear condoms. It is inconvenient for them to spend a few dollars, or a few minutes. For their inconvenience of a few dollars and a few minutes, a woman is expected to pay \$100,000 and 12 to 21 years—yes, YEARS—of hard labor.

Your article of five pages railing against the horrors of abortion spent three sentences suggesting that "the decision of whether or not to have children should be made before conception, not after." How true! So next month, I will expect an article of five pages on birth control, and three sentences on abortion as an alternative to that if the man refuses to equip himself.

Judith A. Kowalski
Associate Director for Studies
The American Lutheran Church,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

• Queries on family planning receive response by personal letter.

I found your article on "The Plain Truth about Abortion" in the May issue very informative. The startling

statistics of abortion performed worldwide clearly point out that we definitely have a problem. I generally agreed with the writer, Ronald S. Toth and his anti-abortion position, but he failed to present both sides of the issue. True, abortion is cruel and inhumane, but who are we (human beings) to condemn other human beings? A case in point: a 13-year-old girl, unwed, and impregnated by a rapist or by incest. Would abortion be appropriate in such a case? Whether we would answer "yes" or "no," it's not for us to decide. It should be a decision solely between her and God. I'm 19, and if I was in that position, I think I would choose abortion. Condemn me for it if you will, but at least I would know it was a decision based on personal choice and hopefully, I'd hope God's choice, too.

Helen J. Lee
Huntington Beach, California

• May we suggest you reread what we said near the beginning of the article:
"And women need to protect themselves against rape. Local police or reference librarians can provide much needed information about rape. Any woman who becomes victimized by a rapist should seek professional help immediately. Don't delay. Don't wait three months or three weeks or even three days. Seek medical advice immediately."

I was reading the article in your May, 1985 issue on abortion. As the article stated, "Humans have chosen to defy the higher law. They have been allowed to do so for nearly 6,000 years. Without fully realizing it, human beings have taken it upon themselves to decide right and wrong. That is the sole preserve of a much higher authority who has established a great law to govern mankind." But all sins and crimes start with that little bending of God's law. It (today's abortion) started with the "little bending" where incest, rape, and the mother's health were an exception to God's law of killing the

unborn lives and has gone down hill since then.

Eugene L. Osina
Houston, Texas

I am responding to the article "The Plain Truth about Abortion" by Ronald S. Toth in the May Issue.

The paragraph which read as follows: "Today, within a growing number of historically predominantly Catholic nations legalized abortion has become a major form of birth control" could be interpreted by non-Catholics as inferring the church sanctions abortion. Not so. In fact the Catholic church was among the first of churches, if not the first, to denounce abortion.

The predominately Catholic nations where abortion is practiced are under Russia's governing rule.

Ethel Paz
Fresno, California

• The sentence immediately following should have made this clear. "In Communist-led Poland . . ."

Turkey

Your article "Turkey" is replete with downright callousness in dealing with oppressed peoples, the systematic genocide of half a dozen minorities, and above all the brutal destruction of Cyprus by the Turks whom you find it expedient to vest with qualities and attributes that simply are not there. A qualified researcher would have painted quite another picture. To just dwell on Cyprus, he would have said something like this: "To understand what happened to poor Cyprus, one would have to contemplate the US being invaded by a foreign power, occupying 40 percent of its land, evicting 50 percent of its people from their homes, and threatening what is still unoccupied by the invader." You chose, how sad, to call this Turkish action "intervention in Northern Cyprus."

George James Gianakos
Washington, D.C.

I would like to thank you for publishing some significant

facts about Turkey. As you expressed, Turkey finds itself in a unique position to serve as a bridge between the Muslim East and the Christian West. Despite the fact that the Western world has discriminated against Turkey because of its Muslim heritage, I believe Turkey is sure to find its identity in the Western world. The thing to do here is by all means to try to enlighten the Western public about who we Turks are or aren't. The wrong image of the past that we are eastern peasants, barbarous and responsible for the fall of Christianity must have a stop.

Cemal Karahan
Kahraman-Maras, Turkey

In your recent article entitled "Turkey: About to Erupt in the News" I am very disappointed to find that no mention was made at all about the Armenian Church which is one of the oldest branches of Christianity, older than the Church of Rome or that of Byzantium. Armenia was the first nation to officially accept Christianity as its official religion in A.D. 314. One of the first monasteries ever founded was by the Armenian Church in A.D. 350 after the translation of the Bible into Armenian.

Even though Armenia is no longer recognized as a nation because of the conquest of the Turks and the large scale massacres during World War I of the Armenians, it does not mean that the Armenian Church is no longer active. On the contrary, you will find branches of the Church in the U.S., Europe and even in exotic places like Brazil and Australia. All these branches stemmed from the original monastery of Echmiadzin where the head of the Armenian Church, the Catholicos, resides.

V. Asdourian
San Francisco, California

As an Armenian, I read Mr. K.W. Stump's article "Turkey, About to Erupt in the News!" Like many other authors on Turkey, Mr. Stump seems to, consciously

or not, sweep the whole of the Armenian Question under the carpet of history wishing it to go away. Naturally, it has not and will not go away unless the nation of Turkey comes to terms with its undeniable bloody past with regard to the Armenian nation. I would have thought it highly topical under the circumstances. Also what about the ethnically very distinct Kurds? I consider both the Armenian and Kurdish Questions to be very much alive and the West can ignore these two potential time-bombs at its peril.

This [last] April Armenians all over the world [commemorated] the 70th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Both survivors of our holocaust and the new generations [repeated] their peaceful calls to Turkey to recognize that a previous Turkish government was guilty of genocidal crimes against our people at the turn of this century.

Finally, it may be of interest for you to know that while Armenians were being slaughtered and forcibly removed from their homeland of two millenia, the survivors who fled to neighbouring Arab countries found safe refuge amongst Arab muslims. For this Armenians will be eternally grateful.

Dr. R.B. Raghdjian
Manchester

General Comments

I was born in Portugal but was raised and educated in Canada and have been away overseas from my family and native country quite often and over long stretches in the past. This experience, I feel, has helped me to get acquainted with life and the world abroad to some degree.

Ever since I first picked up and read a copy of your magazine in an optometrist's waiting room in Toronto, I've found it to be illuminating, smooth to read and understand, and a solace in the thick of the diverse anxieties and troubles each of us faces in this ever more complicated world.

Daniel Rodrigues
Monção, Portugal

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