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The Use of *Tape Recorders* in Our Church

In a recent conference with the other ministers here at Headquarters Church, Mr. Armstrong made a final decision about the use of tape recorders in Church services and College classrooms. You need to know WHY such a decision was made!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

DURING the ministerial conferences in January, the subject of tape recording was discussed. Tape recorders were becoming a major consideration in the Church services, at the annual Holy Day meetings, and to a small extent, even in the College classrooms.

The question which arose at that time concerned *whether everyone* should make his own tape recordings, or *whether one* person should be authorized to do so. It was already becoming clear that we had to reduce the number of those making tape recordings.

As a result of that discussion, it was decided to permit Mr. C. O. Battles, of the Headquarters Church here in Pasadena, to be responsible for taking the sermons on tape, dubbing them and mailing them out to those who would be interested.

Mr. Norman Smith, an ordained Evangelist, and Radio Studio Technician, was designated as the Minister in charge of these recordings.

However, *new factors have come to our attention*, and many more points have since had to be considered. The question which has finally come to our attention is *whether we ought to permit* recordings of sermons or classroom dis-

cussions to be made and distributed generally among members.

Why This Is God's Church

You need to understand WHY such a decision had to be *reviewed!*

This is the Church of God—not of Herbert W. Armstrong, or of some group of men—but the Church of GOD! God RULES in His Church. Jesus Christ is the living, active HEAD of this Church, and it is *He* who guides and leads His true ministers into greater knowledge and understanding (Eph. 5:26).

In most churches, if such a situation arose, the ministers would immediately begin considering the "*feelings*" of the people! They would reason out whether or not the PEOPLE would "go along" with their decision or not.

If it was obvious that a large number of people were affected, and sums of money might be involved—they would almost invariably decide—NOT what is GOD'S WILL on the subject—but WHAT WILL PLEASE THE PEOPLE!

But this isn't like other churches—it is GOD'S Church.

We cannot reason in this manner, and, praise to our Creator, we DID NOT reason in this manner in the recent meeting. We tried to find, instead, what

is for the GOOD of the people—what is GOD'S WILL in the matter!

That is another of the sure proofs of God's Church!

Some Pitfalls to Avoid

Many of you are affected by this decision—you need to face a few cold facts and realize *why* it was made.

First, there is ample information from those who own and use tape recorders themselves concerning some of the hazards and pitfalls of their use.

For example, one owner and user of a tape recorder said his recorder was becoming a crutch—that there was a tendency to daydream, to assure himself what he *didn't* manage to take down on notes, or whatever he *missed* in the actual sermon or the class—he could always get later on.

Brethren—let's face the plain truth! *Many* who have utilized tape recorders have repeatedly DOZED through many sermons—simply because they were convinced they would find time to "listen to it later," and so they MISSED the vital *personal* message—the direct contact with God's ministers AT THE TIME OF THE SERMON—*putting it off* until LATER!

We should all understand human

nature enough to *know* how easy it is to convince yourself you're going to faithfully study the tape *later*—and then keep putting it off until it is forgotten. Meanwhile, the actual inspired delivery of the message was missed!

There is the psychological pitfall involved of the attitude of the "observer." That is, the "technician" who, sitting either at the side, in the front, or even *behind* the minister who is earnestly addressing God's people, is more concerned with getting a "good tape" from the sermon than DRINKING IN of the WORD OF GOD—letting the sermon apply PERSONALLY, INDIVIDUALLY, letting the self be CORRECTED! It is easy to believe the minister doesn't mean ME! Tape recorders only make it *easier* to believe this.

A Financial Burden

On the retail market, the average recorder costs from \$180.00 to \$400.00. Mr. Battles was able to offer the machines at a savings, for \$150.00. *However*, when you consider the average *financial ability* of the members of this Church, and when you consider the *response* to the recent call for funds to build a house for God's name CAN SO MANY OF YOU REALLY AFFORD A TAPE RECORDER?

Consider this!

At the lowest possible price of \$150.00 per machine, and an additional 25 to 30 dollars invested for tapes (which is certainly a *conservative* estimate), not to even calculate the TIME consumed with the pure mechanics of recording, dubbing additional tapes, etc., the most conservative estimate would be in the neighborhood of \$175.00 *per person* for each recorder!

Probably around 300 are presently utilizing tape recorders in the Church!

At this LOW estimate, that means the staggering sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS is tied up in tape recording machines!

Such an overwhelming sum of money could well mean the difference between building and *not* building the tabernacle!

Brethren—if Mr. Armstrong has to send special letters to PLEAD with you for a pledge for the tabernacle—certainly we can't afford to spend, collectively, a great sum such as this on tape recorders!

Is It a Study Aid?

Here at the College, some few have recorded certain of the Bible classes. However, God's College is DIFFERENT from other colleges! The professor does not simply lecture the students—whereupon they MEMORIZE what he *said*!

Rather, the student is invited to *question*—to do individual *research* on the

questions presented in class. Oftentimes, the instructor may present new ideas on prophecy, ask questions of the class about it—thus the whole class forms a research body—and many new points have come to light in this manner.

But—when, for example, some ideas may later prove to be inadequate, and are revised, the *class* is corrected on it—and all grow in knowledge. But consider the tape recordings. In the meantime, some may be listening to tapes of old classes—and the material discussed may already have been *altered* by the time the tape is played the second time!

One woman, who had been studying a series of recorded classes said: "I have quit studying with these tapes since I have noticed the things said are sometimes revised."

Not everyone has the capabilities of research. Not everyone has the "school" mind to follow and *comprehend* that which is presented in college classrooms. For that reason tapes of college classes, without the personal contact, the opportunity to ask questions as they arise, and seeing any illustrations the professor may put on the board—such tapes are not an aid, but may prove to be a *hindrance* to real study.

The Feast Days

Many of the brethren have wanted to preserve the tapes of sermons delivered at the Feast of Tabernacles—some for their own study, others, presumably, for their families or friends—or perhaps for other interested people they hope to convert.

First and foremost, our Church services are not for the UNconverted, but for the FLOCK OF GOD! If you have unconverted friends, ask them to listen to the broadcast, or write for the magazine and booklets—DO NOT bring them to Church, or play tapes of Church services to them.

Undoubtedly, tape recordings have been the direct reason for SOME in God's Church TO STAY AWAY FROM THE FEASTS because they have been led to believe they can get the same amount of good out of a tape recording as from the Feast itself!

Brethren! If this were true—God would command NO ONE TO COME! The ministers could all preach to a room full of squeaking tape recorders, and send them to all the members in their homes!

But this is NOT God's way!

God tells us to feed the flock with "meat in *due season*!" "Canning" the spiritual meat, and trying to digest it OUT of season is often like man's overdone efforts to eat summer fruit in winter by refrigeration, to eat tropical fruits in cold climates, and vice versa! That means the INDIVIDUAL is deciding WHEN

the "due season" has arrived!

Tape recordings remove the responsibility from many who are the heads of households. Instead of taking notes—and growing in the ability to *teach* (which is VITALLY important, as I showed you in the last issue in the article "God's Work is Waiting on YOU") they rely totally on getting the messages down on TAPE! Instead of TEACHING their wives and families—they simply let them hear a "canned" rendition of the same sermon.

The literal dozens of recorders that are brought to the Feasts at Gladewater present a problem of space—overloaded electric lines—hampering of the speaker systems, and a constant source of disturbance. Frequently, one will forget, and replay part of a sermon very loudly—or squeaks and squawks will come from a tape recording machine. When a tape runs to the end and begins to rapidly spin—the owner must leap up to take care of it, thus attracting the attention of the audience—AWAY from the vital messages of God during these trying times!

What Was Decided

Those of us in the ministry are regretful we did not realize the great magnitude of the problem sooner. *Had* we realized it fully, we would have said something in time to save some of you additional money you may have already spent on recording equipment.

However, if we are GOD'S Church, we *cannot* simply shrug off our responsibility, and, knowing it will work a slight hardship on some, avoid CORRECTING the situation even though we are late in doing so!

It has been decided by the ministers in the headquarters Church to exclude and prohibit tape recordings of our Church Services, Bible studies and College classes.

The Church *does* fully expect to supply the *blind* with tape recordings of our booklets and magazines when possible. Tape recorders may be of use for some whose working hours do not permit them to hear the broadcast regularly. They can be taped for private use at home to be heard later. Tape recorders are also useful for a speech professor, for example—when he deems it necessary, or a minister may ASK one of our radio studio technicians to record a certain sermon should he desire—but *carrying tape recorders to services and distributing tapes among brethren has to be discontinued!*

In the long run, this decision is going to mean INCREASED GROWTH for the Church—NOT a handicap!

You can't carry your tape recorders on the way to a place of safety when we
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Who Built the GREAT PYRAMID?

Here are surprising facts you should know—facts uncovered as a result of the trip by Dr. Meredith and Mr. Hoeh last summer in Egypt!

by Herman L. Hoeh

WHO did build the Great Pyramid at Gizeh, Egypt?—when and why was it built?

Is there some supernatural revelation hidden in its mighty stones? Was the pyramid built to make the Bible clear and understandable? Are the theories of the pyramidologists true?

And what about the "pyramid inch"—is it equal to a year in prophecy? Can chronology be accurately determined only by the pyramid?

What We Found at Gizeh

Opposite Cairo, across the Nile River, lies the most famous architectural wonder of the world—the Great Pyramid at Gizeh. It is still the world's *most massive* building. For 3500 years it was also the world's *tallest* building. Only in this last generation has man built taller buildings than the Great Pyramid. Yet the Empire State Building in New York—the *highest* building on earth today—is only about $\frac{2}{5}$ the size of the Great Pyramid!

The Cambridge Ancient History, Vol. I, page 281, declares of the Great Pyramid: ". . . its perfect building compels our admiration; its alignment [with the points of the compass] is mathematically correct; often one cannot insert a pen-knife between the joints of the stone."

"The Great Pyramid is so incredibly precise that *compass errors can be checked against it.*" writes Leonard Cottrell in his recent book *The Mountains of Pharaoh*.

Dr. Meredith and I visited the pyramids twice while in Egypt. We found the external appearance of the Great Pyramid ruined by the Arabs. For centuries they have carted away and used the polished white casing stones which once made the Pyramid gleam in the sun and moonlight. But the interior of the Pyramid remains an architectural marvel. The stones within have not moved a hair's-breadth since the day the workmen fixed them in place. The flatness of the surfaces of the stones and the squareness of their corners are extraordinary. Literally acres of polished stone surfaces—equal to opticians' work of the present day—line the passages of the Great Pyramid.

But not all is perfect workmanship. Human imperfection is noticeable in the rough, unfinished masonry on the floor

of one of the chambers. We found the floor of the "King's" chamber flagrantly out of level. All this speaks of remarkable HUMAN WORKMANSHIP—but does it speak of a divine revelation, as pyramidologists theorize? If this mighty architectural wonder is a divine revelation, where is the divine perfection?

Yet the Great Pyramid IS one of the wonders of the world. It is the only one of the seven wonders of the ancient world which still remains. Surely there is some significance in its endurance through the ages—and especially since *this Pyramid, missing its capstone, is found engraved on our money.* Why should we—the children of Joseph—engrave this Egyptian Pyramid on our money? Who was actually responsible for the building of this marvel of the ages?

Secrets of the Pyramid Lost!

When the Arabs invaded Egypt over 1100 years ago, they found the secrets of the Great Pyramid totally lost. Even its entrance was unknown. The Arab Caliph Mamoon, in the 9th century after Christ, blindly cut into the Pyramid hoping to find buried treasure in it. He accidentally reached one of the interior passageways—but no buried treasure!

But Mamoon only REOPENED the Great Pyramid. In the days of Jesus Christ, the *true entrance to the Great Pyramid was open and regularly frequented by tourists.* The entrance to it was forgotten in the days of the Catholic domination of Egypt—before the coming of the Moslem Arabs.

Strabo, the ancient Roman historian, expressly states that in his day the Great Pyramid was accessible to visitors: "It has on its side," he states, "a stone which can be moved. When it has been lifted up, a tortuous passage is seen which leads to the tomb" (bk. xvii, p. 808).

Dr. Meredith and I climbed up to this ancient entrance on the north side of the Pyramid. The entrance used today by tourists is, however, the forced entrance cut out by the Arabs. At the true entrance to the Great Pyramid we saw the hieroglyphic carving containing the name of the mighty builder of this architectural wonder of the ancient world. His name in Egyptian is spelled Khufu by modern writers. The Greeks spelled his name Cheops. That is why

the Pyramid is often called the Pyramid of Cheops today.

Who was Cheops or Khufu? When and why did he build the pyramid?

Cheops NOT an Egyptian!

The Egyptians like to boast about their pyramids. Yet the greatest pyramid of all they admit was not built by an Egyptian! And they admit that all their later copies of the Great Pyramid are quite inferior to the first one built by Khufu. The Egyptian historian Manetho, who lived in the third century before Christ, wrote that Khufu "was of a DIFFERENT RACE" from the Egyptians (*Wabben's Arts and Antiquities of Egypt*, p. 54).

Herodotus, the famous Greek historian of the 5th century before Christ, states that the builders of the Great Pyramid were SHEPHERDS (*Euterpe* §128). But the Egyptians were NOT shepherds! Notice Genesis 46:31-34:

"And Joseph said unto his brethren . . . I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house . . . are come unto me; and the men are *shepherds*. . . . And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation? That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle. . . . FOR EVERY SHEPHERD IS AN ABOMINATION UNTO THE EGYPTIANS."

The Egyptians were not shepherds. They employed others to tend their cattle. Yet Khufu, or Cheops, the builder of the Great Pyramid, *was a shepherd!*

Josephus, the Jewish historian, wrote that the Egyptians set the Israelites "to build pyramids" (*Antiquities of the Jews*, bk. II, ch. ix, §1). But the pyramids which the Israelites built during their enslavement were hastily constructed, inferior duplicates of the first mighty Pyramid of Khufu or Cheops. Who was Cheops the shepherd who built the first Pyramid?

Cheops NOT an Idolater

Cheops was not a polytheist. He was a worshipper of the One God. "Cheops closed the temples and prohibited the Egyptians from offering sacrifices," wrote Herodotus in book II of his *History*, §124. The God whom Cheops served was named "Amen" in Egyptian.

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Letters to the Editor

Healed of Cancer

"I thank God for you and all those at the college. Through your prayers God healed my body! Last December my sister wrote to you for prayer for me. You prayed and sent the prayer cloth and God healed my body. Now thank God I can do all my work. I was dying of a terrible cancer of the stomach and at that time I did not know the truth of God's Word. Now I have fully surrendered my whole life to God, to walk in his ways and to keep his commandments, obey his laws and his statutes. Please continue to pray for me. I need your prayers so much. May God bless you all."

Woman from White Stone, Virginia

Diabetes Gone!

"After all these years of running away from God, I did not have much of a purpose in living. About a year ago I became very ill with diabetes which everyone thought would be fatal. Somehow I can't explain, I was led to write you requesting prayer for healing. Thank you for prayer. Since then changes have been taking place in rapid succession. My whole life is changed. All things have become new. Health is better than ever. People marvel, and so do I, that such could ever happen to me. . . . I thank God for spiritual blessings as well as the physical blessings, and that I have a part, small as it seems, in helping get his message to others. Thanks for your radio messages as well as your helpful literature."

Woman from Garden City, Kansas

Editor's Comment: These are two of many letters coming in about miraculous healings. Since the letters of healings appeared in *The PLAIN TRUTH* recently, we have received letters telling of divine healing by God of the following ailments: rupture, diabetes, hepatitis, cancer, arthritis, high blood pressure, ulcers, pneumonia, and many other ailments. God is truly working in His Church!

Adventist Church Teachings Questioned

"I have been in a commandment keeping church for 22 years and find that I don't know too much about the Bible. There is one thing I would like to be straightened out on. Our church has a lady prophetess and we are taught that no other church has the spirit of prophecy. Somehow I don't go along with that teaching, in fact there has been a veil between her and me. Most of our people depend wholly on her books instead of the Bible to get the sermons over to us. Most of our people swallow it hook, sinker and all. There may be a few who don't—I can only speak for myself. Will you please give me an answer from the Bible?"

"One Sabbath not too long ago our teacher told his class that the time would come when we could not eat any meat at all. If we did we would be lost forever. I asked him for scriptures on that. Well, he hesitated and then gave it to me out of this lady's book. I called his attention to the fact that I wanted a 'Thus saith the Lord,' not human opinion. So far he has not given me scripture for it.

"Since reading your literature and listening to every broadcast, I ask so many questions that *he now admits he is terribly confused*. Years ago I asked this teacher why we didn't observe the Passover. He told me it was abolished at the cross—but I find the Bible says it is to be kept forever.

"There are a few people in our small city who are like sheep gone astray. We really want to know God's way of truth. Do you have a minister or anyone here to whom we can go for advice? Our minister knows some of his folks are listening to 'The World Tomorrow' program, in fact most of his members are. Some he doesn't know about, and others he does. I will say that he is not pleased with the fact. Is there a Church of God in Paducah that we may attend? If so, please let me know by return mail. Again, may I say thanks."

Listener in Paducah, Kentucky

Editor's Comment: We have been receiving many letters from people that are questioning the teachings of the Adventist Church. These people need

help! The harvest is certainly ripe and the laborers are few. Are you praying that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers?—Matthew 9:37, 38.

Here are excerpts from similar letters:

"I am a member of the Church of Christ, my minister is angry with you because you tell the truth."

"This may be gossip but our pastor is really getting worried. Most of our people are listening to your broadcast and really enjoy it. He threatened to kick us out of the church. I mention this to let you know the good that you are doing in our home town. People are reading their Bibles as never before" (from Paducah, Kentucky).

"I am a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. It is the only church around here that keeps the Sabbath beside the Jews. I believe that you are a prophet of God and I want you to write me what to do. I see all the 'Churches of God' around here keep Sunday" (from Hot Springs, Arkansas).

"I go six miles to church, the only one I think is living close to God. They listen to you and are reading your books and say that it is in the Bible" (from Kentucky).

"Our minister recommends your program to our congregation" (from Uniontown, Pennsylvania).

Editor's Comment: These letters surely ought to make us pray more diligently for the many people who are coming to a knowledge of the truth. Great things are ahead for God's Church. Must God's Work wait on you, or are you stirred to action? Are you going to study and pray more diligently? Are you striving more in overcoming the weakness of the flesh so that you might be used more effectively by God in His work?

"Dear Elders of God's Church:

"A while back I wrote to urgently request prayer for a bad hemorrhoid condition. My husband felt that I would surely have to have an operation. I am so happy to report to you that the condition has cleared up and I am completely back to normal. I just can't express my joy and thankfulness for this and other healings and blessings. There is so much I could say but it would nearly fill a book if I would write it all down. I just wanted to tell you of this at least. Since my husband is as yet unconverted and I have no means, I will not be able to attend the Feast of Tabernacles again this year. But I am praying it will bring great blessings to all who go and perhaps some crumbs may fall to those of us who may not go."

Woman from Walnut, California



—Lehnert & Landrock, Cairo

The pyramids of Gizeh. In the background, at the right, is the great pyramid built by Cheops. Distances are so immense on the desert that it is hard to realize that this was the greatest building on earth until this century. Though it is no longer the highest structure on earth, it is still the greatest for its sheer bulk!

Who Built the GREAT PYRAMID?

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And—strange though it may be—one of the names of Jesus Christ is "Amen" (Rev. 3:14).

The Pharaoh of Upper Egypt, under whom Joseph served, was named Amenem-het III. "Amen" was a common name among the Pharaohs in Joseph's day. The Pharaoh must have been strongly influenced by the religion of Cheops. But this is not all! Pharaoh Amenemhet gave Joseph "to wife Asenath the daughter of Potiphera priest of ON" (Genesis 41:45).

Who was the God "On"? "On" is but another name for the God "Amen"—Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Old Testament! In Revelation 1:8, Christ speaks of Himself as the "One who is"—the "existing One." In the original inspired text of this verse, the Greek word Christ used was "On"—the "existing one"!

The Egyptians knew of the Creator in the days of Joseph! Not until nearly the days of Moses did gross idolatry



—Lehnert & Landrock, Cairo

The famous step pyramid at Sakkara, in Egypt. The builder of this imposing structure was Zoser, a king of Lower Egypt in whose reign the record of seven years of famine is preserved. The step pyramid is not a true pyramid.

spread throughout Egypt!

When Did Cheops Build the Pyramid?

When did Cheops live? According to the eleventh edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, he lived 4700 B.C.—which would make him live 700 years before Adam! Such a date is preposterous! More conservative scholars place him 2600 B.C.—250 years before the flood in Noah's day! But the flood, according to the Egyptian records, occurred centuries before Cheops lived! Cheops lived after the flood! This date is wrong, too!

Obviously modern scholars *do not know* when Cheops lived. But they could know if they believed the Bible record!

Some pyramidologists try to date the pyramid by astronomy. They *assume* that when built, the north pole star, Alpha Draconis, could be seen from the entrance passage of the Great Pyramid. But the idea is purely an *assumption*. There is *no proof*!

Furthermore, the north pole star would have been visible for only a few minutes from the descending passage BECAUSE THE PASSAGE NEVER DID POINT DIRECTLY TO THE NORTH POLE STAR! Some followers of the "British Israel World Federation" would try to

Looking across the fertile Nile Valley near Cairo, Egypt. The three most famous pyramids are visible in the background through the haze.

deny this, but any history book would prove their idea false.

The facts of history are that Cheops was a young contemporary of King Zoser of Egypt. Zoser built the "step pyramid" shortly before Cheops built the Great Pyramid (Budge, *A History of Egypt*, vol. II, p. 9). King Zoser ruled part of Lower Egypt at the same time Joseph was Prime Minister under Pharaoh Amenemhet III. King Zoser recorded the seven years' drought in Joseph's time. "My heart is in great anxiety," said Zoser, "for in my time the Nile has not overflowed for a period of SEVEN YEARS" (*Cambridge Ancient History*, p. 309-310, vol. I).

Here is clear evidence that Cheops, a contemporary of Zoser, must have built the Great Pyramid during the sojourn of Israel in Egypt shortly after the seven years of famine! Ancient Egypt, remember, was a confederation of small city states. Amenemhet III was king of Upper Egypt and Pharaoh of all Egypt. But under him were lesser Kings, among whom was Zoser. Cheops was a foreign King whose domain extended into Egypt.

Joseph Enters the Scene

A noted man who helped Cheops in building the Pyramid was named Souf.

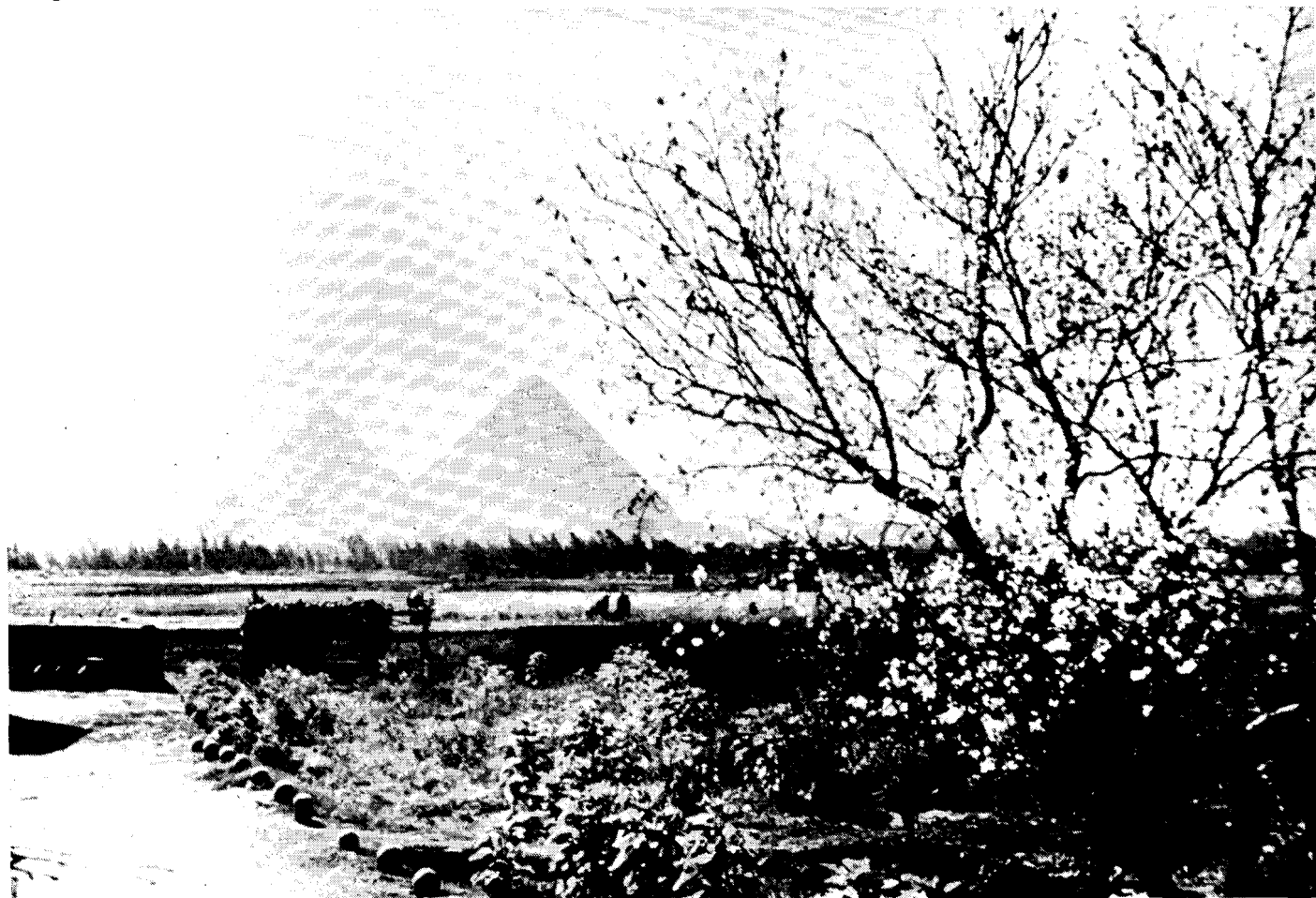
He was "chief of the works of Khufu" (Rawlinson's *Egypt*, ch. 14). This man has been an enigma to the historians (see Maspero's *Dawn of Civilization*, p. 363-364). Elsewhere he is called "Saf-hotep"—meaning "Saf the servant." He was apparently one of 12 brothers who built the Labyrinth—the "Pentagon" of Ancient Egypt—for Amenemhet III (Wathen's *Antiquities*, p. 142). Certainly there is no doubt who "Souf" was! He could be none other than Joseph!

The name given Joseph by Pharaoh was "Zaph-nath-paaneah" (Gen. 41:45). The Egyptians still call Joseph "Yousuf." Certainly there need be no doubt when Cheops lived!

A corrupted Egyptian story records an incident in the later life of Cheops or Khufu, in which he calls an aged Egyptian sage to his palace (Budge's *Egypt*, vol. II, p. 43). The sage lived 110 years. Joseph died at 110 years of age (Gen. 50:26). There can be no mistaking this coincidence!

Cheops Wrote Scripture

Not only did Cheops worship Amen or On—that is, Jesus Christ; he also wrote Scripture! Manetho, the Egyptian historian, wrote of Cheops: "He was ar-
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Greatest PASSOVER in Modern Times!

Hundreds more brethren are now able to attend Passover services in the places GOD selects.

by Roderick C. Meredith

THIS WAS a record year for attendance at the Passover and Festival of Unleavened Bread in the modern history of the Church of God. The number is impressive because it represents people whose entire LIVES are *surrendered* to the will and rule of Almighty God!

In meetings from the west coast of America to London, England, and in the private homes of brethren scattered *all over the world*, the memorial of Christ's death was celebrated by *thousands* of people whom God has called *out from this world*—people whose *entire lives* have been changed and converted to a *living faith* in a risen Christ. Now there are people in *every inhabited continent* who are hearing and BELIEVING the true message of Jesus Christ. They are learning to LIVE by *every word of God*. They no longer look on Christ as a dead Saviour—but as a *living Master* and Ruler, whose example they *follow*, whose commandments they OBEY.

These men and women are the people of God. Together, they form the *Church of God*—the earthly *body* in which Jesus Christ *lives* and *works* today!

Passover at the Tabernacle

As Christ commanded, God's people convene at this season of the year to observe the Passover—the *memorial* of His broken body for our physical healing, and His shed blood in payment for our spiritual sins. And as Jesus and his parents remained at Jerusalem to observe "the days" of unleavened bread, so do many hundreds of our brethren in different areas.

This year, as usual, the largest Passover service was held at the Tabernacle of God's Church at Gladewater, Texas. About 750 adults partook of the Passover, and over 1000 were present—including children—for the Feast and the preaching services on the annual Sabbath.

Services at the Tabernacle continued throughout the entire seven days of Unleavened Bread and on the weekly Sabbath immediately following. Mr. Armstrong was there to officiate at the Passover and brought many inspiring sermons. He was very ably assisted by Mr. Ted Armstrong, Mr. George Meeker and Mr. Norman Smith—as well as Mr.

Kenneth Swisher, our local Gladewater minister.

Also, Mr. Burk McNair and Mr. Jon Hill drove up from their south Texas churches to assist with the daily services and the preaching.

It was an inspiring occasion to everyone, and represented the largest attendance at any Passover festival which we have record of in modern times. Much credit goes to the Deacons and Deaconesses—and many other brethren who helped them—for all the planning and work involved in organizing the registration, the parking, the camping, the serving of meals, and all the other duties involved in making such a large gathering successful.

California Passover Services

In Pasadena, 512 adults took the Passover and over 700 attended the Feast, including children. The Passover services were conducted by Mr. Herman Hoeh, with Dr. Meredith assisting. It was a joyous occasion, and the night of the Feast the rainy weather cleared up remarkably and a full moon shone.

On the first Holy Day, Mr. Hoeh brought two inspiring sermons on the significance of our being the "firstfruits," and how those of us privileged to be called during this age will receive a "better resurrection" (Heb. 11:35).

Two of our senior students and prospective ministers, Mr. Charles Dorothy and Mr. Ernest Martin, brought sermonettes. You will hear more about these two men—for they are both graduating in June, and will then probably go into the work full time.

During the days of unleavened bread, nightly Bible studies were conducted by Mr. Hoeh and Mr. Meredith. A wide range of topics and questions were covered, and the visiting brethren had opportunity to have many of their questions answered.

On the final Holy Day and weekly Sabbath immediately following, all-day services were held with pot-luck feasts at midday on the college grounds. Mr. Benjamin Rea and Mr. Roderick Meredith conducted the preaching services for this final portion of the Feast.

In San Diego, there were about 70 brethren present for the Passover services and about 90 partook of the Feast,

including children. Mr. Meredith conducted the services and was ably assisted by Mr. Bryce Clark.

Mr. Clark is student body president of Ambassador College, is a graduating senior, and will soon be going into God's ministry full time. It will be well if we can acquaint all of you brethren with Mr. Clark, Mr. Charles Dorothy, Mr. Ernest Martin, and the other men whom we know by the "fruits" God is calling into His ministry. Any one of them may be serving as *your* minister in the near future, and they all merit your respect and need your prayers and encouragement.

About 77 brethren took the Passover at Fresno, and, including children, about 125 attended the Feast. The services were conducted by Mr. Jimmy Friddle, and he was assisted during the Passover and in the preaching services by Mr. Benjamin Rea. Mr. Rea is head of the Spanish Department of the college, and God is already using him in translating our booklets into Spanish and starting the broadcast in the Spanish language.

Passover in the Colorado Area

The brethren in the area of Lyons and Pueblo, Colorado, and Garden City, Kansas, churches all met at Lyons for the Passover and Feast. As in Gladewater, preaching services were held twice daily throughout the festival of unleavened bread.

Mr. Raymond Cole presided, and was assisted in the preaching daily by Mr. Carlton Smith—local minister in the area—and by Mr. Allen Manteufel, who went over with Mr. Cole for the occasion. Mr. Manteufel is another of our graduating seniors and will soon be going into God's work full-time.

Many helpful and inspiring messages were delivered during the Feast, and the brethren who could attend were greatly benefited. The attendance at the Passover was 133 adults, and about 275 were present at the Feast, including those not yet baptized.

The Passover in Other Church Areas

The Passover and Feast were well attended in the other local church areas. Everywhere, it was the *biggest attendance ever* and showed that this
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age of God's Church is *alive* and GROWING.

In Tacoma, Washington, Mr. Wayne Cole conducted Passover services for about 83 adults, and over 130 persons attended the Feast.

In Portland, Mr. Raymond McNair conducted the Passover services. About 125 adults were present, and around 250 attended the Feast and first holy day which was held for all three Oregon churches at Salem.

The Salem brethren attended the Passover either at Portland or Eugene. And at Eugene, two of our *local elders* took charge of the Passover services. Mr. Basil Wolverton and Mr. Richard Prince came down from Portland and Tacoma, respectively, to "fill in the gap"—so to speak—since there were not enough ministers available to hold all the Passover services required.

This is an example of what *many* of our local elders may need to do in the future—as the spiritual harvest God is granting seems to increase faster than the number of full-time ministers He supplies. *More local elders* are needed in many areas—and God's Church can grow proportionately as these men are wholly *yielded* and *consecrated* to Him.

In Chicago, the Passover service and Feast were conducted by Mr. Dean Blackwell, assisted by Mr. Cecil Battles—who has been sent to Chicago with Mr. Meeker to help in the visitation program. The Milwaukee brethren came down for the occasion, and there were about 185 adults present at the Passover and 310 persons attended the joyous Feast the following night.

Mr. Ted Armstrong flew up from Gladewater to conduct the Passover services in St. Louis and the Feast the following night. He was assisted by Mr. George Meeker, who also helped with the preaching on the holy day meeting.

The three churches in south Texas—Corpus Christi, San Antonio, and Houston—all met together in the central location of Victoria, Texas, for the Passover and Feast. Mr. Burk McNair and Mr. Jon Hill conducted the Passover memorial and preaching services. About 92 were on hand for the Passover and—including families—around 175 attended the Feast.

The churches at Minden, Louisiana, and Dallas, Texas, journeyed to the Tabernacle at Gladewater for the Passover and Feast and many remained throughout the entire nine-day period for the joyous fellowship and inspired preaching services.

Besides all these, there were countless brethren throughout the United States and Canada who were unable to attend

one of these meetings, and who took the Passover and observed the days of unleavened bread in their own homes. As they worshipped Him in Spirit and truth, God was with and blessed each one of them—no matter how great or humble their particular circumstances might be.

The Passover in London

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, Pastor of God's Church in London, England, cabled us that the Passover and Feast there were a big success!

Although we are not reaching England very effectively yet, and the work there is still only in its *beginning stages*, there were 28 baptized adult members who took the Passover there this year. And, including children, there were 48 who attended the Feast—and spent an

evening of joyous fellowship in far-off London.

Mr. Waterhouse was ably assisted during the festival by Mr. Frank Longuskie. And—since I was there last year—I will say that I am sure our beloved sisters in Christ in the London Church put on as appetizing and scrumptious a Feast as any we here in the States enjoyed!

As he did last year, Mr. Joseph Peterson—formerly of Pasadena—came over from Sweden for the Passover and festival of unleavened bread. And Robert MacDonald, a young American brother studying abroad, returned from a student tour behind the Iron Curtain to Prague, Czechoslovakia, just in time for the Passover.

Also, many scattered brethren throughout the British Isles, South Africa, Aus-

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tralia and elsewhere undoubtedly took the Passover in their own homes this year. We definitely know that hundreds of them are hoping and praying for the day when we can have a church in their area.

So as we emerge from this Passover season, let us realize that in future years there *MUST* be *many, many* other churches and locations around the world where newly begotten brethren in Christ can meet and partake of this ordinance. The responsibility is *yours* to PRAY and to GIVE so that we may effectively reach these people who are *hungering* for God's *truth*. If we all persevere to the end, we will be *brethren* throughout *all eternity*.

This was the *greatest* Passover season in the modern history of God's Church. But His Church goes *forward*—not backward—especially in this end time. Let us WORK to see that *every* Passover and Feast is the greatest yet!

Let us each strive to be worthy of Christ's Words "*Well done, thou good and faithful servant.*"

Use of Tape Recorders

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will have to flee! They will be so much excess baggage! But if you have the knowledge stored up in your HEART and your MIND—it will be YOURS!

"Getting More Out of It"

One of the primary reasons many feel their tape recorders are a real blessing is they feel they can learn "many additional points" from a sermon after hearing it over the SECOND TIME!

But brethren! Had God originally *intended* this, He would have instructed His ministers to preach a sermon, then recall the flock the following day, and *preach exactly the same sermon over again!*

Have you ever wondered *why* the LAW is commanded to be REPEATED to God's people? Have you ever wondered about all the REPETITION in the Bible—the instructions about Christian living, the examples of the mistakes of others? *It is for God's ministers* to REPEAT these principles orally WHEN GOD LEADS THEM TO DO IT—in the "due seasons" of the Feasts—on the weekly Sabbaths which have been hallowed and SET APART for THIS VERY PURPOSE!

It may *seem* to be nice to listen to a tape of a sermon while doing some other chore—some farmers may listen while milking the cows—some women

may listen while washing dishes, or others may even play a tape while in bed! But GOD DID NOT INTEND YOU TO BE DOING HOUSEHOLD TASKS AND LISTENING TO HIS SACRED WORDS AT THE SAME TIME! You need to be in the atmosphere of CHURCH, on the HOLY DAY OF GOD, in the presence of Christ and His flock, with His own ministers to guide you, and listen in REVERENCE and FEAR to the WORD OF GOD—not casually listen to a "canned" sermon from a tape recorder!

Put NOT Your Trust in Man!

One other consideration is God's instruction NOT TO PLACE OUR TRUST IN MAN! Paul discussed problems of Churches openly in His corrective epistles—but Paul was going on record—WRITTEN record—with what he said! No one could have claimed falsely he said something entirely different! He had the WRITTEN PROOF TO BACK IT UP! The same is true of God's Church of *this* age! We will mention problems in the pages of the *Good News*—when we feel it will be beneficial for the WHILE CHURCH—but we have a verified WRITTEN RECORD of what was said!

Not so in tape recording!

Brethren, Paul even warned a group of his closest ORDAINED ELDERS and MINISTERS in Christ that OF THEIR OWN SELVES MEN WOULD ARISE, SPEAKING PERVERSE THINGS! Paul did NOT PLACE HIS TRUST IN MEN!

Neither can we!

A person who allowed a *wrong spirit* to take over in his life, who allowed a root of bitterness to grow and went out from God's Church, and who possessed tapes of our sermons and services could do untold DAMAGE TO THIS CHURCH! You may feel with ALL YOUR HEART that such a thing could *never* happen to YOU—and may God grant that it WILL NOT—but the Word of God shows IT CAN HAPPEN!

By clever tape cutting and editing, a perverse and totally dishonest enemy could so manipulate and rearrange a sermon as to have the minister appear to be using *profanity and swearing*—instead of sincerely preaching the true Word of God!

The ministry of this Church MUST be obedient to God's commands—we MUST be "wise as serpents, and harmless as doves!" We can take no chances.

And so, finally brethren—if *you* have tape recording equipment, and if this decision affects YOU, perhaps it would be good to consider selling the equipment. But don't just give it away! There are poor brethren who can be helped with the proceeds. Remember, it is better to lay up treasure IN HEAVEN, than on the earth!

Who Built the GREAT PYRAMID?

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rogant toward the gods, but repented and wrote the *Sacred Book* . . . a work of great importance" (see Wathen's *Antiquities*, p. 268; and Budge's *Egypt*, vol. II, p. 31).

But which Sacred Book?

Certainly none of the Sacred Books of Egypt's pagan religion—for Cheops closed their temples and forbade their worship. Was this Sacred Book an Egyptian Book? No! Cheops, remember, was of *foreign race*—and it is quite obvious that Cheop's Sacred Book was not preserved by Egyptians who later opposed his religion.

A clew to the answer is found in Egyptian records. Cheops has another name—Saaru or Shaaru (Petrie's *History of Egypt*, vol. I, p. 37). Saaru is another name "for the inhabitants of Mt. Seir" (Rawlinson's *History of Egypt*, ch. 22). Khufu, then, was a foreign King from Mt. Seir who exercised dominion in Lower Egypt during and after the time of Joseph. Petra is in Mount Seir. Dr. Meredith and I visited the domain of Cheops, both in Egypt and in Mt. Seir.

Mt. Seir was famous in history as the "Land of Uz" (Vol. III of *Clarke's Commentary*, preface to Book of Job). Uz was a descendant of Seir the Horite (Gen. 36:28). The Arabs preserve a corrupt record of Cheops of Mt. Seir or of the Land of Uz. They call him the "wizard of Oz."

Now what individual who dwelled in Uz was arrogant, repented of his sin and wrote a Sacred Book?

None other than *JOB!*

And the Sacred Book is the Book of Job!

Job—as Mr. Armstrong long ago perceived—is the Cheops who built the Great Pyramid! The ancient Greeks called Job "Cheops"—pronouncing the letters "ch" almost as if they were an "h." We call Job "Hiob" in German—and we pronounce the final "b" as if it were a "p" much as the Greeks did. Plainly, Cheops is but an altered pronunciation of Job!

Job Was a King!

When Job was being tested, he cried out that he wished he had died: "Why died I not from the womb? why did I not expire when I came out of the womb. . . . Then had I been at rest with kings and counsellors of the earth, which build desolate places for themselves" (Job 3:11-15).

Job buried with kings?—of course! He was of a royal family. Notice: "Unto



Arabs praying near the Great Sphinx before the sand was dug away from its base. The second largest pyramid is in the background to the right.

me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel. After my words they spake not again. . . . I . . . sat as chief, and dwelt as a KING in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners' (Job 29:21-25).

Job left a great monument in stone—the Great Pyramid. It swelled his pride. Bildad, one of Job's friends, taunted Job: "Thou that tearest thyself in thine anger, shall the earth be forsaken of thee? Or shall the rock be removed out of its place" (Job 18:4, Jewish trans.).

What?—the earth not to be forsaken of Job even if he were to die? Of course—the rock monument he built would remain for ages, would not "be removed out of its place"! What rock monument?—the Great Pyramid!

Now turn to Job 38:4-6. Here is God's response to Job—the response which led Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong to think long ago that Job was the builder of the Pyramid. Notice that the verses presuppose Job a great builder. Let us paraphrase God's answer to Job, then you compare it with the original: "You, Job, laid the foundations of the Great Pyramid, but where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? You, Job, de-

termined the measures on the Pyramid in Egypt, but who determined the measures of the earth and stretched the line upon it? You, Job, fastened down in sockets the foundations of the pyramid, but whereupon are the foundations of the earth fastened? You, Job, were *not* able to lay the Pyramid's capstone, for your work was not absolutely perfect, but I laid the cornerstone of the earth," said God.

That whittled Job down to size! He was not as big as he himself presumed.

Why Pyramid Built

Cheops lived in Joseph's time. *So did Job!* Job lived in the generation after Esau, for one of his friends was Eliphaz the Temanite (Job 2:11). Eliphaz was the father of the Temanites (Gen. 36:11) and the son of Esau, Jacob's brother (verse 10). Eliphaz and Joseph were first cousins.

Yet Job lived before the Mosaic law which permitted only Levites to sacrifice. Notice that Job sacrificed to God for his family as was customarily done in patriarchal times (Job 1:5;42:8).

None of the conversation in the book of Job refers to the exodus under

Moses, but the flood is still uppermost in the minds of the people (Job 22:17-18).

Job lived long before the time of Daniel. Even in the time of Daniel and the apostles, the dates for the prophetic future were not opened to understanding. If they were not permitted to know the times and seasons, certainly Job would not have known them, much less built the pyramid to fit chronology! Yet many adherents to British-Israelism and pyramidology contend that Cheops did know all these things. Some of them would make out God as the real builder!

I have beside me now the works of David Davidson, Adam Rutherford, and others. Each of them tries to build a chronology for the future by measuring the dimensions of the Great Pyramid with the "pyramid inch." Dr. Meredith and I saw the little stone protrusion in the Pyramid which these people contend is the key to the revelation of the pyramid. But they have no way to know whether this little protrusion should measure the pyramid and determine chronology, or whether it was for some other purpose.

Even if one has accurately measured

the pyramid, how are they going to know which point means which year? Davidson starts with a certain point in the Pyramid and calls it the day of the crucifixion—Friday, April 7, 30 A.D. Since that date is proved wrong by the Bible, all his chronology falls flat. Adam Rutherford takes the same point and calls it the date of the crucifixion, Friday, April 3, 33 A.D. Since that date is wrong, too, his chronology falls flat.

THE OBVIOUS FACT IS THAT NO STANDARD EXISTS WHICH MIGHT REVEAL WHICH STONE OR WHICH SCRATCH ON A PASSAGEWAY MEANS A PARTICULAR YEAR. The pyramid was built for another purpose than to reveal chronology. We do not yet know the full purpose for which the Pyramid was built, but it is a monument, undoubtedly designed by Job, to commemorate what Joseph did for Egypt and to mark the border of the territory given to Joseph's family in the land of Pharaoh.

Pharaoh gave Israel the land of Goshen (Gen. 47:11). The land of Goshen extends from Palestine westward to the Nile River (Gen. 15:18). It included what is now the Suez Canal. The ancient Pharaoh long ago gave it to the family of Joseph, but they wish to take it away today! How far south along the Nile River does the land of Goshen run? To the border between Lower and Middle Egypt—in the very region where the Great Pyramid is located! Because the Great Pyramid stands at the border between these two divisions of Egypt, many have taken Isaiah 19:19-20 to refer to the pyramid. Certainly the "altar" mentioned in this verse is not the pyramid. God forbids any altar of carved stone (Exodus 20:25-26).

But the Great Pyramid *may* be the pillar which Isaiah referred to, and it *might* be again dedicated in the future as a pillar or monument of witness to what the Eternal—the Amen—will do in delivering Egypt from the revived Roman Empire. A pillar is sometimes used in the Bible as a *border line* (see Genesis 31:52).

We might also consider whether the pyramid was designed by Job to be the tomb or resting place of Joseph's mummy, before it was carried up out of Egypt by Moses (Exodus 13:19). Cheops or Job, according to the ancient historians, was *not* buried in it. The sarcophagus in the "King's chamber" was *empty* in ancient times. No treasures were hidden in the Pyramid's inner recesses. And it was anciently open to visitors from Greece and Rome.

The Great Pyramid was built, according to Herodotus, over a period of about 20 years in the 3 months of each year during which the Nile overflowed and the people were idle. Its construc-



A badly damaged ivory statuette of Cheops from Abydos, Egypt. No other statues are known of him. The features of Cheops are distinctly non-Egyptian. Cheops built the great pyramid of Gizeh, near Cairo. It is the first and also the greatest pyramid ever built.

tion therefore did *not* occupy slave labor, but *idle* labor. And through it, perhaps, the Egyptians gained their freedom from Pharaoh. Josephus, the Jewish historian, states that Joseph did return the land to the Egyptians (*Antiquities*, bk. II, ch. 7, §7).

And what better thank offering could the Egyptians have given than donating of their idle time to build a monument designed and directed by Job as a perpetual witness to the *all-ruling* God who sent Joseph to save the Egyptians!

God's *Government* is also in the form

of a *pyramid*. Christ is the rejected "capstone" (Psalm 118:22). What more fitting monument could Job have built than this to the God whose Government rules invisibly over the world and who sends His prophets to warn it before every calamity.

Correction:

In the April issue, a typographical error appeared in the "Question Box," page 6, col. 3. The Greek singular possessive *sabbáton* was a misprint for *sabbátou* in Mark 16:9.