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## *Under Cover* IN EUROPE

*ON THE surface, this is a time of comparative quietude in world conditions.*

*Russia has not attacked. The war-scare has abated. Europe is making an economical come-back.*

*But UNDER COVER all is not so quiet. Gullible Uncle Sam is being duped again. Here is a startling exposure of what is brewing UNDER COVER in Europe—and what is PROPHESED from here!*

**R**USSIA has produced and test-exploded an atomic bomb!

But Russia has not started another war. Why? Fundamentally because no such war appears on the prophesied schedule of the purpose being worked out here below. More specifically because Russia has been WARNED:

—that the United States now has a large enough stock-pile of atomic bombs and other new weapons of devastation to immobilize the Russian nation;

—that America can deliver those weapons in quantity;

—that America can kill or maim in the first raids during the first hours of any new war a staggering proportion of the people in Russia's key cities;

—that the targets are selected, the crews alerted day and night, the planes ready;

—and that this terrible retaliation will strike Russia the very day Russia attacks any free nation or the United States.

The Russians, being Gentiles, have wisely HEEDED the warning!

*A Far Greater Danger!*

But while trusting, gullible Uncle

Sam, always unable to see more than one enemy at a time, has been busy worrying about Russia, the REAL menace has been making diabolical and rapid headway—*under cover*—in Europe!

In the December 1948 number, under caption "NOW it Can Be Told! . . . Behind the scenes at the San Francisco Conference," we revealed the germinating by the great "MOTHER" church of Europe a religious-political movement. This "Christian-Socialist" movement has since swept all Europe. It is destined soon to give birth to a strange phenomenon that will cause the entire world to gasp with WONDER!

It is the purpose of the present article to reveal the astounding part of the FATHER in this diabolical thing now secretly developing under cover in Europe, soon to be born before the astonished gaze of a credulous world! For if the "MOTHER" is Rome (Rev. 17:5), the FATHERland in producing this last and final satanic kingdom is GERMANY!

While the naive and trusting allied nations have believed they *won* the war

against Germany, and in their jittery fear of war from Russia have assumed that Germany is now safely denazified, the facts are quite the contrary.

The facts are, THE NAZIS WENT UNDERGROUND, MAY 16, 1943!

Two years before the war ended, the German generals, the German industrialists, German bankers, German scientists—in fact nearly all leading Nazis except Hitler, knew Germany had lost the war. Two years before the fighting stopped, the most thoroughly organized secret government of modern history went into action—UNDERGROUND!

What the Nazis of the *Father-land* have been doing, added to what *Mother-Rome* has been doing, secretly and under cover, are combining to bring forth a danger to America and the true Christian religion far greater than any threat from Russia!

Yet the world is ASLEEP to the danger! It seems the administrations in Washington and London can't see it—it is invisible, secret, under cover! The newspapers and newscasters are not warning you—it is invisible to them,

too—it is still *underground!*

*World War III Already Started*  
—UNDERGROUND!

Two years before actual fighting stopped in World War II, *another* war was launched in Berlin—a sort of war within a war—a *secret* war! It has been going on ever since—under cover! Those who fight it are both civilians and soldiers. Those who lead it are men of ability, vision, knowledge of human nature, wise in this world, full of daring, who believe in one purpose only: "*Deutschland über alles!*"—Germany must conquer and rule the world!

The leaders of this superbly organized underground army are military experts, bankers, industrialists, scientists, artists, educators, clergymen—many of them men of influence and valuable contacts in foreign countries. It is perhaps the most efficient human organization on earth. While in its present secret war this organization went underground on May 16, 1943, this body actually began working together to perfect its strategy in August, 1918, headed by General Ludendorff.

Ever since then this secret army has been developing a system of financial and political structures which encompass the world, and reach its tentacles into many nations.

After World War I, this organization began its insidious *War-in-Peace*. They, not the allies, won the so-called peace between 1918 and 1939, as Sigrid Schultz writes in the book, "Germany Will Try It Again," "with double-edged secret weapons of their own perfecting—propaganda, penetration, economic sleight of hand, political intimidation."

And today these German strategists, expert and ingenious and experienced in war-in-peace strategy, depend on the deceptions which worked for them between 1918 and 1939, to which they have added innumerable newly-devised plans. They feel sure they can rely on the credulity, the love of peace, the trustfulness, the gullibility of the democracies, as well as on the fanaticism of the German people, once they are prepared again to arouse them.

And, just as these secret strategists between 1918 and 1939 looked for a *Leader* whom they could use to arouse and sway the German people back of them and found that leader in Adolph Hitler—so today a two-page-wide headline flashes across the top of a feature article in the October 1, 1949 issue of "Collier's":

"THE GERMANS WAIT ONLY FOR A LEADER!"

*Just What is an 'UNDERGROUND?'*

An "underground" is an organized movement which operates secretly—

anonymously—under cover. Its existence is known only to its trusted members, and to the world only by the effects of its actions.

An underground movement is first of all a question of organization. The Germans are more skillful than any other people in thoroughness of organization. Beginning in August, 1918, General Ludendorff began perfecting a secret organization. This developed into the Nazi Party. Long before 1933 the Nazi party was organized to the very last detail. It contained in its party apparatus an entire government machinery. Around the head experts in various branches, such as foreign policy, finance, commerce, agriculture, it built up elaborate organizations functioning like government departments around ministers.

When Hitler became Chancellor of the Reich in 1933, these party secretaries simply moved in with their entire organizations as the departments of the government. All the Nazis had to do to go underground, then, was reverse the order—except that *different* leaders and department heads were appointed for the Nazi underground—men not in the international limelight, not well known outside Germany, yet able men well trained for their jobs. The Nazi underground is methodically organized by groups, units, departments, and organizations parallel to those of the Nazi state government, only headed by different, less-known, and secret personnel.

One of the leaders in the original Nazi underground was Martin Bormann. When the war ended he was not found. When Nazi leaders were tried for war crimes, Bormann was still missing. Now, after more than four years, it is known he is in South America, where the Nazi underground has flourishing units.

On November 9th, 1942, Martin Bormann and Heinrich Himmler had a private conference in the latter's office. The year before Bormann had replaced Rudolf Hess, imprisoned in England as deputy party leader. Himmler later revealed to trusted lieutenants the decision made at that private conference. "It is possible," he said, "Germany will be defeated. . . . But never must the Nazi Party capitulate. That is what we have to work for from now on."

This was the start. The top generals, the leading industrialists, bankers, scientists, knew by March, 1943, that the Germans had lost the war. But they were determined the PARTY must survive in order to come back to final victory in a future World War III. They began feverishly, yet methodically to organize.

And May 16, 1943, the new secret party machinery was completed. On that day the newly perfected Nazi Party or-

ganization—the *secret* party personnel—went underground.

*How German WAR INDUSTRY*  
*Prepares Underground for World*  
*War III*

At this same time, the middle of May, 1943, top German industrialists held an important secret meeting.

They assembled at Chateau Huegel, suburb of Essen, residence of the Krupps, head of the giant Krupps war munitions plants. Present were Krupp von Bohlen-Halbach, the Krupps works head, Baron Georg von Schnitzler, chairman of the board of world-famous I. G. Farben works, Otto Pietzch, owner of Germany's largest machine factory, Herr Hallersleben, president of the Vereinigte Kugellagerfabriken, Dr. Otto Fischer, chief of the Reichskreditanstalt, Herr von Schroeder, and others.

Here plans were laid for divorcing German industry, so far as the facts appeared before the outside world, from Nazism. It would be much easier for them to keep German industry free to prepare for World War III if they convinced the allied nations that the Nazis did not run it.

They well knew that German industry is the economic heart of all Europe. Europe is a hodge-podge of many nations, all small in area, yet thickly populated, speaking different languages. All of these nations combined occupy much less territory than the United States alone. If you think of each of our states being a separate nation, a better idea of the European situation is seen. If each of our states were a separate nation, the other 47 would be dependent on New York as the financial capital, on Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio and Michigan as the industrial heart, on the Mississippi Valley for agriculture, just as we are now. The other nations in Europe simply cannot function economically without German industry and German commerce any more than a human body can keep alive without a beating heart.

These industrialists understood fully that, after the war, the other nations of Europe could not keep alive economically without German industry. They knew America and Britain would be faced with the problem of keeping Europe alive. They foresaw the threat of Communism if Europe were plunged into economic chaos and faced starvation. They well realized that for these reasons Washington and London would wish to set German industry going ahead full blast—if they could be fooled into thinking the Nazis no longer were connected with it!

At this meeting in the Krupps chateau, plans for making it appear the

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# Is AMBASSADOR COLLEGE *too Beautiful?*

ONE VISITOR to Ambassador College left the impression that perhaps he felt that it is all too beautiful—"too fine"—too nice.

Ought it, then, to be ugly?

Is God displeased with *beautiful* things, with things that are the very finest and best—combining His own glorious and beautiful nature in a variety of stately, beautiful and rare trees, shrubs, vines, hedges, flowers with buildings, and furnishings that represent the very best and most conscientious of human effort and craftsmanship?

Is God displeased because we at Ambassador take care to carefully dress and keep up the rare and magnificent place He provided for His college? Would we please Him more if we let it run down, go to weeds, and to rust and rot?

## The Garden of Eden was BEAUTIFUL!

If GOD HIMSELF were to take *you* from where you are, and put you in some PLACE He should choose for you, do you think He would set you down in an ugly place?

Ever since Adam men have been going places by themselves, choosing their own kind of environment, and we can hardly blame on God what men have chosen. But when God created our first parents—the first humans—He set them in a place of HIS choosing. And what was it?

A GARDEN? A garden so beautiful it has been known thru history as "paradise"—a name synonymous with a beauty and a glory beyond human conception!

And what did God instruct the man? "*To dress it and to keep it,*" not to let it deteriorate into a run-down, unkept jungle of weeds! God commanded him, then, to KEEP IT BEAUTIFUL!

This same God led us to one of the most beautifully landscaped places in all the earth, opened this place up to us as the location for His college which He had shown us He wanted established. True, it had been somewhat neglected for a time. But diligently, with joyful enthusiasm we set about to "dress it and to keep it." All the weeds and ugly growth were cleared away. The spacious and beautifully sloping grounds were smoothed over, and a lovely carpet of green grass was sown. The trees were

pruned, the shrubs, hedge and vines carefully and expertly trimmed; roses, pansies and other flowers planted in the proper places. And the campus has blossomed forth into one of the most beautiful places on earth.

Can this be "too fine?"—"too beautiful?"—"too fancy?" Does this dressing and keeping of the garden God placed in our hands displease God?

Most certainly not! On the contrary, it stands a testimony to His glory—to His goodness to the children of men who place their lives in His hands—to His miraculous intervention in the behalf of those who trust Him and whom He can use in His service, for it is a breath-taking miracle that this place is in our hands at all!

## The Temple was MAGNIFICENT!

And then how should buildings be built to please God?

Should they be cheaply constructed of inferior materials, built in an indifferent shiftless manner, ready to fall apart?

David wanted to build a temple for God and for God's service. God promised David that he could have his wish, but not in his own lifetime—it was to be built by Solomon his son. How was it constructed?

The temple at Jerusalem was HUGE. It was built of the most substantial, enduring fine stones and polished marbles. It was massive, substantial. It was beautiful, perhaps the outstanding example on earth of fine craftsmanship, imposing architecture, superb quality, breath-taking beauty.

Because the Jews broke God's sabbath, and other sins (Jer. 17), and did not honor that Temple as God had instructed; because they treated it irreverently, desecrating it, disobeying God, He caused Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to send down the Chaldean army to conquer the Jews in war, and to destroy that Temple (Jer. 52).

But 70 years later, a band of Jews under leadership of Ezra and Nehemiah, now repentant and humbly yielded to God, were sent back to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple. And again it was perhaps the finest building on earth—the product of finest human craftsmanship, most conscientious and reverent labor, built of superb and beautiful and most enduring stones, marbles, and ma-

terials, with gold, brass, and costly metals — a THING OF JOY AND BEAUTY!

It stood as a great awe-inspiring monument to God's honor and glory!

Why should anyone today ever suppose that the great work of God should be housed and conducted in a shanty or a shack—in a dilapidated, run-down sort of place which would be a REPROACH to God in the eyes of the world, and a testimony only to idleness, shiftlessness, carelessness, indifference, deterioration and lack of character?

That is not what God provided *us!*

On the contrary, while the place He provided for us is comparatively small, as colleges and universities go — because His work has not *yet* grown to the proportions it will, in due time, and because all things He starts thru men must start small (and Ambassador is probably the smallest liberal arts college in America)—yet the buildings He provided for us are built, as one contractor expressed it, "almost like the Rock of Gibraltar." They are among the most substantial and finely constructed of any similar buildings of similar size on earth today. And we are still hard at work refinishing these lovely, substantial fine buildings, gradually bringing them back to their original beauty. They are buildings built to last for centuries, if properly maintained.

## The New Addition, "MAYFAIR"

And now this year, God has led us into the large adjoining property, which has been known as "MAYFAIR." This doubles the size of the beautiful campus grounds, and provides us with an exceptionally fine student residence building and social center for student activities.

This is a large, magnificent 28-room building of three stories and full basement. While it came to us at a very low price, and on such terms that the income from it virtually pays for it, this fine property was sold at a sacrifice to settle the estate upon death of its original owner two years after it was built for a quarter-million dollars. It probably could not be built at today's prices—IF the materials in it could be procured, which they could not today—for less than a million dollars. The walls are not single walls, but triple walls, with two

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# WHAT *is* THE SOUL?

*Do you have a soul? Is it something inside of you? Is it made of spirit? Is it immortal?*

“**S**AY, Carl,” exclaimed John Jones, as he and Carl Smith, chum and fellow church member, left the office for their Monday noon lunch, “that sure was a wonderful sermon Dr. Johnson delivered last night. Best explanation I ever heard of where the soul goes at death.”

“Sorry I missed it,” said Carl. “How did he explain it? That’s always puzzled me.”

“Well, he said that what we call death is not really death at all, but merely the release of the soul from the body. It’s only the body that dies—we, ourselves, are immortal souls. He said the soul is **IM**material—not composed of matter, but of spirit, and can never die. When a person dies, if he’s saved, the soul leaves the body, and, Dr. Johnson explained, at almost the same instant, it arrives in heaven millions of miles away, where it enters a body all prepared and waiting for it.”

“Well, what about the body prepared up in heaven,” asked Carl, “is it just like the one the soul had lived in here on earth—does it **LOOK** the same?”

“Oh sure. Dr. Johnson said we would look exactly like we do here. Just the same.”

“Well,” said Carl, “I suppose Dr. Johnson knows.” Then, suddenly bursting into a laugh—“Look, John! I know I oughtn’t to laugh at such things, but it just popped into my mind—there are thousands of people dying over the world every day, and it must take an awfully big warehouse up in heaven to keep all those new bodies waiting.”

“And say, listen! I suppose if a baby dies, his soul enters a body that is baby-size and looks just like the baby did here; but if that same baby **DOESN’T** die until he’s an old man, then I suppose his soul enters a body in heaven that is full man-size and looks like he had come to look, here, as an old man. Do those bodies prepared up there keep *growing* and *changing* just as ours do here, all ready for whatever second we die and go to heaven?”

“M-m-m,” mused John. “I don’t know. Dr. Johnson didn’t explain that.”

“Well, I think we must admit that seems a little strange. And then, what of the resurrection? What happens to the body the soul lives in, up in heaven,

## **TWO YOUNG MEN LOOK into this question for themselves.**

They are shocked, amazed, at what they find! Yet it is exactly what **YOU** will find, if you, too, look for the true **FACTS**, and **PROOF**.

Here, surely, is food for thought! Here is an article that is **DIFFERENT**, surprising, refreshing, interesting.

when the earthly body is resurrected out of the grave down here?”

“Oh, Dr. Johnson said the soul leaves its body in heaven at that time, and returns almost instantaneously to earth and enters its former body that died, as that body is resurrected out of the grave.”

“Well,” said Carl gravely, “I suppose I ought not to question such things. Of course Dr. Johnson knows what the Bible says. But it does seem a little—well, sort of strange, to me. I can’t see **WHY** God would have us leave this body, go to heaven and enjoy a better one up there, and then leave all that and return back here and get back into this same old body, resurrected again. And then what happens? Do we stay here on earth in our resurrected bodies, or take another trip to heaven **IN THEM?** *WHERE* do we spend eternity?”

“Oh, come, come, Carl!” laughed John a little impatiently. “We can’t know all those things. We have other things to do and think about. It’s up to us to just take the preacher’s word for it, and let it go at that!”

“Yes, I suppose so,” rejoined Carl. “Still, that does seem like the most important subject in life. Say, John, I tell you what!” Carl exclaimed suddenly, “here’s the public library. What d’ya say we stop in for a moment and look up the word ‘**SOUL**’ in the big unabridged Webster’s dictionary? I wonder just what the word ‘**SOUL**’ means—just what **IS** the soul, anyway?”

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“There!” whispered John, as the two men started reading the Webster definition of “**SOUL**.” “That’s the way Dr.

Johnson explained it. See, it says here the soul is ‘an entity conceived as the essence, substance, or actual cause of individual existence, separate in nature from the body and usually held to be separable in existence.’”

“Uh-huh,” Carl said softly, “I guess so. Look, here’s some more. It says, ‘*The Egyptian* distinction of soul and spirit dates from the earliest times, and the . . . *Egyptian* conception of the divine origin of the soul . . . and of its future state . . . outlines also the main belief of all Western peoples. The Christian conception of the soul is derived from the Greek as well as from the Bible.’”

“Say, man!” exclaimed Carl. “That looks like our idea is not taken altogether from the Bible, but mixed with *Egyptian* and *Greek* conceptions. Look! This next paragraph in fine print shows the real **BIBLE** meaning. It’s quoted from ‘*A Dictionary of the Bible* by James Hastings.’ Why, *that* isn’t what our church believes, John. Wonder if that really **IS** the Bible teaching? That indicates the soul is material—made of **MATTER**—and applies to animals as well as men! Why, that would make the soul **MORTAL**, not immortal. Wait! Read the rest of this.”

John continued reading the Webster definition: “The more exact Christian conception was reserved for the Church Fathers, especially St. Augustine, who taught that it is simple, immaterial, and spiritual. He argued its immortality.”

“Say,” broke in Carl, “Wasn’t St. Augustine one of the Roman Catholic leaders? I thought we Protestants were supposed to be **PROTESTING** against the unscriptural errors introduced by middle-age Catholic leaders.”

### **Present Conception Pagan**

The two men read the remainder of the dictionary explanation, indicating that the present conception of the soul was gradually formulated by the so-called Church Fathers (who actually began the Great Apostasy and middle-age Catholic leaders, based upon human reasoning under pagan and heathen influence.

“Oh, well,” argued John, “surely whatever our church and most all churches teach today must be right. All these

churches couldn't be wrong. Come on, let's go eat."

"No, wait!" insisted Carl. "My interest is aroused now. There's something decidedly funny about all this. The matter of the soul has always been a mystery to me, and now that I've started I want the TRUTH! Let's see if that Hastings' Bible Dictionary is in the library."

They were surprised to find that this Bible dictionary filled several large volumes. They selected the volume containing the article on "soul." This is what they read:

#### What the Bible Dictionary Says

"SOUL is throughout a great part of the Bible simply the equivalent of 'life' embodied in living creatures. In the earlier usage of the Old Testament it has no reference to the later philosophical meaning—the animating principle, still less to the idea of an 'immaterial nature' which will survive the body."

"Well, what do you know about that!" ejaculated Carl. "The BIBLE meaning has no connection with this present-day philosophical meaning we've been taught since we were babies. The BIBLE meaning is just the *opposite!*"

"Oh, what's the difference?" said John, a little impatiently. "Come on, I'm hungry."

"You go on, then. I'm going to read thru this article. My head's swimming, now. I'm going on thru with this, till I get it straight."

"Oh, all right," laughed John, "I'll stay."

"Look at this," Carl continued reading:

"A living soul' in Genesis and other records is simply an 'animated being,' and the word is applied equally to the lower animals and to man."

John broke in: "Look!—down here in the fine print is an abridged analysis from the Oxford Hebrew Lexicon. Let's read it."

So they read:

"Usage of the Hebrew terms for 'soul.'

"Wait," exclaimed Carl, "Wasn't the Old Testament written originally in Hebrew?"

"Sure," replied John, "I know that much."

"Then the Hebrew usage must be the correct meaning, as God revealed and inspired it originally in Hebrew."

"Yes, guess that's right. Let's read on." So they read:

"1. (Heb.) *nepshesh*, lit. 'that which breathes,' 'the breathing substance or being; its source of life is the *nishmath hayyim* breathed into the nostrils by its *basar* by God (Gen. 2:7) in virtue of which man became a *nepshesh bayyah*, (this expression elsewhere always of animals. Gen. 1:24, 30; 9:12, 15, 16; Ezek. 47:9; . . . The life of the *nepshesh* resides in the blood. Gen. 9:4, 5; Deut.

12:23, 24; Lev. 17:10, 11, 12, 14. *Nepshesh* is used for life itself, either of (a) animals (Prov. 12:10) or (b) of man (Gen. 44:30; Ex. 21:23; Lev. 24:17, et. al. *Nepshesh*, as the essential of man, stands for the man himself, and is used even of deceased persons (Num. 6:6; Lev. 21:11, where dead *nepshesh* are called dead BODY.) *Nepshesh* is used for the seat of the appetites: e.g., 'hungry soul' Ps. 10:79; 107:18."

"Those underscored words are all Hebrew words, aren't they?" asked John.

"Yeah, sure," said Carl, "But look, man, what this means! The original Hebrew word God inspired for soul is '*nepshesh*,' and it means 'that which BREATHES.' A *nepshesh*, or a soul, then, is 'the breathing being,' this says. And it says it means animals, as well as men. An animal is a breathing being. That doesn't sound as if it were proper to say man HAS a soul, but rather that man IS a soul."

"Yes, but my goodness, John! Surely the Bible can't teach any such thing as THAT. I just COULDN'T believe that! Why, I can think, and reason—Animals don't have human intelligence. SURELY the real ME inside this body is an immortal soul, just as we've always been taught."

"Yes, that's the way it seems to me, too. But I remember reading in the Bible, 'There is a way that seemeth RIGHT to a MAN, THE END OF WHICH ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH.' (Prov. 14:12). It's only natural for us to believe what we've always heard and been taught. But how do we KNOW what we believe is true? Right now is the first time I ever looked into it to PROVE it—and here we don't want to accept and believe the PROOF when we find it. How did we come to believe the soul is an immortal spiritual essence that does our thinking and consciously survives the body at death? Did we ever look it up to PROVE it? No! I see now we've believed it only because we've heard it, and been taught it. Maybe that's why everybody else believes it—even the preachers, maybe. But now I'm looking into the PROOF, I'm going to believe what I find proved, not what I've just carelessly taken for granted."

"O.K., Carl. Guess you're right, but it's hard to believe, just the same."

#### WHAT the BIBLE SAYS

"Let's look at some of these Bible references," suggested Carl. "It says in this article that the source of life of the soul, or *nepshesh*, is something God breathed into the nostrils, and it gives Gen. 2:7 as the reference."

"Good idea, agreed John. "Here's a Bible on the shelf here. Now let's see, here it is, Genesis 2:7: 'And the Lord

God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul.'"

"Sec, John, it says there that what God breathed into his nostrils was the breath of life. But my goodness! That doesn't sound like I've heard that quoted. Why, that's the same text I heard a minister quote at a funeral only last week, but he didn't quote it that way! The way he quoted it was that God breathed into him the SPIRIT of life, and so man HAS an IMMORTAL SOUL. Why, I've always supposed that was what the Bible said. I never looked it up for myself before. John, this is amazing! It sure has my head swimming! But right here it is in the Bible—we can see it with our own eyes. What God breathed into his nostrils was the BREATH—Say! That's just what we breathe thru our nostrils—BREATH—AIR! Sure, we have to get oxygen into our lungs, or we DIE! It's called the breath of LIFE here. That makes sense, but it's sure a new one on me!"

"Oh, I don't see anything to get so excited over," said John. "I've heard you can prove ANYTHING by the Bible. How can we know we understand that right? When I'm sick, I call a doctor, I don't study up on medicine and try to understand it. If I go to court, I hire a lawyer to handle it—I pay HIM to know the law for me. Isn't that what we pay the preachers for—to know the Bible for us?"

"Well, I've always taken that for granted, too, John—but look! This is too plain. Why, any little CHILD could see what this says in plain language. And come to think of it, the preachers don't all agree, do they? Neither do the different churches. One claims the Bible says one thing, and every other one claims it says something different. Didn't Jesus say that God revealed these things to babes, but hid them from the wise and prudent? Say, this is so plain and simple a little babe could understand it. Believe me, I'm going to start looking into what I believe for *myself*, and study the Bible for myself, and when I find anything as plain and simple as this, I'm going to believe it.

"Now look—notice just what this says, John. It says God FORMED man. That would mean the man was shaped, put together, formed out of material already existing, wouldn't it? First God created the material, then He put it together in such a way He formed man of it. And the material was DUST—MATTER."

"Yeah," replied John, "but that was merely the BODY. I've heard Dr. Johnson explain that. That wasn't the real MAN he formed out of material dust."

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## Heart to Heart Talk With the Editor

TO OUR NEWLY BEGOTTEN  
BRETHREN RECENTLY BAP-  
TISED:

GREETINGS! newly baptized Brethren  
in Christ Jesus:

There is joy and rejoicing among the  
angels in heaven over your repentance  
and having been begotten to a lively  
hope as *children of God* thru Jesus  
Christ our Lord!

And there is new joy in the hearts of  
ALL our true brethren and co-workers  
in Christ over your recent conversion  
from the desires and will of the flesh  
and the ways and customs of this world,  
to the government of God in your life  
now, that you may have reward in His  
Kingdom at the coming of Christ, in  
the World Tomorrow!

### You will Meet Trials

You have entered upon a new life—a  
life of great happiness and joy—a life  
to continue FOREVER—yet, in this  
present evil world it will not be an easy  
life.

As a matter of fact you have left be-  
hind the "easy way"—the popular,  
broad road that leads to destruction.  
You have passed the cross-roads and  
turned off onto the narrow, rutty, bumpy,  
rocky and HARD and DIFFICULT  
road which very few people in this  
world ever are willing to enter—but  
which leads to SUCCESS, to USEFUL-  
NESS, to HAPPINESS, JOY, and  
ETERNAL LIFE.

It leads to rewards—not of idleness  
and ease, but of usefulness and service  
and accomplishment and success—so  
great that I know your mind can't pos-  
sibly grasp it, now. BUT YOU'LL  
HAVE TO PAY THE PRICE!

It won't come easy! All your temp-  
tations, trials, persecutions and hard-  
ships will come from *other people*—or  
from the devil—or from the consequen-  
ces of sin, which means violations of  
God's laws and ways. You must remem-  
ber you still have to live IN a world  
organized and living in disregard of  
God's laws—a world governed by the  
sway of Satan, and according to the im-  
pulses of pride and vanity, the lusts of  
the flesh, and the greed and tempers of  
human nature. If you were still OF this  
world, the world would love its own.  
But because you have renounced this  
world and its ways, and are no longer  
OF it, the world will hate you, perse-  
cute you, turn against you, even as it  
hated and persecuted your Saviour be-  
fore you.

### Why You Must Suffer

"My PEACE I give unto you . . .  
that my JOY might remain in you, and  
that your joy might be full," said Jesus.  
"These things have I spoken unto you  
that *in me* ye might have PEACE. In  
the world ye shall have tribulation: but  
be of good cheer; I have overcome the  
world."

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You will meet many afflictions—trials,  
tests, troubles—even more than before.  
But, if you trust Him, the Eternal will  
deliver you out of them ALL (Psalm  
34:19). ALL who will live Godly in  
Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. (II  
Tim. 3:12).

But WHY? Because God has called  
you to surrender your life to HIM—to  
GIVE your life into HIS HANDS—  
that He may transform you into a per-  
fect, holy, righteous CHARACTER.  
God is CREATOR! And now, with your  
consent, according to your own free will,  
you have placed yourself in His Hands  
to CHANGE you—to CREATE out of  
you the Supreme Masterpiece of all his  
Creation!

And CHARACTER means SELF-  
DIRECTION WITH GOD'S HELP  
INTO GOD'S WAY OF LIFE. You'll  
find it is a new and different way of life  
from the way you have lived up to now.  
It means SELF-DENIAL! It means  
SELF-DISCIPLINE! It means resisting  
all that is evil or wrong in your nature.  
It means *breaking up wrong habits*—  
rooting them out of your life—and in-  
stilling into your life NEW habits—  
and making these newer right ways  
fixed HABIT.

This is not easy. It takes WILL POW-  
ER. It requires DETERMINATION.

Beside all this, God will permit trials  
and tests to come upon you—severe  
problems. He will permit CIRCUM-  
STANCES to drive you to HIM for  
HELP—for deliverance! You may soon  
think no one in the world is troubled  
like you are. You'll begin to wonder  
why you have greater trouble to face  
than anyone else on earth—not realizing  
that all other real Christians are going  
thru the same tests! Perhaps closest rela-  
tives will turn against you, probably  
because of the Word of God—the  
TRUTH you have embraced and started  
to live.

But, if you learn the lesson of FAITH  
—and if you have PATIENCE—you  
may KNOW that you will be delivered  
out of every trouble that comes up. God  
has PROMISED to deliver you from  
every trial—if you obey and trust Him.  
You see, you are now His very own  
child—actually begotten of Him just  
as much as you were begotten of your  
human father. When God gave you the  
precious gift of His Holy Spirit—placed  
His Spirit within you to renew your  
mind, give you a sounder more under-  
standing mind, fill you with His love,  
faith patience, power, goodness—His  
own character, in short, you became an  
actual begotten SON—or daughter—  
of GOD. Not merely a creature or be-  
ing He created—but His very own child,  
actually begotten of Him by his seed,

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# The NUMBER of the "BEAST" ... 666 *Whose number is it?*

**W**HERE shall we find that mysterious number 666?

Does the pope wear it on his crown, identifying him as the BEAST of Revelation 13? Or must we look for it elsewhere?

Here are all the Scriptures speaking directly of this number:

"And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred three score and six." (Rev. 13:17-18).

"And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God." (Rev. 15:2).

## Note These Points

From these Scriptures, we have the following definite points:

1. The beast has a NUMBER, and may be identified, if we have wisdom, by this number.

2. The number is 666.

3. We are told to COUNT this number—that is, add it up. The same Greek word is used elsewhere only in Luke 14:28: "COUNT the cost."

4. This number, 666, is the number of the BEAST. The only BIBLE interpretation of this symbol, "beast," is a kingdom or the king who rules it, and therefore, really IS the kingdom. (Dan. 7:17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 27). Therefore 666 must be the number of the KINGDOM, or GOVERNMENT, or EMPIRE, as well as that of the king who founds or rules it.

5. The expression "the name of the beast, or the number of his name" makes plain that the number 666 is the number of the NAME OF THE KINGDOM or EMPIRE.

6. The expression "it is the number of a man" shows we must also count this number in the name of the king, or ruler, over the kingdom identified as the "BEAST."

## The Beast Is Not the Woman

In the 17th chapter of Revelation we find a "beast," and a "woman"—a great, wealthy woman called "a whore"—who was riding the beast.

The Bible describes the symbol "wom-

an" to mean a CHURCH. See II Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:7; Eph. 5:23-27. On the other hand, "beast is a symbol of a KINGDOM, or EMPIRE. The "woman" of the 17th chapter is described beyond possibility of doubt as the Roman Catholic Church, who did reign over the kingdoms of the Holy Roman Empire.

Let us be consistent. The "Beast" of Revelation 13 is not the WOMAN who rode the beast—the beast is the GOVERNMENT, and the woman is the CHURCH.

The "beast" of Revelation 13 had 7 heads and 10 horns. It was like a leopard with the feet of a bear, the mouth of a lion. This does not describe the Church, but the Roman GOVERNMENT, or EMPIRE.

In the 7th chapter of Daniel we find the unmistakable identification. The lion symbolized the Chaldean Empire. The bear is the Persian Empire, the leopard was the Grecio-Macedonian Empire with its four divisions, pictured by the four heads, and the other beast, mightier and stronger than all, was the ROMAN EMPIRE. And by the time events of history progressed to Rome, we had the seven heads and ten horns.

The "beast" of Rev. 13 had all 7 of the heads and ten horns. It included the strongest aspects of the preceding kingdoms. And so the beast of Revelation 13 is positively identified as THE ROMAN EMPIRE.

This "beast" had a DEADLY wound. (Rev. 13:3). That means the "beast" DIED—it ceased altogether to exist or function. Yet its deadly wound was later healed, after which (verse 5), it continued to exist another 1260 years!

Those who believe the Catholic Church is the "beast" say this deadly wound came in 1798, when the pope was forced into exile. But the Pope was not killed. The Catholic Church did not die, nor for one day did it cease to function. The popes continued to live in VOLUNTARY exile, as a protest against the Italian government until the recent agreement with Mussolini. But that could in no sense be called a wound TO DEATH. And those who teach this do not expect the Catholic Church to continue on another 1260 years.

But in 476 A.D., the Roman Empire which is the "BEAST," was wounded unto DEATH. The Roman Empire DIED. It ceased altogether to exist. The next three kingdoms to rule from Rome—the Heruli, the Vandals, and the Os-

trogoths—were barbarian, not Roman kingdoms.

But in 554 Justinian, a true Roman, Emperor of the east, re-established the Roman Empire at Rome. History calls this the "IMPERIAL RESTORATION" of the Roman Empire. The deadly wound was healed. And it continued exactly 1260 years—to 1814, when Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo. "So closed," states West's Modern History, "an Empire that had existed from Augustus Caesar." But this time the Empire did not altogether die. The germ of it remained in 12 little Italian states, united in 1870 by Garibaldi into the present nation of Italy. The EMPIRE went into "the bottomless pit"—a virtual non-existence, from which now it is once more emerging (Rev. 17:8).

## The Founder of Rome

The founder, and first king of Rome was ROMULUS. The Roman Empire was named after him. His name, the name of a MAN, also is the name of the KINGDOM. And every citizen in the kingdom bears the same name—a ROMAN.

When John wrote this Revelation, telling us to COUNT the number of the Beast, he wrote in the GREEK language. The Old Testament is written in the language of God's chosen people—the HEBREW. Consequently, we should look for this name, and the number 666, in these languages recognized in the BIBLE, not in the Latin.

We are all familiar with the Roman numerals, where letters are used for numbers. All understand that I is 1, V is 5, X is 10, etc. But many do not know that both the Hebrew and the Greek languages also use letters for numbers.

In the Hebrew, the name of Romulus is ROMIITH. And, counting the numerical value of these letters in the Hebrew, we have exactly 666!

In the Greek, the language in which Revelation was written, this name is "LATEINOS." It signifies "Latin Man" or "the name of Latium" from which city the Romans derived their origin and their language. This word, too, signifies "ROMAN." In the Greek, L is 30, A is 1, T is 300, E is 5, I is 10, N is 50, O is 70, S is 200. Count these figures. They count to exactly 666!

It is indeed a remarkable coincidence—or IS it a coincidence?—that in BOTH Bible languages—the only two lan-

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# PETER'S BONES FOUND

## *Under Vatican?*

**M**ARK down the date of December 24th.

Remember that date. It is very likely that on that day, Pope Pius will make a speech heard by radio in all parts of the world announcing officially that the bones of the Apostle Peter have been found in a forgotten tomb under St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

It will undoubtedly be claimed, if the announcement is made, that this discovery has been so incontrovertibly proved by impartial archeological experts that its authenticity cannot be challenged.

This will prove beyond all doubt, it probably will be proclaimed to the world, that Peter was the first pope, and that the Roman Catholic Church is the one original true church.

If this proclamation is made, it will be represented as the greatest discovery of the century, and millions of non-Catholics will thereupon be convinced. The Roman church will be far more widely than ever before accepted as the one and only original genuine Christian church.

### Modern Miracles

It was recently heralded in newspapers as an astounding miracle that a Roman priest had succeeded in casting a demon out of a boy. He had invoked an ancient "rite" of the church, unused for centuries, designed to make the evil spirits go away. This priest, it was reported, had gotten out the ancient ceremony, acted according to its directions, read aloud its words commanding the demon to depart, and after throwing the lad into convulsive fits the demon had gone out of him, and the boy was pronounced "cured."

It is prophesied that the great False Prophet in these last days, just prior to the coming of Christ and establishing of God's Kingdom over the governments of the earth, shall perform astounding miracles, deceiving all but Christ's own "very elect."

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day (of Christ's coming) shall not come except there be a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the Temple of God. . . . And then shall that Wicked be revealed, even him, whose coming is

after the working of Satan with all power and *signs and lying wonders*, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that *they should believe a lie.*" (II Thes. 2:3-11).

"For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show *great signs and wonders*; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Mat. 24:24).

"And he exerciseth all the power (as he soon shall) of the first beast before him (the coming Fascist 'U.S. of Europe'), . . . and he doeth great wonders, . . . and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by means of those *miracles* which he had power to do." (Rev. 13:12-14).

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon (Satan), and out of the mouth of the beast (the coming successor of Hitler who shall rule the Fascist U.S. of Europe, the resurrected Roman Empire), and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the *spirits of devils*, WORKING MIRACLES, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of the great day of God Almighty"—at Armageddon! (Rev. 16:13-14).

### Did Peter Go to Rome?

Of course, in order to lay claim to a succession of popes, starting from the time of Christ, it is necessary for the Roman church to say that Peter went to Rome and was the first "Bishop" at Rome, establishing the Christian Church there.

But did Peter ever go to Rome?

It is very doubtful that he ever set foot in Rome, and it is certain that he never remained there, or set up any church there.

Remember the Romans were PAGANS—gentiles, not Israelites. And Jesus directly commanded Peter and the twelve apostles not to go to the Gentiles!

"These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, GO NOT INTO THE WAY OF THE GENTILES, and into any city of the Samaritans (Gentiles) enter ye not. But go rather to the *lost* sheep of the HOUSE OF ISRAEL." (Mat. 10:5-6).

Notice, they were sent to "LOST Israel." To the "HOUSE of Israel."

The twelve tribes were divided into two nations after Solomon died. Judah split off from Israel, in order to retain their king whom Israel had rejected, and became known as the "House of JUDAH." They retained their capital at Jerusalem. But the northern Kingdom, the Ten Tribes, known as "The HOUSE of ISRAEL," set up their capital at Samaria. Israel was invaded and taken captive by Assyria 130 years before Judah was conquered by Babylon. The House of Israel had been removed from their cities and villages in 721 B.C., and taken as captive slaves to Assyria. The Assyrians had planted gentiles in their cities in the land of Samaria, which gentiles were there in the time of Christ.

But by Christ's time, the HOUSE of ISRAEL had become "LOST," and were known as the "Lost Ten Tribes." Today, however, it is established that they had migrated into northwestern Europe and the British Isles, and they were there at the time Christ sent Peter and the 12 apostles to the "LOST House of ISRAEL."

Jesus came first to His own—the House of JUDAH, then dwelling in Palestine. Jesus was of the tribe of Judah, and the line of David. He came to His own—JUDAH—and when His own received Him not, *He did not turn to the Gentiles!*

It was the Apostle Paul, called years later as a *special* apostle for the Gentiles, who said, "Lo, I turn to the Gentiles." (Acts 18:6, 13:46, 28:28).

But when the Jews (Judah) rejected Christ, Jesus said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel." (Mat. 15:24).

### Peter Apostle to ISRAEL, not to Gentiles

While God did send Peter (Acts 10 and 11) to the house of Cornelius to open the sending of the Gospel to gentiles, Peter's life mission, nevertheless, was to carry the Gospel to the LOST TEN TRIBES, who were in the British Isles and northwestern Europe,—*not* to carry it to Gentiles.

God called Paul as a *very special* apostle to supervise the work of carrying the Gospel to the gentile world. Paul well understood this.

Paul wrote to the Galatians: "But when it pleased God . . . to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him

among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood." (Gal. 1:15-16).

Paul plainly stated that supervision of the Gospel to Gentiles was committed to him, *not Peter*,—and that *to Peter was committed supervision of the Gospel to ISRAEL*. "When they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision (gentiles) was committed unto me (not to Peter), as the gospel of the circumcision (ISRAEL) was unto Peter; (for He that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision (ISRAEL), the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles." (Gal. 2:7-8).

### WHY Peter Drops from View After Acts 15

Did it ever seem strange to you that most of the New Testament, following the Book of Acts, was written by PAUL, and not by Peter?

Did you ever wonder why, after Peter opened the preaching of the Gospel to Gentiles at the house of Cornelius, (Acts 10 and 11), and the inspired decision recorded in Acts 15, that Peter and the others of the TWELVE apostles suddenly drop from view, as though they had suddenly disappeared?

From there on, we read only of the ministry under direction of Paul, to the Gentiles.

The reason is that Jesus commissioned the TWELVE apostles to "go to the LOST sheep of the HOUSE OF ISRAEL," and since they were "LOST" in identity, and must remain so until these last days in the "time of the End," when "knowledge shall increase," the whereabouts of Peter and the TWELVE must purposely have been kept secret.

Today, however, we are in the TIME OF THE END. Knowledge is now revealed which has been for centuries hidden. Today we know ISRAEL had migrated to the British Isles and north-western Europe. Today we know the amazing truth that WE AMERICANS are a part of the so-called "LOST" TEN TRIBES, or the HOUSE OF ISRAEL! (Write for free booklet "U.S. in Prophecy.")

Today, when the "Man of sin,"—the great "False Prophet" is to start performing awesome miracles in order to DECEIVE all but God's own elect,—when he is to be at last "revealed,"—when "knowledge has increased," we may KNOW that Peter was never a "Bishop of Rome," or any "first pope" at all, but that Peter and the Twelve went to Britain! And when the first Roman missionaries, centuries after, went to Britain, they found Christianity had been there for centuries and they never knew how it got there!

It was PAUL who went to Rome (Acts 27, 28), and started the Christian

religion there. But what he preached and established there was the true CHRISTIAN religion,—not the ROMAN religion! And Paul acted there merely as a TEACHER, and an apostle (Messenger sent),—NOT AS A POPE!

Scripture definitely states it was PAUL, not Peter, who established Christianity in Rome (Acts 27, 28). *There is not one Scripture saying Peter ever went to Rome!*

History proves conclusively that the first real pope was Gregory I, 440-460 A.D., despite Roman claims to the contrary. The Roman religion was, and is, paganism cloaked as "Christianity," falsely called "Christianity"—and it is still, as always, the same old "mysteries of BABYLON," regardless of the names used.

Peter's bones are in England—and no man is likely ever to find and incontrovertibly identify them!

No matter how apparently convincing the so-called proof—no matter how carefully the most formidable and wealthy religious power on earth may devise a purported incontrovertible PROOF—no matter how many millions shall be deceived by it—no matter how "miraculous" the evidence may appear—the bones represented as Peter's at Rome ARE NOT THOSE OF PETER!

Make a memorandum of the date—December 24—this year—and see whether this monstrous claim is officially proclaimed by radio to a gullible world which will accept it without much question!

This is part of the rapidly accelerating MARCH OF PROPHECY toward the coming "UNITED STATES OF EUROPE," which in fact will prove to be the resurrection of the Fascist ROMAN EMPIRE—ten nations united—and a UNION OF CHURCH AND STATE, with the great FALSE PROPHET sitting on top of the whole structure, as foretold in Revelation 17!

Yes, WATCH! Watch and PRAY ALWAYS that you may be accounted worthy to escape all the terrible things soon to befall this world, and to STAND before Christ at His coming! (Luke 21:36).

## 666—Whose Number?

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guages we could look in for this number—that the name of the KINGDOM, its founder and first KING, and of every man in the kingdom, counts to exactly 666!

And more remarkable—catch this—no other two words can be found in two languages, meaning the same thing, and exactly counting, in the numerical value of those languages, to 666! Cer-

tainly THE BEAST stands identified!

### Mussolini and the Pope

But the same number—666—is branded on the man who headed the puny "6th head" of the symbolic "Beast," and also on the pope.

Mussolini called himself "Il Duce." Italians shouted "Viva Il Duce!" which means "LONG LIVE THE CHIEF." Everywhere in Italy was the printed sign, "VV IL DUCE." The "VV" is the abbreviation used for "Viva." A "V" is used instead of the "U" as is very commonly done. While this is a greeting, or title, Mussolini actually employed "Il Duce" as a NAME. It is in ROMAN. Count it:

V is 5, V is 5, I is 1, L is 50, D is 500, V is 5, C is 100, E has no number. Now count them, and you have exactly 666!

The name of Nero Caesar, Emperor of the Roman Empire at its height, in the Hebrew language, is 666!

Thus this number 666 is indelibly BRANDED upon THE ROMAN EMPIRE!

But, some will ask, does not this number apply to the POPE? Some teach "the words 'VICARIUS FILII DEI' are on the Pope's triple crown." And these Latin words in the Roman numerals, count to 666!

The pope does, on some occasions, wear a triple crown, BUT THESE WORDS ARE NOT ON IT! We should be careful to PROVE all things. The denomination which teaches this sent Prof. C. T. Everson to Rome, where he gained access to, and made diligent search in the Vatican archives, but he could find no crown or record of such crown containing these words.

Furthermore, these words are in the LATIN, not a BIBLE language. This is not a NAME, but a TITLE, and it is THE NAME of the BEAST, and the number of the name of the MAN of the beast we are told to count. Further, this title does not apply to the kingdom, or Empire, but alone to a MAN.

However, while "VICARIUS FILII DEI" is not among the acknowledged titles of the pope (See Cath. Encycl.) he does claim to be VICAR OF CHRIST on earth. Also, for 1260 long years the popes did reign and rule over the BEAST. They were, in effect, the actual heads of the Empire, ruling over the emperors, as well as over the Church. And so it is indeed significant that this title, too, counts 666!

And so this number is branded on the ROMAN EMPIRE, on ROMULUS, the founder and first king of Rome, on Nero Caesar, one of its great Emperors, on the name ROME, on every ROMAN, on MUSSOLINI, and the POPE!

Could anything be more conclusive?

# Under Cover

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Nazis were entirely disconnected with the source of arms production for the next war were carefully laid. It was planned for Baron von Schnitzler to try to use his many contacts abroad to reestablish relationships with former friends in America, Britain, and other countries.

## **German Industrialists Plot World Rule**

To grasp the full significance of the important part German industry plays today in plotting world war III, *underground*, it is necessary to know the facts about the Pan German League.

This society was founded fifty years ago in Germany, by leading German industrialists. At its foundation, the society said: "We shall be a conquering people who take their portion of the world themselves." Its basic idea—its goal, **WORLD DOMINATION!** Its slogan, "*Deutschland über alles!*" From the German viewpoint, they were *patriots!* Fanatically so! They adopted the trade-mark, "Made in Germany," as proof of German superiority!

Behind their commercial and business methods was a central, permanent strategy—with the goal of **CONQUERING THE WORLD!** They were largely responsible for inducing the Kaiser to start World War I. Cooperating with the German militarists and the secret movement started by General Ludendorff, who selected Adolph Hitler as his stooge and protege, these same industrialists encouraged and financed the Nazi movement and actually elevated Hitler to power.

The truth is, Hitler was merely the **TOOL** of Ludendorff and his military movement, and of this secret industrialist society. He was the rabble-rouser they needed to sway the masses of German people behind their fanatical plot for world rule. The world heard and saw Hitler. These real promoters and backers kept in the background. If Hitler failed in this second round of world wars, they planned to let him shoulder the blame before the world, and keep themselves free to secretly plot the third round.

So it was that those industrial barons who met together in mid-May, 1943, knowing Hitler's war was probably lost, realized the time had come for them once again to go **UNDERGROUND**—to make it appear to the world they were utterly divorced from Hitler and Nazism—to throw all the guilt of World War II on Hitler as they had thrown that of the first round on the Kaiser.

From now on German industry must lead a double life. To the world's view,

they became again merely private business men. But secretly they collaborated fully with the outlawed Nazis! Their job is to keep German industry ready to produce the weapons and munitions for the *third* round of war. Their mission is to be ready to *finance* the new movement, by whatever new name they may call it, whenever the time is ripe.

## **The Fritz Thyssen Hoax**

Many will remember the sensation created by the publishing, in New York, of a book written by the multi-millionaire German industrialist Fritz Thyssen, "I Paid Hitler." American newspapers loudly parroted Thyssen's clever propaganda that Hitler had duped him into financing his Nazi party, and then, once in power, had double-crossed Thyssen and confiscated all his wealth leaving him a poor man. This brought tears of sympathy for Thyssen in America.

It was merely one of the tactics of the Pan German League to fool simple, trusting, gullible Uncle Sam!

Here, in brief, are the true facts, revealed by Curt Riess in his book, "The Nazis Go Underground":

At the beginning of the war, September 2, 1939, two automobiles sped the great industrialist and his family across the Austro-Italian frontier into Switzerland. In Switzerland Thyssen announced to newsmen he had broken with the Nazis. He accused Hitler of a crime in starting the war. He said he left Germany in disgust. This was before the Germans invaded France. Officially for world consumption the Nazis expelled him from the party, and announced they had confiscated his wealth. Thyssen's industrial friends in France opened their arms to him, and while basking in the sunshine of the Riviera Thyssen wrote his book.

When the Germans invaded France, one would have expected Thyssen to have fled to South America where he controlled many industrial enterprises. But he remained peacefully unmolested by the invading Nazis who were now supposed to hate him. His book was published in New York.

A short time later it was learned that Thyssen was back in Berlin, living luxuriously in Germany's fashionable Adlon Hotel, and apparently suffering no lack of funds. Hitler had never confiscated his wealth. The whole thing was a ruse to deceive allied nations into placing confidence in Thyssen, thus keeping him free, in event of allied victory in the war, to play his part in the plot of the Pan German League to prepare for World War III!

How the German Generals have a companion organization working closely with the industrialists to the same ob-

jective—**GERMAN MASTERY OF THE WORLD**; how General Ludendorff was the real founder of the Nazi movement in 1918—how he chose Hitler as his protege and stooge, and with the industrialists elevated him to power—how the generals have gone underground along with the rest of the Nazis—how they fooled allied occupation forces—how the German bankers played their part in this clever secret plot—how the whole war movement in Germany is merely a continuation of what emerged hundreds of years ago as "**THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE**," continuing under Otto the Great, Charles the Great, Napoleon, and Bismarck—how the whole diabolical plot of Satan to rule the world is **PROPHESIED** in the **BIBLE**—how the Marshall Plan, the Cardinal Mindszenty persecution, the emergence of a fighting pope, the Christian Socialist party victories in Europe, the North Atlantic Alliance, and now America's arming of non-Communist European nations are rapidly preparing the way for the prophesied "**UNITED STATES OF EUROPE**"—how this will give birth to the illegitimate child born of the church-and-state union of the German **FATHER-land** with **MOTHER Rome**—the last and final child born of this satanic relationship—the seventh and last "head" of the "beast" of Revelation 17—the actual rebirth of the **ROMAN EMPIRE** and restoration for the last time of the ancient **BABYLON**—and what the United States has to **FEAR** from it—will be revealed in thrilling detail in the next number of **The PLAIN TRUTH**.

There are, said the sage of East Aurora, three kinds of friends: those who love you; those who are indifferent to you; and those who want something that is yours. But if *you* have learned that it is not only more blessed but more enjoyable and profitable to **GIVE** than to receive, you will *be* the kind of friend who "**LOVES his neighbors as himself.**"

## **WHY THE PLAIN TRUTH HAS NO SUBSCRIPTION PRICE**

So many ask: "How can you publish a magazine, without subscription price, and without advertising?"

The answer is simple. The **GOSPEL** must go to the whole world, and it must go **FREE**. It must not be sold like merchandise. "Freely ye have received," Jesus said to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim the Gospel, "**Freely GIVE.**" Without money and without price, is God's way. We proclaim a **FREE** salvation. Therefore, we cannot put a **PRICE** upon **The PLAIN TRUTH**.

We have been called of God to conduct this work. It is not our work, but God's. We have set out to conduct God's work God's way. We rely, in **FAITH**, upon God's promises to supply every need.

God's way is the way of **LOVE**—and that is the way of *giving*, not getting. God expects every true child of His to **GIVE** of tithes and offerings that His work may go **FREE**—that His true ministers may **GIVE** the precious Gospel to others. We simply **TRUST GOD** to lay it on the minds and hearts of His people to give of their tithes and offerings that we may be enabled to **GIVE** the good things of God's Word to the hundreds of thousands who hear the Message over the air, and the scores of thousands who read **The PLAIN TRUTH**.

Many times our faith has been severely tried, but God has never failed us. We must not fail **HIM!**

# Where Does The Money Go?

*When you send in tithes and offerings for this work, how is the money handled? Here is a straightforward answer.*

**S**UPPOSE, while waiting in line at the tax-collector's window, you heard a person next to you exclaim,

"Just look at all the money that man takes in! I wonder where all that money goes? I wonder if he spends it all on himself? I'm not going to give that man any more of *my* tax money!"

That would be rather silly, wouldn't it?

Yet, strange as it may seem, once in a great while some unthinking person will make some such ridiculous remark about the most important activity on earth—the work of God—the proclaiming of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ!

## Not for Personal Use

The money you pay the tax collector goes to pay the high cost of this world's government. It does not go to the personal account of the tax collector or any other man.

The money you contribute to the Red Cross, Community Chest, or other reputable charity is used to help those in need. Such organizations are well organized, incorporated under laws of the state, and careful records are kept of all receipts and expenditures—all audited, and subject to inspection by state and federal governments.

The same is true of this, God's work, ministering to *both* the spiritual and the physical need (healing the sick) of some seven million people every week.

The true Church is the Body of Christ, composed of all who have, and are led by the Holy Spirit as instruments of God. Christ is its Head. But God is the Head of Christ, and so the Church is GOD'S. Therefore its Scriptural name is "THE CHURCH OF GOD." The Church at Jerusalem is called, in the New Testament Scriptures, "The Church at Jerusalem," and at Corinth there was "The CHURCH OF GOD at Corinth." Therefore, following the Bible pattern, this evangelistic work of God, since it is first of all carried on by means of radio, and started on the radio, is conducted under the name, "RADIO CHURCH OF GOD." It is incorporated under that name. Its Constitution and By-Laws, its history, all facts pertaining to its activity, and full financial statement, are on file in the Treasury Department at Washington, D.C.—and it is fully approved by the Bureau of Internal Rev-

enue as a non-profit Church corporation, officially exempt from income and social-security tax.

## Two Thousand Souls Per Dollar!

Jesus Christ was the messenger of the Covenant—bringing the NEW Covenant Message—prophesied by Malachi (3:1). He was the Messenger sent from GOD to proclaim GOD'S Message to the world. That Message is the *only* true GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST—the very same Gospel Jesus himself preached—the Gospel He taught his disciples, and commanded them to preach in all the world.

But looking into the future, Jesus prophesied, "Many shall come in my name, . . . and shall deceive many. . . . Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." (Mat. 24:5,11). The Apostle Paul warned the Corinthians: "I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth . . . *another Gospel*", etc. (II Cor. 11:3-4). That soon happened. Paganism infiltrated into a corrupted "Christianity," perverted it, substituted a Message *about the Person* of Christ—merely telling people ABOUT Christ—ABOUT a Saviour—instead of proclaiming to them HIS POWERFUL, DYNAMIC MESSAGE, THE GOOD NEWS OF THE COMING WORLD-RULING KINGDOM OF GOD—the Message of the GOVERNMENT of God. Yes, as Paul prophesied, "the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but . . . they shall turn away their ears from the TRUTH, and shall be turned unto fables." (II Tim. 4:3-4).

But we are now in THE TIME OF THE END, when Jesus also prophesied that once again, just before the END OF THE AGE (verse 3), "*this Gospel* of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Mat. 24:14).

For that purpose and to that end God has raised up this vital, powerful, and fast-growing work.

"But haven't the missionaries of all our large church denominations been preaching the Gospel of Christ in all the world, and to all nations, for the past few generations?" some might ask.

The answer is, emphatically, "NO!" They have told the heathen *about* a Saviour,—they have preached *about* the person of Christ—but they have not proclaimed the Gospel OF Christ—the same Message God sent by Him and which He preached.

But today Christ Himself is MIGHTY in The WORLD TOMORROW program over the air, going out every night in the year at 8 o'clock (Central time) over the world's most powerful standard broadcast station—150,000 watts in addition to the other stations. Once again the TRUE Gospel is being proclaimed, as it was proclaimed from the lips of Jesus Christ Himself 1900 years ago—just as Jesus said it would be in our time.

The very presence of The WORLD, TOMORROW program, and of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine proclaiming THIS MESSAGE is in itself a vital fulfilment of prophecy, indicating THE END OF THE AGE AND COMING OF CHRIST IS NEAR!

THIS IS THE ONLY CRUSADE THAT IS WARNING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF IMPENDING PROPHESED INVASION, DEFEAT, AND CAPTIVITY OF OUR OWN BELOVED UNITED STATES, soon to occur unless our people as a whole will repent, and RETURN TO GOD AND HIS LAWS!

And, due to the guidance of God directing this work thru poor human instruments, remarkable efficiencies in the manner of purchase of radio time and the publishing of the Gospel have made it possible to reach approximately TWO THOUSAND PRECIOUS SOULS WITH EVERY DOLLAR placed in this wonderful work!

That sounds incredible, we know. But according to large net-work methods of calculating the size of listening audiences, we reach, at least thru the seven winter, fall and spring months, a cumulative audience of some SEVEN MILLION radio listeners every week—seven million scattered Coast to Coast all over the North American continent!

The listening audience is tremendous!

## Where the Money Goes

And thousands are being converted;—as one listener wrote, their lives being "turned upside down," though she meant, as she later wrote, "turned right side up!"

And also, as in the days of Jesus of Nazareth, the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the sick and diseased are being healed—and the Gospel is once again being preached to the poor—millions of them!

And though the nation will not heed, **AMERICA IS BEING WARNED OF THE PROPHESED DESTRUCTION JUST AHEAD!**

And *that* is where the money goes! It is being *invested in precious souls for all eternity!*

It costs thousands of dollars every month. But this work has been so carefully managed and effectively conducted that every one of those thousands of dollars carries the true Message Jesus preached to *two thousand precious souls!*

And every one of those dollars is strictly accounted for.

First, all monies received go thru the office of our Financial Secretary, Esther Olson, who also is the Secretary of the corporation and a member of the Board of Directors. Mrs. Olson is a mature, responsible, Christian woman who has been associated with this work in an executive capacity for some seven years.

Next, the daily receipts for the work are taken to the office of the Business Manager, Vern R. Mattson, whose office is responsible for keeping a careful double record, making entry of every amount received, and depositing all monies to the account of the corporation in the bank.

Next, a careful record of every amount received is sent from the Financial Secretary's office to the general business office, where the "Co-Workers' Department," under direction of Miss Myra Carter, makes a separate entry of every amount, acknowledging receipt.

And last, the books and records are checked and double-checked against error in the office of the auditor, Bolivar B. O'Rear, who is an attorney and member of the Bar at Washington, D.C., and for thirteen years was one of the government attorneys in the Bureau of Internal Revenue at the nation's capital.

This work is carefully organized, is incorporated; and every precaution is taken to protect and carefully account for every dollar placed in this work. Not one dime can go to the profit of any individual connected with it, under State and Federal law. It is soundly organized, efficiently managed, honestly and conscientiously conducted. And as stated above, it is officially exempt from Federal income tax, as a recognized religious organization, and therefore all tithes and offerings sent us are deductible from your Federal income-tax return.

And the fact that it not only has the endorsement of the Almighty God, but

IS IN FACT HIS VERY WORK—and we poor humans connected with it are mere instruments in His Hands—is attested by the FACT that, once again, even as 1900 years ago, by the SAME power of the SAME Christ and the SAME Holy Spirit, the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the diseased are healed, demons are cast out, the SAME Gospel is once again preached to the poor—MILLIONS OF THEM—and THIS NATION IS BEING WARNED OF COMING CAPTIVITY AND JUDGMENTS FROM GOD BECAUSE OF ITS INCREASING SINS! And by hundreds precious souls are being saved, and by thousands lives are being changed! Some ninety were baptized this summer. And some four hundred more await baptism now.

In conclusion, let us ask just one question, and let each reader, individually answer:

**WHAT VALUE, IN DOLLARS, DO YOU PLACE UPON YOUR OWN SALVATION AND THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE?** The true Gospel of Jesus is going out powerfully to millions, and by the hundreds precious souls are being saved. **WHAT IS THE VALUE, IN DOLLARS, OF JUST ONE SUCH SOUL? WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THESE THOUSANDS OF PRECIOUS SOULS?**

Are they *worth* the dollars being spent thru this work to save them?

Perhaps some, if they should examine every detail of the management and working of this efficient organization, might say, "Well, if I were doing it, I would handle this or that detail of the work a little differently." No two of us, probably, would handle everything exactly the same way. And it might be debatable, in the mind of a critic, whether his way would not be better—but on the other hand, *perhaps it might not be as good!* We realize, frankly, we can't possibly handle every little operation exactly as every one of our thousands of co-workers might do.

**WE DO AS GOD LEADS US AS HE GIVES US WISDOM TO SEE** and in the light of years of experience. The tremendous RESULTS, at such comparative insignificant cost, is proof this way is right. We give our very SELVES to Him as His instruments.

But THE FACT IS that this work is directed by the ones GOD selected and called and is using in the conduct of this work—the ones HE is using—AND BLESSING — and thereby endorsing. And the only question is: **ARE THESE TREMENDOUS RESULTS WORTH THE COST IN DOLLARS?** Every dollar carries CHRIST'S Gospel to TWO THOUSAND PRECIOUS SOULS! Is the money WELL SPENT?

## College too Fine?

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insulated air-spaces between the outside of the building and the inside. The hardware in it alone originally cost enough to build an average five-room house.

This has been one of the proud mansions of a proud neighborhood. The exterior is now badly in need of repainting. But when this is done—the woodwork and walls refinished and decorated inside—the fine oak floors resanded and refinished—this fine building will stand forth in all its original beauty. And if maintained, it will remain as fine and beautiful as new, because it was built to last for centuries!

Its beautiful garden has been neglected. But now students are hard at work with enthusiasm during spare hours or half-days cleaning up the grounds. Soon they will be restored, and, opened up with our original campus grounds, will give us a magnificent expanse of sloping, grass-carpeted, wooded grounds more than 400 feet wide and more than 400 feet long, replete with fountains, pools, trellises, and retaining walls, walks and driveways.

It isn't paradise. It isn't the Garden of Eden. God did pronounce a curse on the ground until the Kingdom of God wipes sin off the earth. We can only vaguely imagine how beautiful must have been the Garden into which God placed Adam—and the beauty that shall once again appear on earth after Christ has conquered the last enemy and sin has disappeared.

But we feel, compared with today's sordid, sin-cursed world, God has placed us in a spot of beauty which gives at least a slight foretaste of His glorious Kingdom, and of the beauty God has in store for those that love Him and serve Him!

God wants us to enjoy material, as well as spiritual beauty! We live in a material world. God has always been concerned with material, as well as spiritual blessings for His children. Christ gave physical healing as well as spiritual salvation. The great wonders of PHYSICAL nature show God's mighty handiwork. We see God's glory in the great awe-inspiring physical wonders He has created—the Grand Canyon, the Carlsbad Caverns, Crater Lake, Niagara Falls, the Royal Gorge, the Redwood trees, and the giant Sequoias, the mighty oceans, majestic mountain peaks, breathtaking scenic beauty of lakes, rivers and hills. We at Ambassador see THE HAND OF GOD in the beauty he has given us—we feel He wants us, our staff, our college faculty and students, and our visitors to ENJOY this material beauty

He has made possible, to glorify Him in it, and to give Him PRAISE!

### *A Foretaste of the Kingdom!*

Is it not significant that one of our students, pausing from work on clearing of the new "Mayfair" grounds, read a prophetic description of one of the activities of God's Kingdom, from Isaiah 58:9-14; (Moffatt translation):

"IF you will do away with all oppression . . . if you bestow your bread upon the hungry (as this work is doing spiritually)" . . . then light shall dawn for you in darkness . . . and evermore shall the Eternal guide you, guarding you without fail" (as he graciously does for His work) . . . "he will refresh you in dry places, and renew your strength, till you are like a watered garden . . ." (the college campus is becoming a beautiful watered garden) . . . "like an oasis with a steadfast spring. Your sons shall build once more the ancient ruins, and old foundations shall you raise again; you shall be called the REPAIRER OF RUINS, THE RESTORER OF WRECKED HOMES.

"IF you refrain from doing your own business upon the Sabbath, on my sacred day, and hold the Sabbath a delight, and the Eternal's sacred day an honor . . . then you shall have delight in the Eternal's favor, for He will let you hold the land in triumph, enjoying your father Jacob's heritage: SO THE ETERNAL HIMSELF PROMISES!"

God is blessing us with a little foretaste of that here and now!

## Heart to Heart Talk

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so to speak—His SPIRIT, entering with-in you. He is now *your FATHER!* Not figuratively, but actually—REALLY!

Now you can go to Him just as any child can always go to his father, for counsel and advice, for wisdom, for direction, for HELP in any time of need. Would a good human father deny his own child any good thing the child might really need? Neither will your heavenly Father deny you anything that is really for your good. If a human father heard the screams of his child, ran and found his child imprisoned in a burning building, would he break inside and rescue his child from danger? Your heavenly Father has given you His written PROMISE to deliver you from every danger, trouble, or trial—if you call on Him, obey Him and RELY on Him!

Since you are now a real begotten child of God—now one of the FAMILY of God, which is His true Church—you are one of His heirs. Angels are not sons, but servants. And a servant is not an heir like a son. You are now a co-heir

with Christ, to inherit, with Him, ALL THINGS—eternal life, this earth as an everlasting possession, eternal happiness and joy!

But we are now only heirs—only *begotten* sons. And just as it was necessary for us to grow physically from the time we were begotten in our mothers' wombs until we developed ready to be born, finally separated from dependence on the mother for nourishment and sustenance, and coming into individual and separate existence, so the begotten spiritual infant must grow and develop spiritually, being fed the spiritual food, the Word of God, by the Mother of us all, the true Church, until, at the coming of Christ we shall be CHANGED, finally BORN of God, to have eternal life inherent in ourselves, and to be actual INHERITORS and POSSESSORS of the wonderful Kingdom of God!

In order to GROW in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord (II Peter 3:18), in order to develop spiritually and overcome, and have perfected in you the CHARACTER of God ready to be fully BORN of God, *you must do two things daily without fail!*

You must not only read, but eagerly, earnestly STUDY the Word of God to learn how to live—you must live according to God's teachings in His Bible—you must make it your guide for everything you do. In this way, God talks to *you!*

But you must also talk to Him! You must go to a private place, alone with God, and have long talks with Him—yes, EVERY DAY! Unburden your heart to Him. Take all your problems, your interests, your plans, your troubles to Him. Talk over *everything* with Him, continually. Then, even when going about your work—when walking down the street—when driving your car, or wherever you are or whatever you do, talk with God as you work, or as you drive or walk along. Go to a private place, and kneel in prayer (on both knees) as often as you can, and at least once every day. But talk to God often in between. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING!

Most of you are scattered over various parts of the great United States. Most of you are isolated from those who are really begotten brethren in the Lord, unable to assemble with brothers and sisters in God's true family, the church. But be of good cheer—have patience, and keep close to God, even if necessary to remain isolated from regular worship and fellowship with others. Your pastor will do his best to minister to you—over the radio, thru the PLAIN TRUTH and other literature, and, very important, soon now God willing, a new magazine written and printed just for those converted thru this work of God—those

God has added to His Church—those whom God has made members with us in the true Body of Christ.

We realize it is the duty of God's true Church not only to preach and publish the Gospel to all the world as a witness, but to feed and minister to those precious souls God gives us. As time goes on you'll see WHY Ambassador College is so necessary. It is making possible this ministry when your pastor was unable, because of physical limitations, to do before. But plans for the future call for raising up local churches for as many as possible of you to attend—*right there in your own neighborhood!* God is rapidly preparing men whom He has called to bring this about, and to continually pastor these local flocks. So again I say, have faith and be patient. Progress toward this end is being made far more rapidly than we dared hope. We cannot encourage our brethren newly converted to try to move to Pasadena in order to have regular fellowship with us here. That would be wonderful if possible, but it is not often practicable. Pasadena is the finest location in America for the college. God has provided us now with splendid housing facilities for our limited number of students. But Pasadena is not a practical location for most families to move to. Rentals, property values, are very high here. Few would be able to find suitable employment here, and simply would be unable to live here. Come to Pasadena, if and when you can, to visit us and to see our headquarters and beautiful college. But DON'T plan to move here, above all unless you first write your pastor all the circumstances and are personally advised it would be practical.

God will be just as close to you wherever you are. Keep close to Him. You can't afford to be without the SECURITY of His constant guidance and protection. And pray earnestly for it, and perhaps God will within reasonable time enable us to send competent, God-called, Spirit-filled and trained men to raise up and minister a local church near you. For the first time I can now give you this hope.

## What is the Soul?

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### WHAT THE SOUL REALLY IS

"But the Bible says here that it was, Carl. It says that what God formed out of material dust—just the dust of the ground—was MAN. It doesn't say the BODY, which the real man was later to be put *into*—it says MAN. That's *plain!* But that man must have been a corpse—he had no life in him. And then God breathed the breath of life—just AIR—and that's material, too, not spirit—into the MAN'S nostrils, and

then the MAN formed out of material dust BECAME A living soul. Now I'm beginning to see it. It doesn't say God put an immortal soul INTO the BODY, it says the MAN, which is just dust from the ground formed into a MAN, became a living SOUL when, and after he began to breathe air, which is the breath of LIFE. That means man IS a soul—not that he HAS a soul, but this fleshly body breathing material air IS a soul.

"Now that's what this article in the Bible dictionary says. The *nepshesh* OR SOUL is the breathing being, a breathing body, and its source of life is the air breathed into its nostrils. Why, we've had that just backwards. I always supposed the soul was what gave life to the body, but this shows the breathing body is the soul and it is the breath, or air, that gives life to the soul."

"Well, now MY head's swimming," exclaimed John. "Why, I just can't believe that!"

"Well," rejoined Carl, "I'm getting my eyes opened. I'm beginning to see that one CAN'T know what to believe if he just takes for granted whatever he hears—whatever is popular—without checking up on it. Say, don't you suppose perhaps God gave us our brains to STUDY with? Isn't it just mental laziness to always take the other fellow's word for everything—especially such an important subject as this?"

"Well, let's look up some of these other texts," John said. "This Bible dictionary says this same expression, *nepshesh*, or soul, applies elsewhere to animals. The first texts given are Genesis 1:20, 24, 30. Let's read that. Here it is. It says:

"And God said, let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life.' Well that doesn't say anything about a living soul," objected John.

"But wait, John. Maybe the Hebrew word *nepshesh* is used in the original Hebrew. How could we find out? I wouldn't know a word of Hebrew, even if they had a Hebrew Bible here. Let's ask the librarian."

The librarian was glad to help, and explained that in the big exhaustive concordance of the Bible, which she took from the shelf, every word that occurs in the entire Bible is listed in alphabetical order, as in a dictionary. After each word is listed every text in the Bible where that word occurs, together with a partial quotation from each text, followed by a number. This number, she explained, is the key by which the original Hebrew word (or, in the New Testament, the Greek) may be found. In the back of the immense book is a section listing all the original Hebrew words, listed by number beginning with

1. Another section listing Greek words in the same manner follows.

#### Learning the Original Hebrew

"I think," explained the librarian, "you'll find that this word 'creature' is translated from the Hebrew word '*nepshesh*.'"

The men turned to the word "creature" in the concordance, and opposite the quotation from Gen. 1:20 was the number (5315). Turning to the Hebrew section in the back of the book, they found:

"(5315) *nepshesh* (neh-phesh) prop. a *breathing* creature, i.e., *animal* or (abstr) *vitality*."

"Well, what do you know about that!" exclaimed Carl. "Say, I'm learning something new about how to study the Bible. This shows that, as God originally inspired His revelation, fish are called the moving *nepshesh*, only instead of translating the word *nepshesh* into the English word 'SOUL' the translators used the word 'creature.' But as God inspired it in Hebrew, He called the fish *nepshesh*, the same as He called man *nepshesh*."

Looking up the other references in the same manner, the men learned that in verse 21 it reads: "And God created great whales, and every living *nepshesh* that moveth . . ." and in verse 24, "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living *nepshesh* after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth, after his kind."

The men were astonished.

"That's enough to floor anyone!" exclaimed Carl. "But there it is! No use denying it. The *nepshesh*, or soul, is merely the living, breathing, animal being, whether man, or fish, or beast. This says CATTLE are living *nepshesh*, or SOULS! They certainly are not immortal! I'm beginning to see that the SOUL is only MORTAL life, material animal life, never immortal life."

#### Can the Soul Die?

John had been looking in the concordance under the word "soul." He made an amazing discovery.

"Well, what do you know about this! Whatever the soul is, it is something that can DIE. Look at this text."

He pointed to Ezekiel 18:4:

"The *soul* that sinneth, it shall DIE."

And again, in Ezekiel 18:20:

"The *soul* that sinneth, it shall DIE."

John broke in. "But Carl! I can't believe that! I simply CAN'T! Why, I've heard Dr. Johnson talk hundreds of times about our 'immortal souls.' Why, the IMMORTALITY of the soul, he says, is the one cardinal belief of Christianity—our one great hope! Listen, we've gotten all this out of the Old Testament. You know we're a NEW

Testament Church. The New Testament may give us a different teaching."

"No, John, it couldn't. I'm not much of a Bible student, but I do know the New Testament Scriptures say 'ALL Scripture is given by inspiration of God,' (II Tim. 3:16), and that the Scripture 'came not *in old time* by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.' (II Pet. 1:21). It begins to look like these holy men of old time spoke faithfully as God inspired, while most of our modern leaders have been speaking by the will of men, as influenced by pagan philosophies."

"Well," persisted John, "Let's look in this exhaustive concordance for the words 'IMMORTAL SOUL.'"

"Well, of all things!" ejaculated Carl. "The word '*immortal*' is used only ONCE in all the Bible—in I Timothy 1:17. That's in the NEW Testament. Let's read it."

They read: "Now unto the King eternal, *immortal*, invisible, the only wise God."

"That," John admitted, "applies only to God, and not to man. But surely we'll find it under 'IMMORTALITY.' The New Testament must teach the 'IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL' if that's our greatest hope. Here we are, 'IMMORTALITY.' This word is used FIVE times, and all in the New Testament. Here, let's look up II Timothy 6:16 first."

"Yeah, that," said Carl, upon reading the text, "is also speaking only of Christ, according to the 14th and 15th verses. It says He, 'ONLY, hath immortality.' That means other men do *not* have it, and therefore must be MORTAL. That surely backs up the Old Testament Scriptures, John. Amazing as this is to me, I'm about convinced. No getting around that—Christ ONLY, of the human family, has immortality. John, I'm beginning to see *why we NEED Christ!* He is the only one who HAS immortality—the only one who can give it to us!"

"Yes, that's just it!" gasped Carl suddenly, continuing, "I'm beginning to see it all now," excitedly. "The Bible says the wages of sin is DEATH. *Not* life in a different place or condition, DEATH! But eternal life is the GIFT of God thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Why, sure! Here I've been believing the wages of sin is ETERNAL LIFE in hell—not actually a matter of life and death, but of DESTINATION! But this New Testament teaching is that eternal life is something WE DO NOT HAVE—Christ ONLY has it—and it is something God GIVES to us, THRU Christ, who, alone, has it! Man! This certainly is humiliating—sure cuts one's pride to realize we are not immortal like gods,

but mortal like cattle and fishes. Guess we NEED humbling. But this certainly EXALTS CHRIST! You know, I see now, as never before, just how LOST the human race is—HOW WE DO NEED CHRIST!"

"Yes," confessed John, "I'll have to admit that. But let's look up these other four texts."

One by one they turned to them, and read, in II Tim. 1:10, Christ brought immortality *to light* THRU THE GOSPEL; Rom. 2:7, we are told to SEEK for it, which would be ridiculous if we already possessed it; I Cor. 15:53, and 54, the righteous who seek for it and receive it as God's gift thru the Gospel and thru Christ, shall put it on AT THE RESURRECTION!

"And that," said John, "is every text in the whole Bible where the word 'IMMORTALITY' occurs. So the Bible says NOTHING WHATSOEVER about the immortality of the soul," and we can't find the words 'immortal soul' anywhere in the Bible! Well, Carl, I'm stumped—perplexed. WHY do our preachers keep talking about the 'immortality of the soul,' and about 'our immortal souls,' when there's NO SUCH THING anywhere in the Bible? WHY?"

"John," replied Carl, "I just can't answer why the preachers are telling us that—but we've simply got to admit we have looked *for ourselves*, and found the TRUE BIBLE TEACHING, and it's consistent from one end of the Bible to the other!"

"But wait! Look! I just happened to turn to this text, I John 3:15: 'Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.' John, there's the clincher! Even a man who hates his brother is a human being, and this says such human beings have no eternal life abiding *IN* them. Don't you see? If they had an immortal soul or spirit, or anything that would consciously survive death, they would have eternal life abiding *IN* them. This certainly says unsaved men are just MORTAL—nothing immortal in them!"

"And," Carl continued, "I remember now the Scripture that 'as the Father hath life *IN* Himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life *IN* Himself' (John 5:26), and God hath given to *us* eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God *hath not life*.' (I John 5:11-12). The eternal life which is God's GIFT thru the Gospel is NOT INHERENT IN US—it is *IN* Christ! He ONLY has it! Well, I'm ready to believe the Bible."

"Yes, but Carl, all this surely brings up a lot of questions. WHERE are the

## THE BIBLE ANSWERS

# Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

**EACH** month you will find here the Bible answers to questions which can be answered briefly in short space. *Send in your questions.* While we cannot promise that all questions will find space for answer in this department, we shall try to answer all that are vital and in the general interest of our readers.

### Should You Join a Church?

From Illinois: "I have been listening to your program on the air for about two years, and have gotten a lot of good from it. I have been converted since I first heard you and I give you most of the credit for it. We listen to you most every night . . . When I was converted I joined the (—a popular denomination—) church. I am like you; I don't believe in denominations, but I felt I had to join someplace so that I could have someplace to go to church. Do you think I should keep my membership there?"

ANSWER: While we are instructed, in Heb. 10:23-25: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: *not forsaking the assembling of ourselves to-*

*gether*, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching"—yet, notice carefully we are not instructed to assemble with blinded, deceived people in the denominations—the instruction is to not forsake the assembling of *ourselves* together—that is, true Christians who have the TRUTH, who are filled with God's Holy Spirit, truly converted, and WALKING IN THE LIGHT, living by every Word of God.

The fallen "woman" of Rev. 17 is clearly identified as the Roman church, which ruled over the kings of the Roman Empire from 554 until 1814. Her doctrines and practise, falsely called by Christian names, are actually the same identical "Chaldean mysteries" of the ancient Babylonian Baal worship, denounced in the Bible as the most idolatrous of all false worship.

Notice, Rev. 17:5, she is called "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS." She is a MOTHER church. She has *daughter churches*. She calls the Protestant denominations her wayward daughters. They came out of her, *in protest*, calling themselves "Protestant." They, like their mother church, participate in the governments and politics and affairs of this world. Thus they reject the Government of God! This (verse 2), is the cause of her fall from grace. All protestant denominations contain a certain mixture of false Roman doctrines which have been handed down from the ancient Babylonian idolatry. It is an ORGANIZED SYSTEM, even tho divided into hundreds of sectarian organizations. Shall the true Christian JOIN, and thus become a *part* of this apostate system?

Notice, "the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication." (V. 2) They are spiritually drunk on her false doctrines, until they are unable to see clearly Bible TRUTH—their spiritual eyesight is blurred. They are spiritually BLIND.

The truth is, GOD DID NOT PLANT THESE CHURCHES. And Jesus said "Every

dead? Doesn't the body return to the dust, and the spirit to the God that gave it?"

"Listen, John," replied Carl, thoughtfully, "I'm beginning to understand one point leads to another. Sure, this brings up many other UNEXPLAINED questions. And we could take OUR IDEA of some of these questions and use them to knock out of our minds the TRUTH we just now learned. Let's not do that. I admit I can't square what we have learned here with the questions you just asked. I haven't studied INTO them for myself yet. But I mean to, and until I do, I'll reserve judgment. We thought we were right on THIS question. But we have now PROVED we are MORTAL, that the BREATH gives us our life. We've spent our noon hour here at the library, but I've been fed on SPIRITUAL manna this noon.

"And say," Carl continued with intense interest, "I'm getting a new conception of what it is to be BORN AGAIN! It's not a REFORMATION of our immortal souls! Let's come back tomorrow again."

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plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. *Let them alone*: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." (Mat. 15:13-14).

This listener feels, and rightly, he should HAVE FELLOWSHIP with Christians—meet with them, study with them, worship with them. But the point is, we must be sure it is with those who are CHRISTIANS—those *in the Truth*—those living by the directions in the Bible—those keeping God's Commandments—*those filled with His Spirit*, those in whom Christ is living *His* life. Not those merely *professing* to be Christians; professing to know God, *but in works denying Him* (Titus 1:6), being abominable.

If you are converted and made righteous by the Spirit of God, "what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" (II Cor. 6:14).

No, God commands us, "Have NO FELLOWSHIP with the unfruitful works of darkness." (Eph. 5:11). If God has opened your understanding to His TRUTH, it is precious beyond price. "If there come any to you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed; for he that biddeth him Godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds." (II John 10).

When the disciples asked Jesus if MANY were being saved, he explained that the many turn into the broad way that leads to destruction—but FEW find the straight and narrow way that leads to everlasting life. Those in His true fellowship He called the "*Little Flock*." He said He would hardly find any faith at all in

our generation today, when He is to come again.

So the matter of *where* to find those truly converted, in a *right spirit*—God's Spirit—and IN THE TRUTH, with whom to fellowship, is indeed a difficult problem today.

It is our hope that Ambassador College will in another two to four years supply called, trained ministers who will be able to help gather some of God's true sheep together for fellowship and worship in various communities over the country, and provide shepherds to feed these little flocks.

Remember, our fellowship is WITH THE FATHER, AND WITH JESUS CHRIST first of all, and with one another *only in and thru Christ* (I John 1:1-7). You can have communion and fellowship with Him wherever you are. Withdraw at once from all other fellowship, except that of CHRIST, and those who are IN CHRIST, and Christ IN THEM.

## Is Satan Immortal?

The words "immortal" and "immortality" are not used in connection with the devil—indeed "immortal" is used only once in all the Bible (King James version), in I Tim. 1:17 speaking of Christ: and "immortality" five times, saying Christ only of all born human has it, He brought it to light thru the Gospel, we are to seek for it, and if we receive it as God's gift we shall put it on at the resurrection.

However, the Scriptures do teach that Satan is immortal. He is a former archangel who occupied high office (Isa. 14:12-14), where he is called "Lucifer"

meaning "Shining Star of the Dawn" or "Light Bringer"; and Ezek. 28:12-17 where he is called, as originally created, the annointed "cherub" or archangel that covered the throne of God. Angels are spirits (Heb. 1:7), not composed of matter as are humans—invisible unless specially manifested—and are eternal (II Cor. 4:18).

Satan is ultimately to be "tormented day and night for ever and ever." (Rev. 20:10). That is, for the ages of the ages—thru ALL ages—for eternity. Therefore he is immortal and shall live forever.

But, some ask, is he not to be destroyed? In Heb. 2:14, the King James translation renders it: "that thru death He (Christ) might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." The Adam Clark Commentary renders it: "he might *counter-work*, or render *useless* and *ineffectual*, all the operations of him who had the power, or influence, to bring death into the world." The original inspired text, of course, was in the Greek language, and the Greek word is "kratos," meaning "counter-work, or render useless and ineffectual." That is, destroy his INFLUENCE, not destroy Satan or bring cessation of his existence. In Ezek. 28:17, God says of Satan that He will "destroy thee . . . from the midst of the stones of fire." There God is not speaking of the destruction of Satan but of his POSITION. He is to be *removed* from the "midst of the stones of fire."

A listener points to I John 3:8, but here it is not speaking of destroying the *person*, but "that he might destroy *the works* of the devil"—that is, destroy SIN, "for the devil sinneth from the beginning."

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